As each year passes and another extraordinary class of FSU College of Medicine Orlando Regional Campus students graduate and the next class of excited students arrives, I can’t help but think how fortunate I am to be in a position to represent the efforts of all who are striving to teach these talented young professionals. We have reached a milestone this year of 10 years of teaching excellence in Orlando, packed with amazing accomplishments. In 2003, Orlando was one of the three inaugural FSU medical school campuses, embarking on a venture described by the “experts” as foolhardy and doomed by its design to turn out substandard graduates. Community-based education was not a new concept, but the ways in which FSU designed it and the extent that FSU would use it were unprecedented. I have often described it as community-based education on steroids. The academic centers of that time asked, “How could an entire year 3-4 curriculum be entrusted to the likes of mere community faculty?” And the LCME medical school accrediting body agreed and denied us initial accreditation. Their accreditation process could not accommodate our inventiveness. In a change of mind (and perhaps heart as well), the LCME reversed that decision and we worked with them to revamp the accreditation process for all the new schools that would follow us. The students, staff, FSU faculty and teaching partners kept the faith. In fact, the FSU faculty retention rate has been >85% over the last 10 years! So what are the experts saying now? Jordan Cohen, MD former President Association of American Medical College and current Arnold P. Gold Foundation Chairman recently 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. You have a forward-looking way of educating students and introducing them to the future of medicine. Others should emulate what you are doing.” And another education leader of special note remarked, “I think you have done it on the educational front, and I can’t say enough good things about what you’ve accomplished in that regard. The problem is now we need to extend it to other medical schools and to the entire health-care system.” Those are the latest words of Darrell Kirch, MD, current President and CEO of the AAMC. Dr Kirch chaired the LCME when it denied our initial accreditation. And today, our College of Medicine Dean sits on that same LCME in an executive capacity. Congratulations to us all!

Congratulations Class of 2013!

Michael J. Muszynski, MD
Welcome, Class of 2015

Mitali Agarwal  
Apopka, FL  
UF

Justin Beyer  
Rockledge, FL  
FIT-Melbourne

David Cristin  
Miami, FL  
FSU

Joseph Duran, Jr.  
St. Augustine, FL  
FSU

Sanjana Iyengar  
Orlando, FL  
Washington U.-St. Louis

Holly Klopfenstein  
Oviedo, FL  
UF

Rachel Mattio  
Naples, FL  
UF

Christopher McDonald  
Tallahassee, FL  
UF

Joanna Meadors  
Maitland, FL  
UF

Nicole Meier  
Cincinnati, OH  
UF

Stephanie Morales  
Orlando, FL  
UCF

Amanda Morden  
Tallahassee, FL  
UF

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B.S. Loyala/M.S. Boston

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Longwood, FL  
FSU

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New Port Richey, FL  
FSU

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Orlando, FL  
UCF

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Orlando, FL  
UCF

Jonathan Salud  
Lake Wales, FL  
B.S. Tulane/MPH Columbia

Brady Schmidt  
Pensacola, FL  
UF

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Tallahassee, FL  
FSU

Ryan Sutherland  
Tampa, FL  
UCF

Lyvie-Sara Sylvestre  
Port-Au-Prince, Haiti  
UF/FIU

Natalie Voithofer  
Lakeland, FL  
FSU

Mike Yuan  
Changzhi, China  
USF

Day Zayas  
San Juan, PR  
UCF/FSU

Zachary Zimmerman  
Orlando, FL  
Davidson

Tyler Zorn  
Tallahassee, FL  
FAMU
In 2003 the Orlando Regional Campus headquarters were established in the quaint neighborhood of Delaney Park, reflective of our community-based education model and mission. Much had been accomplished to begin an ambitious curriculum where all of the educators for years 3 and 4 were community faculty. Clerkship Directors were hired with the additional responsibility of leading the faculty. Teaching agreements and affiliations were established with all of the major hospitals, 180 faculty, Orange County Medical Society, as well as community organizations. Countless hours of faculty development were needed to assure curriculum delivery. In July, 14 pioneering year-3 students began their clinical education at the inaugural Orlando Campus.

After 5 years, the campus outgrew the Delany office. In 2008 the campus moved to Colonial Drive in North Downtown Orlando into space expressly designed for an FSU regional campus. In fact, many similarities to the learning communities at the main campus building back in Tallahassee have been noted.

The formula for the successes of the Orlando Regional Campus is much more than mere office facilities. The dedication of the campus staff, each of whom are the embodiment of an entire department in the medical school at the regional level, cannot be overestimated. Committed faculty, steadfast teaching partners and institutions, and superb students within a novel, superior curriculum structure are the backbone of our accomplishments:

**2003** Community-based education model established in Orlando
**2004** Sherwood Gift to establish annual lectureship on HIV/AIDS
**2004** Community Medicine clerkships established at 15 agencies
**2004** Narrative Medicine and Patient-Centered Ethics Program established
**2005** First new medical school fully accredited in 21st century and in 25 years
**2005** Inaugural class graduates
**2007** Board Examination scores at graduation well exceed national averages
**2008** Move to new facility
**2008-9** First FSU COM alumni appointed as FSU COM faculty
**2010** “Ten for Ten” student volunteerism campaign (10 agencies still working with FSU today) commences
**2011** Community faculty appointments exceed 500; virtually all specialties offered
**2011** FSU Clinical Research Network established with main office at Orlando Campus
**2011** New Florida 2010 Scholar’s Boost and Clustering Award (UF-FSU Community Research Collaborative Program in Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine) $600,000
**2011** Received Clinical and Translational Science Award - University of Florida R01 and Florida State University Collaborative
**2011** Received full 8-year LCME Reaccreditation with five commendations
**2012** Established Heath IMPACTS for Florida established (The unique collaboration between the University Florida and Florida State University to facilitate community-based clinical research)
**2012** Year-4 scholarship program initiated
**2013** Orlando Campus medical student USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge Board Score average reaches all time high (245)
**2013** $2,000,000 Florida Hospital Foundation, Excellence in Medical Education Endowment, awarded to Orlando Campus
**2013** City of Orlando partnership created to form SSSTRIDE Orlando (Science Students Together Reaching Instructional Diversity & Excellence), a public school program

Thus, it was fitting that over 200 attendees consisting of faculty, dignitaries, guests, FSU COM staff and leadership gathered at the Coronado Springs Resort to celebrate 10-years of accomplishment at our college and national accolades it has earned. We began as the experiment said to be doomed to failure, only to persevere to become a medical school experts now say should be emulated. We always knew it would work. We just underestimated how great it would become.
Student Scholarship Winners

Four students were awarded the Orlando Regional Campus Merit Scholarship. This $5,000 scholarship is given to one or more fourth year students in good academic standing who have demonstrated meritorious academic, service, or clinical performance while assigned to the Orlando Regional Campus, and who have a demonstrated financial need.

Congratulations to Angela Guzman and Li Li (pictured top, left to right) and Joseph Limback and Taylor Smith for their exemplary performance.

The Merit Scholarships were made possible by generous donations to the Orlando RMSC Scholarship Fund. For information about how you can donate, please see click here.
Alpha Omega Alpha (ΑΩΑ) is the national medical honor society which is “dedicated to the belief that in the profession of medicine we will improve care for all by recognizing high educational achievement, honoring gifted teaching, encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community, supporting the ideals of humanism, and promoting service to others” (for more information about ΑΩΑ, please click here). The Orlando Regional campus is proud to announce the Class of 2014 students inducted into ΑΩΑ this year.

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 Cindy Porter at cynthia.porter@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.

Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductees

Orlando Regional Campus Year-Four students Angela Guzman, Jessica Specht, and Matthew Welsh (all pictured above) are the most recent inductees included among the Class of 2014 Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) members.

"The GHHS comprises individuals who have been recognized for practicing patient-centered medical care by modeling the qualities of integrity, excellence, compassion, altruism, respect and empathy. Members may be selected as 3rd and 4th year medical students. Residents, faculty and administrators may also be recognized for humanistic practice at various stages in their careers."

For more information about the GHHS, please click here. Congratulations to these Orlando Campus students for exemplifying the FSU College of Medicine mission and for their nomination to the Gold Humanism Honor Society.
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.