As we enter our cooler months and await the holiday break and the arrival of the New Year, I’m reflecting on the growth under way at the Sarasota campus. This summer we began to provide the video-teleconferencing services to nurses three days per week so they can continue their advanced degree education from the nursing school in Tallahassee. This has worked extremely well, does not interfere with our responsibility to our medical students and provides a necessary community service.

The FSU College of Medicine was also fortunate enough to receive a $500,000 grant from the Barancik Foundation for our SSTRIDE program, Science Students Together Reaching Instructional Diversity & Excellence. SSTRIDE’s mission is to identify students who have a genuine interest in pursuing a career in science, engineering, mathematics, health, or medicine and to give those students the support services necessary for success. We are excited to be a partner with this program, currently serving students at McIntosh Middle School and Sarasota High School.

Speaking to our various local volunteer service organizations, like the Rotary, is a favorite activity of mine. I usually bring a student along to help members of our community better understand exactly what we do at the Sarasota campus, how we contribute to the community and what it is like to be a medical student. Despite the fact that we have been actively training medical students since 2005, we are still relatively invisible. In many respects, our students lead sequestered lives in physician offices, in one of our six partner hospitals or in one of over twenty community service organizations like All Faiths Foodbank.

At this time every year, our students are probably more eager than most for time away from their grueling clinical curriculum. Clinical training is remarkably different than the basic science training that has largely preoccupied them for their first two years of medical school in Tallahassee. At the regional campuses our students begin to learn the true complexity of modern medical practice and the physical, intellectual and emotional effort required. Book learning does not easily translate to the difficult logistics and relationship development required of bedside care. I look forward to seeing them back well rested after the first of the year …ready to begin again.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who has donated to our campus for scholarships, campus events, student travel, etc. I would like to especially thank all of the physicians and patients who teach our students every day. We couldn’t do it with out you!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Bruce Berg, M.D., MBA
Reflections on Immokalee After Hurricane Irma

by Ashley Kreher

Highway signs bent by the wind, street lights out, power lines down, trees snapped in half, buildings collapsed to their foundations. These images dotted the landscape as I drove into the town of Immokalee.

The town was dark, the air was thick and heavy after the rain. Monday, Sept. 18 was the day that I was to begin my family medicine rotation. This day marked one week after Hurricane Irma barreled through this quaint town leaving nothing less than destruction in her wake. Families were left homeless, hungry, and without power, while clinging to the last of their possessions. Yet despite the chaos and adrenaline, hope and compassion illuminated the town.

As a student I was fortunate enough to be granted the opportunity to work in Immokalee during this time of heightened need. I was able to serve, evaluate, observe, and assess the needs in the community through patient care and through town meetings. I saw our impact within the community, and I was immersed in the experiences that my patients illustrated for me through each encounter. From newfound anxiety to loss of medications, to lack of dialysis locations and trauma from the storm, people within the community struggled to get back on their feet and to cope with the impact and the changes that manifested soon after Irma passed. Through the tears shed and the prayers said, there was improvement with the passing of each week. By my last day, even though much remained to be mended, a sense of normalcy was beginning to emerge.

In Immokalee, I was welcomed into a strong and resilient community. I learned not only about medicine, but about the community and its unmatched compassion and unity during times of need. This experience was one of a kind, and the beauty in the experience stemmed from each person that I worked with and interacted with throughout my six weeks. Immokalee holds a place close to my heart, and I hope one day to have the opportunity to return to serve again.
Dr. Diego Ramos-Rivera received the campus “Advancing the Mission Model” Award. He is exemplary of our mission to educate and develop physicians who practice patient-centered health care and are responsive to community needs. He has served on many trips with FSU Cares to Panama and Mexico and has served the homeless and other under-privileged populations in our community.

Dr. Daniel Cooper received our “Outstanding Community Faculty Educator” Award. He has given countless cardiology lectures to our students over the last nine years. He has worked with students on posters, papers, and presentations and mentored many students during rotations. Dr. Cooper is enthusiastic about his work and teaching, and this has translated into real learning for our students.
Community Medicine

Community Medicine is a special two-week course designed to give our students a broader understanding of the role played by community agencies in health promotion and disease prevention. Students are placed individually at a community agency. On the final day of this course, students give public formal presentations about the agencies and the work that they do.

This year, the dates for the course are Dec. 11 - 15 and Jan. 2 - 5.

The public is invited to join us Friday, Jan. 5, at the Ringling Museum Education Building to discover more about these agencies and what our students learned from them about public health.

Contact Konnie to attend: konnie.kruczek@med.fsu.edu

Thank you to this year’s Community Medicine Partners:

- All Faiths Food Bank
- Easter Seals Southwest Florida
- Emergency Medical Services
- Gulf Central Early Steps
- The Haven
- Jewish Family and Children’s Service of the Suncoast
- Lutheran Services Florida
- Immokalee Health Education Site
- Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida
- Resurrection House
- Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center
- The Salvation Army Sarasota
- Sarasota Friendship Centers
- Selah Freedom
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital’s Community Specialty Clinic

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

**H. William Higgins** (2009) was elected the president of the Rhode Island Dermatologic Society for the 2017-2020 term. He previously served as the advocacy and legislative chair from 2015-2017. He received the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery's Outstanding Service Award. He currently serves as the chair of the Tradeshow Committee and the Early Career Dermatologic Surgeon Committee for the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery.

**Andrea Taylor** (2013) recently moved back to her hometown of Pensacola and opened a group practice, Advanced Dermatology. She hopes to be teaching FSU students soon!

**Luby Sidoff** (2013) spoke with third-year students Nov. 1. He is a fourth-year diagnostic radiology resident at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital in Providence. Next year, he will be a fellow in vascular & interventional radiology. He presented interesting cases to our students and answered questions about applying to residencies and interventional radiology specifically. He spoke glowingly of his time at the Sarasota campus, confirming the quality and unique education that FSU provides with its one-on-one mentorship.

“When you interview for residencies, there are so many people that look good on paper,” he said. “You have to say what makes you unique and we have an easy job doing that coming from here.”

**Jose Barquin** (2014) is now living and working in Tampa for US ACS as an emergency medicine physician with the Florida Hospital System.

**Clerkship Faculty in the News**

Sarasota pediatrician **Katherine Keeley, M.D.**, was awarded the Sarasota Memorial Hospital’s 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award, while interventional radiologist **Scott Perrin, M.D.**, was named 2017 Physician of the Year. Selected by a committee of physician leaders, both were recognized at Sarasota Memorial’s annual medical staff meeting Oct. 24.

In other news at SMH, **Kyle Garner, M.D.**, was named chief of staff, serving as the top representative of Sarasota Memorial’s more than 900 medical staff members. **Joseph Seaman, M.D.**, was named chief of staff-elect, while **Jon Yenari, M.D.**, was named secretary/ treasurer. **Karen Hamad, M.D.** and **Jeffrey Sell, M.D.** were named members-at-large.

Finally, congratulations to our Clerkship Director, **Nicole Bentze, D.O.**, in her recent distinction in being named a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.
SSTRIDE, Science Students Together Reaching Instructional Diversity & Excellence, held its first induction ceremony on Oct. 18 at the Sarasota Technical High School campus. Students from McIntosh Middle and Sarasota High School were recognized for their commitment to pursuing a career in the health fields.

SSTRIDE's Mission is to identify students who have a genuine interest in pursuing a career in science, engineering, mathematics, health, or medicine and to give those students the support services important for them to develop the sense of responsibility, focus and motivation necessary for success in their chosen fields.

Support our Campus

Help the FSU College of Medicine Sarasota Campus Succeed in 2018.

Florida State University recently moved up five places in the U.S. News & World Report rankings to No. 33 among all public national universities. Your generous support not only helps us climb in these rankings, it creates opportunities for our students and moves us closer to becoming one of the best universities in the nation!

The end of the calendar year provides many opportunities to support the FSU College of Medicine Sarasota Campus in a way that is also beneficial to your tax plans.

Every dollar you give stays right here in Sarasota!

Please visit our secure online giving site at give.fsu.edu/com-sarasota to make your gift before Dec. 31.
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