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Congratulations, Class of 2012



Congratulations to the fourth 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, our campus dean.

Graduation day arrived May 19 for the 117 members of the Florida State University College of Medicine's Class of 2012. The Fort Pierce Regional Campus was home for 18 of those graduates for the past two years. They completed their third and fourth years of training here on the Treasure Coast, working one-on-one with many of the over 240 FSU clerkship faculty physicians in this area.

Four of the graduates from the Fort Pierce campus received prestigious awards at the Tallahassee ceremony. **Brandon Mauldin**, who addressed the gathering as the Class of 2012 president, earned the Myra M. Hurt Leadership in Medicine Award. **Helen Travis Paulson** was recognized as the Outstanding Graduate in Family Medicine. **Diana Godfrey** was chosen for the Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award. **Aaron Hilton**, who gave the invocation at the ceremony, was chosen from among the 18 Fort Pierce graduates for the Dean's Award. This award is presented by each regional campus to the most outstanding graduate in recognition of dedication, compassion and academic excellence.

In early May, the graduates gathered with the campus dean, Dr. Randall Bertolette, community board members, staff and physician faculty at the Pelican Yacht Club to celebrate their accomplishments. The event was sponsored by Indian River Medical Center, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, St. Lucie Medical Center, and Martin Health System. The Class of 2012 presented **Dr. George Mitchell**, critical care specialist at Indian River Medical Center (IRMC) in Vero Beach, with the Excellence in Teaching Award. They chose **Dr. Chris Hollinger**, anesthesiologist at IRMC, for the Extra Mile Award. To see where our graduates are now working in residency programs, turn to Page 4.

Meet our new students, Page 8.

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Message from the Dean



Randall
Bertolette, M.D.

We've been one of the new kids on the FSU College of Medicine block for so long that it's easy to overlook a milestone: The Fort Pierce Regional Campus is 5 years old! So these days, instead of constantly introducing ourselves and explaining what we hope to do, we can point with pride to what our students and faculty have done and continue to do. We've graduated 54 new doctors from this campus, one of six regional campuses statewide. That total will keep rising, given our current fourth-year class of 17, our third-year class of 21 and a never-ending supply of new students enrolling at the central campus in Tallahassee. We have a faculty of more than 240 Treasure Coast physicians who have taken "the kids" to heart and provide great teaching and clinical experiences. Our hospital affiliations are strong: four primary, two secondary, and still more additions on the way. Just as we have grown and prospered, the whole Treasure Coast area has grown and prospered along with us. It's good to have our first five years behind us. Bring on the next five!

News from Tallahassee

Florida State University and Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare received good news this past May in the effort to jointly develop a new internal medicine residency program: The program has received initial accreditation, clearing the way for opening this summer.

"We've had a high level of interest from potential residents and I expect that the interest will intensify once the news of our accreditation gets out," said Gregory Todd, M.D., director of the Florida State University College of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education approved the initial accreditation for a two-year period beginning July 1.

This residency program will open Aug. 6 with 15 residents: 10 first-year and five second-year. One of the first-year residents is an FSU College of Medicine Class of 2012 graduate, Dr. Kenneth Winnard, from the Sarasota Regional Campus.

Outreach

Leadership St. Lucie develops a network of community leaders by providing the background, knowledge and expertise necessary for them to serve in public or private positions within St. Lucie County. Each year, up to 30 candidates are selected to participate in the program from nominations received by alumni, individuals, businesses, community associations and governmental bodies.



Sponsored by the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, the 11-month program spends one day a month teaching about specific aspects of the community, such as education, area government, local history, economic development, health and human services, the environment, cultural awareness and quality-of-life issues.

In May, **Dr. Randall Bertolette** participated in the Leadership St. Lucie panel for their education day. He provided an overview of the mission and curriculum of the FSU College of Medicine and answered questions from the audience.

Community Service



Four of our students assisted Indian River State College (IRSC) by participating in a panel discussion for the STEM Day Institute in April. As part of the Florida STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) Initiative, the two-day seminar was titled "From Seed to STEM: Cultivating Community Health." The participants learned course redesign to incorporate the principles and strategies of high-quality community-based instruction. IRSC provided a live webcast of the seminar. It concluded with the participants asking questions of our medical students.

The student volunteers are pictured here (L-R): **Claudia Zapata** (Class of 2013), **Michelle Miller** (Class of 2012 graduate), **Aaron Hilton** (Class of 2012 graduate) and **Ahkeel Allen** (Class of 2013).

Where are they now?

Our 117 Class of 2012 graduates are beginning their residency training at some of the top residency programs across Florida and the United States. Fifty-four percent entered residency in primary care specialties, comprising family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine and obstetrics-gynecology. Here's where the 18 Fort Pierce graduates are now:



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Internal Medicine
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Diana Godfrey, M.D.
Emergency Medicine
Carolinas Medical Center
Charlotte, NC



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Aaron Hilton, M.D.
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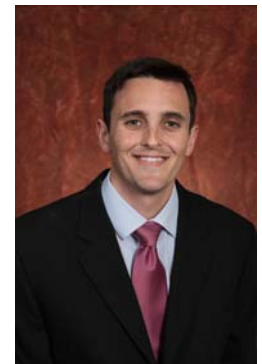
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Alumni News



Cordero Floyd, M.D., Class of 2010 graduate and Fort Pierce native, has earned the title of chief resident at the internal medicine program at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. Hail to the Chief!

Jessica Gondela, M.D., Class of 2012 graduate and resident in emergency medicine at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, co-authored an article with two Fort Pierce clerkship faculty members from Indian River Medical Center: **David Gillis, D.O.**, emergency medicine, and **Daniel Glotzer, M.D.**, surgery. Under the label of “Zebra Spotting”, the article is titled “De Garengeot’s Hernia,” and was published in the June issue of *Emergency Physicians Monthly*. Drs. Gondela, Gillis and Glotzer wrote a case report on an 89-year-old patient who presented with appendicitis within a femoral hernia. Preoperative imaging led to the diagnosis of a rare and elusive condition. Congratulations to all on this successful collaboration.



Local Graduate

One graduate in the Class of 2012 is from the Treasure Coast area. **Aaron Hilton, M.D.**, is from Port St. Lucie and attended high school at St. Edward’s in Vero Beach. He is now training as an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat specialist) at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine in New York. In his clinical training, Aaron was regarded as an intelligent, humble and compassionate student. One of his greatest strengths was his ability to communicate, for it always reflected a high level of respect and sincerity. Aaron’s fund of knowledge was described as broad and he was always eager to learn as much as he could. His history-taking and presentation skills were noted to be thorough, organized and clear. Aaron has a calm and professional demeanor that endears him to his patients, faculty and staff alike. He is truly a well-rounded, intellectual and caring individual who will be a tremendous asset to his field. Aaron earned membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and the Gold Humanism Honor Society. He was selected for the Fort Pierce campus Dean’s Award, which is bestowed upon the most outstanding graduate from our campus. We are so proud of Dr. Aaron Hilton and hope he will return to his hometown to practice medicine!



Aaron Hilton, M.D.

Faculty Spotlight

George Mitchell, M.D., FSU clerkship faculty for critical care practicing at Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, received an award from the Class of 2012 at their graduation dinner reception in May. For his dedication and expertise in educating our students, he was honored for Excellence in Teaching. Many of our graduates worked one-on-one with Dr. Mitchell and thoroughly enjoyed learning from him.



Dr. Mitchell was also recognized recently by Indian River Medical Center with the Romas Sakalas Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is presented to physicians who provide outstanding clinical care to their patients at IRMC as well as service to their fellow physicians that goes well above the high standard to which IRMC physicians are typically held. An award selection committee composed of one IRMC board member, one member of the IRMC Executive Management Team and three IRMC physicians determined the honorees. Congratulations to Dr. Mitchell!



Chris Hollinger, M.D., FSU clerkship faculty for anesthesiology practicing at Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, was also recognized by the Class of 2012 at the graduation dinner. For his commitment and unending support, the students honored him with an Extra Mile award. In addition to teaching many of our fourth-year students in an anesthesiology elective, he comes to our campus to guest-lecture on being an “IV Ninja,” the fine art of intubating and best practices in patient care. Congratulations, Dr. Hollinger!

At the Martin Health System Annual Doctors’ Day Celebration in March, three FSU faculty members were among the honored physicians. **Heidi McNaney-Flint, M.D.**, clerkship faculty for obstetrics-gynecology, was recognized for completing 25 years of service. **W. Daniel Lehnhoff, D.O.**, clerkship faculty for internal medicine, was selected by the emergency department associates for the 2011 24/7 Award. **Mario Sanguily, M.D.**, was honored posthumously as the 2011 Physician of the Year (selected by the medical staff) and as the 2011 Physician Citizen of the Year (selected by the Martin Health System associates). Congratulations to all!



Heidi McNaney-Flint, M.D.
25 years of service



W. Daniel Lehnhoff, D.O.
24/7 Award



Mario Sanguily, M.D.
Physician of the Year and Physician Citizen of the Year

Dennis Saver, M.D., FSU clerkship faculty for family medicine at Primary Care of the Treasure Coast in Vero Beach, was one of 82 physicians invited to the White House in June to be recognized as a leader in health information technology and to attend two national information technology events hosted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Attendees had opportunities to collaborate about challenges, such as those related to privacy, security and interoperability, and shared successes, including the creation of Regional Extension Centers that have helped with implementation of electronic health records systems. Dr. Saver serves as the chair of the Meaningful Use Subcommittee for the South Florida Regional Extension Center. Attendees agreed that “progress is advancing nationwide,” and that continued work will need to be done to improve the usability of electronic health records.



Michael Wein, M.D., FSU clerkship faculty for allergy/asthma, completed and co-authored an epipen study in the February issue of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. In the study, titled “Outdated Epinephrine Autoinjectors: Ejection Volume Integrity and Epinephrine Content and Dose”, Dr. Wein collaborated with physicians from the University of Manitoba in Canada and Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. Wein also was co-leader of an immunotherapy seminar at the 2012 American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology annual meeting.

Faculty Spotlight

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, recently presented awards. Their participating physicians who provided distinguished service above and beyond what was expected, provided a new or special level of service in a time of great need or provided service over a long period of time were honored. The recipients of the 2011 We Care Awards, who are also FSU faculty, are: **Tudor Scridon, M.D. (cardiologist)**, **Charles Eberhart, M.D.**, **Gregory MacKay, M.D.** and **Joseph Zerega, M.D. (gastroenterologists)**.

Howard Voss, M.D. was recently inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS). He was one of only two faculty members to receive this prestigious honor for 2012. The GHHS was started to elevate the values of humanism and professionalism within the field of medicine. Dr. Voss serves as a clinical associate professor in internal medicine for our campus and is the medical director of the Volunteers in Medicine clinic in Stuart. He is in his fourth year of teaching the Chronic Care Clerkship course to our third-year students. He was selected as a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, integrity, compassion, and dedication to service. In the photo below (L-R): **Daniel Van Durme, M.D.** (Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health), **Howard Voss, M.D.**, **Brandon Mauldin** (Class of 2012 graduate and the student who nominated Dr. Voss) and **Ken Brummel-Smith, M.D.** (Chair of the Department of Geriatrics).



Bernd Wollschlaeger, M.D., FSU clerkship faculty for family medicine in North Miami Beach, was awarded Level 2 medical home designation by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for delivering accessible, comprehensive and family-centered primary care that aims to reduce avoidable health-care costs over time. To be recognized as an NCQA patient-centered medical home, health-care providers must meet a number of safety and quality standards, including giving patients the knowledge and tools they need for self-management of their health, care coordination, evidence-based guidelines for chronic conditions, and performance reporting and improvement. Each physician practice is scored on a scale of 100 points and has three possible levels of recognition. The hallmarks of a medical home are an ongoing relationship with a primary care doctor; a physician-led team-based approach with a group of individuals who collectively take care of the patient's ongoing needs across all health-care settings; a focus on care coordination that is culturally and linguistically appropriate; the use of electronic medical records to ensure that care is delivered safely and prevents redundancy and errors; and the ability to offer access during evenings and weekends.



Class of 2013

Our 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, surgery, family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation, critical care and pediatrics, our students are proud to show the competencies they have achieved in their first three years at the FSU College of Medicine. We are confident they will perform as outstanding examples of the high level of confidence and experience gained by working one-on-one with the FSU clerkship faculty in our community. During your summer travels, look for our students in Gainesville (UF), Georgia (Emory), Louisiana (Tulane), Miami (UM, Mt. Sinai, Miami Children's), Nicaragua, North Carolina (UNC), Pennsylvania (Thomas Jefferson University), Orlando, Tampa (USF) and Tennessee (Vanderbilt).

Welcome, Class of 2014



First row: Meg O'Meara, Kim Manek, Kaitlin Love, Brittany Lamb, Alexandra Rocha. Second row: Rady Ho, Marianne Turner, Katie Longardner, Mia Klein, Merisa Kaplan, Ann Sheddan, Alexander Nguyen. Third row: Angel Martin, Kush Bhorania, Freud Milice, Kulvir Nandra, Vishal Dahya, Michael Sierra, Alexander Kushnir. Fourth Row: Jay Meyer, Justin Mauldin

Twenty-one 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 three days of orientation, hospital visits and paperwork, 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 and more than 240 clerkship faculty physicians in our community. Welcome!

Class of 2014 News

Five second-year students from the College of Medicine traveled to Washington, D.C., to learn more about the political side of health care as members of the Medical Student Section of the American Medical Association (AMA). Two of the students, **Justin Mauldin** and **Brittany Lamb**, are now at the Fort Pierce Regional Campus. During their visit they met with aides, chiefs of staff or health-care advisors for various Florida members of Congress. They were advised on the issues, taught how to effectively communicate with political leaders, and given a glimpse, by spending a day on the Hill, of what goes on at the nation's capital. They left with a better understanding of the issues that face their future, and the impact they can have now, as medical students, in shaping the future of medicine.

Class of 2015

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 19 of the 120 students in the Class of 2015. In Vero Beach: **Sobia Khawaja, M.D., Joshua Shipley, M.D.** In Fort Pierce: **Ian Boykin, M.D., Dwight Dawkins, M.D., Georges Guerrier, M.D.** In Okeechobee: **Leland Heller, M.D., Saeed Khan, M.D., Christopher Mavroides, M.D.** In Port St. Lucie: **Lynn Scheel, M.D., Cristian Presutti, M.D.** In Stuart: **Paul Gaeta, M.D., Richard Weisberg, D.O.** In Wellington: **Richard Hays, M.D.** In Lake Placid: **Neil Shechtman, M.D.** In Lake Wales: **Eduardo Torres, M.D.** In Homestead: **Nilda Soto, M.D.** In North Miami Beach: **Bernd Wollschlaeger, M.D.** In Tavernier: **John Deagle, D.O., Bernard Ginsberg, M.D.**

High-Schoolers Sample Med School

Addressing disparities in Florida's physician workforce requires starting early – long before a medical school's admissions process begins. At the College of Medicine, part of that effort is a summer "mini med school" for high school students. Sixty-one students from across Florida participated in one of the college's three Summer Institute sessions. Two students came from **Jensen Beach High School**: juniors **Laura and Jennifer Samander**. One student came from **Sebastian River High School**: junior **Kayla Manning**.

The College of Medicine's six regional campuses – in Daytona Beach, Fort Pierce, Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota and Tallahassee – invite students from their area high schools to apply. "Encouraging students at a young age to think about a career in medicine is a great way to increase the chances of having the physicians we'll need in the Treasure Coast area," said Randall Bertolette, M.D., dean of the College of Medicine's Fort Pierce Regional Campus. Again this year, individuals and corporations in various parts of the state sponsored some of the registered participants, recognizing the value in trying to help create future physicians for their community. In the Treasure Coast area, **Dr. Hal Brown**, family medicine physician at Primary Care of the Treasure Coast in Vero Beach, generously donated the funds to provide a scholarship for Kayla Manning. Dr. Brown has been a member of the Fort Pierce clerkship faculty since 2008 and has taught the third year family medicine clerkship and the first year summer clinical practicum.



Kayla Manning (right) accepts a scholarship from Hal Brown, M.D. (left). His donation made it possible for Kayla to attend the "mini med school."



Kayla Manning (left), of Sebastian River High School, discusses her Summer Institute research project with an FSU faculty member.

Participants shadow physicians and medical students, visit rural health centers and get college testing and application advice. They also attend faculty lectures on topics such as medical ethics, migrant health care and doctor-patient relations. In several activities, the participants go through training similar to what real med students face. The focus on minority recruitment stems from the college's founding mission to help train physicians for Florida's traditionally underserved populations.

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