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Surgery Faculty Meeting  
**March 21**

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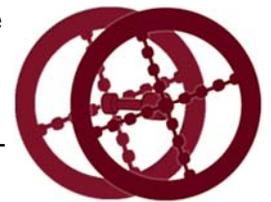
Class of 2012 Graduation  
Ceremony in Tallahassee  
**May 19**

Clerkship Director Meeting  
**June 6**

Open House to welcome  
the Class of 2014  
**June 28**

## Clinical Research Network Launched

The Florida State University College of Medicine Clinical Research Network is now a reality, and we have an official logo. The concept of building the network at FSU is symbolized by an icon that depicts a double space station. This visual symbol was the idea of Dr. Myra Hurt, Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs. She chose space exploration since, through our network, we seek to explore new possibilities in clinical science. The double space station depicts building the research network along the successful construct of our education model. The closer ring is the regional campuses model of distributed, community-based medical education in clinical settings. The central hub is the main campus in Tallahassee. And, the ring underneath is the Clinical Research Network currently under construction.



From these will come translational research from the bench and academic start-ups to medical practices at the community level. The vast majority of patient care is provided at that level. Thanks to our hugely successful model of education in a network of campuses across the state, we asked ourselves: "Why not build a research component upon that success?" It has amazing potential for research design as well as for bringing new treatments and technologies to where most patients get their care. We anticipate that, as the network gains capacity, studies can also originate at the practice level and relate back to the network and the main campus translational research efforts. There is the potential for a biorepository program, where various specimen types can be obtained from patients participating in the program in six cities and three rural sites where FSU is a presence. And finally, we can form partnerships with other institutions to utilize our network in their translational programs.

The first collaborative effort is well underway, and it is a major undertaking. We have a formal affiliation with the University of Florida Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI), which is funded by a national Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA) grant. We jointly authored an additional grant through the New Florida 2010 Scholar's Clustering Grant Program by the State University System of Florida Board of Governors, and we were awarded \$600,000 to begin the collaboration.

We chose two pilot studies to launch the collaboration, and these studies have also served as the launch of the FSU Clinical Research Network. The two studies are: 1) Adolescent Health Risk Assessment, which uses a survey resource applied to adolescent patients to predict risk behavior; 2) Sport-Related Concussion Surveillance and Management, testing the feasibility and applicability of a proven concussion prediction and management tool at the level of the primary care physician and practice. Currently, 68 FSU community faculty in pediatrics and family medicine located at 30 practices at three regional campuses are participating in these studies.

Two additional IMPACTS studies are under consideration, the next most likely being a study of emergency department utilization in the FSU and UF campus communities as related to socioeconomic factors and diagnosis.

For more information on how community faculty can participate in the FSU Clinical Research Network, contact Michael Muszynski, M.D., Associate Dean for Clinical Research ([michael.muszynski@med.fsu.edu](mailto:michael.muszynski@med.fsu.edu)).

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## Class of 2012 News

### Heading into the Match

Match Day is one of the most momentous occasions in our students' medical school career. It's the day they find out where they will be going for their residency training. The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) provides a uniform system by which residency candidates simultaneously "match" to accredited postgraduate training positions. The NRMP is not an application processing service; rather, it provides an impartial venue for matching applicants' and programs' preferences. Each year, approximately 16,000 U.S. medical school students participate in the residency match. In addition, another 20,000 "independent" applicants compete for the approximately 25,000 available residency positions. Independent applicants include former graduates of U.S. medical schools, U.S. osteopathic students, Canadian students and graduates of foreign medical schools.

This year, the specialties that our Fort Pierce students are hoping to match into include internal medicine, pediatrics, family medicine, emergency medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, otolaryngology and anesthesiology. On Feb. 22, each student had to rank his or her top choices for residency training. A nerve-racking experience for some, the moment served to solidify in their minds how very soon they will be able to call themselves "doctors." Our dean and staff are so proud of our students, and we will be celebrating their accomplishments with them at the Match Day ceremony in Tallahassee. You will be able to view the Match Day ceremony, live via webcast, on Friday, March 16, at noon. Log on to our website, [www.med.fsu.edu](http://www.med.fsu.edu), and look for the MATCH link to view the ceremony.

### Nice to see a friendly face

While completing her advanced family medicine clerkship through the Daytona Beach campus, fourth-year student **Michelle Miller** enjoyed the in-depth training she received in the discipline she has chosen for her life's work. Participating at Halifax Medical Center and other locations in the area, Michelle had the opportunity to work alongside students from other FSU campuses. While working at the Volusia County Health Department, Michelle encountered third-year student **Zachary Tyser** of the Daytona Beach campus. Zachary was working with this agency through his community medicine course this past December. Both students are pictured in this photo (right). As a community-based medical school, it is not uncommon for these collaborations to occur, and our students are grateful for the statewide presence of the FSU College of Medicine.



### Words of wisdom

Every year, Suzette Sookdeo, our Student Support Coordinator, organizes a panel for the third-year students to gather advice from the fourth-year students. It takes place just before the third-year students start the process of creating their schedules for the next academic year. While the FSU College of Medicine requires the students to enroll in 16 weeks of required courses (advanced family medicine, advanced internal medicine, geriatrics and emergency medicine) in their fourth year, they are able to choose 24 weeks of electives in the FSU curriculum or at other institutions. The fourth-year students discussed their experiences completing externships, exposure to residency programs, interviewing, travel tips, etc. Ten students from the Class of 2012 helped with this panel in January, giving their words of wisdom and answering questions. The Class of 2013 certainly appreciated their assistance!



The Class of 2012 students who volunteered to participate in this panel were (pictured at left, L-R): **Monica Pena, Tiffanie Walker, Aaron Hilton, Charlene Hylton, Lakeema Bruce, Brian O'Hara, Michelle Miller, Diana Mauldin, Helen Travis and Sarah McNulty.**

## Community Service

The We Care program, in Vero Beach, refers Indian River County residents who cannot afford health care to physicians who provide it free of charge. The We Care program was created in 1991 as a joint program of the Indian River County Medical Society and the Indian River County Health Department. It is housed at the Health Department, where regular clinics are conducted for specific medical specialties. In November, several of our FSU medical students participated in a We Care dermatology clinic for underserved and uninsured patients. The students were under the direction of one of our FSU clerkship faculty for dermatology, **Dr. John McDonald**. Pictured from left to right in the photo below are Dr. McDonald and third-year students **Kyle Powers, Patrick Gill and Leah Williams**.



## Outreach

**Suzette Sookdeo**, Student Support Coordinator for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus, participated in the Indian River State College Great Explorations event. During this day for high school students to explore career options, Suzette (pictured below) presented information to those interested in becoming physicians. This was the fourth year that the FSU College of Medicine has participated in this IRSC project. Suzette was assisted by **Ursula Knight**, our Senior Secretary. The students had high praise for the FSU presentation.



## Faculty Spotlight



**Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D.**, clerkship director for obstetrics/gynecology at the Fort Pierce campus, was one of two St. Lucie County OB-GYNs recognized recently for their use of certified electronic medical records. She and Leigh Hoppe, M.D., operate Just Ladies Healthcare of the Treasure Coast in Fort Pierce. They were saluted by the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology as well as the South Florida Regional Extension Center (SFREC) for being “Meaningful Use Vanguard” in the adoption and use of certified electronic medical records in their group medical practice. They also have received financial incentive funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for their achievement. The SFREC is a federally funded non-profit organization providing assistance and guidance to physicians as they acquire, implement and meaningfully use their electronic health record system. They are working with more than 2,000 providers from Key West to Vero Beach. **Dennis Saver, M.D.**, clerkship faculty for family medicine at the Fort Pierce campus, is a collaborative partner with the SFREC. He is pictured here with Dr. Lomax-Homier.

Clerkship faculty member for orthopedic surgery **John Peden, M.D.**, was recently recognized by the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine as an active member, which requires the physician to demonstrate a significant contribution and commitment to sports medicine as it relates to his practice, including research and publication, service as a team physician, and education of those providing health care to athletes. Peden also is a member of the Arthroscopy Association of North America, and this year he was elected to the Communications Committee, then appointed to the Communities of Practice Committee, which is responsible for the continuing development of an online forum for association members to share and discuss techniques, procedures, knowledge and experience. Peden has participated for several years as an Associate Master Instructor teaching arthroscopic cadaveric laboratory courses at the Orthopaedic Learning Center in Chicago, but this will be his first year acting as a Support Faculty Member for the Arthroscopy Association of North America's annual Fall Course, held last year in Palm Desert, Calif.

Clerkship faculty member for general and vascular surgery **Rene Loyola, M.D.** (pictured here), went on two week-long surgical missions to Nicaragua with Light of the World Charities recently. He has participated as a volunteer surgeon for this organization for the past decade. In October, he started providing free surgical procedures to patients right here on the Treasure Coast through a new nonprofit charity called Stateside Surgeries. Also, he went to Washington, D.C., with Honor Flights as medical personnel, ferrying World War II vets to see the monuments.



Clerkship faculty member **Frank Conidi, D.O.**, was appointed a consultant to the FDA's Neurological Devices Panel and Medical Advisory Committee, and to the Center for Devices and Radiological Health; participated as an expert moderator for the FDA's Sports Concussion Neurodiagnostic Device workshop in Washington, D.C.; presented “The Management of Headache in Concussed Athletes,” a poster and lecture, at the International Headache Society Meeting in Berlin; and presented a lecture at the American Academy of Neurology's annual meeting in Hawaii, titled “Sports-Related Concussion: State of the Art Application of the Current Fund of Knowledge to Clinical Questions in the Management of the Athlete.”

## In memory of “Dr. Mario”



One of our outstanding surgery faculty members, Dr. Mario Sanguily (pictured here with Kim Thornton, Class of 2009 graduate), passed away Dec. 30, 2011. He was 53. As a general/vascular surgeon and chief of surgery at Martin Memorial Medical Center, he worked with many of our students from the time he joined our faculty in May 2007. He taught with professionalism and great enthusiasm, always inspiring and motivating by his wonderful example. He is greatly missed.

## Message from the Dean



Randall  
Bertolette, M.D.

Recently one of the students at the Fort Pierce campus (and a clerkship director) had a peer-reviewed article published (see Alumni News below). What a wonderful accomplishment for the two of them, but also what a positive indicator of just how far we have come as a regional campus. Not only are we providing top-notch education for our third- and fourth-year students, but they are also finding time to publish articles, volunteer in the community and perform research. The Class of 2012 students have all passed their national board exams, finished their interviews, and eagerly await Match Day and graduation. I could go on talking about them and their achievements, but I don't want them to get "graduationitis." They need to continue their learning because this is only the beginning of their lifelong journey in medicine. Good luck, Class of 2012, and keep making us proud.

### Read our New Annual Report

The 2011 Florida State University College of Medicine Annual Report should be available for review in mid-March. Go to this link to view this publication online:

<http://med.fsu.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=newsPubs.home>

### We have not moved, but....

...we have a NEW address! This address better reflects our physical location. Please use it for all correspondence and for finding us with your GPS:

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## Alumni News

**Kristen Barrie, M.D.**, Class of 2010 graduate and resident in anesthesiology, co-authored an article with the Fort Pierce clerkship director for family medicine, **Nancy Baker, M.D.**, and others. Titled "State Medical Board Disciplinary Hearings as Tools for Teaching Professionalism in Medical Education," the work was published in the Journal of Medical Regulation. Dr. Barrie gave her perspective on a disciplinary hearing from a medical student's point of view, stating that it instilled in her a new-found respect for the active efforts necessary to prevent mistakes, as it is each individual physician's responsibility to act professionally and ethically. Dr. Baker provided the faculty member's perspective, noting that the act of seeing the consequences of poor professionalism in practice, and the subsequent punishment, had a powerful impact on the student. Congratulations to Dr. Barrie and Dr. Baker on this successful collaboration.

**Cordero Floyd, M.D.**, Class of 2010 graduate, paid a visit to the Fort Pierce campus in December while on a short break from his very busy schedule as an internal medicine resident. After joining us for our holiday luncheon, he took the time to share some very valuable information and advice with our current Fort Pierce students. Dr. Floyd answered all their questions with patience and humor, while assuring them that the FSU College of Medicine is preparing them extremely well for what they will face in a residency program. The students were very thankful for his efforts. Dr. Floyd is pictured here with Suzette Sookdeo, Fort Pierce Student Support Coordinator.



# Student Spotlight

## Community Medicine

The third-year Community Medicine course is required for all students at the College of Medicine regional campus sites. The three-week clerkship is designed to broaden students' understanding of the role played by community agencies in health promotion and disease prevention.

Students work as a member of a community agency team to assist in fulfilling its goals of maintaining the health of the community and to share and discuss their observations with agency members, faculty and other students. The goals published in Healthy People 2020 serve as a template for inquiry and analysis of the agency's place in the health care of the community.

The course involves experiential, service and reflective learning, including online e-Portfolio assignments. At the end of the clerkship students must prepare and deliver a presentation of their experiences to the entire class, the regional campus dean and invited guests from the agencies. Thus, every student learns about the roles played by multiple service organizations within the health-care matrix of the community. We thank our community agency partners who taught this important clerkship this year:

- American Cancer Society
- Children's Home Society
- Council on Aging of Martin County
- Council on Aging of St. Lucie County
- Exchange Club CASTLE
- FSU College of Medicine Immokalee Rural Site
- Healthy Start of St. Lucie County
- Helping People Succeed
- PACE Center for Girls
- Project Response AIDS Center
- St. Lucie County Health Department
- United for Families

## FOSCE Testing

The Formative Objective Structured Clinical Examination (FOSCE) is administered during Year 3. Highly trained standardized patients and the professional Clinical Skills and Simulation Center (CSSC) administration and staff traveled to Fort Pierce last November for this exam. Standardized patients evaluated the details of the student's approach to the history and physical exam in multiple clinical scenarios. Our clerkship directors assessed students for global competencies and critical thinking skills by remote observation of audiovisual feeds from the exam rooms. Special thanks to **Dr. Kenneth Bridges**, our surgery clerkship director, and **Lawnwood Regional Medical Center** for providing the location for our FOSCE testing.



### Published

**Leah Williams** (Class of 2013) was co-author of an article published in the International Journal of Risk & Safety in Medicine. Title: "Long-term complication: Florida's death certification process and long-term care." She and co-author Hayley Dewey, a College of Law student, wrote under the supervision of **Marshall Kapp, J.D., MPH**, director of the Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine & Law. The article resulted from their summer 2010 project through the center, with the financial support of the Department of Geriatrics' Mathews Fund.

## Fight back like a girl!

**Michael Jampol, M.D.**, clerkship director for pediatrics, offered to sponsor any Fort Pierce student who wanted to attend a self-defense class for women. Fourth-year students **Diana Mauldin** and **Michelle Miller** and third-year student **Diana Marchese** attended the clinic in February at Master Amy Reed's Black Belt Academy in Stuart. They learned effective self-defense tactics designed specifically for women, and had a great time practicing their techniques. They are now armed with defensive skills that could save their life!

## Expressing creativity



The FSU College of Medicine publishes a newsletter titled HEAL: Humanism Evolving through Arts and Literature. It is an equal forum for students, staff, faculty, and members of the community to share their artistic and literary works. Two of our third-year students recently had their submissions published in the January edition of HEAL. Third-year student **Caitlin Dunham** (left) wrote a story about the experience of helping a maternity patient deliver her baby, a first for both. Third-year student **Collin Tully** (right) wrote a poem on the difficulty of discussing a cancer diagnosis with a patient. You can view the entire HEAL January 2012 newsletter at: <http://med.fsu.edu/?page=heal.home>



## Foundation News

Our fourth Annual Fund Campaign launched in October. We are excited to present this opportunity to all our faculty and friends as a means for giving to the Fort Pierce Regional Campus of the FSU College of Medicine. 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.

It's not too late to donate! Your participation, at any level, is greatly appreciated and will continue to advance our medical school and its mission. Please remember to designate your gift to go to the Fort Pierce Regional Campus.

### Easy way for our faculty to donate!

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!

## Thank You to Our Donors

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