Match Day 2014

Six of our fourth-year students matched with our internal medicine residency program at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. One student matched with our brand-new family medicine residency program in Fort Myers. Four out of 10 students are staying in Florida for their residency. More than half of our students are going into primary care. These are the headlines from the FSU College of Medicine’s Match Day 2014, which took place March 20 in Tallahassee. Like other fourth-year med students throughout the country, our Class of 2014 found out where the next phase of their medical training will take place. Beforehand, through the computerized National Resident Matching Program, students electronically rank the residency programs where they interviewed, and residency program directors rank the students. On Match Day, the envelopes are opened, and the students learn who matched with which programs. Let’s dig beneath those headlines a bit more:

- Florida has an abundance of medical students but a shortage of residency slots. The silver lining, though, is that students heading out of state matched with superior residency programs, such as Duke, Georgetown, Yale, Wake Forest and many others.
- Among those Florida programs where our students matched, Orlando Health was the No. 1 destination (11 students), followed by a tie between the FSU College of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and the University of South Florida (6 apiece), and the University of Florida Gainesville (5).
- After Florida, the states where most of these students matched were North Carolina (9) and a four-way tie involving Alabama, Georgia, New York and Texas (6 apiece).
- The No. 1 specialty was internal medicine (21 percent), followed by family medicine (15 percent) and emergency medicine (11 percent).
- Of our record 12 students in the military, nine had actual military matches; the three others matched with civilian programs.

Message from the Dean

Medicine is filled with one-line messages. “Do no harm,” for example. Also, “Half of what we know today will be considered false by the time you finish practicing.” And certainly the famous “You need to be a forever learner.” I have a one-line message for the graduating Class of 2014: “Beware of senioritis.” I don’t want you to fritter away the next two months, from the time of submitting your residency match list to the time of graduation. (That’s assuming you don’t need to hunt for a match via the SOAP process.) Take another course. Learn a language with Rosetta Stone, to help you communicate with future patients. Do all you can to prepare for residency, the next big step in your medical journey. Residency will challenge you in ways you haven’t been challenged so far. So it’s only a slight exaggeration for me to give you the following one-line message as you start packing your bags. It was spoken by Winston Churchill to graduates in England during the darkest hours of World War II: “Never give in, never, never, never, never.” That’s the kind of determination we’ve come to expect from our brand-new doctors-to-be, the Class of 2014.
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Community Service

Eight Class of 2015 students participated in the “End the Fear of AIDS” outreach walk in December. The walk was sponsored by the St. Lucie County HIV/AIDS Prevention Planning Group. Pictured below, L-R: Kevin Hou, Aaron Hayson, Pratik Pandit, Sheldon Brown, Noona Leavell, Rida Laeeq, Emilie Wang and Paulie Bruns

Class of 2015 student Rida Laeeq recently spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee about her experience during her Community Medicine course at the American Cancer Society. Rida said that she gained a great perspective on the role that both physicians and the support organizations provide in the battle against cancer. As a medical student, Rida had only seen the clinical side and had not considered the importance of the services provided by the American Cancer Society.

Sheldon Brown, vice president of the Fort Pierce campus Class of 2015, coordinated efforts to make a donation to PATCHES. Sheldon worked with this organization during his Community Medicine course and thoroughly enjoyed assisting with the services it provides. PATCHES is a prescribed pediatric extended-care center that provides a place for medically complex children to spend the day in a safe, enriching environment where they can thrive physically, mentally and socially. Sheldon was so moved by his experience that he wanted to further help them with financial assistance. With the help of the manager at the St. Lucie Ale House, Tami McHale, he organized a fundraising Super Bowl party at the restaurant. With some proceeds from the sales and additional money contributed by Tami, a donation of $250 was made to PATCHES from the Fort Pierce Class of 2015 and the St. Lucie Ale House. Sheldon also worked with Jeremy Lloyd at Perkins Medical Supply in Vero Beach to arrange a discount on equipment purchased by PATCHES. PATCHES will be using these funds to purchase medical equipment from Perkins.

Class of 2015 student Ryan Howard was assigned to Devereux Community Based Care (formerly United for Families) for his Community Medicine course. As part of that course, he worked with the children at Hibiscus Children’s Center, an emergency shelter for children ages 0-12 years. He decided to continue his involvement and he now serves as a volunteer there. Whenever he can squeeze some free time out of his busy schedule, he helps with homework time by tutoring the children at the center. Ryan said it has been a very rewarding experience.
Faculty Spotlight

James Autin, M.D., FACS, FSU clerkship faculty for otolaryngology (left), is celebrating 30 years of surgical practice this month. Hailing from Louisiana, he’s a real “Cajun,” attending LSU medical school before his residency in otolaryngology at St. Louis University. He went on to fellowship training in facial plastic surgery in Birmingham, Ala. He says he loved the Treasure Coast the first time he visited and Dr. Richard Allen offered him a position in his newly established ENT practice in 1984. Dr. Autin then located his private ENT practice in Fort Pierce. Dr. Autin holds the distinction of board certification in four specialties: otolaryngology, facial plastic & reconstructive surgery, sleep medicine, and addiction medicine. “It has been a terrific place to practice,” Dr. Autin said. “We have a wonderful medical community and very high-quality services for a small city. The one thing I missed in the beginning was teaching, as there were no training programs here at that time. Now that FSU has opened a regional campus here, that void has been filled.” On their third-year surgery rotation, students who are assigned to Dr. Autin for ENT for the sub-specialty portion perform front-line general ENT in his office. “We always seem to have a lot of interesting pathology for the students. They also accompany me to the OR for outpatient surgery cases, which include sinus surgery, pediatric ENT, and facial skin cancer and reconstruction.” Dr. Autin praises the Fort Pierce campus, stating, “We certainly have enjoyed joining the clinical teaching team with Dr. Bertolette, the clerkship directors and the entire medical school staff. The students have been a joy to work with and leave us, we hope, with a good understanding of what our surgical subspecialty encompasses.”

Clerkship faculty member for general and vascular surgery Rene Loyola, M.D. (below), will be embarking on another weeklong surgical mission. In April he will be going to Honduras with Light of the World Charities to perform a large variety of general surgical procedures. He has participated as a volunteer surgeon for this organization for more than a decade. When he’s not in the operating room or volunteering for charity, you can find him around the Treasure Coast on stage, performing with the dynamite band Relapse (pictured here, Dr. Loyola is far left).

Adam Ball, M.D., clerkship faculty for urology, has relocated his practice facility to St. Lucie West. Consequently, he is now consulting and performing surgery at the newly opened Tradition Medical Center. He also continues to practice at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and St. Lucie Medical Center. On a state level, he serves the Florida Urological Society as a member of the executive committee. He will be attending their annual meeting in September and will be happy to provide information regarding this event to any interested student.

Genon Wicina, M.D., clerkship faculty for pediatrics (right), has played a key role in helping Martin Pediatric Care earn recognition from the Patient-Centered Medical Home program of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The patient-centered medical home designation is awarded to practices using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term participative relationships. It is a model that has been proven to lead to higher quality and lower costs while improving the experience of care for both patients and providers. Dr. Wicina said the future of health care is based on the patient-centered medical home model. “This is the foundation of an Accountable Care Organization and the first step in bringing this model to Martin Medical Group,” Wicina said. “Achieving the status of a patient-centered medical home means we are equipped to provide our patients with the very best care.” Martin Pediatric Care in Stuart is part of Martin Health System, a not-for-profit, community-based health care organization that has served the region for more than 70 years.
Stanley Kurek, M.D., clerkship faculty for trauma surgery, was elected to serve as president-elect of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST). EAST is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization representing more than 1,700 individuals involved in the care of the injured patient. EAST is the prominent trauma organization for the development of young surgeons and is committed to providing leadership and career development opportunities for early-career practitioners through interdisciplinary collaboration, scholarship and fellowship. Dr. Kurek will serve in this role for one year and will then be installed as president of EAST in 2015.

Stephen Badolato, M.D., clerkship faculty for family and sports medicine, has been named the new medical director for The Scott Center for Autism Treatment at Florida Institute of Technology. The center specializes in working with children with autism and other related disorders by implementing procedures based on the science of applied behavior analysis. “We are so pleased to have Dr. Badolato join us in the role of medical director,” said Scott Center Executive Director Michael E. Kelley, Florida Tech School of Psychology associate professor. “We view his addition to our team as another step in our strategy to serve as many children as possible who are diagnosed with autism and other developmental disabilities.” Dr. Badolato has a special interest in helping children on local and international levels. He has contributed resources to the Space Coast Early Intervention Center and Club Esteem in Melbourne. Through his work with Ruuska Village orphanage in Haiti and his many medical mission trips to Haiti, Nicaragua and Honduras, he has provided critical medical care for thousands of needy children. For his philanthropic work, Dr. Badolato received the Space Coast Humanitarian Award and the Harold S. Strasser Good Samaritan Award from the Florida Medical Association.

Nancy Baker, M.D., clerkship director for family medicine, had an article published in the spring issue of the Florida Family Physician, a publication of the Florida Academy of Family Physicians. Titled “The Need for Professionalism and Ways to Remediate It,” the article was co-authored with Marin Gillis, Ph.D., LPh. Use this link to view the article: http://epubs.democratprinting.com/publication/?i=200536

Sandy Stevens, student support coordinator for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus, participated in the Indian River State College Great Explorations event. During this day for high school students to explore career options, Sandy presented information to those interested in becoming physicians. This was the sixth year that the FSU College of Medicine has participated in this IRSC project. The students had high praise for the FSU presentation.

Beth Strack, campus administrator for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus, presented an informational program on the FSU College of Medicine to two local chambers of commerce leadership programs. 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. The yearlong programs spend one day a month teaching about specific aspects of the community, such as education, area government, local history, economic development, health and human services, the environment, cultural awareness and quality-of-life issues. In November, Beth participated in the Leadership Martin County education session at the IRSC Chastain campus in Stuart. In February, she did a presentation for the Leadership Indian River County education day at the IRSC Mueller campus in Vero Beach.
Class of 2014 Match Results

Our 115 Class of 2014 students will start their residency training at some of the top residency programs across Florida and the United States. Fifty-one percent entered residency in primary care specialties, comprising family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine and obstetrics-gynecology. Here’s where the Fort Pierce campus students matched:

**Kush Bhorania**  
Internal Medicine  
North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health Systems  
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Family Medicine  
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Eglin Hospital  
Eglin, FL

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Family Medicine  
West Kendall Baptist Hospital  
at Baptist Health South  
Miami, FL

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Emergency Medicine  
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center  
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Michael Sierra  
Psychiatry  
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Charleston, SC

Marianne Turner  
Family Medicine  
Jackson Memorial Hospital  
Miami, FL
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Elective Courses at Other Campuses

In their fourth year, all FSU College of Medicine medical students enroll in elective courses. With our community-based model, our students have the advantage of being able to take these electives at any one of our six regional campuses—Fort Pierce, Daytona Beach, Sarasota, Orlando, Tallahassee and Pensacola. In January, fourth-year Fort Pierce campus student Kim Manek (left) completed a forensic pathology elective with the famous “Dr. G.” in Orlando. Jan Garavaglia, M.D. serves as the Chief Medical Examiner for Orange and Osceola counties and is a member of the FSU clerkship faculty for the Orlando Regional Campus. She stars in the hit series “Dr. G: Medical Examiner” on the Discovery Health Channel, which first aired in July 2004 and is currently in its seventh season. The show is ranked No. 1 for Discovery Health. Kim enjoyed her experience with Dr. Garavaglia and learned a great deal about forensic pathology.

Alumni News

Caitlin Dunham, M.D., Class of 2013 graduate, recently gave birth to her first child, a daughter. She and her husband are now proud parents of Anna Rose Dunham-Soto. Dr. Dunham is in her first year of OB-GYN residency at the Sacred Heart Health System program sponsored by FSU in Pensacola.

Monica Pena, M.D., Class of 2012 graduate, paid a visit to our campus this month. She is in her second year of a pediatrics residency at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She says she is extremely busy and is enjoying the intense training. As part of her curriculum, after a few days’ vacation in Fort Pierce, she is headed to Botswana for a month to provide pediatric medical care to the underserved in that area. It is always great to see our alumni fulfilling our mission! Dr. Pena said she hopes to return to this area upon completion of residency.

In Memory of Stephen Nobles, M.D.

One of our outstanding graduates of the Class of 2011, Stephen Nobles, M.D., passed away in December. Stephen was born in Ocala, graduated from Vanguard High School IB Program as valedictorian, earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Miami and received his M.D. from the Florida State University College of Medicine. He was in his third year of residency in pathology at the University of California San Francisco. He received the Krevans Award in anatomic pathology during his residency. To Stephen everything in life was new every day. He viewed life with open eyes and was very accepting of all those who were before him. He especially enjoyed all cultures and was particularly fluent in Spanish. His patients of other cultures benefited from his language skills. He was very kind and sensitive to the needs of others and completely dedicated to his profession.

The Stephen M. Nobles, M.D. Pathogenesis Award Endowment Fund has been established in his honor by faculty, mentors, colleagues and friends. The endowment will serve as a lasting tribute to Dr. Nobles’ passion for understanding the mechanism of diseases and his commitment to this field. When the endowment has been fully funded at $25,000, an award will be given to a second-, third- or fourth-year student who has excelled in pathology studies and exhibited an interest in further understanding disease mechanisms beyond the required curriculum. If you would like to honor Stephen by helping to fully fund the endowment, please make your check payable to:

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Please write “Nobles Award/Fund F07899” on the memo line of your check. Contact Pam Wilson at 850-459-1969 if you have any questions regarding this fund.
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Community Medicine
The third-year Community Medicine course is required for all students at the College of Medicine regional campus sites. The three-week clerkship is designed to broaden students’ understanding of the role played by community agencies in health promotion and disease prevention.

Students work as a member of a community agency team to assist in fulfilling its goals of maintaining the health of the community and to share and discuss their observations with agency members, faculty and other students. The goals published in Healthy People 2020 serve as a template for inquiry and analysis of the agency’s place in the health care of the community. The course involves experiential, service and reflective learning, including online e-Portfolio assignments. At the end of the clerkship students must prepare and deliver a presentation of their experiences to the entire class, the regional campus dean and invited guests from the agencies. Thus, every student learns about the roles played by multiple service organizations within the health-care matrix of the community. We thank our community agency partners who taught this important clerkship this year:

- American Cancer Society
- Children’s Home Society of Florida
- Child Protection Team
- Council on Aging of Martin County
- Council on Aging of St. Lucie County
- Devereux Community Based Care (formerly United for Families)
- FSU College of Medicine Immokalee Health Ed. Site
- Harvest Food and Outreach Center
- Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County
- Helping People Succeed
- PACE Center for Girls
- PATCHES, Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care
- St. Lucie Health Access Network (HANDS Clinic)
- St. Lucie County Health Department
- Treasure Coast Hospice

FOSCE Testing
The Formative Objective Structured Clinical Examination (FOSCE) is administered during Year 3. Highly trained standardized patients and the professional Clinical Learning Center (CLC) administration and staff traveled to Fort Pierce in December for this exam. Standardized patients evaluated the details of the student’s approach to the history and physical exam in multiple clinical scenarios. Our clerkship directors assessed students for global competencies and critical thinking skills by remote observation of audiovisual feeds from the exam rooms. Special thanks to Dr. Stanley Kurek, FSU clerkship faculty for trauma surgery, and Lawnwood Regional Medical Center for providing the location for our FOSCE testing.

Breath of Life
Every year, the FSU medical students are required to get recertified in Basic Life Support (BLS). Our students completed this training in November. Pictured below are Emilie Wang and Evgeny Idrisov practicing their skills on the infant simulators.
Annual Fund Campaign

Our sixth Annual Fund Campaign kicked off in January. We are excited to present this opportunity to all our faculty and friends. Gifts to the Annual Fund provide our campus with unrestricted dollars that support key initiatives such as faculty development, student orientations, our graduation reception, faculty appreciation, and other special events and programs.

Your generosity helps to ensure that the FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus will make a difference in the medical care available on the Treasure Coast.

It's not too late to donate! Please consider donating to us by designating your gift for the “Fort Pierce Regional Campus.”

Your participation, at any level, is greatly appreciated and will continue to advance our medical school and its mission.

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