WVSC recently introduced home working from 11. It now received from Strive Jordan, CEO of a Charleston-based human resources software firm, pledged $25 million to build a new MUSC Children’s Hospital and Women’s Pavilion. I’m excited for the University and for all the children and women who will benefit无限更加 than a new facility. It’s also exciting when I heard about this generous gift, one thing truly can’t run through my mind: we can do this.

We need to be astorin for a generous benefactor to step up with a transformative gift for pharmacy, we should not wait for one to show up. When I agreed to chair the leading Leadership Committee, I did to know that we have the commitment and the resources to get this building back. With good communication and participation, we can do it. Toward that end, the College has invited the campus in Phoenix to a share information, not just about the campaign’s progress, but also to show with each other on one another well we’re moving if we are and if you are participating in building the future of Pharmacy.

I can share more about George Sromidas ’64. Each year, the University compiles an Honor Roll of Donors and George has consistently shown up on the list for more than 30 years. Last spring, the University sent out a “Are You on the List?” mailing, along with the list they were compiling for the Honor Roll. George noticed he was not on the list. So he followed up to make sure the College had his donation, and that he would appear on the list!

He said he wanted his classmates to know a) he was still alive and b) he supported the school: I think he was kidding about the first one but the second one is no joke. He takes pride in being on the honor roll of MUSC Pharmacy and he believes in importance to give back to the place that helped him get started in his career. It is important to him for his fellow alumni to know he did his part and that they should, too. He’s leading by example and exhalting in all of us the importance of being counted.

We want a beautiful, modern facility for our pharmacy students. If you are capable of making the kind of transformative gift to pharmacy that Mr. Sromidas made, consider making a bit of our $25 million goal. How much do you care about our College and our profession? Make sure you are on the list. We’re counting on you.

Terry Blackmon
Chair, Building the Future of Pharmacy

Commencement Provides Special Moment for MUSC Couple

Emily Hall ’15

She wore a Lilly Pulitzer and pearls, he, a bow tie and khakis. It just doesn’t get much more South Carolina than Emily ’15 and Daniel Hall. Born and raised in the Upstate, both high school class valedictorians got into their dream school: Wofford College, and then began the journey of a lifetime for the perfectly matched couple.

At Commencement, their journey culminated with a particularly special shared experience — as they each received a degree in a field they love: Emily from the South Carolina College of Pharmacy and Daniel from the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.

While they worked hard in classes and rotations, it was important to them to be involved in student events. Whether it was MUSC-sponsored sisterly rides, wine tastings or back-to-school parties, or activities with their student organizations — spring banquets, the dental school’s Snow Ball, or dental fraternity Psi Omega’s Casino Nights — they were front and center.

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... Both are relieved that they have a plan for their future after graduation. Daniel will be doing a residency in General Dentistry at Palmetto Health Richland, in the Columbia area. But Emily won’t be going to Columbia for the year his residency lasts. She decided to pursue community pharmacy and will be in Anderson working at a new Wal-Mark Neighborhood Market pharmacy. “I just love community pharmacy and counseling patients, seeing patients on a regular basis and getting to know them and their families on a personal level.”

Distinguished Career Brings Distinguished Alumnus Honor for Keynote Speaker

Colonel Ralph Lewkowicz ‘78

Decorated Air Force veteran and children’s hospital executive Col. (ret.) Ralph T. Lewkowicz MUSC ’78 will deliver the keynote address at the MUSC pharmacy Awards Ceremony and Hooding Convocation on May 14 at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul. The ceremony was sponsored by Fred’s Pharmacy.

After graduating from MUSC, Col. Lewkowicz served more than 24 years in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the prestigious rank of colonel with several significant awards and recognitions. He began a second career for Shriners Hospitals for Children, rising to corporate director of clinical support services before retiring after 10 years of service.

“Ralph is a respected national pharmacy leader, who is recognized as an innovator and positive change advocate,” said COL. (ret.) Mike Health MUSC ’78, another retired military pharmacist whose career was in the U.S. Army. “During his distinguished military career, he set the standard for implementing and leveraging pharmacy automation technology in the Air Force and Department of Defense that dramatically improved medication safety and the pharmaceutical care and services provided to the thousands of patients he served.”

During his career, Col. Lewkowicz was the command pharmacist providing leadership and oversight to all Air Force pharmacies in England, Germany, Holland, Italy, and Turkey. Prior to joining the Air Force, he was a consultant for a major medical system in Abu Ghraib, United Arab Emirates, where he was involved in strategic planning for a new 550-bed teaching hospital in the areas of health care delivery, hospital operations, medical information systems, informatics and work flow design for pharmacy, nursing and nutrition services.

In 1967 and 1968, he was awarded the Air Force Individual Achievement Award in Pharmacy. In 1989, he was awarded both the Vice President’s Award for Distinguished Government for his work in outpatient pharmacy integrating public and private systems, and the U.S. Department of Defense’s Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his role in creating robust pharmacy support systems and services.

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