When looking forward, ten years seems like a long time, but looking back it is amazing how quickly the time has passed. Yet here we are, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Florida State University College of Medicine’s Sarasota Regional Campus. I am proud to say that we have accomplished a great deal in the last ten years. First and foremost we have graduated 149 students into the M.D. degree and many of them have returned to our community to practice medicine. Kristen Shepherd, a student in our first graduating Class of 2007 and our first recipient of the Dean’s Award, was also the first graduate to return to Sarasota. She practices obstetrics and gynecology and now has a child of her own. We have truly come full circle and fulfilled our mission of training medical students and returning practicing, board-certified physicians to live and work in our community. Everyone benefits.

In the last ten years we have acquired many new friends who have helped us achieve our goals. Among those friends are the Sarasota Campus Community Board, our faculty physicians, local hospitals, community organizations and our many benefactors. Without these faithful friends who share our interests and long term goals, we could not have accomplished what we have thus far. A distributed medical school campus like ours is unique, and everyone in our community who has helped us should be proud of how successful our teaching model has become.

As we begin the second decade at our campus in Sarasota, we look forward to many new teaching opportunities. We are continually evolving our curriculum and modifying it in anticipation of future needs. As new and exciting technologies and medical discoveries enter practice, we alter our teaching program to take them into consideration. It is sometimes difficult to know if what we teach our students alters medical practice or if new medical discoveries alter our education model. I suspect that both are true. We look forward in anticipation of the future changes in health care and another ten years of teaching medical students in Sarasota.
Welcome, Class of 2017!

Michael Baratta  
Naples, FL  
FAU

Nicole Brunner  
Miami, FL  
UF

Stefanny Cortes  
Bogota, Colombia  
FSU

Kevin Coughlin  
Tampa, FL  
Davidson

Stephanie Fall  
Fort Myers, FL  
UF

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Hobe Sound, FL  
UF

Samuel Jalali  
Tampa, FL  
USF

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Boca Raton, FL  
FSU

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Fort Walton Beach, FL  
UCF

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Wellington, FL  
UF

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Tallahassee, FL  
FSU

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Anambara, Nigeria  
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Arcadia, FL  
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Hialeah, FL  
Barry

Michael Warren  
Crystal Beach, FL  
FSU

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Naples, FL  
FSU

Tyler Wellman  
Tampa, FL  
UF

Jeffrey Wunderlich  
Seminole, FL  
UF

Phil Xanthoudakis  
Safety Harbor, FL  
UF
All-Faculty Celebration

Aug. 28, 2015

From top, clockwise:
Students, Class of 2017
Dr. Berg and Nancy and Dan Bailey
Drs. Karen Hamad and Jon Yenari
Dr. Juan Rivera and Helen Rivera
Dr. Brian Garby received the “Outstanding Community Faculty Educator” award.
Dr. Washington C. Hill received the “Guardian of the Mission” award.

Tobacco Free Florida AHEC Cessation Program

Tobacco Free Florida AHEC Cessation Program is committed to helping all healthcare providers assist their patients in becoming tobacco free.

Thank you to the program for sponsoring our Informatics Faculty Development Sessions!
Dr. Marc Weinberg was a well-loved, highly regarded family doctor in Sarasota for more than 30 years. His medical philosophy revolved around two core principles. First, and most important, whatever reason a patient was in his office, he always viewed the person sitting across from him as a fellow human being above all else. Second, he wanted to find whatever means he could to help that patient enjoy life to the fullest. To that end, he stayed open-minded and curious about healing approaches beyond traditional Western medicine, and incorporated them into his own practice when he found evidence that they worked.

We would love to see more doctors practice medicine like Dr. Weinberg. Although we can't clone him, we can encourage medical students to practice medicine in ways that he did. To honor Dr. Weinberg and to keep alive the spirit that animated his philosophy of medicine, his wife Ruth Folit and children Sara and Ben Folit-Weinberg, have created the Dr. Marc Weinberg Scholarship Endowment Fund.

This scholarship will assist deserving fourth-year medical students from the FSU College of Medicine Sarasota Regional Campus in advancing their education in compassionate, patient-centered care by participating in a clerkship, elective, conference or community service event that focuses on narrative, integrative or functional medicine.

“Marc always took great pleasure in mentoring FSU medical students. Even though he can no longer directly pass on his values and philosophy to them, this scholarship will help fill a small part of that gap by encouraging a new generation of physicians to think about the medical profession as Marc did,” said Ruth Folit.

His colleagues at the Intercoastal Medical Group provided the lead gift to help in reaching the goal of $100,000 and endow this fund in perpetuity so that Dr. Weinberg’s legacy will live on. To date, 130 donations, totaling over $85,000, have been received.

If you would like to support the Dr. Marc Weinberg Scholarship Endowment Fund, donations can be mailed to:

Florida State University College of Medicine
PO Box 306430, Tallahassee, FL 32306-4300
Attn: Cindy Tyler

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10th Anniversary Jazz Brunch

Event Chair: Renee Hamad

Special Guests:
John Thrasher, President, Florida State University
John P Fogarty, Dean, FSU College of Medicine

Sunday, Dec 6, 2015 at the Ca’ d’Zan Campiello, Ringling Museum of Art

Music Provided by Dr. Joe Scarano and Pyramid Jazz

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My name is Heather Lopez and I am a fourth year medical student.

I remember as if it was yesterday receiving my acceptance letter to The Florida State University College of Medicine. Everything I had dreamed of, everything I had worked for throughout my undergraduate years was finally coming true. On that same day, my Father-in-law told me: “Remember Heather, medical school is a marathon, not a sprint. Take your time and appreciate your surroundings”.

His words resonated with me on the first day of medical school as I was introduced to my very first patient in the Anatomy lab. I was overwhelmed with emotions. How did my patient receive the scar on his knee? I wondered about the life he lived before me. His generosity not only contributed to our education but also helped create an incredible bond that we as medical students will share for a lifetime.

After an enormous number of hours spent in the Anatomy Lab and practicing my doctoring skills in our Doctoring course, it was finally the day all of my classmates and I had waited for: the day we were able to wear the symbol of medicine, the white coat. It was that day I realized the importance of our white coat. It symbolizes professionalism, caring and the trust we must earn from our patients. After receiving my white coat, first and second year flew by full of physiology, pathology and pharmacology books. Then I was off, on the move to third year in Sarasota.

My third and fourth years have been full: Family Medicine, General Surgery, Psychiatry, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine and Geriatrics. The physicians I have worked with here have not only become my mentors, but they have become my friends, and I aspire to be like each and every one of them. Because of them I remember—when I diagnose new onset heart failure, deliver a baby, assist in removing half a colon or tell an 8 year old that she has diabetes—that I am creating a transition in other people’s lives, moments that for them are as significant as today is for us.

It’s the curriculum, the physicians and the community that have made me into the medical student I am today, and I can assure you that no other medical school compares. As I look forward, I am excited to begin my residency in OB-GYN. I don’t know where I will end up for the next four years of my training, but I do know that Sarasota has become my home. It’s where I see myself practicing and where I see myself growing a family. I am ready for the challenges I will face along the way because the Sarasota community has prepared me. I thank each and every one of you here today, for without your support I would not be able to fulfill my dreams of becoming a physician.

Heather Lopez
FSU College of Medicine Sarasota Campus
This is a three-week course designed to broaden the student's understanding of the role played by community agencies in health promotion and disease prevention. It allows each student to observe and assist in that agency's role in maintaining the health of the community.

Thank you to the following community agencies that participated in the 2015 Community Medicine Rotation:

- All Faiths Food Bank
- Community Haven for Adults & Children with Disabilities Inc.
- Comprehensive Care Clinic
- Cyesis Teen Parent Program
- Early Steps of Sarasota Memorial Hospital
- Easter Seals
- Emergency Medical Services
- Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County
- Lutheran Services (State Appointed Guardianship Program)
- Planned Parenthood
- Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)
- Salvation Army
- Sarasota County Public Health Department
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital Community Medical Clinic
- Selah Freedom
- Senior Friendship Center
- Southeastern Guide Dogs
- Youthful Aging Home Health Care
Upcoming Events

- March 18: Match Day in Tallahassee
- April 20: Graduation Celebration
- May 12: 6 p.m., Faculty Development with Michael Nair-Collins, *Unconscious Bias with Students*
- June 20-24: Class of 2018 Orientation Week
- June 21: 6 p.m., Faculty Development with Daniel Van Durme, *Evidence-Based Medicine*
- Aug. 25: All Faculty Celebration

Thank You to Our Community Board Members

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