Time for me to update you all on the progress of the Fort Pierce Regional Medical School Campus. The third-year students are into their last quarter of the year. They are finishing the remainder of their third year rotations and are working on creating their schedules for next year. Ahead also is the OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) done in Tallahassee and the national Step 2 exam with its CK part (clinical knowledge) and CS part (clinical skills).

The fourth-year students are anxiously looking forward to Match Day 2010 on March 18 when they find out where they are headed for residency. We hope many can stay in Florida and that they all will come back to practice. Various studies show that 80-85 percent of doctors stay and practice where they trained, especially where they took their residency training. Once Match Day is over, it is only a brief time of finishing up the year and then graduation comes along May 15. I have the high honor of placing their academic hoods on them and calling them “Doctor” officially for the first time.

I am proud of the community service projects our students have undertaken. Their commitment to volunteering exemplifies our mission and demonstrates the dedication of our outstanding medical students.

As we say goodbye to our Class of 2010, we will welcome the Class of 2012, all 20 of them. Many have visited our campus recently as they search for apartments and discover all the amenities this area offers. They are eager to start their clinical education here in June, training with our dedicated physicians who serve as clerkship faculty. We know those students chose to come to our campus because of our commitment in constantly striving to be “the best of the best.”

In June, 10 years will have passed since Gov. Jeb Bush signed the measure authorizing the creation of the Florida State University College of Medicine. In 10 short years, this remarkable school has achieved much that’s worth celebrating – and the celebration will continue throughout the year.

In 2001, the first class of 30 students entered the College of Medicine. Today, enrollment stands at 451. Through a distributed, community-based model with regional campuses in Fort Pierce and five other cities across the state, it partners with 85 health-care organizations where required and elective rotations take place during the third and fourth years. More than 1,500 physicians on the clerkship faculty provide one-on-one training.

The college annually ranks among the top U.S. medical schools in percentage of graduates entering family medicine residency programs. The college, for the third consecutive year, has been named one of the top medical schools in the nation for Hispanic students. Still the newest fully accredited medical school in the country, and without an academic medical center, the college has grown its research program to include more than $30 million in total funding. A clinical research network potentially involving all of its health-care partners and clerkship faculty will help the medical school further expand research efforts in years to come.

Happy Anniversary to us all!
Fort Pierce Community Board

We are so thankful to our community board for the support they provide in carrying out our mission and vision. Their effort is very much appreciated!

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Heading into the Match….

Match Day is one of the most momentous occasions in our students’ medical school career. It’s the day they find out where they will be going for their residency training. The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) provides a uniform system by which residency candidates simultaneously “match” to accredited postgraduate training positions. The NRMP is not an application processing service; rather, it provides an impartial venue for matching applicants’ and programs’ preferences. Each year, approximately 16,000 U.S. medical school students participate in the residency match. In addition, another 20,000 “independent” applicants compete for the approximately 25,000 available residency positions. Independent applicants include former graduates of U.S. medical schools, U.S. osteopathic students, Canadian students, and graduates of foreign medical schools.

This year, the specialties that our Fort Pierce students are hoping to match into include emergency medicine, internal medicine, psychiatry, pediatrics, surgery, and radiology. On Feb. 24, each student had to rank their top choices for residency training. A nerve-racking experience for some, the moment served to solidify in their minds how very soon they will be able to call themselves “doctors.” Our dean and staff are so proud of all of our students, and we will be celebrating their accomplishments with them at the Match Day ceremony in Tallahassee. You will be able to view the Match Day ceremony, live via webcast, on Thursday, March 18, at noon. Log on to our Web site, www.med.fsu.edu, and look for the MATCH link to view the ceremony.

Student Spotlight

Class of 2010 students Molly McIntyre and Brandon Allen were both inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society in October. Started in Chicago in 1902, the AOA serves to recognize and enhance professionalism, academic excellence, service and leadership within the profession. Medical students are eligible for nomination if their scholastic qualifications place them in the upper 25 percent of their class. About 3,000 students, alumni, house staff, and faculty are elected each year nationwide. Since its founding, more than 150,000 members have been elected into the society. Molly and Brandon will be recognized for this outstanding accomplishment at the awards ceremony at the central campus in Tallahassee during graduation week. We congratulate Molly and Brandon on their accomplishment.

In memoriam...

In loving memory of Gus Espinosa, M.D.
Psychiatry Clerkship Director
Nov. 6, 1971 - Jan. 16, 2010
In honor of our 10th anniversary, our six regional campuses will be conducting service projects that exemplify our commitment to our mission and involve our medical students, staff, clerkship faculty physicians, clerkship directors, community board, affiliated institutions, and the Treasure Coast community.

In response to the recent devastation in Haiti, we held our first service project in February. For four weeks, we collected medical supplies and equipment from many kind donors. On Saturday, Feb. 20, our students, staff, and faculty gathered at our campus to sort and bag the items. Dr. Peter Dayton, FSU clerkship faculty and obstetrician/gynecologist in Stuart, coordinated transporting the items to Haiti. We thank all those who donated: Jeffrey Gorodetsky, M.D., Dr. Paul Walker, Genon Wicina, M.D., IRSC Medical Assisting Dept. (Theresa Errante-Parrino), Diabetes & Endocrine Associates, Michele Lusquinos, Beth Strack, Randall Bertolette, M.D., Nancy Baker, M.D., Indian River County Health Department, Paul Gaeta, M.D., Felix Bigay, M.D., Anjan Shah, M.D., IRSC Physical Therapy Dept. (Sharon Weil), Primary Care of the Treasure Coast, Juliette Lomax-Homier, M.D., the Surgery Center of Fort Pierce, and the Tallahassee Regional Campus Clerkship Faculty. We are especially grateful to Premier Urgent Care in Vero Beach and Stephen Badolato, M.D., for his very generous donation of an X-ray machine for a hospital in La Gonave, Haiti.
Community Service

We Care Clinic

Last November, students Ashley Kelley and Tina Tso (Class of 2011) participated in a “We Care” dermatology clinic for underserved and uninsured patients in Vero Beach. The clinic is sponsored by the Indian River County Medical Society, Indian River Medical Center, and the Health Department. The students were under the direction of our family medicine clerkship director, Dr. Nancy Baker, who volunteers regularly for the “We Care” program.

Breast Health Seminar

Dr. Juliette Lomax-Homier, our clerkship director for obstetrics and gynecology, conducted a weekend seminar in October at Mount Bethel Worship Center in Fort Pierce. Forty women listened to a lecture on breast health, examination, and early detection of cancer.

Dr. Lomax-Homier commented that “the best feature of the seminar was the presence of our medical students.” Our students did a great job of counseling women in a non-traditional setting.

Breast Cancer Walk

And they’re off...and walking! Students Stephen Nobles, Vaishali Gajera, Ivey Gayahan, and Danielle Henry (all in Class of 2011) participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Sebastian River Medical Center in October. They were accompanied by our family medicine clerkship director, Nancy Baker, M.D., who was listed as a top participant for the amount of funds she raised. Great job!
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- American Cancer Society
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- Child Protection Team
- Children’s Home Society
- Council on Aging of Martin County
- Council on Aging of St. Lucie County
- Exchange Club CASTLE
- Healthy Start of St. Lucie County
- PACE Center for Girls
- Project Response AIDS Center
- St. Lucie County Health Department
- United for Families

Class of 2011 News

Our future physicians….

Desmond Fitzpatrick was recently featured on the cover of the Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) Clinic newsletter, *VIM and Vigor*. Desmond was noted for being in the future generation of physicians, receiving the knowledge and art of medicine from his teachers at the clinic. Desmond is working under the guidance of VIM Clinic’s medical director, Howard Voss, M.D., who is a clinical associate professor for the FSU College of Medicine Fort Pierce Regional Campus. Desmond attends the clinical rotation at VIM in Stuart as part of his Doctoring 3 course, to gain experience in treating patients with chronic illness. Desmond stated, “Dr. Voss is my role model, and I have learned so much since I began coming each Wednesday to the VIM Clinic. In such a short time I have developed solid patient interviewing skills and exam techniques.”

Community Medicine Rotation

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Class of 2009

One of our recent Fort Pierce graduates of the Class of 2009, Dr. Irmanie Eliacin, got a welcome surprise in November. She is in her first year in the Family Medicine residency program at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach and was assigned to the obstetrics and gynecology clinic at the local health department. She was happy to take on the duty of teaching a med student, but was thrilled when she found out he was an FSU third-year student from the Daytona Beach campus. Nihar Ganju was completing his three-week Community Medicine rotation and was happy to be mentored by an FSU College of Medicine graduate.
FOSCE ‘On the Road’

The Florida State University College of Medicine administers its Formative Objective Structured Clinical Examination (FOSCE) during Year 3. Highly trained standardized patients and faculty observe students in controlled clinical settings to evaluate clinical skills and problem solving using “live” patients.

In the past, students traveled from the six regional campuses to the Clinical Learning Center (CLC) at the central campus for the FOSCE. This year we were the first college of medicine to take such a comprehensive clinical examination “on the road.” Clinical settings were identified at each regional campus and a complex schedule of testing was devised. Standardized patients and the professional CLC administration and staff traveled from campus to campus to administer the exam. Standardized patients evaluated the details of the student’s approach to the history and physical exam in multiple clinical scenarios. Clerkship directors assessed students for global competencies and critical thinking skills by remote observation of audiovisual feeds from the exam rooms.

This high-tech, traveling FOSCE complete with wireless computer sound and video systems and DVD recording was a great success. Students and local clerkship directors were grateful to have the examination at their regional campuses, and the cost savings were significant.

Several of our students and a standardized patient were featured on the 6 p.m. WPTV NewsChannel 5 broadcast and in the Scripps newspapers. Special thanks to Dr. Kenneth Bridges, our surgery clerkship director, for hosting our FOSCE at his office in Fort Pierce.
“Relax at the Ranch”
Saturday, Feb. 20
Thanks so much
to our hosts,
Vernon and Brenda Smith.
We had a great time!

Dean John Fogarty and his wife Diane

The teacher becomes the student!
Student Cianna Pender instructs Dr. Rene Loyola on roping.

Students Arif Ishmael, Glenn Hoots, and Brian Gadbois

Students Kristen Barrie and Ashley Kelley

Students Noureen Idrees-Asad, Megan Stultz and Carolyn Johnstone

Dr. B. and student Zarna Dahya roast marshmallows

Student Jackson Hatfield shows his expertise in horseshoes
It is our pleasure to announce that Jacob A. Samander, M.D., has accepted the psychiatry clerkship director position at the Fort Pierce Regional Campus. Dr. Samander attended the University of Guadalajara School of Medicine and New York Medical College before completing his residency at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He also did a fellowship in forensic psychiatry at UF. After working in Tallahassee, Dr. Samander came to the Treasure Coast and has been practicing in this area for 14 years. Dr. Samander has been a psychiatry clerkship faculty member for our campus since August 2007. We are happy he is joining our clerkship director team!
Foundation News

Our third Annual Fund Campaign kicked off in October. It was a great opportunity for our faculty and friends to give to the Fort Pierce Regional Campus of the FSU College of Medicine. Gifts to the Annual Fund provide our campus with unrestricted dollars that support key initiatives such as faculty development, student orientations, our graduation reception, faculty appreciation, and other special events and programs.

Since state funding has been cut, private support is more critical than ever. We are often reminded, especially during times of struggle, that more must be done to sustain programs that make such a difference in the lives of others. Your participation, at any level, is greatly appreciated and will continue to advance our medical school and its mission.

If you would like to make a gift:
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