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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pediatrics Faculty  
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Meeting  
**Feb. 7**

Clerkship Directors  
Meeting  
**Feb. 13**

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**March 15**

Clerkship Directors  
Meeting  
**April 3**

### Our Campus Celebrates Five-Year Anniversary

"Starting July 2," began a hopeful 2007 press release, "Fort Pierce residents visiting the same physicians they've gone to for years might be greeted in the waiting room for the first time by a sign indicating that their doctor is now a teacher."

Five fast-paced years later, we can look around the Treasure Coast and marvel at this community-medicine partnership we've built.

More than 240 of this area's doctors are indeed our teachers. Fifty-four graduates of the Florida State University College of Medicine spent their third and fourth years learning from the physicians, patients and medical staff members here in the Fort Pierce area. Thirty-eight current students here are apprenticed to experts in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, OB-GYN, psychiatry, surgery and emergency medicine, or in elective rotations. Fifteen hospitals and other institutions and organizations in the area have become our medical partners. In addition, a study of the first four years concluded that the College of Medicine's cumulative financial impact in the Fort Pierce region had amounted to more than \$17 million.

Those are impressive numbers, but this medical school is about much more than numbers. It's about the quality of the student-teacher experience and, most important, the physician-patient experience. Time and again, we've heard patients praise our students' willingness to listen and care, and to reach out to the underserved; we've heard students praise our faculty's ability to demonstrate the art, heart and science of medicine; and we've heard physician-teachers describe our students' curiosity and enthusiasm as professionally invigorating.

In Fort Pierce, as at every regional campus, the medical school's presence has unified the medical community and become a bragging point. "Our hospitals around Fort Pierce are now talking about starting residency programs. The College of Medicine expanded their vision about the value of hospitals in medical education," one community board member told researchers studying the school's socioeconomic impact. Another said: "We always mention the FSU College of Medicine when working with industrial recruitment teams."

Fort Pierce has become a key link in Florida State's sparkling chain of regional campuses. The experience has been so positive for the students that, eventually, when they've completed their residency training, some of them will return to the Treasure Coast and put down roots. Our mission, after all, is to produce the kinds of doctors that Florida needs most, and we're meeting our mission.

It couldn't happen without the physicians, patients and other generous teachers here on the Treasure Coast. Your investment in these students is an investment in our community's future. Five years into this energizing experiment in medical education, the Fort Pierce regional campus celebrates what we've accomplished together and welcomes a bright future.



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We are so thankful to our community board for the support they provide.

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## Faculty Spotlight



Michael Gilels, M.D.



Dennis Saver, M.D.



Health Care Champions, an event presented by Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers and Seacoast National Bank, celebrated health-care professionals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the quality of health care on the Treasure Coast. At a luncheon on Sept. 27, seven categories of Health Care Champions were recognized: Physician excellence, non-physician excellence, emergency medical services, administrative excellence, innovation in health care, community outreach and lifetime achievement. With many nominations judged by seven representatives from the Treasure Coast medical centers, Keiser University and Seacoast, 14 finalists were selected. Several of our FSU clerkship faculty were nominated, and two were selected as finalists. **Michael Gilels, M.D.**, FSU clerkship director for geriatrics, was a finalist in the Quality of Care Lifetime Achievement Award category. **Dennis Saver, M.D.**, FSU clerkship faculty for family medicine, was a finalist for the Physician's Excellence in Healthcare Award. Dr. Saver also earned the title of winner for this category. Congratulations to all!



**Howard Voss, M.D., FACP**, FSU clerkship faculty in internal medicine, was recently honored with the Laureate award by the Florida chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP). Dr. Voss has been the medical director of the Volunteers in Medicine clinic in Stuart for the past 11 years, and has been on our faculty since 2008. The Laureate Award honors Fellows or Masters of the American College of Physicians who have demonstrated by their example and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research, and in service to their community, their Chapter, and the American College of Physicians. The recipients of this award bear the title Laureate of the Florida Chapter. Dr. Voss is a long-standing and loyal supporter of the ACP, has rendered distinguished service to his community, and has upheld the high ideals and professional standards for which the ACP is known. Congratulations, Dr. Voss!

**Frank Conidi, D.O.**, has been elected vice chair of the American Academy of Neurology's Sports Neurology Section. He also served on a Sports Concussion subcommittee of the Florida High School Athletic Association's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. In that role, he developed an education program for parents, players and coaches and concussion guidelines pertaining to return to play. Dr. Conidi was also published in the February 2012 edition of the journal of the American Headache Society, *Headache*. The article was titled "Sports-Related Concussion: The Role of the Headache Specialist." He was also interviewed on ESPN and local channels WFLX and WPTV regarding the current lawsuit by former NFL players relating to sports concussion.

### 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 will be used for faculty development, student orientations, our graduation reception, faculty appreciation, and other special events and programs. Please contact Dr. Bertollette or Beth Strack for details on this opportunity!

## Student Spotlight



Kim Hemphill



Claudia Zapata

Class of 2013 students **Kim Hemphill** and **Claudia Zapata** were accepted into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society in September. Started in Chicago in 1902, the AOA serves to recognize and enhance professionalism, academic excellence, service and leadership within the profession. Medical students are eligible for

nomination if their scholastic qualifications place them in the upper 25 percent of their class. About 3,000 students, alumni, house staff and faculty are elected each year nationwide. Since its founding, more than 150,000 members have been elected into the society. Kim and Claudia will be recognized at the awards ceremony at the central campus in Tallahassee during graduation week in May 2013. We congratulate these students!

## \$cholarships

The Florida State University College of Medicine was created in 2000 to produce more primary care physicians for the state—especially physicians who will work with Florida's rapidly growing population of residents over age 65, its millions of patients in rural areas and other medically underserved patients. Because of our focused mission, we are producing more primary care physicians than any other medical school in Florida. But students with the greatest commitment to medically serving others often have the fewest economic resources. Research also shows that students most likely to practice in medically underserved communities are those who come from such a background. This is where scholarships play a crucial role. Brett Thomas, Class of 2014 student at the Tallahassee Regional Campus, said, "I was on the path to accrue more graduate debt compared to most of my colleagues. Support from many scholarship resources has provided a spirit of liberation to pursue a specialty irrespective of the salary."

For the first time, the Fort Pierce Regional Campus this year embarked on a campaign to provide scholarships to our students. At our recent Faculty Appreciation Celebration, we were able to provide four \$5,000 scholarships to very deserving fourth-year students. Two were sponsored by the general foundation fund of the Fort Pierce Campus, and they were awarded to **Ahkeel Allen** and **Cynthia Laroche**. Another, the Sai Ram Scholarship, was provided by an anonymous donor and was earned by **Richard Ramonell**. The fourth scholarship came from the **Martin Health System Medical Executive Committee**, in memory of Dr. Mario Sanguily. This scholarship was presented by **William Carlson, M.D.**, FSU clerkship faculty for orthopedic surgery, to **Claudia Zapata**.



L-R: Class of 2013 scholarship recipients Ahkeel Allen, Richard Ramonell, Claudia Zapata Not pictured: Cynthia Laroche



Dr. Randall Bertolette, Dr. William Carlson and Dr. John Fogarty presenting the Martin Health System Medical Executive Committee "Dr. Mario" scholarship to Claudia Zapata



## Student Spotlight



**The Gold Humanism Honor Society**  
An initiative of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation



The new members of the Gold Humanism Honor Society at the ceremony in Tallahassee



Claudia Zapata receiving the GHHS pin.

Excerpt from the website of The Arnold P. Gold Foundation for Humanism in Medicine:

<http://www.humanism-in-medicine.org/>

*"Humanism is defined by the link between compassion and scientific competence. When practiced, humanism in medicine fosters relationships with patients and other caregivers that are compassionate and empathetic. The humanistic doctor demonstrates the following attributes (I.E., C.A.R.E.S.).*

*Integrity: the congruence between expressed values and behavior*

*Excellence: clinical expertise*

*Compassion: the awareness and acknowledgement of the suffering of another and the desire to relieve it*

*Altruism: the capacity to put the needs and interests of another before your own*

*Respect: the regard for the autonomy and values of another person*

*Empathy: the ability to put oneself in another's situation, e.g., physician as patient*

*Service: the sharing of one's talent, time and resources with those in need; giving beyond what is required"*

One of our Fort Pierce Class of 2013 students, Claudia Zapata, was recently inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. This student rose to the top as true exemplar of humanism by receiving multiple nominations from faculty, staff and peers in categories demonstrating clinical excellence, service to others, patient-centered approach to care and compassion. It was no surprise to the staff, faculty and students at the Fort Pierce Regional Campus that Claudia was nominated and selected for this honor. She is a dedicated, determined, friendly, compassionate and conscientious student. We are all so proud of her!



**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
FAMILY PHYSICIANS**  
STRONG MEDICINE FOR AMERICA

Seven Florida State University medical students attended the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) National Conference this year, representing five of the College of Medicine's six regional campuses. This year, all were fourth-year students and used the conference as an opportunity to network with residency programs and other students. "Having all of these programs in the same place at the same time really allowed me to narrow down

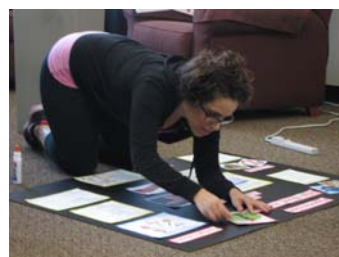
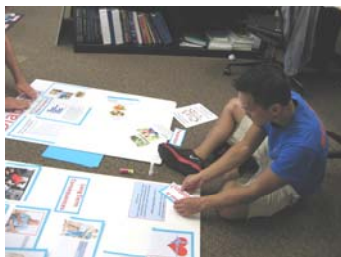


Seated, left to right: Emile Barreau (Fort Pierce), Laura Davis (Pensacola), Mary Woods (Fort Pierce); standing: Michael Glickman (Orlando), Jennifer Miller (Pensacola), Jennifer Owen (Tallahassee).  
Not Pictured: Zeena-Mae Bentinganan (Daytona Beach)

the prospects and understand what was important to me, not only in a clinical learning environment but also in my own personal life," said Emile Barreau from the Fort Pierce campus. In addition to the residency expo, seminars were offered on interpreting chest X-rays, differentiating heart sounds, how to work specialties into your practice, and preparing for residency interviews. When the students were asked about their thoughts after the conference, the responses were similar: All students even remotely interested in family medicine should come to the conference. "I would recommend it to anyone considering family medicine. I also would like to say that the financial support was especially crucial, with the cost of exams, applications and travel this year. I don't think I would have been able to attend if not for the generous contributions of the Florida Academy," said Mary Woods of the Fort Pierce campus. The seven students who attended are excited about encouraging their classmates and underclassmen to be open to a career in family medicine during the next year, as well as the amazing opportunities available by attending the AAFP National Conference next year.

## Community Service

Seven third-year students of the Class of 2014 donated their weekend time and medical expertise to educate our local citizens on hypertension, diabetes and the importance of a healthy diet. The Eta Eta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority hosted their annual back-to-school event to provide backpacks to elementary and middle school students. Over 3,000 St. Lucie County residents were served at the Havert Fenn Center in Fort Pierce. While the families waited in line, our medical students spoke with them about nutrition and wise food choices. The students also provided short informal sessions, complete with visual aids and props, on hypertension and diabetes in the center's classrooms. The students were happy to develop their patient counseling skills and serve the community. The Fort Pierce clerkship director for obstetrics/gynecology, **Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D.**, facilitated this opportunity for these students: **Kush Borhania, Rady Ho, Merisa Kaplan, Alex Kushnir, Angel Martin, Alex Nguyen and Marianne Turner.**



Alex Nguyen (left) and Merisa Kaplan (right) prepare displays for the community event.



L-R: Merisa Kaplan, Rady Ho, Kush Borhania and Angel Martin working at the event to promote healthy living.

## Outreach

The Fort Pierce Regional Campus recently joined three chambers of commerce for the Treasure Coast area. Dean Bertolette and Beth Strack will be busy attending many events and networking opportunities for the Indian River County, St. Lucie County and the Stuart/Martin County Chambers of Commerce. We look forward to further spreading the word about our community-based medical school!



## Community Service

It has become a tradition at the Fort Pierce 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 2012, the third-year students chose the newly established Indian River County Medical Society Foundation Fund. Administered by the Indian River Community Foundation, this new fund received its inaugural charitable contribution from the Florida State University College of Medicine Class of 2013. The donation will be used to support free health care to medically indigent residents of Indian River County through the We Care Program.

The IRCMS Foundation was organized to provide charitable, essential services and materials for We Care patients outside of volunteer services provided by local physicians. In 2011, 126 Indian River County volunteer physicians donated approximately \$850,000 in We Care services, including 1,945 specialty care visits, 259 volunteer primary care visits, 529 radiological procedure interpretations, 80 other special procedures and 11 operating room surgeries. All services are provided at no cost to eligible patients and are performed at either the physician's office, Indian River Medical Center or the Indian River County Health Department.

Donations to the IRCMS Foundation Fund will enable the We Care Program to expand the scope of medical services and supplies to those who cannot afford medical care.



Class of 2013 Vice President Richard Ramonell presents the IRCMS Foundation Fund contribution to board members Dr. Dennis Saver and Dr. Nancy Baker



Interprofessional collaboration has been recognized as crucial to providing safe, high-quality, patient-centered care. Indian River State College (IRSC) has initiated an innovative interdisciplinary educational program for all health science students to meet this need. The initiative, Project IMPACT, will enable students to communicate via audio/video chats and desktop sharing. All of their health science students will be following the progression of care of four virtual patients introduced to them through electronic medical records, diagnostic imaging, videotaped scenarios and other shared data. Some fourth-year medical students of Florida State University have

volunteered to assist with this project. **Claudia Zapata, Patrick Gill, Ahkeel Allen and Caitlin Dunham** are collaborating with faculty and students of IRSC by providing the H and P's (histories and physicals), progress notes and other data placed in the evolving medical records. IRSC looks forward to full implementation of this groundbreaking program by the spring semester.



## Community Service

Saturday morning, Oct. 20, began bright and early for our students volunteering in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. This walk is a powerful and inspiring opportunity to unite as a community to honor breast cancer survivors, raise awareness about steps to reduce the risk of getting breast cancer, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society fight the disease with breast cancer research, information and services, and access to mammograms for women who need them. Since Making Strides began 20 years ago, breast cancer death rates have declined more than 32 percent. Eight students participated in the St. Lucie County walk at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center and raised over \$1,800 for the cause.



Front Row L-R: Jon Putrow (FSU friend holding the leash for Bella, the group's mascot),  
Class of 2014 students Mia Klein, Kim Manek, Merisa Kaplan, Kaitlin Love  
Back Row: Class of 2014 students Kulvir Nandra, Kush Bhorania, Vishal Dahya, Justin Mauldin

## FSU College of Medicine Alumni



Kimberley Thornton, M.D., Class of 2009, co-authored a paper published in the journal *Endocrinology*, "Differential effects of hypothalamic IGF-I on gonadotropin releasing hormone neuronal activation during steroid-induced LH surges in young and middle-aged rats." Dr. Thornton is administrative chief in her fourth year of residency at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center in New York.



Desmond Fitzpatrick, M.D., Class of 2011, and Brandon Allen, M.D., Class of 2010, are both in the emergency medicine residency program at the University of Florida-Shands in Gainesville. Dr. Fitzpatrick (left) was selected to serve on the GME resident education committee. Dr. Allen (right) is serving as chief resident.





## Faculty Appreciation Celebration

Two prestigious awards were given out Sept. 20, when the Fort Pierce Regional Campus of the Florida State University College of Medicine gathered its faculty members for a night of appreciation and academic updates.

The star-studded event took place at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex on the campus of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce. The keynote speaker was **John P. Fogarty, M.D.**, dean of the FSU College of Medicine, presenting his State of the College address.

The regional campus faculty is composed of over 240 active Treasure Coast physicians who take turns teaching 38 third- and fourth-year medical students. The students work one-on-one with the physicians and gain clinical experience through seeing patients in the local hospitals, surgery centers, physicians' offices and other ambulatory care facilities.

Two faculty members received awards from **Randall Bertollette, M.D.**, dean of the Fort Pierce campus. One, titled Guardian of the Mission, is for a physician whose activities have furthered the college's mission: to "educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority and underserved populations." **Michael Jampol, M.D.**, our pediatrics clerkship director, presented this award to **Lynn Scheel, M.D.**, a pediatrician at Florida Community Health Center in Port St. Lucie. She has been a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since we opened in 2007, teaching the first-year Summer Clinical Practicum course and the third-year pediatrics clerkship at her office and St. Lucie Medical Center. Some comments from students include: "One of her greatest strengths is her compassion for her patients.

She is truly an advocate for their health. She is also very interested in learning new things and keeps abreast of new drugs, technology and ways to make patient care better. She is very knowledgeable about diseases, treatments and resources for her patients in the community."

The other award, Outstanding Community Faculty Educator, is for exemplary achievement in meeting student educational needs, working collaboratively, dedication to the curriculum principles and enthusiasm for teaching. **Bill Hood, M.D.**, our internal medicine clerkship director, presented this award to **Ian Boykin, M.D.**, an internal medicine physician in private practice in Fort Pierce with privileges at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and St. Lucie Medical Center. He teaches the FSU medical students in the first-year Summer Clinical Practicum and the third- and fourth-year internal medicine courses. He has been a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2007, and is one of the favorite instructors of the students.

The students who have worked with him commented, "Dr. Boykin was a wonderful teacher, doctor, and person. He was great at challenging what you know and pushing you to your best. He is well respected by his patients and colleagues, and is well liked in this community." "He is a good role model and one that I look up to and aspire to emulate. His energy and enthusiasm are incredible. He was very encouraging and gave criticism in a constructive manner. He is a true patient advocate, with an incredible ability to communicate with them."

We truly appreciate and thank the sponsors for this event, **Indian River Medical Center, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, St. Lucie Medical Center and Martin Health System.**



**Lynn Scheel, M.D.,**  
recipient of the  
2012 Guardian of  
the Mission award



**Ian Boykin, M.D.,**  
recipient of the 2012  
Outstanding Community  
Faculty Educator award

## Our Faculty Stars



Did you see your star on the walk of fame? Were you in awe of your celebrity status as you put your hands in “concrete”? Did you get the photo of you and Marilyn? If you answered yes, then that means you attended our fourth annual Faculty Appreciation Celebration! Presented as a “Night of Stars,” this Hollywood-themed event honored the true stars of the Fort Pierce campus—our faculty physicians. The IRSC Public Safety Complex auditorium was transformed into an extravagant awards venue complete with a sophisticated cocktail lounge, a rockin’ DJ, delicious food, “Oscar” statues and Marilyn Monroe holding her most famous pose. **Dr. John Fogarty**, FSU College of Medicine dean, presented his annual status update in the informational State of the College address. **Dr. Randall Bertolette**,

Fort Pierce Regional Campus dean, bestowed scholarships (see page 4) and faculty awards (see page 9). **Beth Strack**, Fort Pierce Regional Campus administrator, presented a movie-themed production celebrating our fifth anniversary. More than 100 faculty, students, community board and staff enjoyed this fabulous evening. The consensus comment from parting guests was, “Wow, I can’t wait to attend next year”!

Dr. Sonoiki with students  
Kaitlin Love and Ann Sheddan



Dr. Adam Ball and special guest



Michelle and Dr. Michael Jampol



Dr. John Fogarty

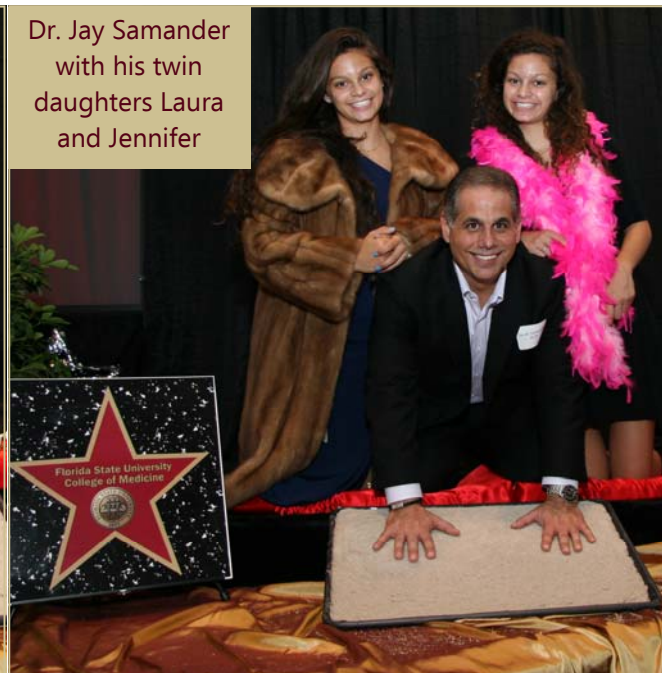


Dr. Bigay, Dr. Feiz, Dr. Malave and Gina Medina





Dr. Randall Bertolette

Dr. Jay Samander  
with his twin  
daughters Laura  
and Jennifer

## *Thank You IRSC!*

Over the past five years, we have received a warm welcome and generous support from Indian River State College. Thanks to the leadership from President Ed Massey, every department within the college has provided for all our needs in our new home on this campus. We thank everyone for their outstanding assistance.

**L-R in photo: Dr. Elliot Cohen, John and Katherine Barbieri, Dr. Gale Cohen, Dr. Ed Massey, Barry Keim, Dr. Al Roberts and Jane Cebelak**

## *We Appreciate Our Sponsors!*

In addition to providing an outstanding educational environment for the FSU medical students to learn under the guidance of their physicians, our local hospitals each made donations to sponsor the Faculty Appreciation Celebration. We thank Indian River Medical Center, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, Martin Health System and St. Lucie Medical Center for their generosity.

Gary Cantrell, CEO  
St. Lucie Medical CenterSally and Rodney Smith  
CEO, Lawnwood Med. Ctr.



## FSU Residency Report

The Florida State University College of Medicine is the sponsor of four residency programs. The internal medicine program is located at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, and the pediatrics and obstetric/gynecology (home to Class of 2012 Fort Pierce graduate Lakeema Bruce) programs are at Sacred Heart Health System in Pensacola. The newly opened family medicine residency program, awaiting final accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), is sponsored by The Florida State University College of Medicine in partnership with Lee Memorial Health System (LMHS) in Fort Myers. Recently, the Fort Pierce campus had a visit from this program's director, Gary Goforth, M.D., and a member of the faculty, Rick Waks, D.O. They introduced our third-year students to the benefits offered within the program and the amenities available while living in the beautiful southwest Florida area. New residents will enjoy close-knit fellowship with the faculty and leave the program well prepared to practice full-spectrum family medicine. Due to a shortage of primary care physicians in southwest Florida, the residency program is critical in training family physicians for this area. Numerous opportunities exist for graduates to work in outpatient practices, hospitalist groups, long-term-care facilities, and concierge practices after graduation. LMHS is a designated site for rotations for fourth-year medical students from The Florida State University College of Medicine to complete their advanced family medicine clerkship or an elective. These medical students will be integrated into clinical rotations, which will enhance the residents' development as teachers and ambassadors of family medicine.



L-R: Gary Goforth, M.D., and Rick Waks, D.O., at our campus.

## From the Dean: Our Students' Crushing Debt



Randall  
Bertollette, M.D.

I NEED YOUR HELP, and so do our medical students here at the Fort Pierce Regional Campus. They're averaging \$143,000 of debt over their four years in medical school – not counting other debt they may have. College of Medicine Dean John Fogarty tries to hold tuition increases to a minimum, but he's in a "Catch-

22": If he fails to raise tuition, legislators say he must not need state money – because he doesn't even need to raise tuition!

Many of us took out student loans for college when we were young, but can you imagine trying to start off your professional life weighed down by this much debt?

We're trying to help lessen the burden. This year we awarded \$5,000 merit scholarships to Ahkeel Allen, Cynthia Laroche, Richard Ramonell and Claudia Zapata. Those awards came from donations to the Fort Pierce Regional Campus Foundation Fund; from the Martin Health System medical executive committee and medical staff; and from an anonymous faculty donor. Our goal for the future is to give out 10 merit scholarships per year. The only way to reach that goal is with your help.

Please consider creating a scholarship for our students. It can be from an individual, a group, a medical society, an organization, almost anyone. And it comes with naming rights and recognition. Your gift will help lighten the load of a future Florida physician. Please ask us about the details. Thank you.

## Faculty Development

Good news! Our faculty development workshops are now sponsored by PNC Bank! We are so thankful PNC is providing the funds to present these important sessions to our faculty. Below is our list of remaining workshops for this academic year. Remember, these dates and topics could change, so keep an eye on your email for announcements regarding registering for these workshops.



Date	Time	Title	Presenter (s)
Thur. Nov. 8	6-8 PM	Faculty Development: Building on What Students Learn in Years 1 & 2	Dr. Greg Turner and Dr. Campbell
<b>2013</b>			
Thur. Jan 10	6-8 PM	Faculty Development: The 5 Microskills of Clinical Teaching	Dr. Greg Turner
Wed. Feb. 6	6-8 PM	Faculty Development: Handling Challenging Teaching Situations	Dr. Greg Turner
Tues. April 9	6-8 PM	Faculty Development: Views from Our Learners (includes feedback from a panel of students)	Dr. Greg Turner



We had quite a crowd for our recent faculty development workshop on Sept. 12. Shown above is Nancy Clark (Director of Medical Informatics Education at the central campus) presenting a session on "Social Media in Medicine" to a full house. The educational and useful information inspired many questions from the group, providing for a very interactive session. PNC Bank provided information on its services and a gift basket to lucky winner Dr. Hal Brown.

# Annual Fund Campaign

Our fifth Annual Fund Campaign will be kicking off soon! We are excited to present this opportunity to all our faculty and friends. Gifts to the Annual Fund provide our campus with unrestricted dollars that support key initiatives such as faculty development, student orientations, our graduation reception, faculty appreciation, and other special events and programs.

This year, Florida State University is facing some of the most substantial state budget cuts in its history, which means that your support not only is critically needed but will have an even greater impact on future classes. Your generosity helps to ensure that the FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus will make a difference in the medical care available on the Treasure Coast.

Look for the Annual Fund letter in your mailbox soon, and please consider donating to us by checking the "Other" box in the Gift Designation and writing in "Fort Pierce Regional Campus":

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Your participation, at any level, is greatly appreciated and will continue to advance our medical school and its mission.

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**Or**, you may write a check payable to "FSU Foundation, Fort Pierce Campus" and mail it to our campus.

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