It’s sometimes difficult to believe, but the FSU College of Medicine Sarasota Campus accepted its first class of students seven years ago. Since then many changes have occurred in health care, the Sarasota Community and in our medical education program. We now cover three counties, six hospitals and have over 330 physicians on our clinical faculty. The changes I notice the most, of course, are those associated with our students as they become more at ease with patient care and grow their clinical skills. I marvel at how successful our distributed model of teaching has become thanks to the wonderful efforts of our clinical faculty along with our hospital and community partners. The Class of 2012 graduated in May and left Sarasota for their residency programs. The M4 Class of 2013 is preparing for the residency match next March and the Class of 2014 arrived in June and began clinical rotations in July. Our goal, of course, is to recruit as many of our graduates as possible to return to Sarasota to practice medicine.

Bearing witness to the growth of our students is to witness a wonderful change. There is another type of change that occurs, however, that is best described as evolutionary. Strong supporters of our program are moving on to other challenges. Dr. Washington Hill is retiring from his position as a founding Clerkship Director in obstetrics and gynecology to do medical mission work in Rwanda, Africa. We thank him for his wonderful service to our medical students and wish him good fortune and safe travel. We also want to welcome Dr. Jon Yenari who will replace Dr. Hill as the campus clerkship director.

Another strong advocate of our program is Mr. George Morgan, one of our community board members who has helped us by providing good counsel and fund raising expertise. He has resigned our board to become the CEO of vRad, a tele-radiology company based in Minnesota. Mr. Drayton Saunders will replace Mr. Morgan. We thank Mr. Morgan for his service and welcome Mr. Saunders.

Our campus programs will also continue to evolve. We are making plans to implement curriculum changes to better suit the future practice of medicine. Research projects will become a more important part of our campus as will the creation of scholarships to help defray the rising costs of our students’ medical education. Our mission is to encourage students to enter primary care specialties and scholarships will help us accomplish this goal. In the end our purpose is to focus on that most important nexus of medical education, evidence based practice and medical ethics.

Drayton Saunders, a native of Florida and born in Sarasota, is a graduate of Colgate University in New York. Drayton’s passion for Latin America led him to work with non-profit groups in conjunction with CARE International to help improve basic sanitation, health and hygiene practices in the highlands of Ecuador. After college, Drayton spent 8 years in Santiago, Chili, where he opened the first bagel coffee shop with multiple locations, catering to major hotels and restaurants.

Drayton became the President of MSC Title and MSC Mortgage after having managed the firm’s Venice and Longboat Key offices. As one of the founding members of the Young Professionals Group of Sarasota, he has worked to attract committed young professionals to Sarasota. He is on the Board of Directors for the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce and Goodwill Industries, and is also a member of Leadership Florida, having graduated from its class of 2006.

We are delighted to welcome Drayton Saunders to the Community Board of the Sarasota Campus, FSU College of Medicine.
Sarasota Memorial’s Medical Executive Committee honored Dr. Washington Hill, MD, FACOG as an outstanding physician for his service to the hospital and community. Dr. Hill, a perinatologist who manages high risk pregnancy patients was named the winner of the health system’s 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award. He was nominated by his peers and selected by a committee of physician leaders. A nationally known expert and leader in his specialty Perinatology, Dr. Hill joined SMH’s medical staff in 1992 and developed the hospital’s Maternal Fetal Medicine Department and Maternal Transport program, providing vital care to at-risk mothers and babies throughout the region for two decades. At SMH, he has provided years of exceptional leadership, serving as chief of staff in 2008 and OB/GYN Department chairman from 1997 to 1999 and 2001 to 2006. Colleagues cite his emphasis on quality and teamwork in all of the positions he has held while staff regard him as an invaluable mentor. A member of Sarasota Memorial’s First Physicians Group, Dr. Hill is well known in the community as an expert physician and passionate advocate for maternal and fetal health and wellness. He’s been there for thousands of patients during the most difficult and rewarding moments of their lives while delivering the highest level of care to promote the best possible outcomes.

Additionally, Dr. Hill has held professorships at multiple universities and been widely published in medical journals. He’s organized and presented at numerous conferences, sharing the latest research and advances in his field. He has served as Clerkship Director for Obstetrics & Gynecology at the Florida State University College of Medicine Sarasota Regional Campus since the opening of the campus in 2005. He has been one of our most exceptional educators and numerous students have relied upon his advice to accomplish their educational milestones.

Dr. Hill’s wife, Pauline Hill, RN, MSN, is a nurse mentor and clinical nurse educator with Duke University School of Nursing, in partnership with The Clinton Health Access Initiative and The Minister of Health in Rwanda. Pauline is teaching student nurses and midwifery students at Muhima District Hospital, in Kigali, Rwanda. Pauline is working in the maternity ward assisting students with immediate care of the newborn, and also working in the NICU with the students and hospital staff. Pauline has been in Rwanda since August 2012, and her current contract will be completed in July 2013.

In January, Dr. Hill plans to retire from his practice and take a leave of absence from the hospital. He will join his wife, Pauline, in Rwanda to help build a high-quality and sustainable health system as part of Duke University’s partnership with the Clinton Health Access Initiative/Rwanda Human Resources for Health Program.

While his presence will be missed, we wish he and his wife well and safe travels.

The Center for Building Hope presented Issam D. Soussou, M.D., with the organization’s highest honor, the Stephen H. Goldman, M.D., Keystone Award. Each year, the Center for Building Hope recognizes one member of the medical profession and one lay person who have shown extraordinary service and commitment to the cancer community for this prestigious honor.

Board certified by the American Board of Surgery in 1980 and a Fellow of American College of Surgeons, Dr. Soussou established his medical practice in Sarasota that same year. He was named Chief of Surgery at Doctor’s Hospital in 1985. At Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Soussou served as Chief of Surgery from 1989-1990 and then as Chief of Staff in 1994-1995. He joined Intercoastal Medical Group in 2000.

“I have had the privilege and honor of working with Dr. Steven Goldman in Sarasota around the same time, and enjoyed our collegial work together,” Soussou said.
ALL FACULTY APPRECIATION RECEPTION AT MICHAEL’S ON EAST

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU...
To M&I Bank, a part of BMO (Bee-Mō) Financial Group, for hosting the All Faculty Appreciation Reception at Michael’s on East. Your generosity and thoughtfulness continue to make a significant difference in the lives of our students.

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L-R) KATIE RELIHAM (M4), CHLOE JENKINS (M3), AND DR. ALMA LITTLES

L-R) DIANE FOGARTY, DR. WASHINGTON HILL, AND DEAN JOHN FOGARTY

PYRAMID JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERFORMED AT THE RECEPTION, PROVIDING THE PERFECT AMBIENT MUSIC

FACULTY RECEIVE COLLEGE AWARDS FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Dr. Randy Powell received the College’s 2012 Distinguished Service in Advancing the Mission Award for the Sarasota Campus. He has been an educator in Family Medicine since the campus opened in 2005. He earned his M.D. degree at Loyola University and did his internship and residency at Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg, FL. In response to the award recognition, Dr. Powell stated,

“Our school has been successfully producing physicians that are caring, compassionate, competent and committed to providing the best possible care for their patients. The students act professionally and have developed the communication skills to relate with the teachers, staff and patients from a position of respect and humility. The results are very encouraging.”

Dr. Arnoldo Perez-Singh received the College’s 2012 Outstanding Community Faculty Educator Award for the Sarasota Campus. He has been teaching the Chronic Care Clerkship and rotations in Internal Medicine since 2008. He earned his M.D. at the National University of Nicaragua and completed his Internship at Victoria Motta Hospital in Nicaragua and Internal Medicine Residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD. Regarding his experience with FSU medical students, he has said,

“Teaching at a FSU regional campus gives me the opportunity to show medical students how to interact closely with a variety of patients suffering physical complaints in connection with their psychosocial environment. Furthermore, the students could apply basic principles of bioethics and preventive medicine while taking care of patients and families. It is a great model of education in a new era of prevention.”

WE WISH TO THANK
Sequoia Financial Group and their partners, Lanese & Associates, for their generosity and support in our continuing efforts to “Produce Compassionate Physicians for the 21st Century” by sponsoring this year’s Faculty Development sessions.
This past May, we watched the Class of 2012 graduate from medical school and nervously prepare for their new lives as medical residents. Fortunately, the campus staff and faculty, local physicians, hospital staff members, and members of the local community did get a chance to gather together at the Sarasota Yacht Club and honor the students’ hard work.

Pictured to the left, Class of 2012 members Dr. Lindsay Martin and Dr. Allison Poimboeuf present the class gift to Dr. Bruce Berg, which is on permanent display at the campus.

On behalf of the Florida State University College of Medicine Sarasota Regional Campus, we would like to express our sincerest gratitude to our friends for their thoughtful donations to help celebrate the Class of 2012 Graduation.

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Congratulations to Dr. Brian K. Cogburn (Class of 2012), recipient of the 2012 College of Medicine’s Altruism in Medicine Award. This award is conferred upon a graduating student who, through consistent actions, displays exemplary and unselfish concern for furthering the health, wellbeing, and fulfillment of his or her fellow human beings and in so doing embodies the highest ideals of medicine as a service calling.

Additionally, Dr. Cogburn was named the recipient of the 2012 Regional Campus Dean’s Award. Selected by the Campus Dean, the award is conferred upon the most outstanding student at each College of Medicine Regional Campus. Pictured to the right, Dr. Cogburn receiving the award from Dr. Bruce Berg at the Sarasota Campus Graduation Celebration Dinner at the Sarasota Yacht Club last May.

Dr. Cogburn also received recognition by local publication, BIZ 941:

Brian Cogburn’s passion for helping underserved populations started in high school, on a trip to Tanzania with Medical Missions International, where he worked with doctors in a small rural clinic helping to deliver primary care. “After that trip, I knew [medicine] was what I wanted to do,” he says….

During his time at FSU, Cogburn continued to do medical work in Africa. He led 10 fellow students and FSU faculty on a trip to Gulu, Uganda, where the team partnered with local nonprofit Hearts Afire to set up a primary care clinic. Cogburn also worked alongside African doctors and students last November in Kenyan and Tanzanian hospitals, an experience that convinced him to do his residency in internal and preventive medicine at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in San Francisco, which will pay for him to get a master's degree in public health at UC Berkeley. “This will be a great platform for me to do an infectious disease fellowship and work for the World Health Organization or the CDC,” he says. “I’m really excited!” —Sarah Gassel (Excerpted from Biz 941, May 2012)

Thank you to our Sarasota Merit Scholarship Fund Donors

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Duke U. TIP Students Visit Sarasota Campus

Middle School students from the Duke University Talent in Progress attended the program Modern Medicine 2012 on the campus of New College of Florida. As part of their training they spent a day at the Sarasota Campus to learn what medical school is really like. Our own Alexa Kaminski and Christopher Martin enjoyed hosting them in a well rounded day of discovery about the FSU COM and what it is like to be a medical student in general.
Six students from the Sarasota Campus Class of 2013 have been elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society signifying a commitment to scholarship, leadership, professionalism and service. Two of the six have also been inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society
Often referred to as “Phi Beta Kappa for medical schools,” AΩA is the only national medical honor society whose mission recognizes and enhances professionalism, academic excellence, service and leadership within the profession. The students will be honored at a ceremony prior to the medical school graduation in May.

Gold Humanism Honor Society
This initiative from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation honors senior medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.” Between 10-15% of the graduating class is selected through a process including nominations from both peers and faculty.

Congratulations to you all!

Diana Levinson Krblich, MD (‘10), and husband, Charles, welcomed their first child, son Charles Allen Krblich III, on March 30, 2012. “Little” Charles weighed 8lbs, 11oz and 22 inches long!

Demetrios “Jimmy” Konstas, MD (‘12), and his wife, Mary Ann, welcomed their first child, daughter Julie Sophia on April 2, 2012. Julie weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 ½ inches long.

Current fourth-year student Brittany Jackson and David McCreery, a Senior Accountant with Eaton Aerospace Group located in Sarasota, were married on September 1, 2012. The two met in high school and had been dating almost 9 years before getting married. The wedding ceremony and reception were held at the Powel Crosley Estate on the Sarasota Bay and was attended by family and friends, including several FSUCOM students. Meghan Fabrizi, a fourth-year student at the Daytona Campus, served as one of the bridesmaids.
UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

And there’s something you can do to learn how to practice ‘optimal aging.’

Join us January 15 at 6 p.m. at the College of Medicine’s historic Sarasota Regional Campus building on Cocoanut Avenue. Dr. Ken Brummel-Smith, past president of the American Geriatrics Society, will teach you how to manage your own health care in ways that will greatly enhance the work done by your personal physician.

There is no cost to attend, but space is limited and a reservation is required. Reserve your seats by calling the Sarasota Regional Campus: (941) 316-8120, M-F between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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