College of Medicine awarded maximum accreditation status

The Florida State University College of Medicine has been granted a maximum eight-year accreditation by the sanctioning body of U.S. medical schools. With the favorable ruling from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), Florida State becomes the first new medical school of the 21st century to be reaccredited. “This news was not unexpected based on the remarkable outcomes this medical school has produced since the first class of 30 students arrived in 2001,” said College of Medicine Dean John P. Fogarty. “The leaders, administrators, faculty and students who helped plan and build this program should be extremely proud, as should all of our friends and supporters.”

LCME accreditation occurs every eight years as part of a nearly two-year process that includes a rigorous self-study by the applying institution and a thorough inspection from the LCME site visit team. Florida State’s site visit took place in early April. Only LCME-accredited institutions may receive federal grants for medical education and participate in federal loan programs. In addition, attendance at an LCME-accredited program is required for U.S. allopathic medical students before they can take the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam or enter residency programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. “Institutional accreditation assures that medical education takes place in a sufficiently rich environment to foster broad academic purposes,” said Dr. Alma Littles, senior associate dean for medical education and academic affairs at the College of Medicine.

In its letter of accreditation, the LCME cited several areas of strength within the program:

- “The College of Medicine is a student-centered, educationally focused organization in which decision making and priority setting are guided by its primary mission to develop exemplary, patient-oriented physicians.”
- “The College of Medicine has a long-standing, well-organized and successful program for pipeline development and recruitment of students of diverse backgrounds.”
- “The community faculty apprenticeship model of clinical education provides students with the opportunity to see large numbers of patients, to be involved in all aspects of their care, and to be closely observed for development of competence in their roles as physicians.”
- “The College of Medicine should be commended for an impressive faculty development program, particularly for the diverse nature of the offerings and the sheer volume of effort expended to support the development of faculty on an ongoing basis.”
- “The retention rate for community faculty is high, creating a stable educational platform for the clinical program.”

Florida State is one of four fully accredited allopathic medical schools in Florida, along with those at the universities of Florida, Miami and South Florida. LCME site-visit committee members indicated they were impressed by how well Florida State administers its community-based program, which sends third- and fourth-year students to cities across the state to receive one-on-one clinical training from experienced physicians. The learning takes place where the vast majority of people receive their health care, giving students the opportunity to directly interact with patients and take part in the types of cases they are most likely to encounter as practicing physicians. The model is credited with helping Florida State produce a greater percentage of graduates entering primary care residency programs than any other medical school in the state since 2005.

“Our graduation and match statistics, our strong board scores and student performance with our community model, and the impacts we are having across the state have validated that this model is working and working very well,” Fogarty said. “We appreciated having an opportunity to share examples of that success with our LCME site visitors.”

The LCME is a joint committee of the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges.
Fort Pierce Community Board

We are so thankful to our community board for the support they provide.

**Chair:** Randall Bertolette, M.D.
Fort Pierce Regional Campus Dean

**Gary Cantrell**
CEO, St. Lucie Medical Center

**Mollie Hill**
Director, Community Clinical Relations, FSU College of Medicine

**Alastair Kennedy, M.D.**
Past President, Indian River Medical Society

**Alma Littles, M.D.**
Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education and Academic Affairs, FSU College of Medicine

**Edwin Massey, Ph.D.**
President, Indian River State College

**Edwin “Ted” Mortell**
Peterson Bernard Law Firm

**Mark Robitaille**
CEO, Martin Memorial Health Systems

**Rodney Smith**
CEO, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute

**Vernon Smith**
Retired President and CEO, Riverside Bank

**Jeffrey Susi**
CEO, Indian River Medical Center

Fort Pierce Clerkship Directors

**Nancy Baker, M.D.**
Family Medicine

**Kenneth Bridges, M.D.**
Surgery

**Michael Gilels, M.D.**
Geriatrics

**William Hood, M.D.**
Internal Medicine

**Michael Jampol, M.D.**
Pediatrics

**Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D.**
Obstetrics/Gynecology

**Jay Samander, M.D.**
Psychiatry

**Dudley Teel, M.D.**
Emergency Medicine and Informatics

Our Affiliated Partners

- Florida Community Health Centers Inc.
- St. Lucie Medical Center
- Florida Dept. of Health, Children’s Medical Services
- St. Lucie Surgery Center
- Grove Place Surgery Center
- Surgery Center of Fort Pierce
- HealthSouth Treasure Coast Rehabilitation Hospital
- Surgery Center of Jensen Beach
- Indian River Medical Center
- Surgery Center of Okeechobee
- Indian River Medical Society
- Surgical Center of the Treasure Coast
- Lawnwood Regional Medical Center
- Treasure Coast Center for Surgery
- Martin Memorial Health Systems
- University of Florida Center for Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine
- Port St. Lucie Hospital Treatment Center
- University of Miami School of Medicine
- Raulerson Hospital
Faculty Appreciation Event

FSU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FORT PIERCE CAMPUS HONORS FACULTY

Two prestigious awards were given out Aug. 30, 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 evening 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, presenting his State of the College address.

The regional campus faculty is composed of 246 active Treasure Coast physicians who take turns teaching 35 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 Randall Bertolette, 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.” This award was presented to George Fyffe, M.D., an obstetrics/gynecology physician at Partners in Women’s Health, in Vero Beach. He has been a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2008, teaching the third-year students at his office and Indian River Medical Center. Some comments from them include: “He was wonderful.” “He is devoted to his patients and has a strong desire to teach me.” “He was a great teacher and was really helpful and patient.”

Dr. Juliette Lomax-Homier, the obstetrics/gynecology clerkship director who nominated Dr. Fyffe, said, “Our honoree is generally a soft-spoken gentleman, who serves as an excellent role model for our students. He is able to direct his teachings to the learner’s needs, without minimizing them. His career path has directed him to those patients with the least voice, and often, the greatest need. He is an excellent role model for our students and is a shining example of a faculty member who fulfills our mission.”

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. This award went to Jimmy Lockhart, M.D., a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist. He is the Medical Director of HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Vero Beach. In addition, he is on the 12-member national physician advisory board for the HealthSouth Corp. He teaches the FSU medical students in their fourth-year geriatrics clerkship. During that rotation he meets with the students in the hospital setting, teaching them about the care of patients after the initial hospitalization. He has been a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2007, and is one of the favorite instructors of the students. He is down-to-earth, practical, with a sense of humor that makes the experience both educational and fun. He spent 15 years in the Army as an enlisted Sergeant First Class, earning the meritorious service medal, commendation medal, and Army achievement medal. Dr. Michael Gilels, the geriatrics clerkship director who nominated Dr. Lockhart, said, “He’s a valued and trusted resource for our fourth-year students, and he enthusiastically volunteers to help us with guest lectures.”

We truly appreciate and thank the sponsors for this event, Indian River Medical Center, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, St. Lucie Medical Center and Martin Memorial Health Systems.
Women’s Health Fair

In May, several students participated in a Women’s Health Fair sponsored by Dr. Lisa Rankin, one of our family medicine clerkship faculty members. This is the fourth year in a row our students have volunteered to assist Dr. Rankin in conducting well-woman exams with pap and breast exams. The patients were very appreciative of the care and concern demonstrated by our student volunteers. Dr. Rankin praised the professionalism and dedication of our students and looks forward to working with them again next year.

Class of 2012 students (L-R): Monica Pena, Charlene Hylton, Tiffannie Walker, Diana Mauldin at the clinic

FSU College of Medicine Alumni

Hail to the Chief!

Class of 2009 Fort Pierce Campus graduate Irmanie Eliacin, M.D. (left), who is now chief resident at the family medicine program at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, worked with current fourth-year student Monica Pena in September. Monica was completing her Advanced Family Medicine clerkship at that facility and enjoyed being taught by an FSU grad.
William Mallon, M.D. (right), is now serving as president of the Florida Society of Ophthalmology (FSO), a statewide professional association for doctors who specialize in vision care. Dr. Mallon has practiced at the Center for Advanced Eye Care in Vero Beach since 2003, and serves as FSU clerkship faculty member for an ophthalmology elective for fourth-year students. As FSO president, Dr. Mallon will lead the non-profit association in legislative advocacy and the dissemination of responsible information to physicians and patients throughout the state.

Stephen Badolato, M.D. (left), family physician in Vero Beach and FSU clerkship faculty member in family medicine, was recently chosen by the Board of Governors of the Florida Medical Association to receive the 2011 Harold S. Strasser, M.D. Good Samaritan Award. This honor is based not just on extraordinary professional achievements but also on dedication to the practice of medicine. He is a faithful volunteer making many trips to Haiti as well as Nicaragua. His leadership, generosity and compassion make a difference in the lives he reaches out to help.

Richard Hays, M.D. (left), clerkship faculty member at the Fort Pierce regional campus, was named Florida Family Physician of 2010 by the Florida Academy of Family Physicians. Excerpt from Florida Family Physician: “Dr. Hays’ community service has included volunteer team physician for a local high school football team and providing hundreds of free physicals for Special Olympians. He has also served as a medical advisor for the Palm Beach Chapter of the American Cancer Society and served on the board of Seagull Charter School in Lake Worth. Dr. Hays has served on the Florida Task Force on Early Diagnosis of Colorectal Cancer and was a past chairman of the American Cancer Society Lung Cancer Task Force. In his ‘spare time,’ Dr. Hays wrote the script for an audiotape on diabetes management for the AAFP home study self-assessment module, and has had articles published in Hospital Practice, Journal of the Florida Medical Association, and Florida Family Physician, among others. He is also certified by the National Committee on Quality Assurance for special qualification in care of patients with diabetes.”

Dennis Saver, M.D. (left), family physician in Vero Beach and FSU clerkship faculty member in family medicine, has been appointed to serve on the National Quality Forum’s Steering Committee for the project “Multiple Chronic Conditions Measurement Framework.”

Michael Wein, M.D. (on right), asthma/allergy specialist in Vero Beach and FSU clerkship faculty member for allergy/immunology, served as host to a speaker for FSU Grand Rounds in October in Tallahassee. Luigi Notarangelo, M.D. (on left), noted expert in pediatric immunodeficiency, spoke on Impaired Maturation of Antibody Responses. Dr. Notarangelo is the Jeffrey Modell Chair of Pediatric Immunology Research in Boston, the Director of the Research and Molecular Diagnosis Program on Primary Immunodeficiencies in the Division of Immunology, and the Children’s Hospital Boston Professor of Pediatrics and Pathology, Harvard Medical School. Dr. Notarangelo is actively involved in exploiting novel and more effective forms of treatment for children affected with severe forms of congenital immunodeficiencies. In particular, his group has aimed at improving the long-term outcome after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for SCID and other severe immunodeficiencies through the development of improved pre- and post-transplant strategies of clinical management. Dr. Wein was instrumental in obtaining a grant through the LeBien Visiting Professor Program Award of the Immune Deficiency Foundation, which sponsored this speaker. Many thanks to Dr. Wein for his outstanding efforts in making this happen.

Stephen Badolato, M.D. (left), family physician in Vero Beach and FSU clerkship faculty member in family medicine, was recently chosen by the Board of Governors of the Florida Medical Association to receive the 2011 Harold S. Strasser, M.D. Good Samaritan Award. This honor is based not just on extraordinary professional achievements but also on dedication to the practice of medicine. He is a faithful volunteer making many trips to Haiti as well as Nicaragua. His leadership, generosity and compassion make a difference in the lives he reaches out to help.

Michael Wein, M.D. (on right), asthma/allergy specialist in Vero Beach and FSU clerkship faculty member for allergy/immunology, served as host to a speaker for FSU Grand Rounds in October in Tallahassee. Luigi Notarangelo, M.D. (on left), noted expert in pediatric immunodeficiency, spoke on Impaired Maturation of Antibody Responses. Dr. Notarangelo is the Jeffrey Modell Chair of Pediatric Immunology Research in Boston, the Director of the Research and Molecular Diagnosis Program on Primary Immunodeficiencies in the Division of Immunology, and the Children’s Hospital Boston Professor of Pediatrics and Pathology, Harvard Medical School. Dr. Notarangelo is actively involved in exploiting novel and more effective forms of treatment for children affected with severe forms of congenital immunodeficiencies. In particular, his group has aimed at improving the long-term outcome after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for SCID and other severe immunodeficiencies through the development of improved pre- and post-transplant strategies of clinical management. Dr. Wein was instrumental in obtaining a grant through the LeBien Visiting Professor Program Award of the Immune Deficiency Foundation, which sponsored this speaker. Many thanks to Dr. Wein for his outstanding efforts in making this happen.
I would like to thank our 246 active clerkship faculty who dedicate themselves to teaching our students with the highest level of expectations and anticipated outcomes. We enjoyed showing our appreciation for you at our recent Faculty Appreciation Celebration, and I sincerely thank those of you who attended. I especially thank Indian River Medical Center, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center, St. Lucie Medical Center and Martin Memorial Health Systems for sponsoring the event. For those who were not able to attend, I encourage you to get more involved. I consider our community board, alumni, affiliated institutions, community agencies, staff, students and faculty a part of the FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus “family.” As such, we are always here for support and assistance.

I also want to thank our faculty, especially our eight clerkship directors, for their efforts in helping with the accreditation site visit from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). Since we have just received the good news that we have earned reaccreditation, congratulations to all are in order. We are very proud of the community-based model that is integral to our curriculum, and that model could not work without our outstanding physicians in the Treasure Coast community. We are achieving great outcomes and we look forward to continued success.

Thanks again for all you do!

---

Faculty Spotlight

Health Care Heroes, an event presented by Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers and the Treasure Coast Business Journal, celebrated health care professionals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the quality of health care on the Treasure Coast. At a luncheon on Sept. 30, eight categories of Health Care Heroes were recognized: Physician excellence, non-physician excellence, emergency medical services, advancements in health care research, administrative excellence, innovation in health care, community outreach and lifetime achievement. With nominations judged by CEOs from all major hospitals and medical centers along the Treasure Coast, 16 finalists were selected. Several of our FSU clerkship faculty were nominated, including Nancy Baker, M.D. (clerkship director in family medicine), Felix Bigay, M.D., Hamid Feiz, M.D., Robert Fier, M.D., Steven Hulecki, M.D., William Lasswell, M.D., Jeffrey Livingston, M.D., William Mallon, M.D., Humayun Shareef, M.D., Paul Swanson, M.D., and Dudley Teel, M.D (clerkship director in emergency medicine). Harold Cordner, M.D., FSU clerkship faculty for neurology, was a finalist in the physician’s excellence in health care category. Howard Voss, M.D., FSU clerkship faculty for internal medicine, and Gregory MacKay, M.D., FSU clerkship faculty for gastroenterology, were the two finalists in the community outreach category. Dr. MacKay was chosen as the winner. Congratulations to all!

Health Care Hero
Gregory MacKay, M.D.

Finalists Harold Cordner, M.D. (left) and Howard Voss, M.D.
Lost in the Jungle of Medicine
By Jessica Gondela, Class of 2012

Few physicians land themselves an opportunity in the middle of the Amazon jungle. Even fewer make the trip not knowing a soul and head out on a boat with a bunch of strangers who also carry the same sense of gratification in helping the most underserved patients they can find in the world. I’ll never forget stepping off the boat into a landscape that was recognizable only because it had palm trees similar to those we had in Florida.

I stepped into Peru with the same sense of pure amazement and excitement that a child has when arriving in Disneyland. Surprise caught me when a small 3 year-old child grasped my hand and smiled shyly up at me, asking me in her native Spanish dialect, “Who are you and why are you here visiting my village?” I smiled back at her and said, “I am Jessica, and we are here to help you and your village with their health.” Later that day I had the privilege of examining her with one of the physicians, and we gave her medications to clear her of an uncomfortable intestinal parasite that she likely had suffered from for most of her life.

Working with patients in the middle of the jungle is not an easy task. We set up a make-shift table with donated medications and had only the stethoscopes around our necks and the basic medical tools that we had brought from the United States along with one portable ultrasound machine. So it was truly the most “MacGyver” style of medicine I have seen yet: We had to be the most resourceful physicians we could be, given the poverty of tools.

A startling example of this that I’ll never forget was a young mother who brought in her month-old infant who was in respiratory distress. The child had all of the classic signs and symptoms we were taught in medical school: nasal flaring, costal retractions and the horrifying gasping and choking noises. The only difference was we were in the middle of the Amazon, and nothing was available to save her child in the village. We quickly rushed her onto the boat and used a nebulizer treatment one of the physicians had brought to stabilize the infant. It was a powerful moment for all of us.

The acute medicine we performed in the middle of the Amazon reminded me of the deep excitement that I cherish and hold on to as I progress through the grueling yet incredible years of medical training. As young physicians-in-training, we keep these memories in our pocket for the challenging days in our careers as a reminder of the reasons that we chose this path. I knew that this was the only field I could ever envision myself in the future, and if you ever catch me daydreaming on a long day in the hospital, it is simply my eyes drifting overseas with a longing for another international medical jungle adventure.
Class of 2012 students Aaron Hilton, Diana Mauldin, Brian O'Hara, Monica Pena and Helen Travis 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. Aaron, Diana, Brian, Monica and Helen will be recognized for this outstanding accomplishment at the awards ceremony at the central campus in Tallahassee during graduation week in May 2012. We congratulate these students!

An International Elective Course

In August, fourth-year student Dharmini Shah completed a two-week international elective course in Nicaragua titled Global Health. Accompanied by the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health, Daniel Van Durme, M.D., Dharmini and several other students gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of the broad field of global health.
Excerpt from the website of The Arnold P. Gold Foundation for Humanism in Medicine:
http://www.humanism-in-medicine.org/

“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”

Of the 12 Class of 2012 students recently inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society, four were from the Fort Pierce Regional Campus: Aaron Hilton, Brandon Mauldin, Diana Mauldin and Helen Travis. 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 these four students were nominated and selected for this honor. They are all dedicated, determined, friendly, compassionate and conscientious students. We are all so proud of them!

The new members of the Gold Humanism Honor Society after the ceremony in Tallahassee

Fourth-year student Brandon Mauldin assisted Hamid Feiz, M.D., in publishing an article in the August issue of ACPHospitalist, a publication of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Feiz, FSU clinical assistant professor, teaches the inpatient portion of internal medicine as a hospitalist at Indian River Medical Center (IRMC) in Vero Beach. He is also the chief medical information officer and chief quality officer at IRMC. The article, titled “Computerized provider order entry systems and patient safety,” stated that as hospitals begin to implement and enforce use of computerized provider order entry (CPOE), more research and investigation will be done that will ultimately support its benefits. CPOE and clinical decision support (CDS) help clinicians and others to provide standardized and evidence-based practice, which they believe has significant impact on patient outcomes, including on mortality.
Foundation News

Our fourth Annual Fund Campaign will be kicking off soon! We are excited to present this opportunity to all our faculty and friends as a means for giving to the Fort Pierce Regional Campus of the FSU College of Medicine. 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.

Since state funding has been cut, private support is more critical than ever. We are often reminded, especially during times of struggle, that more must be done to sustain programs that make such a difference in the lives of others.

Look for the Annual Fund letter in your mailbox soon, and please consider making a gift to the Fort Pierce Regional Campus. Your participation, at any level, is greatly appreciated and will continue to advance our medical school and its mission.

Easy way for our faculty to donate!
The FSU College of Medicine and the FSU Foundation have created an easy process for faculty to donate their pay back to the Fort Pierce Regional Campus. Through electronic funds transfer, faculty can sign up to have all or a portion of their compensation sent to our campus. These funds will be used for faculty development, student orientations, our graduation reception, faculty appreciation, and other special events and programs. Please contact Dr. Bertolette or Beth Strack for details on this opportunity!

Thank You to Our Donors

FY 2012 (July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012)
Nancy Baker, M.D. Randall Bertolette, M.D.
Kenneth Bridges, M.D. Florina Cimpean, M.D.
Virginia Fegert, M.D. Michael Jampol, M.D.
Steven Lofton, M.D. Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D.
Peterson Bernard, Attorneys at Law
Scott Snedeker, M.D. Dudley Teel, M.D.

Presidents Club Members
($10,000 or more pledge)
Nancy Baker, M.D. Randall Bertolette, M.D.
Kenneth Bridges, M.D. Michael Jampol, M.D.
Bud and Marjorie Jordan Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D.
Dudley Teel, M.D.

If you would like to make a gift:
Online, go to:
https://foundation.fsu.edu/community/give2med
and designate your gift for the Fort Pierce Campus.
Or, you may write a check payable to “FSU Foundation, Fort Pierce Campus” and mail it to our campus.
Remember, your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Every effort was made to compile an accurate listing of all gifts received. If you find an error or omission, we apologize and ask you to contact Beth Strack at 772-464-0034.