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Congratulations, Class of 2015



Congratulations to the seventh group of students from our Fort Pierce Regional Campus to graduate from the FSU College of Medicine! Here they are standing proudly with Dr. Randall Bertolette.

The Florida State University College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus recently honored its seventh graduating class. Having spent two years here, training one-on-one with physicians all over the Treasure Coast, the 17 members of the Class of 2015 are moving on to their residency programs. These students will be pursuing careers in family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, emergency medicine, surgery, orthopedic surgery, psychiatry, neurology and anesthesiology.

In late April, the graduates gathered with the campus deans, Dr. Randall Bertolette and Dr. Juliette Lomax-Homier, community board members, staff, and physician faculty to celebrate their accomplishments. The event was sponsored by Indian River Medical Center and Martin Health System. Awards were presented to the students and faculty. The Dean's Award, for the most outstanding graduate, went to **Ryan Berger**, future orthopedic surgeon. The Class of 2015 presented **Dr. Ian Cummings**, FSU clerkship faculty for emergency medicine practicing at Martin Health System, with the Excellence in Teaching Award. They chose **Dr. William Hood**, FSU internal medicine clerkship director practicing in Fort Pierce, for the Extra Mile Award.

Three of the graduates from the Fort Pierce campus received prestigious awards at the Tallahassee ceremony in May. **Paulie Bruns** received the Access to Care award and the Florida Geriatrics Society award. **Noona Leavell** received an American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) Glasgow-Rubin Achievement Citation ("women graduates in the top 10 percent of their graduating class"), the American Medical Women's Association award and the Kirbo Award for Outstanding Student in Breast Cancer Reconstructive Surgery. Bruns, Leavell and Berger also earned membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, as well as the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

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Clerkship Directors Meeting Aug. 5

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Faculty Appreciation Celebration and Community Board Meeting Sept. I

Workshop: Topic to be determined **Sept. 24**

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Farewell to Dean Bertolette, hello to Dean Lomax-Homier



Randy Bertolette, M.D., the gentle and dry-witted pediatrician who led the FSU College of Medicine's regional campus in Fort Pierce since its creation, has stepped down as campus dean after eight years. Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D., one of his clerkship directors, is assuming that role.

The transition has been smooth. Like Bertolette, Lomax-Homier has been part of the Fort Pierce campus from the start. When Bertolette became dean in 2007, he hired her as the OB-GYN clerkship director, overseeing the students' clinical training in obstetrics and gynecology. Early this year, when he confirmed his plans to step down, she became cocampus dean. The job became hers full time as of June 22. Bertolette, who is largely retired, now serves as a part-time co-course director for Doctoring 3.

"He was the model regional dean, a respected member of the medical community who helped build our reputation of excellence in that area," said College of Medicine Dean John

P. Fogarty. "He recruited the original clerkship directors along with the original faculty for this campus, developed the critical clinical relationships with our partners in this area, and helped support the first graduating class from here in 2009."

Before he joined the College of Medicine, Bertolette had been in private practice in Vero Beach; vice chief of staff at Indian River Medical Center; senior staff pediatrician for the Florida Child Protection Team; president of the Indian River County Medical Society; and a member of the Florida Medical Association board.

College of Medicine students spend their first two years at Florida State's main campus in Tallahassee, then spend Years 3 and 4 at a regional campus, acquiring clinical training from community physicians. In addition to Fort Pierce, the medical school has regional campuses in Daytona Beach, Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota and Tallahassee. At any given time, the Fort Pierce campus has roughly 20 third-year and 20 fourth-year students.

Students, alumni, faculty and other community members had ample praise for Bertolette as word of his pending retirement spread. Some of their comments were collected in a scrapbook presented to him. Words such as "kind," "gentle," "supportive," "humorous" and "welcoming" showed up frequently. "You always had an open door and dropped whatever you were doing when I came by with a question or simply to say hello," 2015 graduate Ryan Berger wrote. "Your name also came up commonly with patients up and down the Treasure Coast. When I mentioned I was an FSU student, patients were quick to note that you were their physician or helped deliver their children. They always spoke fondly of you."

Bertolette, in turn, spoke fondly of the students, faculty and staff members who had helped give the Fort Pierce campus such a firm foundation. "The community-based plan is the best way to learn medicine, especially if the student is planning on practicing primary care," he said. "I enjoyed working with all of the people who strive daily to make the College of Medicine the best medical school in the country. And I know that the Class of 2017 will be in the capable hands of Dr. Lomax-Homier."

Fogarty calls Lomax-Homier "a superb role model and educator who has served as both OB-GYN clerkship director from the beginning and as our OB-GYN education director for the past year. Her leadership and calm presence in these roles has made her selection as campus dean very easy. She has continued a busy clinical practice in all this time and is a highly respected member of the medical community."

Lomax-Homier expressed her gratitude for this new opportunity. "When I came to Fort Pierce to complete a National Public Health Service Corps obligation just out of residency, I could have never dreamed that the same community would one day host a regional campus of a medical school," she said. "It is my honor to represent the FSU College of Medicine in the community where I have served for 29 years. I only hope that I can fill the shoes of Dr. Bertolette."

Fort Pierce and Daytona Beach are the newest of the six campuses. "Fort Pierce was one of our second generation of regional medical campuses as we moved to full enrollment in 2007," Fogarty said. "Our partnership with Indian River State College is also very positive, as we have provided support for many of the premedical programs. It has pulled together a diverse group of community partners around a superb educational program, and we are seen by each of the hospitals here as strong partners and colleagues."

In all, 107 of the College of Medicine's 910 alumni have trained at the Fort Pierce campus.

Alumni News



Kristen Barrie (M.D., '10) completed her residency in anesthesiology at the University of Florida Shands in Jacksonville last year. She is currently practicing in Tampa with Greater Florida Anesthesiologists at Florida Hospital Tampa, Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel and the University of South Florida Morsani Surgery Center. Barrie is engaged to be married to Scott Williams in January 2016.



Cordero Floyd (M.D., '10) is currently working as a nocturnist (night shift hospitalist) at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, New Jersey. In August, he will be moving to Middletown, New York, to work for the Greater Hudson Valley Health System, primarily assigned to Orange Regional Medical Center as an associate program director/day hospitalist.



Brandon Allen (M.D., '10) (pictured left), and Merisa Kaplan (M.D., '14) attended our recent graduation dinner celebration and farewell to Dr. Bertolette. Allen completed his emergency medicine residency program in 2013 at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He is now the assistant medical director for emergency medicine and an assistant professor at UF Health-Shands. Kaplan is in her second year of the emergency medicine residency program at the University of Florida in Gainesville. It was great to see alumni at this celebration and very special that they made the trip down to Fort Pierce to say goodbye to Dr. Bertolette.



Noureen Idrees-Asad (M.D., '10) completed her pediatrics residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami in 2013. She is now practicing with the Boca Pediatric Group in Boca Raton. She has two children, a boy and a girl.



Brandon Mauldin (M.D., '12) finished his internal medicine residency at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana, this year. He has accepted a position with Tulane and is now working as a clinical instructor of medicine for the residency program.



Aaron Hilton (M.D., '12) and his wife, Danielle, worked on а medical mission trip in Guatemala with а group called Faith in Hilton Practice. participated in the ENT clinic while his wife (an ER nurse) helped in pharmacy. the They had a son in March. Hilton is in his third year of an otolaryngology residency at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine in Buffalo. New York.

Alumni News



Michelle Miller (M.D., '12) finished her family medicine residency at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital this year. She is now practicing as an outpatient primary care physician for Capital Health Plan in Tallahassee.



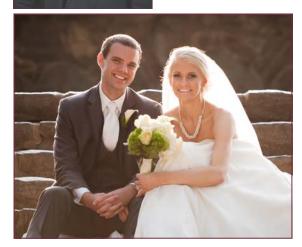
Martin Giangreco (M.D. '12) married Andrea Alava in February (they met in Port St. Lucie while he was a student at the Fort Pierce campus). He recently finished his internal medicine residency at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa and accepted a position with them. He is now an assistant professor in the internal medicine hospitalist division.





Elizabeth Anderson (M.D. '12) completed her internal medicine residency at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte this year. She has now started a nephrology fellowship at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Brian O'Hara (M.D., '12) will be a chief resident this year at the anesthesiology residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. He has been accepted to enter a cardiothoracic fellowship program at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston in 2016.



Richard Ramonell (M.D., '13) and **Kim Hemphill (M.D., '13)** were married in 2014. Ramonell is now a chief resident in his internal medicine program at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. He plans to pursue a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care. Hemphill is in a general surgery residency at Emory and will be doing a two-year research track.

Vishal Dahya (M.D., '14) is in the second year of his internal medicine residency at Florida State University College of Medicine-Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare. He has been busy with research projects and publications. Dahya had an article, "The Importance of the Platinum Diversity Trial," published in the May edition of Cardiovascular News. He also presented an abstract in San Diego at the Society for Cardiac Angiography and Interventions (SCAI) on "Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement." Dahya worked on a case, "Sinus of Valsalva Aneurysm Causing Extrinsic Compression of the Left Main Coronary Artery," with **Dr. Prasad Chalasani**, Fort Pierce clerkship faculty for cardiology, and had it published in JACC-Cardiovascular Interventions. Chalasani presented this case at the recent Florida Invitational Interventional Cardiology Symposium. Finally, Dahya worked with Chalasani and **Dr. Moti Ramgopal**, Fort Pierce clerkship faculty for infectious disease, on another case, "A Rare Case of *Mycobacterium abscessus* Mitral Valve Endocarditis Treated with Antimycobacterial Therapy," and it was published in Infectious Disease Clinical Practice.



Class of 2015 Match Results

Our 115 Class of 2015 students will start their residency training at some of the top residency programs across Florida and the United States. Sixty-five percent entered residency in primary care specialties, comprising family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine and obstetrics-gynecology. Here's where the Fort Pierce campus students matched:



Ryan Berger, M.D. Orthopedic Surgery Cleveland Clinic Foundation Ohio Lerner College of Medicine



Aaron Hayson, M.D. Surgery University of California San Francisco



Evgeny Idrisov, M.D. Internal Medicine Florida Hospital Orlando



Sheldon Brown, M.D. **Psychiatry** University of Florida College of Medicine ŬF Health

Margaret Hilder, M.D.

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Fernando Guarderas, M.D. **Emergency Medicine** University of North Carolina Hospitals



Ryan Howard, M.D. Family Medicine University of Arizona Affiliated Hospitals



Mario Leandre, M.D. Anesthesiology Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center





Noona Leavell, M.D. Neurology Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Beth Israel



Rennier Martinez, M.D. General Surgery University of Miami Miller School of Medicine



Pratik Pandit, M.D. Internal Medicine St. Louis University School of Medicine



Oscar Roldan, M.D. Anesthesiology Maimonides Medical Center, New York



Emilie Wang, M.D. Internal Medicine University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine



L-R: Recent graduates Noona Leavell, Fernando Guarderas and Sheldon Brown took a traveling break after graduation. Here they are at the fabulous Eiffel Tower in Paris. They enjoyed their much-needed vacation before heading to residency.

Faculty Focus





Ian Cummings, M.D., clerkship faculty for emergency medicine practicing at Martin Health System, received an award from the Class of 2015 at their graduation dinner reception in April. For his dedication and expertise in educating our students, he was honored for Excellence in Teaching. Cummings' evaluations from the students included these comments: "Dr. Cummings is one of the best faculty I had the privilege to work with. He makes every patient a learning experience and provides a step-wise approach to teaching procedures." "He knows a lot about medicine and non-medical topics, and I enjoyed learning so much from him." "He truly is a great clinician and takes his time teaching. Amazing teacher and person!"

Bill Hood, M.D., clerkship director for internal medicine practicing in Fort Pierce, was also recognized by the Class of 2015 at the graduation dinner. For his commitment and unending support, the students honored him with an Extra Mile award. All of our graduates worked with Dr. Hood in their third- and fourth-year internal medicine clerkships and thoroughly enjoyed learning from him. The students said, "I think Dr. Hood is an excellent teacher. He loves medicine and takes every opportunity to teach." "Dr. Hood is a great role model of what a physician should be, and is very smart and patient-centered."

Congratulations, Dr. Cummings and Dr. Hood!

John Peden, M.D., clerkship faculty for orthopedics, was chosen as a Mayo Clinic alumnus to join the Mayo Clinic preferred response team as a level I provider of orthopedic care for the Mayo network. Peden provided training to resident surgeons from programs throughout the United States as an Associate Master Instructor for the Arthroscopy Association of North America at the prestigious Orthopaedic Learning Center. He also provided similar cadaveric hands-on training to surgeons participating in the AANA Shoulder Masters Experience Course to improve their arthroscopic knowledge and skill in shoulder surgery.

Rene Loyola, M.D., clerkship faculty for surgery, volunteered with a mission sponsored by Indiana University. He taught and performed complex vascular open procedures and peripheral arterial interventions at the People's Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Loyola is pictured right with a patient and physicians.



The Fort Pierce campus has promoted three of our clerkship faculty to serve as directors. Serving in the disciplines of psychiatry, OB-GYN and informatics, they will coordinate the curriculum and training of the third- and fourth-year students in those clerkships. Welcome aboard!



Gerardo Olivera, M.D. Psychiatry Clerkship Director



Heidi McNaney-Flint, M.D. OB-GYN Clerkship Director



Johann Santa-Eulalia, M.D. Informatics Curriculum Director Anesthesiologist

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Good news! Our faculty development workshops will again be sponsored by **TD Bank** this year! We are so thankful TD Bank is providing the funds to present these important sessions to our faculty. Keep an eye on your email for announcements regarding registering for these workshops.

Thanks so much to local favorite **Natalie's Orchid Island Juice Company** for donating juice for our new student orientation. This family-owned business in Fort Pierce uses fresh Florida citrus to make its many outstanding juices. This donation provided a great welcome to the Treasure Coast for our Class of 2017 students.





L-R: Janina Rojas, Jalpa Patel and Dejon Maloney enjoying Natalie's orange juice.

During our busy week of orientation, our new students attended a dinner at **Cobb's Landing** in downtown Fort Pierce to meet the clerkship directors. Donna Burke, the manager for this restaurant as well as **The Original Tiki Bar** and **Bluewater Beach Grill**, surprised our students with year-long discount cards for dining at all three restaurants. Many thanks!



For the third year in a row, **Martin Health System** volunteered to provide operating room training for our new students. **Kay Mayo**, Peri-Operative Clinical Nurse Educator, and **Lynnell Wiemert** educated our medical students on proper scrubbing, gowning, gloving and OR etiquette. Our students were well prepared to start their surgery and OB-GYN clerkships and were very grateful for the time and attention given to them by the Martin Health System associates.



L-R: Crystal Harrison, Alisa Newman, Travis Larson, Alexander Herbst, Evan Combs



L-R: Jane-Elyse Henkel, Catalina Zapata

Message from the Dean



Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D.

The spring and summer have been bustling with activity! Our graduation dinner, held at the picturesque Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce, served as a celebration for our students and their families as well as a fond farewell to the founding campus dean, Dr. Randy Bertolette. The sunset along the Indian River was the perfect backdrop for the transition of our students to physicians and our dean to retirement. With the Lincoln Park Academy Chamber Orchestra setting the tone, we welcomed alumni Brandon Allen, M.D., Class of 2010, and Merisa Kaplan, M.D., Class of 2014, back to Fort Pierce to join the festivities. I was so pleased that so many of our faculty shared the evening with us at the graduation dinner and continue to query us about meeting all of the new students.

The Tallahassee graduation ceremonies were made brighter with the addition of Dr. Carl Zollicoffer, clerkship faculty for OB-GYN, and Dr. Paul Christakis, summer clinical practicum clerkship faculty for pediatrics. Christakis participated in the hooding ceremony of his daughter, Georgina Christakis, from the Daytona Beach campus.

Our classroom has been abuzz with the excited voices of students orienting for the required clerkships of the third year, many of them with family ties to South Florida. We welcome them to a place we all call home. I look forward to the opportunity to nurture and grow with our newest Class of 2017 and working with all of our faculty this year at our Doctoring 3 lecture series, dean's rounds and faculty development sessions. Be well!

Class of 2016



Our 20 newly anointed fourth-year students will be completing some prestigious in-state, out-of-state and international externships. Working in the disciplines of internal medicine, general surgery, family medicine, pediatrics, OB-GYN, emergency medicine, advanced critical care, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, neurology, global health, infectious disease and pathology, our students are proud to show the competencies, experience and confidence they have achieved in their first three years at the FSU College of Medicine.

Shakirat Salvador, a fourth-year medical student, was named the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Community Service Co-Chairperson at the 2015 national convention in New Orleans. By serving on the board of directors, she will be leading a national committee working directly with the president. Her role will be to create and supervise the community service and outreach protocols for thousands of chapters throughout the United States and the Caribbean. This includes providing programming and protocols for areas of service and community development such as tissue and organ donation, health and wellness, obesity prevention, smoking prevention/cessation, sexual health and awareness, mental health, pipeline programming, violence prevention, LGBT health and refugee health.



The Student National Medical Association is a 501(c)(3) student-led organization dedicated to enhancing the education of clinically excellent, culturally competent, and socially conscious physicians. Shakirat is the first student representative from the FSU College of Medicine to serve on its national executive board.



Michael Jampol, M.D., clerkship director for pediatrics, sponsored any interested student to enroll in a women's self-defense class. Four Class of 2016 students took the class and were grateful for the opportunity. They are pictured here practicing their skills, L-R: Saritha Tirumalasetty, Tara Becker, Dr. Michael Jampol, Kadijo Wade and Mary Jane Tucker.

Welcome, Class of 2017



L-R, first row: Tamara Marryshow Granados, Janina Rojas, Alisa Newman, Torrie Reynolds, Catalina Zapata, Jane-Elyse Henkel. Second row: Jalpa Patel, Shanique Wilson, Krysten Sherrod, Dorty Morency, Diana Mosquera, Ginger Baker, Crystal Harrison. Third row: Alexander Herbst, Dejon Maloney, Travis Larson, Henry Huson, Myron Rolle, Kai Chen, Evan Combs.

Twenty eager medical students arrived on the Treasure Coast in June to begin their third year of medical school at the Fort Pierce Regional Campus. After undergoing four days of orientation, hospital visits, paperwork and scrub training, they hit the ground running to start their clinical rotations in pediatrics, surgery, obstetrics-gynecology, family medicine, psychiatry and internal medicine. In their fourth year, they will tackle emergency medicine, advanced internal medicine, geriatrics, advanced family medicine and electives. All of our students work under the guidance of our dean, eight clerkship directors, an informatics curriculum director and more than 240 clerkship faculty physicians in our community. Welcome!

Class of 2018

At the end of their first year of medical school, all FSU medical students complete a three-week Summer Clinical Practicum in May. This required course provides opportunities for students to practice and improve basic clinical skills. The goals include understanding the patient as a person, appreciating the concept of a health-care team, understanding how a given community can affect a patient's health, and beginning lifelong learning with reflection and self-evaluation. Students are assigned to a setting that is rural, urban-underserved, or geriatric to participate in patient care activities under the direct supervision of a primary care physician. The first-year students work at locations throughout Florida and into southern Georgia with clerkship faculty from all six FSU College of Medicine regional campuses.

We thank the faculty from the Fort Pierce Regional Campus who taught this course for 20 of the 121 students in the Class of 2017. In Vero Beach: Hal Brown, M.D. In Fort Pierce: Ian Boykin, M.D. In Okeechobee: Saeed Khan, M.D., Christopher Mavroides, M.D. In Stuart: Paul Gaeta, M.D., Jeff Gorodetsky, M.D. In Lake Placid: Neil Shechtman, M.D. In Jupiter: Sareh Beladi, M.D. In Boca Raton: Paul Christakis, M.D. In Hollywood: Moises Issa, M.D., William Pena, M.D., Calvin Higgins, M.D. In North Miami Beach: Bernd Wollschlaeger, M.D. In Homestead: Nilda Soto, M.D, Mariela Perez, M.D. In Tavernier: Bernard Ginsberg, M.D.

Community Service



The We Care program, a joint effort of the Indian River County Medical Society, the Indian River County Health Department and the Indian River County Hospital District, conducts clinics to provide free medical care to underserved patients.

In April, several FSU medical students assisted in a dermatology clinic under the direction of Fort Pierce clerkship faculty member John McDonald, M.D.

Pictured here (L-R) are McDonald and Class of 2016 students Syeda Muzaffar, Christina Gutierrez, Priya Singh, Cesar Garcia-Canet and Gesnyr Ocean. Not pictured (because he was taking the photo!): Nicholas Jeffrey. Many thanks to our students and faculty who so generously volunteer to help those in need!



FSU College of Medicine students assisted at a teen summit in January. The summit, sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Eta Omega Chapter, is held annually at the Lincoln Park Academy in Fort Pierce. The Teen Summit was a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. week of activities. The theme was "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work." The purpose of the activity was to showcase individuals from different careers in an informal setting, to foster the opportunity for middle and high school students to ask questions. In addition to physicians, other careers represented included city planners, attorneys, dentists, paramedics and firefighters. The morning activity served over 150 St. Lucie County students. Class of 2016 students pictured above, seated, L-R: **Nicholas Jeffrey, Aruna Khan, Kristen Dimas, Shea Aupont** and **Kadijo Wade.**

Community Service



L-R: Michael Venazio, M.D., Hospice medical director, Carol Kanarek, VNA Foundation chair, Syeda Muzaffar, Class of 2016 vice president, Sandy Stevens, FSU College of Medicine student support coordinator, Mary Linn Hamilton, RN, MPH, VNA president/CEO.

It has become a tradition at the Fort Pierce Regional Campus for the third-year students to present a gift to the graduating class in the form of a charitable donation. To honor the Class of 2015, the third-year students chose the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of the Treasure Coast Hospice House in Vero Beach.

This donation will help the VNA with its commitment to serving the community with the highest-quality health care opportunities. The VNA Hospice House provides compassionate and quality end-of-life care in a serene and peaceful setting for the patients and families.



L-R: Class of 2016 students Syeda Muzaffar, Priya Singh, Silvana Rolong, Saritha Tirumalasetty



The Class of 2016 was busy over the endof-the-year holidays conducting food and toy drives. Under the leadership of Cesar Garcia-Canet, the class collected food, hygiene items and toys from the students and staff. The items were donated to local charities.



Cesar Garcia-Canet with donated toys



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A way for faculty to help even more

The FSU College of Medicine and the FSU Foundation have created an easy process for faculty to donate their pay back to the Fort Pierce Regional Campus. Through electronic funds transfer, faculty can sign up to have all or a portion of their compensation sent to our campus. These funds are used for faculty development, student orientations, graduation receptions, faculty appreciation, and other special events and programs. Ten of our physician faculty, **Drs. Daniel Glotzer, Calvin Higgins, Moises Issa, Alastair Kennedy, Stanley Kurek, Irene Machel, Patrick Ottuso, William Pena, Tudor Scridon and Thomas Suits,** are now participating in this program. We greatly appreciate their ongoing generosity. Please contact Dr. Lomax-Homier or Beth Strack for details.

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Past Members:

Randall Bertolette, M.D. Bud and Marjorie Jordan Jay Samander, M.D.