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

For the fourth year, the Fort Pierce Regional Campus embarked on a campaign to provide scholarships to our students. At our recent Faculty Appreciation Celebration, we were able to provide four $5,000 scholarships to very deserving fourth-year students. Two, sponsored by the general foundation fund of the Fort Pierce Campus, were awarded to Daniel Tarazona and Kadijo Wade. Another, the Sai Ram Scholarship, was provided by an anonymous faculty member and was earned by Neeti Pradeep. The fourth scholarship was donated by the Martin Medical Staff, in memory of Dr. Steven Lofton. This scholarship was awarded to Christina Gutierrez.
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Faculty Focus

Health Care Champions, an event presented by Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers and HealthSouth, celebrated health-care professionals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the quality of health care on the Treasure Coast. At a breakfast on Oct. 1, six categories of Health Care Champions were recognized: Physician excellence, non-physician excellence, administrative excellence, excellence as a non-clinical volunteer, community outreach and quality of care lifetime achievement. With many nominations judged by six representatives from the Treasure Coast medical centers, 12 finalists were selected. Several of our FSU clerkship faculty were nominated, and one was selected as a finalist. Nancy Baker, M.D., FSU clerkship faculty for family medicine and finalist in the physician’s excellence category, was selected as the winner at the awards ceremony. Congratulations from everyone at the Fort Pierce campus!

Daniel Glotzer, M.D., clerkship faculty for surgery, participated in a conference presented by Duke Medicine. The conference helped physicians identify current guidelines for the diagnosis and management of common cancers in order to provide optimal care to oncology patients. Dr. Glotzer moderated a cancer review session.

Howard Voss, M.D., MACP, recently received a prestigious award from the American College of Physicians (ACP). The ACP offers Mastership awards to recognize outstanding contributions in the practice of medicine, teaching, research, public service, leadership and medical volunteerism. The first Mastership was presented in 1923 to Dr. James M. Anders, who served the ACP as president for two terms. He was recognized for his extraordinary service and for being one of the most outstanding internists and medical teachers of his day. Masters are Fellows in the ACP who have been selected because of “integrity, positions of honor, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine.” Masters must be highly accomplished persons demonstrating eminence in practice, leadership or medical research. The Master must be distinguished by the excellence and significance of his or her contributions to the field of medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Voss, well done!

In Memoriam

David Thoresen

It is with sadness that we announce the death of a member of our campus family, David Thoresen. He leaves behind his wife, Wendi, and 11-year-old son, Calvin.

David was a member of the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since its inception in 2007, and served as our education technology coordinator. He was certainly a computer geek – he had the ability to rebuild, reboot and renew so many systems. His knowledge was innate, and he learned most by serving as an apprentice, so to speak, at Radio Shack in his early formative years. He has touched so many of us in our day-to-day work of servicing our systems with updates and helping with forgotten passwords. His presence will be sorely missed on this campus.

If you would like to donate to a fund in his honor, to assist his wife and son, you may stop by any TD Bank branch and donate via check or cash to the David Thoresen Memorial Fund. Or you can mail a check (payable to the David Thoresen Memorial Fund) to their home: Wendi Thoresen, 621 SW Exmore Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983
Alumni News

Class of 2010

**Noureen Idrees-Asad, M.D.,** pictured here with her husband and two children, has joined the practice of Boca Pediatric Group in Boca Raton, Florida.

**Chantal Walker, M.D.,** is on the pediatrics emergency medicine staff of Baptist Medical Center Wolfson Children’s Hospital in Jacksonville. She is applying to enter a fellowship in this field, to start next year. She is pictured here as the maid of honor at her sister Tiffannie’s wedding (see below, Class of 2012).

Class of 2012

**Helen (Travis) Paulson, M.D.,** finished her family medicine residency at the Mountain Area Health Education Center in Asheville, North Carolina, this year. She recently joined the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Physician Partners in Quincy, Florida, her hometown, practicing rural family medicine. She sent us a photo of her daughter, Rachel.

**Tiffannie Walker, M.D.,** will be completing her OB-GYN residency at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Jacksonville next year. She got married in West Palm Beach earlier this year.

**Will Fields, M.D.,** completed work as the chief resident at his emergency medicine residency at York Hospital in York, Pennsylvania, this year. He is now practicing emergency medicine at Florida Hospital in Tampa.

**Dharmini Shah, M.D.,** completed her internal medicine residency at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia this year. She is now working as a hospitalist for Temple University Hospital. Her husband, Alok Pandya, M.D., Class of 2012 alumnus from the Daytona Campus, is in the family medicine residency program at Temple University Hospital and is looking into specializing in pulmonary medicine/critical care.
Class of 2012

Jessica (Gondela) Schwarz, M.D., finished her emergency medicine residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, this year. She is now practicing in a hybrid academic and community setting at Mayo Clinic, working at three sites in Minnesota: Rochester, Austin and Albert Lea. She is pictured here with her husband and brand-new daughter, Lily Marie Schwarz.

Class of 2013

Kyle Powers, M.D., is working hard in his internal medicine residency at Santa Barbara Cottage hospital in California. He is doing some charity work with Santa Barbara Street Medicine - Doctors Without Walls. This organization reaches out to the local homeless people and provides them with medical treatment along with common necessities. He got engaged this year to Kacy Florack, whom he started dating when he was here in Fort Pierce. He is pictured here visiting our campus this past summer.

Caitlin Dunham, M.D., in her OB-GYN residency at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, recently adopted a golden retriever mix, and was accepted to give a talk at a conference in Tokyo next spring. The new addition to the family is pictured here with Caitlin’s daughter, Anna Rose Dunham-Soto.

Emile Barreau, M.D., is now serving as the chief resident at his family medicine residency program at the University of Miami/Jackson Health System.

Class of 2014

Vishal Dahya, M.D., second-year resident in the internal medicine program at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, presented new data on the use of a quantitative CT measure of severe muscle wasting as a predictor of length of stay in elderly patients undergoing transcatheter aortic valve replacement at the Society for Cardiac Angiography and Interventions meeting in San Diego recently. This work involved collaboration between FSU departments (undergraduate and postgraduate medicine, biostatistics, and biomedical science departments) and clinician investigators at Tallahassee Memorial. Dr. Wayne Batchelor, FSCAI, FACC, has mentored him in his work.

Ann (Sheddan) Batista, M.D., is in her second year of her emergency medicine residency at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is pictured here at her wedding last year.
Community Service

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is a powerful and inspiring opportunity to unite as a community to honor breast cancer survivors, raise awareness about steps to reduce the risk of getting breast cancer, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society fight the disease with breast cancer research, information and services, and access to mammograms for women who need them. Several Class of 2016 and Class of 2017 students and our family medicine clerkship director, Dr. Nancy Baker, participated in the Indian River County walk at Riverside Park in Vero Beach. Thanks to all who came out to support this great cause!

Some third-year students of the Class of 2017 donated their weekend time and medical expertise to educate our local citizens on asthma, diabetes and the importance of a healthy diet. The Eta Eta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority hosted its annual back-to-school event to provide backpacks to elementary and middle school students. More than 3,000 St. Lucie County residents were served at the Havert Fenn Center in Fort Pierce. While the families waited in line, our medical students spoke with them about nutrition, diabetes and wise food choices. The students were happy to develop their patient counseling skills and serve the community. The Fort Pierce regional campus dean, Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D., facilitated this opportunity for the students.
Student Spotlight

Class of 2016 students Joah Aliancy and Ivana Simpson were accepted into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society in September. Started in Chicago in 1902, the AOA serves to recognize and enhance professionalism, academic excellence, service and leadership within the profession. Medical students are eligible for nomination if their scholastic qualifications place them in the upper 25 percent of their class. About 3,000 students, alumni, house staff and faculty are elected each year nationwide. Since its founding, more than 150,000 members have been elected into the society. Joah and Ivana will be recognized at the awards ceremony at the central campus in Tallahassee during graduation week in May 2016. We congratulate these students!

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

**Integrity:** the congruence between expressed values and behavior

**Excellence:** clinical expertise

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

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

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

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

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

Excerpt from the website of The Arnold P. Gold Foundation for Humanism in Medicine: http://www.humanism-in-medicine.org/

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

Two of our Fort Pierce Class of 2016 students, Joah Aliancy and Shlermine (Shea) Aupont, were recently inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. These students rose to the top as true exemplars of humanism by receiving multiple nominations from faculty, staff and peers in categories demonstrating clinical excellence, service to others, patient-centered approach to care and compassion. It was no surprise to the staff, faculty and students at the Fort Pierce Regional Campus that Joah and Shea were nominated and selected for this honor. They are dedicated, determined, friendly, compassionate and conscientious students. We are all so proud of them!

L-R: Curt Stine, M.D. (Associate Chair, Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health), Joah Aliancy

L-R: Curt Stine, M.D., Joah Aliancy, Shea Aupont
Two prestigious awards were given out Sept. 1, when the Fort Pierce Regional Campus of the Florida State University College of Medicine gathered its faculty members for a night of appreciation and academic updates. The event took place at the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex on the campus of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce. The keynote speaker was John P. Fogarty, M.D., dean of the FSU College of Medicine, who presented an update on the achievements and ongoing success of the college.

The regional campus faculty is composed of more than 250 active Treasure Coast physicians who take turns teaching about 40 third- and fourth-year medical students. The students work one-on-one with the physicians and gain clinical experience through seeing patients in the local hospitals, surgery centers, physicians’ offices and other ambulatory care facilities.

Two faculty members received awards from Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D., dean of the Fort Pierce campus. One, titled Guardian of the Mission, is for a physician whose activities have furthered the college’s mission: to “educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority and underserved populations.” Third-year students Jane-Elyse Henkel and Shanique Wilson presented this award to Howard Voss, M.D., volunteer medical director at the Volunteers in Medicine clinic in Stuart. Voss has been a clinical associate professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2008. In those seven years, he has taught several students in the longitudinal clinic portion of the Doctoring 3 course. The mission of the VIM clinic is to meet the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved population of Martin County. The VIM clinic provides a model of ethical medical care that seeks to heal physical illness as well as the injury that results from bias, stigma and indifference. This year’s award winner proudly carries out the Volunteers in Medicine mission by providing accessible, cost-effective, high-quality and comprehensive primary and preventive health-care services. And he does it all with an ever-present smile, bringing joy to his patients.

The other award, Outstanding Community Faculty Educator, is for exemplary achievement in meeting student educational needs, working collaboratively, dedication to the curriculum principles and enthusiasm for teaching. Fourth-year student Christina Gutierrez presented this award to John McDonald, M.D., a dermatologist in practice at the Indian River Skin and Cancer Center in Vero Beach. He has been a clinical assistant professor with the FSU Fort Pierce campus since 2008. He teaches many of our fourth-year students in a dermatology elective, assists every year with the Doctoring 3 session on dermatology, and facilitates student participation in We Care clinics, which assist underserved and uninsured patients.

We truly appreciate and thank the sponsors for this event, Indian River Medical Center and Martin Health System.
If you recently attended our seventh annual Faculty Appreciation Celebration, then you know we love our faculty! This event honored the true stars of the Fort Pierce campus - our faculty physicians. Dr. Juliette Lomax-Homier, Fort Pierce Regional Campus dean, bestowed scholarships (see page 1) and faculty awards (see page 8). More than 100 faculty, students, community board members and staff enjoyed this fabulous evening. We very much appreciate two of our local hospitals, Indian River Medical Center and Martin Health System, who made donations to sponsor the Faculty Appreciation Celebration.
Nice to see a friendly face! Class of 2016 student Ivana Simpson (pictured on the left) was completing an OB-GYN externship at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola and got the opportunity to work with an FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus graduate. Dr. Kim Manek, Class of 2014 alumna, is in her second year of the OB-GYN residency program there.

Tamara Marryshow, who began conducting geriatrics research last spring, recently won the 2015 David T. Lowenthal Founders Award in recognition of that work. During the Florida Geriatrics Society (FGS) annual meeting, Marryshow presented a poster on “Exploring Depression in Older Adults: Barriers to Diagnosis and Treatment.” The third-year student joined with second-year student Stephanie Poteau, Assistant Professor Angelina Sutin and Geriatrics Program Director Suzanne Baker to complete the study.

“We sought to explore why depression seems to be underdiagnosed in older adults 50 years and above — what barriers to treatments could be, risk factors and solutions,” Marryshow said. “We found that women were more likely to seek help than men. We concluded that male patients may require more candid and varied approaches to diagnose and to treat depression.”

The research began when Poteau was a Bridge student working with Baker. Marryshow began working with them after receiving the Department of Geriatrics’ Charles R. Mathews Fellowship for Geriatrics Education and Research last April. She received the FGS award for her research poster in August.

“There were a number of posters presented, and they were judged on scientific merit as well as portability and translatability to medical practice,” said Marryshow.

Marryshow is the third person from the college to receive the Lowenthal award for excellence in geriatric research. It was given to fourth-year student Marielys Figueroa-Sierra in 2012 and Professor Alice Pomidor in 2005.

Marryshow is no longer working on the project, but Poteau and Baker are still exploring various aspects of it. Although Marryshow does not yet have a specialty in mind, her interest in geriatrics remains strong: “Regardless of what I decide to do, I am very interested in working with the geriatric population, especially in underserved areas.”
Fall is traditionally a transitional season, from summer to winter. Fall is a time of transition on our campus, too, as our new third-year students turn from a bright shade of green to a more muted tone while adapting to their new roles as apprentice physicians. They are recognizing that soon they will select elective rotations to enhance their educational experiences. Our fourth-year students are on the pathway to residency selection. Their time is filled with the last required courses of medical school, elective rotations and a multitude of interviews across the country for the coveted residency position.

Strengths and weaknesses are now being showcased, and the anxiety associated with excellence in performance. We are combating the doubt that lies dormant beneath the surface and sometimes creeps in when considering the match into a residency program. You faculty members continue to make our students fertile with knowledge and foster confidence in their abilities to care for patients.

The nation faces unprecedented rates of students who do not “match.” Increasing numbers of medical students from US and international programs all compete for the finite number of residency programs in this country. We share information quickly about any new program that becomes available. We are waiting for spring, when the weather changes again and the first buds begin to show, to see how we fare in the match with the seeds we have planted. We trust that all of the preparation we have done with our students collectively will be enough to keep them highly competitive.

So thank you to all of you who have written letters of recommendation for support, taken the extra time to review an EKG, compute an anion gap, review a progress note or order. Thank you for calling the student in for a special learning experience, and having them side by side with you in the operating room to learn by seeing and doing. Thank you for being our partners in medical education for the generation that surely will care for us all in our later years. I cannot wait to see the physicians they all become.
Outreach

Our campus was nominated in the education category for the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce 31st Annual Business & Industry Awards. These awards have a rich history in St. Lucie County, and past winners include some of the top employers, contributors and community partners currently conducting business here. Sponsored by TD Bank, the awards dinner was attended by over 360 community leaders. The Chamber recognized businesses in 13 categories for their overall impact on the economic well-being and quality of life. This year, nominees were submitted by the committee as well as the general public. Judging criteria included community involvement, economic impact, Chamber participation, and environmental responsibility. The FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus was chosen as a finalist.

Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D., dean of our campus, was a featured guest on a local favorite radio station, Coast FM, WHLG 101.3. She spoke about our presence and impact here on the Treasure Coast, as well as breast cancer awareness.

The FSU College of Medicine was well represented at a recent Graduate School Fair hosted by Indian River State College. Open to all IRSC bachelor’s degree students or graduates, the fair gave them an opportunity to explore graduate programs and to meet with university representatives about transferring to graduate school. Our campus representatives spoke with several interested students regarding the benefits of FSU’s medical school, where they can train to become doctors right in their own backyard.

Beth Strack, campus administrator, and Krysten Sherrod, third-year student, participated in an informational program for the Martin County Chamber of Commerce leadership programs (pictured right). Leadership programs develop a network of community leaders by providing the background, knowledge and expertise necessary for them to serve in public or private positions. Participants in the yearlong program spend one day a month learning 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. Strack and Sherrod sat on a panel with other higher education institutions from the Treasure Coast to educate the participants and answer questions about the FSU College of Medicine.
Save the Date!

Adams Ranch

Mark your calendars for a fantastic FSU event, sponsored by TD Bank. We welcome all of our faculty, community board, students, staff and their families to join us for an unforgettable experience at the famous Adams Ranch in Fort Pierce. Enjoy a great morning of touring the ranch in their custom bus, games for the kids, and visiting Bud Adams’ museum to see the ranch history and beautiful photos of natural wildlife and landscapes. Then enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch. This event is reservation only, so please RSVP at your earliest convenience to Judi Traynor at judi.traynor@med.fsu.edu or call 772-464-0034.

Saturday, January 30, 2016
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The FSU College of Medicine and the FSU Foundation have created an easy process for faculty to donate their pay back to our campus. Through electronic funds transfer, faculty can sign up to have all or a portion of their compensation sent to our campus. These funds are used for faculty development, student orientations, graduation receptions, faculty appreciation, and other special events and programs. Several of our physician faculty, **Drs. Daniel Glotzer, Calvin Higgins, Moises Issa, Alastair Kennedy, Stanley Kurek, Irene Machel, William McGarry, Patrick Ottuso, William Pena, Tudor Scridon and Thomas Suits**, are now participating in this program. We greatly appreciate their ongoing generosity. Please contact Dr. Lomax-Homier or Beth Strack for details.

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