Spending my practice life in Sarasota has allowed me to see the powerful influence some people have had on our community. Sometimes the influence a person has is not immediately obvious. One of our current third-year medical students, Jesse O’Shea, has had a manuscript accepted by the academic journal *Clinical Geriatrics*. For a student to have a manuscript accepted by such a high-quality scientific journal is a significant achievement. It is also a statement about the quality of our students …but, of course, as you may have guessed there is more to this story. Jesse did his academic work last summer as a Geriatric Research Scholar, but Jesse was not just any research scholar. He was a Dr. Charles Mathews Geriatric Research Scholar.

For those of you who did not know Dr. Mathews, he was the founder of the Pulmonary Associates group in Sarasota in 1972. Dr. Bruce Fleegler was the second physician member and I was the third member. Charles had many accomplishments during his time leading Pulmonary Associates, including service as the chief of staff at both Sarasota Memorial Hospital and Doctors Hospital. In 1984 he left practice to become the first vice president of medical staff affairs at Sarasota Memorial. In 1989 he departed Sarasota to become the chief medical officer for the Florida Department of Corrections. He continued serving in that difficult role for nine years. He remained in Tallahassee after he left the Department of Corrections to continue working with various health services to improve access for the indigent and underserved.

During Dr. Mathews’ time in Tallahassee he became a great friend of the FSU College of Medicine, where he donated his personal conference binder of the 1966 Presidential Meeting on Medicare Implementation. He also set up a College of Medicine foundation fund to help students interested in geriatric research. And that, of course, is where Jesse O’Shea comes in. Jesse received a grant from the Charles Mathews fund that allowed him to do his academic work in geriatrics. Jesse is now in Sarasota, where he will continue to learn medicine and be influenced by physicians of the pulmonary and critical care practice that Dr. Mathews founded many years ago. There is clearly something timely and timeless about this series of events. Dr. Mathews’ generosity continues to be returned to our community through a student who received his economic help. Jesse will grow into an excellent physician with Dr. Mathews as one of his role models. Dr. Mathews also leaves behind a large pulmonary and critical-care group that continues to provide extraordinary teaching to our students. There is definitely something full circle about all this.

Alma Littles, M.D., senior associate dean for medical education and academic affairs, has been named one of the nation’s Top 15 Most Influential African American Medical Educators.

To read more, go to www.med.fsu.edu and search for “Creating a legacy.” (If you received this newsletter electronically, you may click here for the article.)
Sarasota Memorial Health Care System honored pulmonologist and critical-care specialist Bruce Fleegler, M.D., with the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award and OB/GYN specialist Kyle Garner, M.D., as 2013 Physician of the Year Award. Both physicians were selected by a committee of physician leaders and honored at Sarasota Memorial's annual medical staff meeting. Fleegler joined Sarasota Lung Associates and Sarasota Memorial in 1976; he has served as the hospital's chief of staff, 1997-1998, and chief medical officer, 2003-2005. Garner joined Sarasota Memorial in 2006 and was appointed chair of the OB/GYN department in 2012.

Steven R. Newman, M.D., named the Raymond H. Alexander 2013 Emergency Medical Services Medical Director of the Year by the Florida Department of Health.

Congratulations to Nicole Bentze, D.O., for being named a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Fawn G. Harrison, M.D., received the college’s 2013 Distinguished Service in Advancing the Mission Award for the Sarasota Campus. A pediatrician at DeSoto Memorial Hospital, Dr. Harrison was the first student to stay at the Sarasota Campus when the upstairs rooms were for students. She was from the Pensacola Campus.

Four physicians shared the College’s 2013 Outstanding Community Faculty Educator Award for the Sarasota Campus. They are Alfred Giangreco, M.D., Catherine Giangreco, M.D., Joseph Scarano, M.D., and Adilia Taylor, M.D.

Congratulations to Dr. Russell Samson! Dr. Samson is the first non-clerkship director faculty member to receive a promotion to full clinical professor.
**Student Spotlight**

**Student Presentations, Publications & Recognitions**

Eliot Blau ('14), James Pilkington ('14), Maria (Paula) Domino ('15)

Abstract submission to American Urology Association (AUA);

Jillian Grayson ('14) – “Episodic Aphasia After Subdural Hemorrhage Due to Cortical Spreading Depression: A Case Report” has been accepted for a poster presentation at the American Academy of Neurology 66th Annual Meeting, April 26 to May 3, 2014 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia.

Paula Domino ('15) – Recently attended the annual meeting of the Society of Women in Urology (SWIU) in Scottsdale, Ariz. The SWIU is an association composed of more than 800 members including female urologists as well as female urology residents, fellows, post-residency and pre-board-certified women. She was invited to be a member and granted a membership in the society even though she is currently a medical student.

– Invited in September 2013 to be a member of Sarasota Memorial Hospital Bioethics Committee. This committee meets monthly and comprises of medical doctors, Ph.D.’s, other health care providers, clergy and community members who provide educational support and information on bioethical issues, as well as providing advice in a consultative capacity to those making bioethical decisions.

– Serving as a team leader for the March of Dimes. March of Dimes, "March for Babies", fundraising event is being held on April 26, 2014 at JD Hamel Park, Sarasota. The March for Babies event was suggested by Gwen MacKenzie, CEO Sarasota Memorial Hospital and March for Babies Chair.

**Student Awarded Grant to Study in London**

Third-year medical student, Jesse O’Shea, was recently awarded a Rotary International Global Grant Scholarship, which replaced their well-known Ambassadorial scholarship program (intended to provide goodwill ambassadors to the host country of study). Global grants must relate to one or more of the six areas of Rotary focus, have a long-term impact and must be for a graduate level program, and must be sustainable and measurable (how will the scholar’s studies support one or more of the areas of focus?) O’Shea’s chosen area of focus is disease prevention and treatment. Selection criteria for this award include: Excellent leadership skills and potential, Proven record of success in his/her academic field or vocation, Personal commitment to community service, Well-defined and realistic goals, Concrete ideas as to how he/she will make advances within his/her chosen career field, Sincerity about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary after the scholarship period. The process requires several rounds of approval (including interviews), first at the local Rotary club, next at the District level, followed by the International level, and finally, acceptance into the university of study. The funding amount will likely near $50,000.

O’Shea’s intended year-long course is an MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing—a joint degree run by two world renowned institutions—the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the London School of Economics (LSE) and will begin in September 2014, ending in September 2015. The mission of LSHTM is to contribute to the improvement of health worldwide through the pursuit of excellence in research, postgraduate teaching, advanced training and consultancy in international public health and tropical medicine. The London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE) is a world class center for its concentration of teaching and research across the full range of the social, political and economic sciences.

O’Shea said, “The program will be an opportunity to merge my backgrounds in health care and social sciences and to look around the world and figure out why and how people have employed resources to solve some of humanity’s greatest health problems. There is no better place to figure this out; their MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing is unmatched. The (Continued on page 7)
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General Surgery
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University of Florida College of Medicine
Gainesville, FL

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University of Texas Medical School – Houston
Houston, TX

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Loma Linda University Medical Center
Loma Linda, CA

Lauren B. Carter
Pediatrics
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Winston-Salem, NC

Charles F. Clark
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University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine
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Many thanks to Dr. Kathleen Kennedy, internal medicine clerkship director, for her recent pledge to the President’s Club, which is a commitment of $10,000 or more over five years. She joins other clerkship directors, Dr. Jon Yenari, Dr. John Kieffer and Dr. Nicole Bentze, in their pledges. Other faculty members to be recognized for donating through rotation donation payments are Dr. Brett Williams and the practice of Schofield, Hand and Bright. These recurring donations have helped to strengthen our position in medical education in our community. Thank you all for your generosity and for nurturing a culture of philanthropy at the FSU College of Medicine’s Sarasota Campus.

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