I hope this newsletter finds all of you enjoying the fall weather. In August we had our annual Faculty Appreciation Dinner and once again, the event was spectacular and, tremendously supported by our faculty. I was able to share updates on the status of a few of our 80+ graduates. We have several of our graduates coming back or planning to come back to practice in our community in the near future.

While it is way too early to say, I believe we will be successful to the mission of the Florida State University College of Medicine. To what do we owe our success to date? The first debt is owed to our community physicians, clinical faculty and community partners who dedicate their time, energy, knowledge and resources to train our students. You have proven emphatically that our community model of educating medical students can be very successful. Our graduates succeed at the highest levels of medical academia when they are finished with their training in Daytona Beach. The patients and staff of our community faculty have also been significant in contributing to the success of our campus. Patients have graciously allowed our students to work alongside their doctors to make our students the best patient-centered residents/physicians in the country (my blatantly biased opinion).

A recent example of the tremendous accomplishments of our young campus recently hit home to me. Dr. Kendall Riley (Class of 2011) drove all the way down from Gainesville to spend time talking with our students. Kendall is a graduate of Spruce Creek High School. She attended UF for her undergraduate degree. Kendall graduated from the Florida State University College of Medicine after spending the last two years of her clinical training at our campus. She is currently in the final year of her Pediatrics Residency at UF in Gainesville and was selected to be a Chief Resident in UF Pediatrics at the conclusion of her residency. She would like to return to our community to practice in the future. I sincerely hope that happens. Regardless of where Kendall practices, she will carry with her the model of exemplary patient-centered medical care imprinted on her by the patients, staff and faculty of the Florida State University College of Medicine Daytona Beach Campus. I can think of nothing greater to report at this time.

Sincerely,

Luckey Dunn, M.D.
Daytona Beach Regional Campus Dean
All-Faculty Fiesta

On August 22, Daytona Beach Regional Campus faculty were honored at the annual All Faculty Fiesta sponsored by SunTrust Bank. After a time of mingling with colleagues, FSU students and FSU alumni, the faculty were honored by Dr. John P. Fogarty, Dean of the FSU College of Medicine. Dr. Fogarty emphasized that faculty play a vital role in the success FSU students have in residency and beyond. Dr. Luckey Dunn, Daytona Beach Regional Campus Dean, illustrated this success by giving updates on each of the graduating classes. Dr. Stephen Viel, Class of 2009, spoke of his experience in residency and his decision to return to practice in Daytona Beach.

We sincerely thank the Daytona Beach Regional Campus faculty for their continued commitment to the education of our medical students!

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY FACULTY EDUCATOR AWARD

This award is given to a physician for exemplary achievement in meeting student educational needs, working collaboratively, dedication to the curriculum principles and enthusiasm for teaching.

2013 recipient
M. Yousuf Hasan, M.D.
Pediatrics

2013 recipient
Lindsey Johnson, M.D.
Pediatrics

GUARDIAN OF THE MISSION COMMUNITY FACULTY AWARD

This award is given to a physician whose activities have furthered the college’s mission to “educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority and underserved populations.”

2013 recipient Joanne Saxour, M.D.
Family Medicine
All-Faculty Photos
On August 25, FSU Daytona Beach medical students planned and implemented the Fall Back Into Health Community Fair in midtown Daytona Beach at the Center for Civic Engagement. The event was held in partnership with the local Bethune-Cookman University’s Odessa Chambliss Center for Health Equity.

Fourth-year Daytona Beach Campus students Ankita Patel, Avani Patel and Sweta Sengupta planned the event with the goal of promoting health education and health empowerment in the local community. Planning started in May with the procurement of an AMA Section Improvement Grant. The event was planned in collaboration with the local Advertising and PR Manager of Florida Health Care Plans, Elizabeth “Bissy” Holden, and Bethune-Cookman University’s Director of the Wellness Center, Dr. Diana Lee. At the event both FSU medical students and Bethune-Cookman nursing students helped provide screenings for BMI, blood pressure, blood glucose and health education. In addition to free health screenings, vision testing was provided by Tomoka Vision Center, yoga demonstrations were provided by Renew Yoga, and smoking cessation, STD prevention and education courtesy of the Volusia Health Department. Halifax OBGYN provided a table on women’s health education. In addition, students from Palmer Chiropractic also donated their time.

It was great to see the local community come together and support FSU College of Medicine students. We hope to make the Fall Back Into Health Community Fair an annual event.
The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) recognizes medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.”

2013 Recipients from Daytona Beach Campus

Matthew Clark
Keerti Dantuluri
John Thomas

After numerous campus visits and a campus ranking process, the Daytona Beach Class of 2016 has been announced. We look forward to meeting you in July 2014!

Congratulations to third-year student Nicole Dillow, and her husband, Jeremiah, on the birth of their son, Levi. He was born September 14. According to Nicole, “He is absolutely perfect!”
Roddy Mays, Lisa Musto, James Musto and I are taking a breather. We have been pushing kids into waves for the past 3 hours at today’s surfers for autism event in Flagler Beach. There is a family with a young boy, maybe 4, he can’t stand three feet tall. He is crying big ol’ crocodile tears and latching onto his parents. He does not want to get into the water. His parents had made a decision to try something different. They brought their son to this event. They gave it a shot.

They took a step.

I can’t even imagine the constant frustration the parents must feel always hoping something will help, something will relieve the torment this disorder causes. Trying anything and everything possible. You can see this look of disappointment begin to well up in the parents. Are they thinking this is going to be another wasted trip? I have no way of knowing. I don’t live in their shoes.

So our team steps in. I ask the father if we can help him. I tell them that we are not afraid to give his kid a chance, and explain that we are willing to take their child kicking and screaming into the surf (by the way, kicking and screaming is quite the norm across the autism spectrum) if he trusts us. Both agree with a smile. I get onto my knees, look the child in the eyes and I tell him he has to take a step. That his crying doesn’t bother me and that this will only take 25 minutes of his life. I pick him up, hold him tightly as he hugs his little arms around my neck and our team heads into the water. We get through the whole session with some tears but ending with smiles. When we return the little guy to his parents, his mother looks dead into my eyes and thanks me and then tells me that she is going to cry she is so happy. Then she does and so do I (a little). This is so humbling. So Amazing. I can not explain enough how a situation like this makes everyone feel. Everyone. MOM, DAD, CHILD, INSTRUCTOR, TEAMMATE. The only word, that seems so understated, is.......HAPPY!
THE MATCH PROCESS

Article By: Mary Spencer, Student Support Coordinator

On Sunday, September 15, at 9:00 a.m. EDT, fourth-year medical students across the country submitted their applications to residency programs throughout the U.S. Almost immediately, they saw their application packets being downloaded. The 23 fourth-year students at the Daytona Beach campus, applying to over 700 programs in nine different specialties, were no exception. After months of soliciting letters of recommendation, completing their application forms, finalizing their Personal Statements and researching programs, they began to see the payoff for their efforts. Interview offers were being extended by that evening.

In order to assist the students in refining their interviewing skills, several alumni and faculty members have volunteered their time to answer questions, develop lists of interview pointers, and actually practice in mock interviews. Several graduates have held informal Q-and-A sessions with them to discuss their experiences in residency and what their programs are looking for in candidates. Others volunteer to speak with students prior to their interviews to give them additional insight into the program and residency in general. Over the next several weeks, the students will begin traveling across the country to interview at residency programs—a process that will continue for most of them until late January. On February 26, 2014, the programs and students will submit their rank order lists, which will ultimately generate the final Match of medical school graduates and available residency slots. These placements will be announced at Match Day March 21, 2014.

LOR TRAINING AT ST. VINCENT’S

Luckey Dunn, M.D., had the pleasure of visiting one of our affiliated partners, St. Vincent’s Family Medicine Residency Program in Jacksonville. Dr. Dunn presented the Letters of Recommendation workshop to the faculty. St. Vincent’s currently has six FSU College of Medicine alumni in their program. Thank you to John Waidner, M.D., for all he did to coordinate the workshop.

AS SEEN ON CAMPUS
Alumni Updates

Class of 2009

Stephen Viel, M.D. (Emergency Medicine), joined in this photo by Bridget Hight, M.D., is the first FSU alumnus to serve as FSU faculty. Welcome back, Dr. Viel!

Class of 2011

Nihar Ganju, M.D. (Ob/Gyn), pictured with Joanne Saxour, M.D., is enjoying residency at George Washington.

Kristen Misiak, M.D. (Ob/Gyn-Kaiser Permanente), arranged a PGY2 elective at Halifax Health. We enjoyed having Dr. Misiak back in the area and appreciate her speaking to the Class of 2015.

Sarah Parks, M.D. (Surgery–UC Davis), was able to meet up with Joanne Saxour, M.D., for some In-N-Out Burger. Sarah received the resident teacher of the year award. Congratulations, Dr. Parks!

Kendall Riley, M.D. (Pediatrics), stopped by to share her experiences with the Class of 2015. Thanks, Dr. Riley!

Class of 2013

Anand Vakaria, M.D. (Family Medicine), pictured with Dr. David McInnes, Program Director at St. Vincent’s Family Medicine Residency, was thrilled to run into Dr. Dunn at St. Vincent’s Family Medicine Residency in Jacksonville.

Do you have any news you’d like to share? Have you been published lately? Spoken at a conference, taken a trip to visit long-lost relatives? Whatever it may be, we want to hear about it!

Jot down your news and send it to us! You can either email us or drop it in the mail at the address below:

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