The 2018 College of Health Professions alumni awards ceremony and luncheon was held on April 20, 2018. This annual ceremony was presided over by Mr. Bruce Cross, president, CHP Alumni Association board of directors and Ms. Linda Cox, interim vice president of development and alumni affairs.

2018 Distinguished Alumnus Award
Mr. Damond W. Boatwright, MHA, MHS
Master in Health Administration, Class of 1999
Master in Health Science – Health Information Administration, Class of 1999

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor bestowed by the College and is given annually to one or more graduates in recognition of:

> Outstanding professional achievement.
> Service to the individual’s profession, the community, the College, and/or the University.
> Excellence in leadership, professional growth, and/or educational advancement or service.

Mr. Boatwright has had an extraordinary career and has made numerous contributions to his chosen profession and the health care field at large. He serves as the regional president of operations for SSM Health, a St. Louis-based, Catholic health care system providing quality and compassionate health care in four states including Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma. Additionally, he oversees the operations of 24 hospitals and clinics and 10 long-term care facilities as well as Rehab Joint Venture.

Mr. Boatwright has professional achievements beyond those as a health administrator and continues to demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning and professional development. He remains loyal to the needs of his community through selfless service as a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives (FACHE), board chair for the Madison Chapter of the American Heart Association, and as chair elect of the American Hospital Association, and Honor Guard - Knights of Columbus, active 4th degree Knight.

He received Modern Healthcare’s “Up and Comer” Award in 2009 and was recognized in Becker’s Hospital Review among “Hospital and Health System Leaders to Know” in 2010. Mr. Boatwright attended and supported the College of Health Professions Department of Healthcare Leadership and Management’s Annual Alumni Conferences and continues to serve as an incredible role model for all aspiring health administration students, including underrepresented minority students. Mr. Boatwright also stands out as a truly exceptional leader with great integrity in all that he does, but as an individual who truly cares about his family and the community.
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2018 Emerging Leader Award

Mr. William R. Render, MHA

Master in Health Administration, Class of 2012

The Emerging Leader Award is presented annually to one or more graduates who have shown exemplary leadership and dedication towards the MUSC’s College of Health Professions and/or their organized profession.

A graduate of 2012 from our Master in Health Administration program, Mr. Render went to work for Tidelands Health as an administrative fellow. He was quickly promoted to the manager of medical staff office and government affairs where he united multiple medical staffs under the Tidelands Health System. Mr. Render has since moved to Columbia, SC, to be the senior director of administrative care operations. Since beginning at the Regional Medical Center he has helped to improve revenues by over one million dollars and he is widely recognized across the state for his knowledge in healthcare operations and policy. Mr. Render is a proponent of the MHA program and, as a proud alumnus of MUSC, is always willing to help with current and former MUSC students. He continues to be highly involved in his community and participates on a number of boards and healthcare and legislative organizations.

Mr. William Render receiving the Emerging Leader Award from Mr. Bruce Cross.

2018 Service Award

Mr. Steven F. Giammona, PT

Physical Therapy, Class of 1994

The Service Award is presented annually to an alumnus who has given selflessly through extraordinary activities that benefit the University, the College, their community, organizations and/or profession.

Mr. Giammona founded the Adaptive Golf Experience in Beaufort, SC, in August 2014 and currently serves as the executive director. His nonprofit organization offers free monthly clinics to injured veterans and people with disabilities. The clinics are run completely by volunteers comprised of physicians, therapists, PGA professionals, and trained adaptive golf coaches. More than 850 people have attended the monthly clinics designed to “enrich the physical and emotional lives of people with disabilities so that they may discover their abilities through adaptive golf techniques, specialized equipment, and therapeutic instruction.” He has dedicated countless hours to organize and implement this program in the Lowcountry which has provided an extension of physical rehabilitation and social support to disabled persons.

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On behalf of the faculty, staff and students, I would like to thank each of you for your commitment and dedication to the College! I have the distinct privilege of serving as the new dean for the College of Health Professions. I would like to extend a special thank you to our former interim dean Dr. Jim Zoller and former dean Dr. Lisa Saladin for all they have done to help make this a smooth transition.

As dean, I see the opportunity for the college to expand into new directions including starting new online and hybrid educational programs, greater integration of our college with our health care system, and increased health services research that will help us bring more cost-effective patient centered care to our citizens in South Carolina and beyond. These are great possibilities and avenues for our success and, YOU are a special part of our success.

I sincerely hope you share your pride with the level of excellence in all of our endeavors as we prepare health professionals for the future. I would like our donors to know that we honor every gift as your personal commitment and investment in our mission. We are truly grateful you have chosen to support the College and our outstanding students.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

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A fond farewell

James S. Zoller, MHA, PhD.

At the end of June, the College of Health Professions said a bitter-sweet farewell to our dear friend and esteemed faculty member. Dr. Jim Zoller. Dr. Zoller retired after 24 years of service with the college. He has touched the lives of so many of our graduates and will be forever remembered for his leadership and passion for teaching.

Dr. Zoller joined the College in 1994 as an adjunct faculty member and became a full-time associate professor in 2005. He served as director of the Doctor of Health Administration program from 2005 to 2017 and chair of the Department of Healthcare Leadership and Management from 2011 to 2016.

For the past 24 years, Dr. Zoller has worked tirelessly to open our College’s doors and our profession to the brightest and best educated health administrators possible. Many of you are the beneficiaries of his life’s work.

Congratulations and best wishes!

DHA alumnus creates another first at the College!

Dr. Brian R. Poplin, DHA and Dr. James S. Zoller, MHA, PhD. at the DHA Alumni Panel Reception

Dr. Brian Poplin, DHA Class of 2010, is known for being the first at many things and not surprising! He (along with his wife, Toni) was the very first student to make a gift through his estate to the College; he also was the first student to create a Foundation Fund at the College in support of working professionals. The Poplin Fund for Professional Advancement. And the list goes on. Dr. and Mrs. Poplin just created another first… we are pleased to share that the Poplin Family Foundation has agreed to match all gifts to the Healthcare Leadership Annual Fund in honor of Dr. Zoller, up to a total of $10,000.

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The Legacy Lives On

The 6th Annual Maralynne D. Mitcham Lecture was held July 20, 2018. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Wendy J. Coster and was entitled, “Outcomes that Matter.”

Dr. Wendy Coster received a BA in art from Antioch College, MS in occupational therapy from Boston University, and Ph.D. in psychology from Harvard University. Currently, she is chair and professor of the Department of Occupational Therapy, Boston University, in Boston, Massachusetts. A widely acclaimed researcher and educator, Dr. Coster has extensive publications reflecting her work, primarily in pediatrics and she has received numerous honors including the Switzer Rehabilitation Research Distinguished Fellowship Award, AOTA Roster of Fellows, AOTF Academy of Research, AOTF A. Jean Ayres Research Award, and the AOTA Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award. Dr. Coster was named one of the 100 Influential People of Occupational Therapy by AOTA.

The day-long festivities of mingling over breakfast, continuing-education workshops, featured lecture, and a reception brought together more than 150 students, faculty, alumni and clinicians. The Maralynne D. Mitcham Lectureship Fund was established to create, in perpetuity, an annual lectureship program for the Division of Occupational Therapy at the Medical University of South Carolina. The fund’s purpose is to honor the collegial spirit, leadership skills, and mentorship of Maralynne D. Mitcham and promote a day of sharing and fellowship for the profession of occupational therapy.

Cheers to 22 years!

The Division of Occupational Therapy honored Dr. Bowman for his dedicated years of service during a special presentation during the alumni reception. Dr. Bowman joined the Division of Occupational Therapy as a visiting assistant professor in 1996 and became a full-time faculty member in 1998. He has touched the lives of so many of our graduates and will be forever remembered for his infectious laugh, kind heart and passion for teaching. Dr. Bowman has served as the director of admissions for the program and previously for the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences. He received the 2016 CHP Excellence in Service Award for his selfless commitment to the CARES student-run, free therapy clinic for underinsured individuals and tireless devotion to the college. He and his beloved wife, Christine, have two children, and he is the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren.

Congratulations and best wishes!

Super stars shine bright

The Department of Healthcare Leadership & Management hosted its first Doctoral of Health Administration (DHA) alumni panel and reception in June. The College welcomed more than 70 DHA alumni, students, faculty and staff to the event. Thank you to our esteemed panelists for volunteering their time and expertise!

Panelists:
Dr. Brian R. Pippin, Class of 2010, panel moderator
Dr. Latonya B. Dunlow, Class of 2012
Dr. Peggy A. Honore, Class of 2004
Dr. Anthony C. Stanowski, Class of 2015
Dr. Sabrina S. Vereen, Class of 2015

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L to R: Jessie Brumfield, Clyde Brumfield, and Dean Zoher Kapasi.

Dr. Michael K. Iwama leads the adult track continuing education workshop, the introduction to the Kawa Model in Occupational Therapy practice.

Dr. Jesse Dean provides a lab demonstration in the Center for Rehabilitation Research in Neurological Conditions.

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Changing What’s Possible in patient care!

The 2nd Annual CARES Therapy Golf Tournament was held May 7, 2018. Your support and caring helped raise over $12,000! The proceeds from this event will benefit the MUSC CARES Therapy Clinic, a non-profit, student run clinic that offers free physical and occupational therapy to uninsured and underserved patients in our communities. A special thank you to our title sponsor, The Poplin Family Foundation!

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You Make Us Proud! Alumni Updates

Doctor of Health Administration

Dr. Lois Greene, DHA Class of 2010, presented her research at the 2018 Academy Health Annual Research Meeting this past June in Seattle, WA. Her research is titled, “Patient, community and geographic characteristics of patients hospitalized for ambulatory care sensitive conditions in the state of New Jersey.”

Dr. Matthew Van Patton, DHA Class of 2015, accepted a new role as the director of the Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care in the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Tamara Atkinson, DHA Class of 2017, accepted a position as assistant professor of healthcare management at the Tulane School of Business, University of Mount Olive.

Dr. Kevin Belanger, DHA Class of 2018, recently presented his research at Blood Centers of America regional meetings in Chicago, IL and Dallas, TX. His research is titled, “Impact of implementing strategies to prevent iron deficiencies in blood donors.”

Dr. Gail Mercer, DHA Class of 2015, will present her research at the 2018 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Her research is titled, “Diversity of health care policy innovation across the states: A case of the diffusion of dense breast screening legislation and the influence of virtual patient advocacy groups.”

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Mund and McKenna present at International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists World Congress

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