Florida Hospital Donates $2M to Orlando Campus

On March 20, 2013, Florida Hospital announced a donation of $2 million to the Florida State University College of Medicine Orlando Regional Campus, in support of medical education in Orlando. The gift creates the Florida Hospital Endowed Fund for Medical Education, and will help the Orlando Campus meet its educational goals throughout the central Florida community.

Dr. Muszynski, Dean of the Orlando Campus, said that the gift “represents the synergy between an institution like Florida Hospital and Florida State University. Our missions are very similar. We care about Primary Care, rural medicine, the under-served, the elderly, and minority populations. That is our mission, and it is in line with what Florida Hospital is doing within its own institution.”

The donation comes during the year that the Orlando Campus is celebrating its 10th anniversary of educating third- and fourth-year medical students. “Currently, 13 alumni are practicing in the Orlando area and 37 are completing residencies or fellowships in Orlando. Additionally, 13 members (12 percent) of the 113-member Class of 2013 have matched with residency programs in Orlando, including five at Florida Hospital.” (med.fsu.edu)

Rich Morrison, Regional Vice President of Government and Public Affairs at Florida Hospital and Orlando Campus Community Board Member, said that “[the donation] is not a gift, it’s an investment. It is a recognition of [Florida Hospital’s] support of FSU College of Medicine’s mission, and of how they’re going about educating much-needed physicians in our community.”

Mr. Morrison was presented an honorary plaque to recognize his on-going support of FSU COM. He is pictured below hanging an additional plaque outside the Orlando Campus classroom, which is now named the “Florida Hospital Excellence in Education Classroom” in honor of their generous donation.
2013 marks the 10th year of the Orlando Regional Campus of the Florida State University College of Medicine. We were one of the three inaugural campuses of the grand experiment that would become FSU in Orlando and beyond. Now with a decade of turning out medical student graduates of the highest caliber with data showing that, on average, they are outperforming their peers nationally, we can be rightly proud.

Our story is now getting out and there is new appreciation of our mission and the fact that we accomplished it in full. This awareness has been at the national level from early in our college’s history, but now our local communities and our partners are sharing in our successes. Nationally, we can look to the opinion of leaders in medical education such as Jordan Cohen, M.D., former President of the Association of American Medical Colleges and Current Chairman Arnold P. Gold Foundation. He stated, “I’ve just been overwhelmed by the quality and the passion and the commitment that [FSU] students have. That really speaks volumes for the success of the model of medical education that you’ve introduced here.” And as an ultimate complement, the majority of the newest medical schools and those under development utilize some form of our model. From a statewide perspective we are proud that greater than 60% of our graduates have returned to practice in Florida, 22% being in rural areas. The 60% figure is especially striking when one notes that about 70% of our graduates leave the state for their residency training. Nationally, only around 30% of students practice in the state where they attended medical school. Now, the greater Orlando area is benefitting from the return of FSU College of Medicine graduates. Currently, 13 (and soon to be 15) of them practice in the area, and more are coming.

Why do we double the national rate of graduates practicing in their medical school state? It is a combination of careful selection of students during the application process, our geographically distributed model of clinical education, and an amazing base of community faculty and committed healthcare partners. The Orlando Regional Campus has been blessed with those superb partnerships, including the local teaching hospitals. The front page of this issue of the campus newsletter details the generous gift from Florida Hospital as their acknowledgement of the success of our partnership and the parallels between our missions. With such support, even greater things are to come.

Michael J. Muszynski, MD

Other Exciting Match Day for the Orlando Campus

See Page 3 for the Complete Class of 2013 Match List!
Orlando Campus Student Match List

Labake Bankole
Family Medicine
St. Vincent Healthcare
Jacksonville, FL

Christina Brown
Anesthesiology
Barnes-Jewish Hospital
St. Louis, MO

Aleksandra Clayton
Family Medicine
Florida Hospital
Orlando, FL

Michele Edison
Radiology-Diagnostic
Florida Hospital
Orlando, FL

Michael Glickman
Family Medicine
VCU
Fairfax, VA

Zachary Hale
Internal Medicine
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Shaun-Pierre Hall
Family Medicine
St. Vincent Healthcare
Jacksonville, FL

Jonathan Imran
General Surgery
UT Southwestern
Dallas, TX

Richard Jones, II
Internal Medicine
Johns Hopkins
Baltimore, MD

Souhail Karram
Anesthesiology
Baylor
Houston, TX

Jasmeet Kataria
Pediatrics
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Jason Konopack
Family Medicine
UF Shands
Gainesville, FL

Shirley Kwan
Emergency Medicine
University of Missouri
Kansas City, MO

Carlos Leon
Internal Medicine
UF Shands
Gainesville, FL

Philip Lin
Emergency Medicine
Orlando Health
Orlando, FL

Stephen Lozier
Emergency Medicine
Wake Forest
Winston Salem, NC

Raquel Olavarrieta
Pediatrics
Miami Children’s
Miami, FL

Sheallah Palmer
Family Medicine
Florida Hospital
Orlando, FL

Stephenie Pollock
General Surgery
Florida Hospital
Orlando, FL

Shawn Shah
Internal Medicine
Dartmouth
Hanover, NH

Heather Staples
Pediatrics
Palmetto Health
Columbia, SC

Karina Walker
Emergency Medicine
LSU
Shreveport, LA

Brittany Warren
General Surgery
Orlando Health
Orlando, FL

Sarah Weaver
OB/GYN
Tulane
New Orleans, LA

Congratulations to the Class of 2013!
Dr. Rosemary Laird, pictured, was named the American Geriatrics Society 2013 Clinician of the Year. Here are some words from Dr. Laird about the award:

“First of all it is truly humbling to receive this honor and without question I share this honor with my team at Health First Aging Services and my extended family at FSU Department of Geriatrics…as a Geriatrician I know that the work of caring for frail elders is not accomplished well by any one person. As a medical student, Geriatrics interested me because of the complexity of the medical decision making. In putting those decisions into a working care plan you realize very quickly you need a strong and multidisciplinary care team -including family and professional caregivers- working with you and your patients. And its largely because of the collaborative and team nature of care that I enjoy my work so much. When I left academics for a community-based setting I was hopeful we could create an academic level of quality programs and providers if you will, but in a community setting.

Not a day goes by that a patient or family member doesn’t point out to me how much they enjoy coming to our clinic because of how much they can tell we care about them. And this is despite the fact that for many of these patients, we do not have a "cure" or easy fix for their ailments. It doesn’t seem likely they’d be thanking us for not curing them, does it? I am proud to be a geriatrician and to work with a team of professionals who practice patient-centered and evidence-based care and deliver it with unwavering respect and compassion no matter the frailties of our patients.

The support and connection to FSU Department of Geriatrics has been a tremendous help to me over the years, and our whole team looks forward to having students rotate with us.

While our out-patient geriatric specialty and geriatric psychiatry clinics are the most active of our program, I have also enjoyed an opportunity to bring a wide range of quality geriatric care programs and services to our community via other programs and services of our health system. We have a personal response program, Nurse Case Management, Home visiting Provider program, Memory Care Caregiver Support program, and a family caregiver resource center called the Center for Family Caregivers.

To have the support of a community-based not for profit health system has really allowed us to live up to our programs overall mission:

Dedicated to caring for older adults, and supporting their caregivers.”

To read more about the American Geriatrics Society, click here.

For more information about Dr. Laird and the Clinician of the Year award, click here.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Aurelio Duran, pictured left, was recently named Vice Chief of Staff of Orlando Health for the 2013-2015 term. Dr. Duran is a Cardiologist at Orlando Heart Center who specializes in cardiac electrophysiology, and “actively coordinates research protocols involving radiofrequency ablation, implantable cardioverter defibrillators, pacemakers, and experimental anti-arrhythmic drug protocols.” He has served Chairman of the Cardiology Department since 2005, as Leadership Chair for Orlando Health since 2009, and has been part of the Orlando Health medical staff since 1992.

Dr. Duran is a Clinical Associate Professor for Internal Medicine at the FSU College of Medicine Orlando campus, and has been a faculty member since 2005.

Dr. Weatherly, pictured right, was nominated by the FSU College of Medicine Class of 2013 students and honor society members for induction into the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS). Among other attributes, Dr. Weatherly’s nomination was based on his “demonstration of compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients, serving as a role model for students and colleagues, and showing respect for everyone he comes in contact with.”

Dr. Weatherly is a Pulmonologist with Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando, FL. He is a Clinical Associate Professor for Pediatrics and has been an Orlando campus faculty member since 2003.
FSU COM Students Attend Conference on Capitol Hill

“On February 11th, over 300 medical students from across the country flooded into Capitol Hill to advocate for issues that affect medical students and medical residents. FSU was well represented at the AMA Medical Student Advocacy Day, with eleven FSU students in attendance. First year medical students included: Silvana Rolong, John Dudley, Jason Miles, Ryan Fitzgerald and William Carracher-Stross. Second year students also be introduced in the House of Representatives. The second issue medical students advocated for was changing the graduate medical student loans to a variable rate with a cap at a 5% interest rate. Currently, the loan rate is fixed at 6.8%. This was the most exciting event I have been a part of in my four years of medical school. As students, we need to express ourselves to our representatives in Congress. We are the experts on what it is like to be a medical student preparing for residency today.”

-Sarah Weaver, Fourth-Year Orlando Campus Student

Students Add Color to Campus Intersection

Orlando Campus third-year students Camilo Fernandez-Salvador and Annie Chau painted the Utility Box at the campus intersection (Colonial and Highland) as part of a public art project headed by the Mills 50 District and the City of Orlando to highlight the creativity and cultural diversity of downtown Orlando.

Annie, who assisted with the project, said: “When we got the [request] for ideas for the signal box, I knew this would be a great opportunity for our school to collaborate with the local community.”

Camilo, who designed the piece, said: “I decided to get involved [because of] my love for the arts and my appreciation for what FSU COM has done for me...When I was told about this project, I figured it would be a great opportunity for me to showcase my skills and contribute to the University as well as the city...I am proud to say that the signal box across the street from our campus is our box and it is nice to know that we are leaving a lasting mark on the City of Orlando that will hopefully inspire people.”

Donate to the Orlando Regional Campus

You, too, can support the students of the Orlando Campus by a donation toward scholarships. Please consider making a gift to the Orlando RMSC Scholarship Fund.

Also, ask us about naming opportunities to honor your gift:
Contact Campus Administrator, Leeann Parker, at Leeann.parker@med.fsu.edu.

If you would like to make an unnamed gift online, please click here and designate your gift for the Orlando Regional Campus.
Faculty Development

Do you teach a required course? Remember, you need to earn a minimum of two faculty development credits each year!

These photos were taken at an Orlando Regional Campus LIVE faculty development session, “Effective Clinical Teaching: Views from Our Learners.” This workshop featured a panel of third and fourth year students (above) who helped lead a lively topic discussion. If you would like to attend one of our live sessions, please see below!

Upcoming Sessions

Check our website, med.fsu.edu/orlando, for the faculty development schedule.

Current faculty, be on the look-out for email reminders and save-the-date postcards!

For all workshops:

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For Directions to the Orlando Regional Campus, please click here.