



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
ORLANDO REGIONAL CAMPUS



WELCOME 2021!

After facing the global pandemic caused by SARS-CoV-2 in 2020, dealing with the multiple changes in scheduling our students, and conducting our didactic sessions virtually, many of us were pleased to bid 2020 farewell. We appreciate the flexibility of our Orlando Campus Faculty and our students in making these many adjustments. We know we will continue to make modifications in 2021. It was great to hear how some of our College of Medicine (COM) alumni were facing the pandemic and serving their communities, as we connected with many of the Orlando COM graduates during the pandemic and during the FSU COM 20th



Anniversary Celebration. I want to give a shout out to COM graduate Dr. Bryan Garcia, Assistant Professor, Medical University of South Carolina, for providing remote instruction in ICU management to our medical and PA students during the clinical shutdown last April. The first Orlando Class of 2005 was represented well at the 20th Anniversary!! We love hearing from all of you. Our prior Campus Dean, Dr. Michael J. Muszynski joined us for this event.

The Physician Assistant (PA) Class of 2020 had 10 PA students completing their training at the Orlando Campus in December, with each earning their Masters Degrees in a virtual graduation event. We were able to do a ceremonial hooding prior to graduation at Loch Haven Park in Orlando. We oriented the newest PA Class of 2021 in January, immediately after the winter break.

Fall 2020 also brought the virtual interviewing process to our MD Class of 2021. The Orlando Campus set up some mini-studios to enable our students to connect securely and professionally for their residency interviews. We anticipate a distributed Match event in March as a result of the ongoing impact of the pandemic.

Our MD Class of 2022 are completing their Community Medicine rotations, with the addition of Freedom Ride and Kids House Children's Advocacy Center, along with the return of the Senior Resource Alliance, to our list of participating community agencies. Our community sites allow us to show how these community agencies address community health needs, expand the services available in the traditional medical homes and hospitals in our local community, and provide outreach to the elderly, lower income, and underserved populations. Our students are graciously accepted into the agencies, and we appreciate their partnership in the education of our medical students.

Our Orlando PA Associate Clinical Education Director in the School of Physician Assistant Practice, John Byrnes, PA-C, was appointed by the Surgeon General of Florida as PA representatives on the Council of Physician Associates. We congratulate him on this appointment and know that he will serve the profession well. John is a great leader and role model for the PA students training at our Orlando Campus.

On to 2021!

Joan Younger Meek, MD, MS, RD, FAAP, FABM, IBCLC
Orlando Regional Campus Dean

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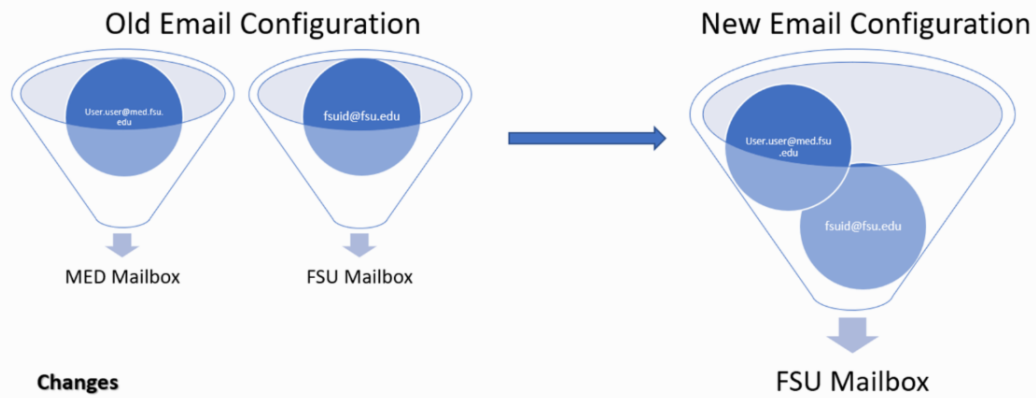
UPCOMING EVENTS



I.T. UPDATE

On January 20th, the College of Medicine migrated all email accounts and calendaring to the University Office 365 system. After the migration:

Staff and Clerkship Directors



Changes

*Users will need to use the FSU Mailbox for all university related emails

Users will need to:

- Access their email from <https://webmail.fsu.edu/> using their FSUID
- OR add the FSU Mailbox to their Outlook client

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



PA CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION CELEBRATION



Dean Fogarty addressing the Orlando Campus 2020 PA Graduates

On December 2nd we hosted a small graduation dinner for our PA Class of 2020, our second class of PA Graduates. We are so proud of how they were able to succeed even during a global pandemic. Graduation followed on Dec 12th! Good Luck in your future careers and thank you for being such great representatives of FSU COM.

WELCOME ORLANDO'S PA CLASS OF 2021!



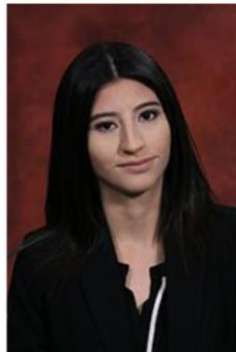
Andrew Darvin



Annie Ford



Joshua McDaniel



Mariela Mendieta Calle



Anjali Patel



Samantha Perez



Danielle Sander



Katelyn Schwartz



Devin Sholty



Hannah Skinner

2021 COMMUNITY MEDICINE



Our M3 students recently completed their Community Medicine rotations. This rotation gave them the opportunity to learn about resources available to patients in our community. Thank you to our community partners: Advent Health Hospice Care of Central Florida, Aspire Health Partners, Clinica Mi Salud, Embrace Families of Central Florida, Federation of Families of Central Florida, Freedom Ride, Hope & Help Center of Central Florida, Kid House of Seminole, Mother's Milk Bank, Orange County Health Department, Seminole County Health Department, Senior Resource Alliance, United Cerebral Palsy, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, and Wrap Around Orange for their commitment to the education of our future physicians.



Pictured: **Shelby Ploucher,**
M3 Class of 2022
Freedom Ride

Daniel Schaefer & Shefali Patel,
M3 Class of 2022
Hope & Help

"COMMUNITY CHANGE MAKERS" RECOGNIZED

Class of 2022's Vinita Akula and Gabby Cintron were recognized as "Community Change Makers" at the Annual Premios Juventud, a Latin youth music award ceremony for their work in creating the Coronavirus Kindness Project. In April 2020, the duo created a website, "Kindness amid the Coronavirus," to highlight and share positive stories in an effort to offset the anger, sadness and stress felt across the globe. The website



collects and tracks user-submitted stories and displays them in a map. To see the map and submit a story, visit... <http://kindness-amid-coronavirus.com> WAY TO GO representing FSU COM, we are so proud of you!

FACULTY & AFFILIATE UPDATES



Dr. Natalie D. McKenzie Receives 2020 Distinguished Advocacy Award at the IGCS Annual Global Meeting on Gynecologic Cancers



Gyn Oncologist Dr. Nathalie D. McKenzie, who is most recently noted for having revived the Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship at Advent Health and led the Program to achieve accreditation by the ACGME - a status shared by only MD Anderson Cancer Center and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Subsequently, having been selected among just a few oncologists throughout the world to be part of the Class of 2019 ASCO Leadership Development Program, Dr. McKenzie is now being recognized for her volunteer works with Innovating Health International (IHI) and for Co-Founding HEAL with the Advent Health 8-week intensive

Cancer Survivorship/Rehabilitation program. Community-facing “HEAL at home” online lectures in response to COVID is the latest initiative. The Distinguished Advocacy Award recognizes advocates and/or advocacy organizations that provide active, dedicated service to patients/survivors, families, and caregivers and is reserved for those most persistently engage in the fight against gynecologic & other cancers. Dr. McKenzie is passionate about Cancer survivorship, Cancer Outcomes, and Research initiatives that link lifestyle, molecular markers, and response to treatment. IHI is a non-profit organization based in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, founded by Dr. Vince DeGennaro, from Miami, FL. The dual mission of IHI is to both train and empower local frontline physicians while simultaneously providing desperately needed oncologic care for patients with cervical and breast cancers - the two leading causes of death on the small island nation. Survival rates are exceedingly poor secondary to issues of infrastructure and access to care with geopolitical underpinnings. AdventHealth Global Missions has supported Dr. McKenzie’s work with IHI by donating and lending surgical supplies for all missions. A film documentary about the work of IHI is in production. Dr Mckenzie is triple board certified in obstetrics gynecology, gynecologic oncology and lifestyle medicine.

HEAL GYN CANCER

WELCOME NEW FACULTY APPOINTEES



Richard Beegle, MD

Advent Health Medical Group Radiology

Richard Brown, MD

Emergency Physicians of Central Florida

Karan Desai, MD

Orlando Health – Level One Orthopaedics

Paul Foreman, MD

Orlando Health Neuroscience & Rehabilitative Institute

Hermes Garcia, MD

Orlando Health Neuroscience & Rehabilitative Institute

Jian Guan, MD

Advent Health Orlando, Graduate Medical Education, Internal Medicine

Sean Meiner, MD

Orlando Health Neuroscience & Rehabilitative Institute

Caitlin Parks Premuroso, MD

Orlando Health- Clinical Ultrasound Fellowship Program

Anne Shaughnessy, MD

Orlando Regional Medical Center, Simulation & Medical Education Fellow, Emergency Medicine

Lori Ann Spreitzer, MD

Orlando Health, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Mariel Szapiel, MD

Orlando Health Neuroscience & Rehabilitative Institute

Jay Vachhani, MD

Orlando Health Neuroscience & Rehabilitative Institute

If you would like to make a recommendation for our faculty or have any questions regarding faculty appointments, contact: [Keaton Hill](#)

HAPPY RETIREMENT!



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & DEDICATION
TO OUR STUDENTS**



**Martin H. Derrow, MD
INTERNAL MEDICINE**

**Joe Ma, MD
PATHOLOGY**

**William Ruderman, MD
GASTROENTEROLOGY**

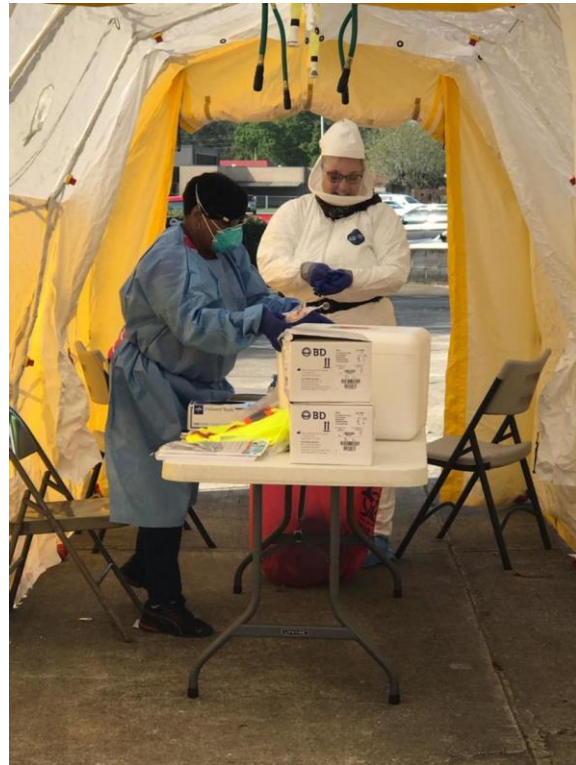
ALUMNI CONTINUE TO REPRESENT FSUCOM



FSUCOM ALUMNI ON THE FRONTLINE..

I am currently at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Ga. We have been hit pretty hard with COVID and my residency has filled in and helped on the front lines from the beginning. I have not only worked our drive thru to swab all potential COVID positive patients in Southwest Georgia, but have also helped start our Telemedicine clinics across town. I have helped first hand make sure that our patients are cared for and that our clinics can continue to care for their patients despite the pandemic... I thank FSU COM for training me so well and giving me the opportunity to give back during a time such as this.
#FSUCOMStrong

Thanks,
Dr. Travisha E. Vaughns, PGY3



I am practicing outpatient general peds in Miami, FL, and we are staying open to make sure our infants and children stay up to date with immunizations. We are also offering telemedicine for sick patients in an attempt to alleviate the load on urgent care centers and emergency departments and to reduce the risk of exposure to those patients who don't really need to be at an UCC or ED. I'm very thankful and proud of all my colleagues who are in the front lines. I'm wearing a mask made by one of our medical assistants since ours are in back order. I feel very proud to be part of the FSU COM family.

-Raquel Olavarrieta, MD - Orlando Campus Class of 2013

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