The past year has been pivotal for the Florida State University College of Medicine. It marked the retirement of an outstanding leader in our school’s birth and development, Dean J. Ocie Harris, and the appointment of another outstanding leader, Dr. John Fogarty as new dean. Dr. Harris laid the foundation for this, the first new medical school in the last quarter century and the first of the new century.

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So, as Dr. Fogarty asked, where from here? Our list includes further redesign of our information technology systems, further expansion of the simulation and clinical learning center, continued expansion of library resources, a clinical research network involving office settings and teaching partners and continued research in innovative medical education and evaluation methodologies. We have embarked on a strategic planning process that will define our next five years based on values of excellence in teaching, research, clinical care and services, and community partnerships. Despite early critics and doubters, the FSU College of Medicine has lived up to its billing and more, and we did so with a ground-breaking, distributed, community-based model. It’s no wonder that the American Association of Medical Colleges editorially declared, “The model being employed by the Florida State University College of Medicine and the pilot project under way at Harvard Medical School …are examples of the kinds of innovative approaches for teaching clinical medicine in ambulatory settings that are badly needed.” Such was accomplished with the dedicated efforts of our regional campus faculty, staff and teaching partners who are the College of Medicine’s heart and soul.

Happy New Year!

Message from the Campus Dean

Dr. Michael Muszynski
Faculty Council Awards

The Florida State University College of Medicine recently honored its most outstanding clinical faculty from the Orlando Regional Campus at the annual Orlando Regional Campus All Faculty Meeting.

Christopher Walker, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology, was presented with the Outstanding Community Faculty Educator Award, defined as a Florida State University College of Medicine clinical faculty member who consistently demonstrates dedication to principles of the curriculum, to identifying and meeting educational needs of students, enthusiasm for teaching, participation in faculty development, and willingness to work collaboratively to effectively deliver the clinical curriculum.

Michael Howell, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor in Internal Medicine, was presented the College’s Mission Award that honors the clinical faculty member who has distinguished herself/himself by participating in activities that model the mission of the college to educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority and underserved populations.

Faculty Development—Upcoming Sessions

Medical Informatics Seminar Series
Presented by Bethany Ballinger, M.D.

Using Drug Resources
Feb. 11

Disease Quick References and eBooks
April 8

Calculators and Decision Support Tools
June 3

Finding Full Text Journal Articles
TBA

Workshop Series on Clinical Education

Introduction to Clinical Teaching
Presented by Dennis Baker, Ph.D.
Jan. 21

Evaluation Strategies: Nuts and Bolts
Presented by Michael Muszynski, M.D.
Feb. 25

Finding and Taking Advantage of Teachable Moments in Clinical Ethics
Presented by Jeffrey Spike, Ph.D.
May 7

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Since 2003, more than 230 faculty earned 2,580 credit hours in Faculty Development.

Congratulations to Our Newest Faculty

Congratulations to our newest faculty appointed from August 1, 2008 - December 2, 2008.

Osama "Sam" Atallah, M.D.
Surgery - Colorectal

Mitchell Austin, M.D.
Surgery - General & ENT

Said Baidas, M.D.
Internal Medicine - Heme/Onc

Daniel Cochran, M.D.
Family Med/Rural Med

Anton Emil Coleman, M.D.
Internal Medicine - Neurology

Martin Derrow, M.D.
Internal Medicine

Julio Hajdenberg, M.D.
Internal Medicine - Heme/Onc

Rhonda Harmon , M.D.
Surgery

Asim Jani, M.D.
Internal Medicine - ID/Public Health

Jason Lemoine, M.D.
Surgery - Urology

Toni Moody, M.D.
Pediatrics

Brenda Montane, M.D.
Pediatrics - Nephrology

Ramamoorthy Nagasubramanian, M.D.
Pediatrics - Heme/Onc

Jessica Roberson, M.D.
Pediatrics - Heme/Onc

Neil Shechtman, M.D.
General Internal Medicine

Karl Sieg, M.D.
Psychiatry

Joshua Yang, M.D.
Pediatrics - Endocrinology
Orlando Regional Campus students Corinne Brann, Christina Marquez and Jenifer Maziad have been elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society and Campus Dean Dr. Michael Muszynski is being honored as a faculty inductee. “AOA was originally founded by William Webster Root to foster scientific and philosophical endeavors, professionalism and the public welfare,” said Corinne Brann who will be specializing in pediatrics. “I am honored to be recognized for this distinction and will strive to uphold these ideals throughout my career.”

Christina Marquez, who has applied to dermatology residency programs, stated, “I was thrilled to find out that I’d been selected for AOA. There are so many outstanding students in our class and I am truly grateful that I have been awarded this honor.” Jennifer Maziad, who has chosen anesthesiology as her specialty, noted, “It was an honor to even be nominated and I am glad that I stayed focused and worked hard to achieve this.”

Dr. Muszynski said, “It is an honor for me to be elected into AOA as a faculty inductee alongside these outstanding medical students of whom I am so proud. I am humbled to have been selected by a committee of superb academic and education leaders for whom I have the highest regard.”

Recently, our third-year students completed their Community Medicine Clerkship, a three-week experience designed to broaden students’ understanding of the role played by community agencies in health promotion and disease prevention. Students work as a member of a community agency team to assist in fulfilling its goals of maintaining the health of the community. The goals published in Healthy People 2010 form a template for inquiry and analysis of the agency’s place in the health care of the community.

The students prepared and delivered a presentation of their experiences to their class, Community Medicine agency guests, and the staff of the Orlando Campus. Dr. Kevin Sherrin, Faculty Member and Director of the Orange County Health Dept., who was in attendance at the Community Medicine Presentations stated, “The Health Department is a best-kept secret for FSU College of Medicine students...our staff enjoy helping students to unwrap these pearls of community health services.”

The following agencies worked with our students in 2008 providing both experiential and service learning:

- Center for Drug Free Living
- Central Florida Reception Center
- Gentiva Healthcare
- Hope and Help Center
- Health Care Center for the Homeless
- HUG Me
- Orange County Health Department
- Senior Resource Alliance
- Teen Xpress
- United Cerebral Palsy
- FSU-Immokalee Health Education Site

Thank you to all who dedicated time and energy to our students.

“AOA is the only national medical honor society whose mission recognizes and enhances professionalism, academic excellence, service and leadership within the profession.”
Regional Campus Highlights

Meghan Martin, Shoshana Hacker and Maureen Mendoza at United Cerebral Palsy during their community medicine rotation.

Stephanie Prada and other fourth-year students practicing during BLS training.

Dr. Bethany Ballinger presenting an Informatics Faculty Development Course on evidence-based medicine.

Orlando campus third-year students volunteer at Arnold Palmer’s Halloween Parade.

Third-year students Bridgette Provost, Maureen Mendoza, Naderge Pierre and Janelle Gooden at Dr. Muszynski’s Dessert Spectacular.

Faculty member Dr. Asim Jani oversees third-year student Bridgette Provost at Orange County Health Department.

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