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FSU leads in medical information technology

As the first new medical school established in the United States since the Internet revolution, FSU has seized the opportunity to build its medical education program on an unprecedented technological foundation.

“We integrate technology into the curriculum in such a way that it’s simply part of the culture of the medical school,” said Nancy Clark, M.Ed., director of medical informatics education. “The goal is to equip students to be lifelong learners who will provide the highest quality, 21st century, patient-centered care.”

Beginning in the first year, students learn to find a wide array of medical and educational resources on their laptops and PDAs, which they will use in virtually every course and rotation throughout their four years of medical school.

“It’s a very high-tech, information-intensive type of platform that we have access to,” said first-year student Kartik Pandya.

In microanatomy, for example, students won’t find themselves peering into microscopes wondering if the cell structure they’re looking at is the same one the professor is discussing.

Software such as Bacus Virtual Microscopy, WebPath and Gold Standard Multimedia allows students and faculty to view digital images of tissue samples at various magnifications on their laptops or desktops, or by



THIRD-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT SHAYLA GRAY REVIEWS NEWELL LADD'S MEDICATIONS USING EPOCRATES, AS DR. TOM SERIO, TO WHOM GRAY WAS ASSIGNED FOR HER FAMILY MEDICINE ROTATION, OBSERVES.

projecting them onto a screen at the front of the class.

“Our goal is not to teach them how to use a microscope, but rather to understand and recognize the structure and function of the tissue,” said Andrew Payer, Ph.D., course director for clinical anatomy, embryology and imaging and Year 1 director.

For that purpose, Payer explains, digital imaging is much more effective and no more costly than maintaining dozens of microscopes and thousands of fragile slides.

Just as courses like microanatomy have gone electronic, FSU’s medical library has, from the very beginning, focused primarily on the development of its collection of e-books, online journals and Web-based reference systems.

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Medical Library Director Barbara Shearer said FSU's medical library, which fits comfortably in less than 4,000 square feet, features a collection that is about 80 percent electronic and 20 percent print.

"Since we have few print books and print journals to check in, process, catalog, store, bind and check out, our staffing needs are very different from more traditional libraries," Shearer said. "Our focus is more on licensing and providing seamless access via the Internet."

FSU's "Virtual Library" resources include more than 200 databases and 15,446 electronic journal subscriptions, approximately 1,400 of which are of a medical or biomedical nature. Another 1,200 e-journals are in other areas relevant to the curriculum, such as psychology, ethics, health economics and social sciences.

On campus, students access the library resources on their laptops via a wireless network. At home, they can use the Web to access subscriber-only resources.

They also can download Web-based clinical reference tools such as

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DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL
INFORMATICS EDUCATION



WHILE WORKING IN SMALL GROUPS DURING BASIC SCIENCE COURSES, FSU MEDICAL STUDENTS USE THEIR LAPTOPS TO ACCESS DIGITAL IMAGES FROM WEBPATH, BACUS VIRTUAL MICROSCOPY AND GOLD STANDARD MULTIMEDIA, AMONG OTHER RESOURCES.

InfoRetriever, ePocrates, and PDxMD on their handheld computers.

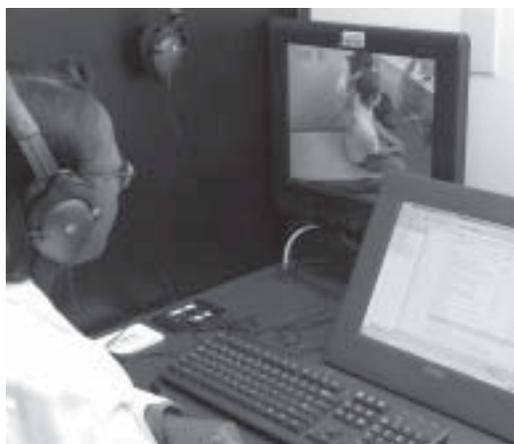
"With the PDAs we can get patient information, drug interaction warnings and things like that in the actual clinical setting," Pandya said.

Students first begin using such resources in FSU's Clinical Learning Center, a simulated clinic equipped with state-of-the-art digital recording technology. Students learn basic clinical and patient communication skills by working with standardized patients, or patient actors. The recording equipment allows for faculty critique, performance benchmarking and self assessment.

In addition, specialized testing software enables faculty to grade students on their physical exam and clinical decision-making skills, and electronic medical records software is available so that students can learn to document their patient encounters in a paperless system.

In the first and second years, students spend a half day every other week working in the Clinical Learning Center. On alternate weeks, they are assigned one-on-one to a primary care physician for a half-day preceptorship, where they use electronic decision-support tools while working with real patients.

Finally, in the third and fourth years, students put all of the pieces together in their



VIA LIVE DIGITAL VIDEO, ALMA LITTLES, M.D., OBSERVES A MEDICAL STUDENT EXAMINING A PATIENT ACTOR AND RATES THE STUDENT'S PERFORMANCE ON AN EVALUATION CHECKLIST.

clinical clerkships, which take place at regional medical school campuses in Orlando, Pensacola and Tallahassee. Again, technology plays a key role, as students document patient encounters from their clinical rotations in a customized, Web-based Clinical Data Collection System so that their clerkship directors can ensure that students are seeing an appropriate range of clinical cases.

A complex infrastructure of hardware and software support makes all of this possible.

“Every learning environment at the medical school — from small-group rooms to classrooms — is outfitted with a full complement of the latest in multimedia presentation equipment, including computers, DVD and VHS players, LCD projectors and wireless access to network resources,” said Information Technology Director Ken Johnson.

The new medical school building, due to be completed next year, will contain 42 such equipment sets.

“Further, we provide a laptop and PDA to each student, along with traditional IT help desk support,” Johnson said. “We have an established software and hardware standard, which reduces the likelihood of problems associated with the overall integration of IT resources.”

And beginning this fall, the main campus and the regional campuses will be linked with videoconferencing capabilities for use in the third-year Doctoring course, as well as in faculty development sessions, continuing medical education programs, and administrative meetings.

Modeled on the recommendations of the Association of American Medical College’s Medical School Objectives Project, the FSU College of Medicine’s medical information technology program addresses the five major roles of physicians – lifelong learner, clinician, educator/communicator, researcher and manager.

“The training we provide will make our students extremely effective in all of these roles,” Clark said. “By the time they get to the third-year clinical rotations, they have all the informatics tools and know quite well how to use them.”



MEDICAL STUDENT MATT LEE USES HIS LAPTOP TO ACCESS E-JOURNALS VIA THE SCHOOL'S WIRELESS NETWORK.

MESSAGE FROM DEAN J. OCIE HARRIS, M.D.

The medical profession has changed in recent decades, certainly for the better, with the larger numbers of women who are practicing medicine.

In 1970, when I was starting my career, fewer than 8 percent of U.S. physicians were women. Today, about 25 percent of practicing physicians are women, and 47 percent of students enrolled in U.S. allopathic medical schools are women.

It’s disappointing that female enrollment in the FSU College of Medicine to date isn’t quite as high as the national average. In our first three classes, only 38 percent of students are women. This percentage is a direct reflection of the

percentage of women in the medical school’s applicant pool.

At other Florida medical schools, the female applicant pool is more in line with the national average. We aren’t sure why women aren’t applying to medical school at FSU in larger numbers. Perhaps it has something to do with the newness of the school.

In the coming years, we certainly would like to see growth in the numbers of women who apply and are accepted to medical school at FSU so that our student body will be more representative of the overall population of the state.

Women students and faculty leaders at the FSU College of Medicine are a



huge part of our success, and we need more of them. I hope you’ll take a moment to read in this issue of *The Best Medicine* about a few of the women at FSU who are helping to raise the bar in medical education, practice and research.

Celebrating Women

Kim Ruscher-Rogers: A confident voice speaks out

Kim Ruscher-Rogers has vivid memories, going back to when she was eight or nine, of women giving birth at her home in the middle of the night.

She remembers that her mother, Donna Ruscher, a certified nurse midwife, sometimes received little more than meager offerings of homemade tortillas in exchange for caring for these women and delivering their babies.

“That’s how they paid her,” Rogers said. “That’s all they could do. You know, I didn’t get it then, but now I see it. People say that health care is a right not a privilege, but that was actually practicing that.”

Later, while an undergraduate student at FSU, Rogers took a course on Women in Science that opened her eyes to another issue about which she now has strong feelings – gender equality in medicine.

As an FSU medical student, Rogers has taken those feelings and channeled them into action, running for and winning a national election to serve as the medical student representative to the Governing Council of the American Medical Association’s Women Physicians Congress.

One of her first responsibilities was to chair a medical student caucus at the AMA’s Women Physicians Leadership Summit in Chicago this spring.

“It was really cool to sit with 30 other women who have similar values and similar interests and who felt some of the same frustrations as me and feel like maybe I could organize us as a group during the course of the year and make us better leaders,” Rogers said.

“We really want to be participants in organized medicine, and we really want to be listened to with respect for the fact

that women have come so far in the profession.”

In her position with the Women Physicians Congress, Rogers has developed a listserv to help female medical students share ideas regarding fundraising and networking activities, as well as ways to celebrate the AMA’s Women in Medicine month, which was in September.

Developing mentoring opportunities has been another focus.

“We want the mentoring of women physicians who are leaders, but there just aren’t that many,” Rogers said, although she was quick to point out that three of four associate deans at the FSU College of Medicine are women.

The mentoring of female leaders is important, Rogers said, in counterbalancing the gender stereotypes that still exist. For example, she often hears that she should choose a specialty that doesn’t require her to be on call, and in which she can set limited hours so that she can be home with her children (once she has them).

“I’m not struggling through four years of medical school and the boards and graduating with over \$100,000 in debt so I can stay at home with my kids and work 9 to 4,” Rogers said.

In the face of such challenges, Rogers is happy to be at FSU, where medical students, male or female, get plenty of support for their career goals, whatever they may be.



THIRD-YEAR FSU MEDICAL STUDENT KIM RUSCHER-ROGERS IS THE MEDICAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S WOMEN PHYSICIANS CONGRESS.

“The doctors who are affiliated with FSU, they tell me to go into whatever I want,” Rogers said.

Anyone who knows Rogers, knows she will make her own decisions. They also know she’ll excel, no matter what career path she chooses. For Rogers, it’s all a matter of confidence.

“I’ve seen my mother in situations where you have to have confidence to keep a situation under control,” Rogers said. “That’s so key in health care, just being a confident provider, knowing that you keep your knowledge up, knowing that you’ve got skills, knowing that you know who to call when it gets out of your hands. Those things make you a better health-care provider.”

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Myra Hurt: Striving to uncover the molecular basis of cancer

A leading scientific journal has selected a paper co-authored by FSU College of Medicine researcher Myra Hurt, Ph.D., as its paper of the year.

Molecular Biology of the Cell chose the article from all those it published between June 2002 and May 2003.

The paper, “Identification of Genes Periodically Expressed in the Human Cell Cycle and Their Expression in Tumors,” describes collaborative experiments done under lead author Michael Whitfield, Ph.D., a postdoctoral fellow in the Stanford University lab of David Botstien, Ph.D., in Hurt’s lab at FSU, and in the lab of Charles Perou, Ph.D., at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The experiments rely on microarray technology, in which glass slides spotted with 40,000 molecular probes representing all known genes in the human genome are used to assess gene activity in RNA samples prepared from human cells. In the paper, the researchers identified 874 genes across three separate experimental sets that showed variation during cell division.

“This is a first cut at understanding how cells decide to divide, at the genome level,” Hurt said. “Once we understand all of the genes involved, understanding how to control cell growth in tissues where cell growth is deregulated, such as cancer tissue, will become possible. It will be a resource for the entire field engaged in research into the molecular basis of cancer for years to come. And it is just the beginning.”

The research also will have applications to the cell division occurring in normal human development, as well as



MYRA HURT, PH.D., LEADS A RESEARCH TEAM THAT USES CUTTING-EDGE MICROARRAY TECHNOLOGY TO IDENTIFY THE GENES THAT REGULATE CELL GROWTH. BEHIND HURT ARE (L-R) GRADUATE STUDENTS RAED RIZKALLAH AND MAROUN BEYROUTHY AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT BETH ALEXANDER.

the decline of the cell division process that accompanies aging.

Hurt and her team, including graduate student Maroun Beyrouthy and research assistant Beth Alexander, are now in the process of using their unique data sets to identify active genes in the earliest moments after a cell divides. They plan to collect and analyze more than a million data points.

The idea is to identify all the genes that are important in regulating growth.

“This is the cutting edge, and several of our new faculty in the College of Medicine are taking this kind of approach to understanding basic biological questions,” Hurt said.

In addition to being a leading researcher in her field, Hurt is associate dean for student affairs, admissions and outreach at the College of Medicine. She has been involved in medical education at FSU since 1992, when she became director of the Program in Medical Sciences, through which 30 students a year completed their first year of medical

school at FSU and then transferred to the University of Florida for the remainder of their medical education.

As PIMS director, Hurt founded outreach programs designed to create a career pipeline for students who are traditionally underrepresented in medical school. She continues to oversee the expansion of those programs through the College of Medicine. Hurt also has played a key role in the development of the medical school, serving as interim dean when the college was first established and chairing the committee overseeing the planning and development of the new medical school building, which is now under construction.

“Dr. Hurt is remarkable not only for her great scientific mind, but also for her strong leadership skills and her passionate dedication to the well-being of students and to the college’s mission,” said College of Medicine Dean J. Ocie Harris, M.D. “Her influence on this medical school will be felt for many decades to come.”

Alma Littles: When it comes to the medical school's mission, she takes it personally

When Alma Littles, M.D., talks about the health-care needs of Florida's rural, minority and elderly populations, she's not just talking about statistics, she's talking about neighbors, former patients and even family.

Littles, associate dean for academic affairs at the College of Medicine, is all too familiar with the reasons why some people don't get health care when they need it, as well as the tragic and unnecessary consequences.

The youngest of 12 children, 10 of whom survived infancy, Littles' education in the field of health-care access began at a young age. As the child of farm workers in Gadsden County, the state's poorest county, Littles was largely unacquainted with doctors as a small child, although she had a lot of experience with illness.

"I had a nephew who died of jaundice when he was a month old," Littles said, "and I remember a 9-day-old nephew dying at home, and no one really knew why."

In 1974, when Littles was 14, her father died of his second heart attack. He had received no follow-up or preventive care after his first, a fact not lost on his then teenage daughter, who'd already discovered an interest in medicine.

"As I started reading about health and medicine, I was thinking that some of the illnesses these people were dying of really could be preventable," Littles said. "These folks shouldn't just be dying, and if they were getting the care they needed, they probably wouldn't die."

A graduate of the University of Florida College of Medicine, Littles did her family practice residency at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, where she was chief resident. She went on to set up a



ALMA LITTLES, M.D., ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, RIGHT, DISCUSSES PATIENT EDUCATION WITH STANDARDIZED PATIENT JERRY GIESE AND MEDICAL STUDENTS STEPHANIE CRUZ AND LENSEY SCOTT.

solo practice in her hometown of Quincy, 22 miles west of Tallahassee. About 60 percent of her patients there were on Medicaid.

Her exemplary patient care and advocacy earned her the honor of being named Family Physician of the Year in 1993 by the Florida Academy of Family Physicians.

After practicing for seven years in Quincy, Littles decided to go to work full time for the TMH Family Practice Residency Program, which she directed from 1999 until joining the FSU College of Medicine in 2002.

"Even during practice, from the very beginning, I taught at the residency

program in the outpatient clinic and I taught students and residents coming to my own practice," Littles said. "The more I did it, the more I loved it, and the more I wanted to do more of it."

But it wasn't just a love of teaching that drew her to academic medicine. After helping to recruit two of her young protégés to practice in Gadsden County, Littles began to see teaching in a new light.

"I saw it as the ability to influence more patients by actually teaching more doctors to go out to do what I had been doing, rather than continuing to make the smaller impact I was able to do as a solo physician," Littles said.

When FSU created a medical school in Tallahassee, Littles saw it as a place where she could reach out to larger numbers of future doctors.

“And then, the mission of the medical school pretty much mirrors my personal and professional mission in terms of what I’d like to be a part of helping to accomplish,” Littles said. “And that is helping provide better health care to populations of patients who don’t ordinarily get it in the typical American health care system.”

That overriding goal is still Littles’ driving force, even though she no longer enjoys the kind of daily patient contact she once had.

“I still see it on a very personal level,” said Littles, who continues to live in Quincy.

The good news is that Gadsden County now has more health-care providers, as well as new services such as a dialysis center, where Littles’ 85-year-old mother receives treatment that was once unavailable in town.

The bad news is that babies are still dying in Gadsden County at a higher rate than anywhere else in the state. And just as before, Littles is no stranger to the problem.

“A couple years ago I had a 2-month-old great-nephew die of SIDS, so to speak, but this was a 2-month-old who, for whatever reasons, hadn’t really seen the doctor since he was born, so who knows what happened,” Littles said.

“I guess a lot has changed, but there’s still a long way to go.”



ALMA LITTLES, M.D., WAS JOINED BY HER MOTHER, MATTIE MAE BROWN, AT LITTLES’ INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS IN 1999.

Bringing pediatric services to Gadsden County

Pediatric care for uninsured patients may soon be offered in Gretna, Fla., an underserved community in Gadsden County, through an exciting new collaboration involving FSU medical students and Florida A&M University nursing students.

Medical school faculty and students are working with the Gadsden County Health Department, the FAMU School of Nursing, Big Bend Area Health Education Center, FSU Community Medical Outreach and the medical school’s Pediatric Interest Group to bring pediatric services to the Gretna Wellness Center, where FAMU’s nursing school currently provides adult primary-care services.

The planned pediatric clinic will be partly supported by more than \$70,000 in proceeds from the 2003 FSU Dance Marathon. The largest student-run philanthropy on the FSU campus, Dance Marathon raises money for pediatric programs, including Children’s Miracle Network and the FSU College of Medicine’s pediatric outreach efforts.

“We’ve had several meetings with all of the parties involved and worked out a lot of the details,” said Alma Littles, M.D., one of the faculty members working on the plans for the pediatric clinic. “This is a very exciting project, and the cooperation from everyone involved has been wonderful. We’re grateful for the support from Dance Marathon, which is providing us the means to go forward.”

WOMEN FACULTY, MEDICAL STUDENTS COME TOGETHER

FSU medical students celebrated the American Medical Association’s Women in Medicine Month with a dinner Sept. 15.

The medical student chapters of the AMA and the American Medical Women’s Association sponsored the event, which was attended by 90 percent of FSU’s full-time women faculty and students. Guest speakers included Jan Shepherd, M.D., Alma Littles, M.D., Myra Hurt, Ph.D., Ellen Berkowitz, M.D., Elena Reyes, Ph.D., and Jacqueline Lloyd, M.D.

Each faculty member relayed her thoughts and experiences as a woman in the health-care field. Students and faculty also played a trivia game inspired by the AMA’s current statistics poll of women physicians.

“Fact after fact emphasized that disparities still exist between male and female physicians in the work place even today,” said AMWA Chapter President Shannon Price.

Yet, women physicians’ gains have been substantial, and the trend is clearly in their favor. While women make up only 25 percent of all U.S. physicians, they account for 40 percent of all residents and fellows.

The AMA’s theme for Women in Medicine Month was “Strength Through Diversity,” and Shepherd noted that the theme was well suited to FSU’s student population.

“What struck me at the Women in Medicine dinner was the diversity of our group,” Shepherd said. “With all this diversity though, the women are united in their uniquely feminine energy, and that was very evident at the dinner, a warm and womanly event.”

Shepherd, education director for obstetrics/gynecology, said several women students approached her afterward to say that the evening had been an inspiration to them.

Regional Campuses

FSU President T.K. Wetherell visits medical school's Pensacola campus

Florida State University President T.K. Wetherell visited the FSU Regional Medical School Campus – Pensacola Aug. 21.

Wetherell was in Pensacola to speak to the Greater Pensacola Seminole Club's Emeritus Luncheon and visited the Pensacola campus to tour the facility, meet the staff, and talk with Campus Dean Paul McLeod, M.D.

"I was pleased to meet the staff of the Pensacola regional medical school campus and see how well our operations are going," Wetherell said. "It's my hope that hospitals in the area will take a look at what's happening in Taylor and Jackson counties and

consider providing scholarships to local students who want to practice medicine in or near their hometowns."

In addition to discussing local scholarship opportunities, Wetherell was briefed by McLeod on the students' experiences in their rotations, the impact of the college on the region, and the technology used by faculty and students while in physicians' offices and at the local hospitals.

"It was a great opportunity for our campus to host President Wetherell in Pensacola," McLeod said. "His genuine interest in our mission was apparent, as was his full support of the goals of the college."



PAUL MCLEOD, M.D., DEAN OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL'S PENSACOLA CAMPUS, LEFT, DISCUSSES THE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THIRD- AND FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS WITH FSU PRESIDENT T.K. WETHERELL, PH.D.

Pensacola campus participates in Heart Walk

Pensacola campus medical students, staff, clerkship directors, and clerkship faculty and their office staff participated in the Sept. 27 American Heart Walk, raising more than \$1,100 for the American Heart Association.

Walkers included Emergency Medicine Clerkship Director Mark Stavros, M.D., and his family (foreground), medical students Ajay Mhatre (standing, fifth from right) and Kim Ruscher-Rogers (standing, third from right), Student Support Coordinator Chiquita Henderson (standing, fourth from right), and Campus Dean Paul McLeod, M.D. (far right).



Development of Sarasota Regional Medical School Campus Underway

With three new regional medical school campuses now up and running in Orlando, Pensacola and Tallahassee, the FSU College of Medicine has begun preliminary development of its fourth campus in Sarasota.

The medical school has signed an affiliation agreement with Sarasota Memorial Hospital and has begun working to identify local physicians who want to teach third- and fourth-year medical students. Eventually, as many as 20 third-year students and 20 fourth-year students will be assigned to

the Sarasota campus at any given time.

Plans are to assign the first group of students to the FSU Regional Medical School Campus – Sarasota in 2005 for two years of clinical training in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatry, surgery and emergency medicine, as well as a variety of fourth-year electives.

Students from the school's existing regional campuses will be able to take some fourth-year electives in Sarasota beginning in the

summer of 2004, said College of Medicine Dean J. Ocie Harris, M.D.

The medical school has not yet identified a site in Sarasota for the campus facility, which will be similar to the 5,000-square-foot regional campus facilities in Orlando, Pensacola and Tallahassee.

Medical school officials met with administrators and medical staff from Sarasota Memorial June 19 to discuss FSU's innovative, community-based approach to medical education.

"We had a lot of interest and were very well-received," Harris said. "Certainly, I think that gives us the impression that we will be able to establish a really outstanding program there in Sarasota."

Sarasota Memorial Hospital CEO Duncan Finlay, M.D., said the hospital's medical staff is very excited about the development of the FSU College of Medicine's Sarasota campus. "We believe it will benefit our patients, physicians and clinical staff," Finlay said.

2003-2004 Scholarship Recipients

E.C. & Tillie Allen Endowed Scholarship

Jason Acosta
Shazia Asif
David Bojan
Sandra Brafford
Jason Buseman
Fawn Grigsby
Manuel Herrera
Anthony Mills
Courtney Nall
Joseph Rousso
Erica Stich
Esther Vildor

Charlotte E. Maguire, M.D., Endowed Scholarship

Mark Bochey
Robert Duarte
Griffin Gaines
Roberto Gonzalez
Luis Izquierdo
Marie Jeoboam
Bina Patel
Melissa Smith
Karen Wallace

John A. Johnson, M.D., Scholarship

Hope Mitchell

College of Medicine Academic Excellence Scholarship

Robin Albritton

Friends of the College of Medicine Scholarship

Danielle Bass

Terry Linn Cole, M.D. Scholarship

Marie Jeoboam

Rajesh and Sharda Patel Endowed Scholarship

Adam Langley

Michael J. Kowalski Endowed Scholarship

Robin Albritton
Brian Gibson
Kevin Raville

Janice Snowden Phillips Endowed Scholarship

Marla Mickel
Jessica Suber

Durell Peaden Scholarship

Adam Langley

Allen Michael Jorge, M.D., Scholarship

Stephanie Cruz
Chad Krisel
Sandy Ruiz
Christopher Sundstrom
Erin Connelly

Edward C. Klatt, M.D., Scholarship

Michael Hernandez
Alex Ho

James Fling Scholarship

Sady Armada
Batyr Boulibekov
Jason Rocha

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Pfizer Foundation supports medical school's outreach, research programs

From rural high school students throughout Florida to families living in poverty in outlying areas of Haiti and Panama, many people will benefit from a \$223,000 gift from the Pfizer Foundation Inc. to the Florida State University College of Medicine.

"The FSU College of Medicine is committed to supporting programs that expand health-care access, and we are pleased to have Pfizer as our partner in this effort," said Dr. J. Ocie Harris, dean of the medical school.

"This grant from the Pfizer Foundation also will support research that will shed light on why some low-income populations don't achieve the same results from their medical care as higher-income populations."

A new initiative that brings rural high school students from throughout the state to FSU during the summer to learn about medical careers is among the programs benefiting from the gift.

In addition, teachers in rural and urban underserved schools will get training and continuing education that will enable them to conduct in-school science electives as part of the medical school's SSTRIDE outreach program, which is designed to channel students from medically underserved rural and inner-city populations into medical school.

The funds also will support FSUCares, a medical student

organization dedicated to addressing unmet medical needs, both locally and abroad. The Pfizer Foundation's gift will enable more than 150 medical students to participate in international medical missions to Haiti and Panama over the next three years.

"The Pfizer Foundation is pleased to support the committed men and women at the Florida State University College of Medicine who are reaching out to help patients in need find a better quality of life," said Chuck Hardwick, president of the Pfizer Foundation and senior vice president, worldwide government and public affairs, Pfizer Inc.

"We expect this to be the beginning of a partnership that will benefit many future physicians and medical students in the years to come."

In addition to these outreach efforts, Pfizer is funding research at the medical school that seeks to determine how patients' health literacy affects whether they take their medications properly and whether they succeed in managing their illness. The study will focus on diabetic Medicaid and Medicare patients in the Florida Panhandle.

April Vuong, Pharm.D., is conducting the study, which will take place at the health departments in Madison and Jefferson counties.

"If we determine that a relationship exists between



FSU MEDICAL STUDENT NICK SEELIGER LISTENS TO A BABY'S HEART AT A CLINIC IN PALMAS BELLAS, PANAMA, ONE OF THREE SITES VISITED BY MEDICAL STUDENTS AND FACULTY PARTICIPATING IN THE 2003 FSUCARES SPRING BREAK MEDICAL MISSION.

literacy and health outcomes, our goal in the end will be to develop teaching materials for these patients that would be better suited to their reading ability," Vuong said.

While a pharmacy student at the University of Florida, Vuong was the recipient of the Pfizer Consumer Healthcare Nonprescription Drug Therapy Award.

The Pfizer Foundation Inc. is an independent charitable foundation established by Pfizer Inc. in 1953. The Foundation's mission is to promote access to quality health care and education, to nurture innovation and to support the community involvement of Pfizer people.

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CHUCK HARDWICK
PRESIDENT
PFIZER FOUNDATION INC.

College of Medicine mourns E.C. Allen

The FSU College of Medicine is mourning the loss of E.C. Allen, who along with his wife Tillie was one of the school's first major benefactors.

Two years before the Florida Legislature approved FSU's medical school during the 2000 session, the Allens established the E.C. and Tillie Allen College of Medicine Endowment with a \$1 million gift, which they made contingent upon the Legislature's action.

E.C. Allen at that time called the new medical school to be established at FSU "a plus for all concerned" and expressed confidence that the school would generate new physicians to serve Florida's elderly, rural and other medically underserved populations.

"This is an opportunity to be a part of something that will be so much appreciated by many in our community," E.C. Allen said. "It will mean so much for the city and our citizens to have these kinds of medical services available."

The Allens have remained strong supporters of the medical school since then. Last May, Tillie Allen attended the White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2007, the third class to enroll in the college.

"The Allens were among the first to recognize the impact FSU's College of Medicine would have on health care in Florida, and they stepped right up to support it, as they did with so many good causes," said College of Medicine Dean J. Ocie Harris, M.D. "E.C. Allen will always hold a special place in the history of this medical school, and our medical students will continue to benefit from the scholarship fund he and Tillie established with their endowment."

The Allens' generosity has been bestowed on numerous organizations, as well as church and civic projects in Leon County. Among the organizations they have supported is the Southern Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships

to college students in the form of rent-free housing. One of the foundation's houses is designated for FSU medical students.

Having started out as a carpenter's helper for his father in Meigs, Ga., E.C. Allen went on to earn a degree in commerce from FSU in 1948. He worked for 13 years as an accountant before entering the mobile home business.

His company, Mobile Home Industries, became the nation's largest mobile home dealer in the 1970s.

According to the *Tallahassee Democrat*, E.C. Allen was fond of saying, "The harder I work, the luckier I get."

After a long battle with Parkinson's disease, Allen passed away Oct. 11 at the age of 81.



E.C. AND TILLIE ALLEN WERE AMONG THE FIRST SUPPORTERS OF THE FSU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, ESTABLISHING A \$1 MILLION ENDOWMENT TWO YEARS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE CREATED THE COLLEGE.

Chatlos Foundation supports videoconferencing system linking medical school campuses

Medical students and practicing physicians at the medical school's regional campuses in Orlando, Pensacola and Tallahassee will be connected this fall through a new video teleconferencing system paid for with support from the Chatlos Foundation.

A \$30,000 grant from the Leewood, Fla.-based foundation has provided the funding for the FSU Regional Medical School Campus – Orlando to outfit its conference room with all the necessary equipment, including a video camera, flat screen video monitors, and an audio system.

"This generous gift from the Chatlos Foundation will allow our students to take advantage of medical presentations that take place anywhere in the state, not only on our main campus in Tallahassee, but anywhere," said Anthony Costa, M.D., dean of the Orlando campus.

"Teleconferencing is one of many technologies that are critical to the implementation of FSU's community-based, decentralized model of medical education."

The system also will enable the Orlando campus to originate telecasts to the medical school's other regional campuses or the main campus.

"There are a lot of physicians in Orlando, and some are statewide and national experts in their field, so it's critical for us to have the ability to share their expertise with people on the other clinical campuses," Costa said.

The videoconferencing system will be used most heavily in Doctoring 3, a course in which third-year students spend half a day each week attending a lecture, reviewing a case in a specific topic and discussing how the topic relates to what

they've seen on their clinical rotations.

"One of the things we've talked about is how to avoid losing track of the basic science in years three and four, and that's difficult to do in Orlando because we don't have the anatomists, physiologists, neuroscientists and other basic scientists," Costa said. "With videoconferencing, we will be able to draw on basic science experts from the main FSU campus and elsewhere."

The system also will be used for faculty development and continuing medical education programs, which will benefit the community physicians who serve as faculty at FSU's regional medical school campuses.

The Chatlos Foundation was founded in 1953 by William Chatlos. The foundation supports nonprofit organizations around the world.

Student Activities

Interest Groups

The newly formed **Geriatric Interest Group (GIG)**, an interdisciplinary student organization consisting of students and faculty from various colleges and departments throughout FSU, held its first event, the GIG Hoe-Down, Oct. 24. Activities included a barbecue, bonfire, and hay rides. Adam Langley is president and Anne Gunderson, A.R.N.P., is faculty advisor.

Under the guidance of faculty advisor Charles Ouimet Ph.D., FSU medical students formed the 123rd medical school chapter of the **Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN)**. The mission of SIGN is to foster medical student interest in neurology by providing opportunities for students to participate in clinical, research and service activities in neurology, to increase students' neurologic knowledge, and to create interest in the American Academy of Neurology. Michael Worley Jr. is president.

Students have formed the **Surgery and Anesthesia Group (SAG)**, whose activities will include shadowing experiences with local surgeons, guest speakers, monthly meetings and a suture clinic. Matt Henry is president, and Ed Bradley, M.D., is group facilitator.

AMSA

The American Medical Student Association cel-

ebrated National Primary Care Week in October. The week included a variety of events including basic yoga instruction, a dinner discussion on global health issues and a mini-health fair for incarcerated women.

SNMA

The **Student National Medical Association** sponsored a donation drive in partnership with the Homeless Coalition during the month of October. The organization collected goods such as towels, clothes and personal hygiene items. The group also welcomed Elena Rios, M.D., M.S.P.H., president of the National Hispanic Medical Association, which represents Hispanic physicians in the United States, and chief executive officer of Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools Inc. In conjunction with FSUCares, SNMA will offer flu shots for migrant workers.

FSUCares

More than 200 runners and walkers turned out for the 2nd Annual **FSUCares** 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run Oct. 18. **FSUCares**, a medical student organization devoted to local and international medical outreach, will use the proceeds (estimated as of race day to be about \$10,000) to support its student members in their mission to offer medical, health education and counseling services to those who lack access to care. The organization works with local migrant farmers

through mobile clinics, conducts preventive screenings at a local homeless shelter, and is working with the Apalachee Ridge community on a project that puts residents in touch with their doctors via e-mail. In the spring of 2004, members will participate in their third annual international medical mission to villages in Panama. The students spend a week providing medical care to local villagers while learning about international medicine and public health, as well as being exposed to a foreign language and culture.

Honors & Awards

Danielle Bass and Stephen Patrick served on planning committees for the June American Medical Association – Medical Student Section Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Kyle Moyles was elected to the Florida Medical Association – Medical Student Section Governing Council.

Sachin Parikh received the Sanford A. Mullen Award given out by the Florida Medical Association – Medical Student Section to a medical student who exemplifies outstanding community service throughout the state.

Master Sgt. Kevin Raville, a member of the inaugural class of the FSU College of Medicine, has returned from active duty in Iraq and has begun his third-year rotations in Orlando. As reported in the last issue of *The Best Medicine*, Raville was called to active duty in the Persian Gulf, where he was serving with other Pararescue Jumpers from Patrick Air Force Base.

Kim Ruscher-Rogers won the 2003 Florida Medical Association Foundation Scholarship of \$5,000.

The Florida Medical Association Alliance presented a check for \$1,170 to the FSU College of Medicine at the FMA annual meeting in Hollywood, Fla. The funds are to be used at the discretion of the Division of Student Affairs to support medical students and their activities.

The medical school kickball team, the Scrubs, won the FSU intramural championship this summer.

Presentations & Publications

Scott Brotherton co-authored "Induction of endogenous telomerase (hTERT) by c-Myc in WI-38 fibroblasts transformed with specific genetic elements," in the journal, *Gene*. The article was based on research he participated in as an undergraduate student at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

Sachin Parikh was a co-presenter with T. Hanakawa, M.K. Bruno and M. Hallett of a poster titled, "Cortical Representations of Ipsilateral and Contralateral Finger and Facial Movement: A Functional MRI Study," at the ninth annual meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping in New York in July. Hanakawa is a researcher in the Human Motor Control Section of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke at the National Institutes of Health. Parikh worked in Hanakawa's lab during the summer between his first and second years of medical school.

Outreach Programs

Rural high school students RIPE for medical careers

Erika O'Neil has long known that she wanted to study medicine, but at 18 her exposure to the field was still somewhat limited.

"Although I am interested in pediatrics, I also wanted to explore other avenues in medicine," O'Neil said.

The 2003 Niceville High School graduate recently got a chance to live out her wish as one of 14 participants in a new one-week program called Rural Introduction to Pre-medical Education (RIPE) held June 22-28 at the FSU College of Medicine.

RIPE is for rural high school students interested in pursuing a medical career. The summer program gives students like O'Neil the chance to participate in American Red Cross training, SAT preparation, physician shadowing and diabetes training and screening. The residential program, designed in partnership with Big Bend Area Health Education Center, is open to students in rural areas all over Florida.

"RIPE will definitely open kids' eyes and help them determine if they want to become a doctor," said O'Neil, who is now attending Florida State as a pre-med student.

Besides shadowing doctors and inspecting new medical technology, students were able to experience life as a college student.

"They got a chance to stay in dormitories and see how college students have to manage their time and make it from one activity to another," said Gwendolyn Ford, the

medical school's director of community and rural outreach.

Aklesh Katel, a recent graduate of Leon High School, hopes to become a surgeon and says that RIPE helped guide her.

"The SSTRIDE mentors told me things I needed to know about college, being a pre-med student and also as a medical student," Katel said.

"I think RIPE is a good way to learn things in a different way. It's not like being in school having a teacher teach you something," she said. "You are exposed to the environment and get first-hand experience."

O'Neil would like to see RIPE expand.

"I think it would be a good opportunity because kids have so many questions and to be able to have them answered in a one-on-one atmosphere while receiving hands-on experience is wonderful," she said.

In fact, Ford hopes to do just that.

"Next year we are planning a three-week program instead, so this will give the students more time to learn not only about the College of Medicine but also Florida State."

In addition, the medical school is expanding its primary outreach program, Science Students Together Reaching Instructional Diversity & Excellence (SSTRIDE), which was started in Leon County under FSU's Program in Medical Sciences in 1994. SSTRIDE offers a



NICEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE ERIKA O'NEIL, RIGHT, AND TAYLOR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT JARED BRADSHAW LEARNED AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST-AID SKILLS THIS SUMMER THROUGH THE RURAL INTRODUCTION TO PREMEDICAL EDUCATION (RIPE) PROGRAM.

mixture of hands-on and classroom experience.

With support from Big Bend AHEC and Doctors' Memorial Hospital, SSTRIDE expanded to Taylor County last year.

This year the program has expanded to Madison County, and in partnership with West Florida AHEC, to Okaloosa County. Plans call for introducing the program to Gadsden and Jackson counties next.

"A lot of these students don't have the idea that they can move forward to a community college, let alone to a four-year institution," Ford said. "We are here to guide them with an overall look at what lies ahead of them if they are interested in pursuing college or a career in medicine or health."

—Eboney Rudolph

High school students interested in participating in next year's RIPE summer program can apply from January through mid-April of 2004. For information on how to apply, contact Gwendolyn Ford at:

gwendolyn.ford@med.fsu.edu

Faculty Achievements

Publications

Robert Brooks, M.D., co-authored "Surveillance Results from the First West Nile Virus Transmission Season in Florida" in the *American Journal of Tropical Medicine Hygiene*.

Robert Brooks, M.D. co-authored "Advancing End-of-Life Care: Lessons Learned from a Statewide Panel" in the *Journal of Palliative Medicine*.

Edward Bradley, M.D., wrote an editorial titled, "Abdominal Colectomy as a Treatment of Slow Transit Constipation," for the *Formosan Journal of Surgery*.

Edward Bradley, M.D., co-authored two articles in the journal *Pancreas*: "Management of Acute Idiopathic Recurrent Pancreatitis" and "Autoimmune Pancreatitis: Does it exist?"

Edward Bradley, M.D., wrote the chapter, "Acute Pancreatitis: Stratification of Severity and Definitions for Clinical Practice," in *Clinical Pancreatology* (in press).

Kenneth Brummel-Smith, M.D., co-authored "Use of the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Program in Oregon Nursing Facilities: Beyond Resuscitation Status," submitted for publication in *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.

Kenneth Brummel-Smith, M.D. has accepted co-editorship of *Reichel's Care of the Elderly*, 6th edition.

Antonio Crespo, M.D., co-authored "Group B Streptococcal Endocarditis in Obstetric and Gynecologic Practice" in *Infectious Diseases in Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

Adam Golden, M.D., co-authored a book chapter titled, "Cancer Screening and Prevention in the Older Cancer Patient," for the text, *The Older Cancer Patient: a Guide for Nurses and Related Professionals*.

Adam Golden, M.D., authored "Medications Used to Treat Anorexia in the Frail Elderly" in the *American Journal of Therapeutics*.

Anne Gunderson, M.S.N., A.P.N., and John Tomkowiak, M.D., co-authored "Development of an Instrument to Measure Health Professionals' Hopes and Beliefs about the Elderly" with S. Robinson and R. Rosher in *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*.

Suzanne Bennett Johnson, Ph.D., co-authored "Prevention Opportunities in Health Care Settings" in the journal *American Psychologist*.

Suzanne Bennett Johnson co-authored a chapter on Diabetes Mellitus in the *Handbook of Clinical Health Psychology*.

Mohamed Kabbaj, Ph.D., co-authored an article titled, "Methamphetamine Differentially Regulates Hippocampal Glucocorticoid and Mineralocorticoid Receptor mRNAs in Fisher and Lewis Rats," in the journal, *Molecular Brain Research*. The paper was the result of collaboration among

the department of biomedical sciences at the FSU College of Medicine, the department of psychology at the University of Florida and the department of psychiatry at Tokohu University in Japan.

Gerry Maitland, M.D., co-authored "The Effects of Balance Training and High Intensity Resistance Training on Persons with Idiopathic Parkinson's Disease" in *Archives of Physical Medical Rehabilitation*.

Gerry Maitland, M.D., co-authored "Attentional Demands of Executing Compensatory Postural Reactions: Age Related Differences in Neuromuscular Strategies" in *Motor Control* (in press).

Charles Thompson, M.D., co-authored "Pseudo Aneurysm of the Aortic Arch after Aortosubclavian Bypass Treated with Endoluminal Stent Grafting – A Case Report" in *Vascular and Endovascular Surgery*.

Presentations

Edward L. Bradley, M.D., gave two presentations during the XXIV annual course, Mexican Society in Mexicali, Mexico, Sept. 26-27. The presentations dealt with surgical intervention in severe acute pancreatitis and a new look at the surgical therapy of pancreatic adenocarcinoma.

Edward Bradley, M.D., gave three presentations at the Chilean Surgical Society, Santiago, Chile, Oct. 3-4. The three topics dealt with instrumentation in severe acute pancreatitis, surgical techniques in necrotizing pancreatitis and optimizing therapy for pancreatic pseudocyst.

Kenneth Brummel-Smith, M.D., gave two presentations to the Florida Geriatrics Society in July:

"Falls and Hip Fractures in the Older Adult" and "End-of-life Care: How to Talk About It."

Kenneth Brummel-Smith gave two presentations at the UCLA Geriatric Board Review course in Del Ray, Calif., in September. The presentations were on rehabilitation and rehabilitation case discussions.

Jeff Chicola, M.D., presented "Causative Agents and Antimicrobial Treatment for Sinus Infections" at A Day of Continuing Education in Clinical Laboratory Sciences presented by the University of West Florida Medical Technology Program and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, Oct. 11.

Anthony J. Costa, M.D., presented "Depression in Family Medicine Faculty" at the research forum at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine in Atlanta.

John Fleming, M.D., Ariel Cole, M.D., and the geriatric department at Florida Hospital's Family Practice Residency presented "Health Concerns Facing Older Women, featuring the 'Olden Girls'" at the Sept. 25, Interdisciplinary Continuing Education Series.

Anne Gunderson, M.S.N., A.P.N., was the invited speaker for the Florida Association of Rehabilitation Nurses in April. Her topic was "Facilitating Behavioral Change."

Donna Jacobi, M.D., presented "End-of-life Care," Sept. 2 at West Florida Hospital, Pensacola.

Suzanne Bennett Johnson, Ph.D., presented "Medical Regimen Adherence and Health Status: Lessons Learned" as the keynote address at the 3rd Biennial Niagara Conference on Evidence-Based Treatments for Childhood and Adolescent Mental Health Problems in

July. She also presented "Adherence Assessment and Promotion in Medically Ill Children" at an invited workshop during the conference.

Suzanne Bennett Johnson, Ph.D., presented "Helping Families Manage Childhood Diabetes" for Grand Rounds at The Children's Hospital of Buffalo in July.

Joan Y. Meek, M.D., was the featured speaker for a nationwide, live teleconference, "Breastfeeding Support in Action: Changing Clinical Practice," sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Georgia State WIC Department in September.

Edward Shahady, M.D., presented the following topics to the Lebanese Society of Family Medicine in Beirut, Lebanon, in September: "Exercise as Medication," "Adolescent Sports Medicine," and "Adolescent Obesity."

Edward Shahady, M.D., presented "Planning for Retirement," to the American Academy of Family Physicians at the annual scientific assembly in New Orleans. He also held three workshops on musculoskeletal problems with the knee, hand and wrist.

David Steele, Ph.D., made two presentations at the 36th annual meeting of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Sept. 20-24, in Atlanta. They were: "Family Medicine Curriculum Resource Project," and "Activating Learners to Make the Most of Their Preceptorship Experiences," for which Dennis Baker, Ph.D., was a co-presenter.

Curtis Stine, M.D., gave a presentation on "The 'Promise' of Primary Care Medical Schools" as part of the Theme Day presentation on "Student Interest in Family Medicine:

Current Status and Strategies for Success," at the annual meeting of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine in Atlanta, Sept. 21.

Daniel Tambunan, M.D., spoke at the American Academy of Family Physicians annual scientific assembly in October on the topics of "Venous Thromboembolism" and "Hepatitis ABC & DEG."

Service

Dennis Baker, Ph.D., has been appointed as the rising chair of the Group on Educational Professionals in Family Medicine for the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM). This group works to facilitate working partnerships between non-physician medical educators and physicians in departments of family medicine.

Kenneth Brummel-Smith, M.D., was elected chair of the Florida At-Risk Drivers Advisory Council.

Anthony J. Costa, M.D., Orlando campus dean, served as a moderator for "Minorities Health Disparities Summit — Healing Our Community through Partnerships." This meeting was convened in Orlando on Sept. 27 by Rep. Bruce Antone (House District 39).

Chris Edwards, M.D., completed his tenure as chief of staff of Health Central Hospital in Ocoee, Fla., having served for four years.

Manning Hanline, Jr., M.D., was elected as representative to the Governor's Advisory Council of the Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians - Florida Society of Internal Medicine.

Richard Hornick, M.D., has been reappointed for a second, three-year period to the Accreditation Committee

of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).

Suzanne Bennett Johnson, Ph.D., was appointed to the U.S. National Committee for the International Union of Psychological Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences for 2003-2005.

Joan Y. Meek, MD, has been re-elected as the chair-elect of the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners at the fall board of directors meeting. Dr. Meek will also chair the committee that prepares the board certification examination for lactation consultants.

Randolph Rill, Ph.D., was reappointed to the executive committee and board of directors of the American Cancer Society, Florida Division Inc., for 2003-2004.

Edward Shahady, M.D., was elected President of the Florida Academy of Family Physicians Foundation in July.

Eugene Trowers, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., was appointed to the Leon County Primary Healthcare Advisory Board.

Honors & Awards

John Bailey, D.O., received the Iris Award of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill for service and advocacy on behalf of the mentally ill.

Myra Hurt, Ph.D., co-authored "Identification of Genes Periodically Expressed in the Human Cell Cycle and Their Expression in Tumors," which was chosen as Paper of the Year by the journal, *Molecular Biology of the Cell*. Hurt's graduate student, Maroun Beyrouthy, and research assistant, Beth Alexander, also were listed as co-authors of the paper. Lead author was Michael Whitfield, Ph.D., of Stanford University.

DEAR PIMS ALUMNI,

We at the FSU College of Medicine consider the Program in Medical Sciences to be our foundation.

The ideals and goals of PIMS live on in the medical school, and we want to share with all of our PIMS alumni the pride we feel in carrying on the great traditions in medical education begun at FSU in 1971.

To kick off our newly formed Alumni Association, we've planned a series of reunions for the first three months of 2004. So that PIMS alumni all over the state can attend, we have planned events for Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota and Tallahassee. The dates and locations of these events are on the back page of this newsletter.



I look forward to catching up with the many Florida physicians who began their medical education at FSU. You are, and will always be, an important part of the FSU College of Medicine family.

Sincerely,

Myra Hurt, Ph.D.
Director, PIMS (1992-2001)
Associate Dean, College of Medicine

Calendar/Events

DEADLINE FOR 2004 APPLICATIONS

December 1, 2003

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS HOLIDAY RECEPTION

December 5
3-7 p.m.
Home of Drs. Myra and Julian Hurt, Tallahassee

EARLY ORIENTATION CLASS OF 2008

April 16, 2004

END-OF-YEAR GALA

April 30, 2004
7 p.m.
University Center Club
FSU Campus, Tallahassee

PROGRAM IN MEDICAL SCIENCES (PIMS) ALUMNI REUNIONS

Tallahassee

Saturday, January 24, 2004
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
FSU Regional Medical School
Campus - Tallahassee
3331 Capital Oaks Drive

Orlando

Saturday, February 7, 2004
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
FSU Regional Medical School
Campus - Orlando
415 Briercliff Drive

Pensacola

Saturday, March 27, 2004
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
FSU Regional Medical School
Campus - Pensacola
8880 University Parkway

Sarasota

TBA

For more information, contact
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FSU MEDICAL STUDENT ZACH ELMIR PREPARES TO SET THE PACE AT THE START OF THE SECOND ANNUAL FSUCARES 5K. THE EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR MEDICAL OUTREACH PROJECTS.

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