Dear Alumni:

2013 is off to a busy and wonderful start for the College of Medicine!

Our Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) reaccreditation site visit took place January 13-16. Our Education Team did an excellent job in compiling our self-study materials and preparing the college for this visit, and our faculty, staff, and students did a wonderful job representing MUSC and the College of Medicine to the site visitors. While it will be several months before we receive the formal report from LCME, the site visitors spoke very highly of our efforts and our educational programs during our exit interview. While there are certainly areas in which we can further improve our educational efforts and initiatives, we have made great strides over the past several years and our commitment to providing the highest quality education for our medical students is strong.

Several key leadership appointments were recently made in the college. Dr. Yuko Palesch was appointed as Interim Chair of our new Department of Public Health Sciences and Dr. Steve Ethier was appointed as Interim Director of our new Center for Genomic Medicine effective January 1, 2013. Dr. Vincent Pellegrini will be joining us from the University of Maryland as Chair of our Department of Orthopaedic Surgery effective April 1, 2013. We are fortunate to have these excellent individuals to help lead the college.

It remains my mission to do everything possible to bring further distinction to your alma mater across all of our missions – education, patient care, research, and service to the people of South Carolina. On behalf of all members of the College of Medicine, thank you for your continued support. Your gifts truly help us in “changing what’s possible”.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Alumni Weekend and I welcome your emails and letters.

With warm regards,
Etta D. Pisano, MD

Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, College of Medicine
Save the Date!

The 26th Annual College of Medicine Charity Ball and Silent Auction
February 16, 2013

Medicine Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2013
March 22-23, 2013

Alumni Association Board Meeting
Saturday, March 23, 2013

Golden Grads 2013
Inducting the class of 1963
May 16-17, 2013

MUSC College of Medicine alumni Homecoming Weekend
March 22-23, 2013

Click left for details and on-line registration.

Click right to view who’s attending.
A grateful son’s “thank you"

Dr. Caver K. McCorkle established two endowed scholarships to honor the memory of his parents, Mary and Philip McCorkle. Read the full story in Legacies.

Have you checked the score?

The South Carolina Medical Alumni Challenge is a friendly contest between the MUSC and USC medical schools. The contest is based on alumni giving participation and donations will go toward support scholarship and other student programs.

Click on the scoreboard to show your loyalty, support our students... and BEAT USC!

Legislative News

The IRA Charitable Rollover is Reauthorized.

You may be eligible to make a special gift to the College of Medicine in 2013!

On January 1, 2013, Congress passed legislation that includes several important provisions that will allow you to support the causes you believe in using your Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

The legislation extends and expands the IRA charitable rollover through 2013. The law allows individuals age 70½ or older to make a qualified charitable distribution up to $100,000 from their IRA until December 31, 2013.

Click on this link and read "IRA Rollover Explanation and Q&A" and "Fiscal Cliff Update" to learn more about this time sensitive gift opportunity. The Office of Gift Planning is available at 800-810-6872 or 843-792-2236 to discuss your options and special instructions.

For the latest financial news from Washington. and other useful links, click here..
Charleston doctor and College of Medicine Alumnus honored for overseas work

Charleston pediatrician Dr. Robert A. Clifford has won national recognition for his overseas mission work providing medical care to orphans in third-world countries. Clifford has been named a recipient of the Save the Children Federation’s REAL Award, a distinction designed to honor and encourage appreciation for health workers and the lifesaving care they provide locally and globally.

Dr. Clifford, a Charleston native, graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1996 and serves on the Clinical Teaching Faculty at the MUSC Children's Hospital. He is currently serving as the chairman of the pediatrics departments at Roper and St. Francis hospitals in Charleston and as a physician at Coastal Pediatric Associates. He has led medical missions in Thailand, Burma, Jordan and Iraq during his career.

To honor health care workers, Save the Children joined with The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Frontline Health Workers Coalition to help people around the world thank and salute health workers who are improving health and saving lives daily. Nine winners, announced on January 15, 2013, were selected through a combination of nominations, the number of votes cast online by the public and an interview.

On receiving this award, Dr. Clifford commented, “There is so much incredible need not only in our own country, but all over the place for good reliable health care. Quite candidly, because my heavenly father has given me so much, I feel compelled to give back," he said. "That's really been the motivation and passion behind my missions.”

The Post and Courier published the news in an article about Dr. Clifford and his work. Congratulations Dr. Clifford!

College of Medicine Alumnus is inaugural recipient of Distinguished Professorship

Anthony Viera, M.D., Ph.D., MUSC College of Medicine Class of 1996 alumnus and UNC Family Medicine associate professor Anthony Viera, MD MPH is the inaugural recipient of the Charles Baynes Wilkerson, MD ’06 Distinguished Professorship in Family Medicine.

Anthony Viera, MD MPH is an associate professor in the UNC Department of Family Medicine. His title will be the Charles B. Wilkerson, MD ’06 Distinguished Scholar, which he will hold for four years. Dr. Viera received his medical degree from the MUSC College of Medicine in 1996. He completed his residency training in family medicine at the Jacksonville Naval Hospital in Florida. As an active duty Navy family physician, Dr. Viera was posted to Guam for several years. During his Navy tenure, he received multiple clinical service awards, such as the Gold Star and Commendation Medal, and teaching honors, including a New Faculty Scholar Award from the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, and several Faculty Teacher of the Year awards from his department.

Viera began his career in Chapel Hill as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar in 2004. Since that time his research productivity and accomplishments are, simply put, phenomenal. Don Pathman, MD, MPH, Research Director at UNC Family Medicine notes that, “he is the most productive young researcher in terms of projects, funding and papers, that I have encountered in my 24 years in the department.”

Dr. Viera has also contributed significantly to the clinical scholarship appropriate for a generalist discipline. Since 2004, Dr. Viera has published 15 clinically focused papers in refereed journals, eight editorials, and five book chapters. In recognition of his clinical scholarship, he was invited to serve as an editor to the 6th edition of Essentials of Family Medicine, which is the predominant textbook used in family medicine clerkships nationwide

Dr. Viera has an emerging national reputation in the area of hypertension. Dr. David Hyman at Baylor College of Medicine describes Dr. Viera as, “a rising star in our field” and his work as “excellent, highly regarded and having significant impact on our field.”

Dr. Viera provides full-scope clinical care, including attending on the Family Medicine Inpatient and Maternal Child Services, outpatient care in the Family Medicine Center, and emergency and urgent care at Chatham Hospital. For these clinical activities, he was recognized in the 2010 Best Doctors in America and received the Health Care Heroes Award from the Triangle Business Journal.

“According to surviving family members, Dr. Annie would want the holder of the professorship to be a good and active clinician, an educator and an innovator, said Dr. Newton. “We feel Dr. Viera fills these requirements exceptionally well.” Congratulations Dr. Viera!
MUSC Online Physician Continuing Medical Education

MUSC is pleased to offer access to our online Grand Rounds for CME credit. The webpage we use to register users and provide course credit is hosted in partnership with Remote Lerner.net. Visit our Web site at http://

www.muschealth.com/physician_portal/cme/index.html to establish a continuing medical education (CME) account. Each Grand Rounds session viewed with a completed post-test will provide one hour of CME credit.

To access MUSC Online Ground Rounds CME, go to http://musc.remotelerner.net/cme/.

Features include:
• Educational Grand Round videos from MUSC faculty and national health care experts
• Videos are available 24/7 to view at your convenience
• CME credit certificates are available to print directly from the web site after completion
• Subjects are catalogued by “hot topics” and specialty
• New Grand Rounds added on a regular basis so check back for updates

For MUSC continuing medical education questions or comments, contact the Office of CME at (866) 637-6835.

Progress Notes CME

As a service to our physician readers, Progress Notes, an MUSC publication sent to all physicians licensed in the state of South Carolina, is pleased to offer CME credit on selected articles (at least on per issue.) Topics for these CME articles are selected within input from the College of Medicine CME advisory Committee.

To view complete details and access available CME-eligible Progress Notes Articles, please click here.

MUSC Center for Global Initiatives

The Center for Global Initiatives at the Medical University of South Carolina seeks to improve the health of people in South Carolina and globally through the development of collaborative global partnerships in education, clinical care, and research. You can find out more about MUSC’s global initiatives and how to get involved at www.globalhealth.musc.edu Read the latest Global Health News and Events and look at the Research and Training Announcements for faculty funding opportunities, student funding opportunities, and upcoming application deadlines.


Interested in understanding more about global health and what it means to practice health care in today’s global and diverse population? Curious about how global health plays a role in local health care practices? Sign up for MUSC’s Global Health Certificate Spring 2013 courses to learn from leading experts in the field. More information about the program can be found at http://globalhealth.musc.edu/certificate-program-global-health
**Class Notes**

*College of Medicine Class Notes*

**1977**
*Robert C. Waters* retired earlier this year from active ENT practice in Greenville and Easley. Now on clinical staff in the Otolaryngology Department at MUSC to hopefully give back to MUSC in the form of helping students and residents.

**1978**
*Charles T. Porter* writes, "after 30+ years of military medicine and private practice I have decided to return to the life of academic medicine and have accepted a position on the faculty of the Anesthesiology Department of the College of Medicine, University of Texas - Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. I finally have enough gray hair (what little I have left) to at least look the part!"

**1996**
*Abigail Walters Blackmon* is happily practicing both in K-town and in Les Angleis, Haiti! Wanna come with? [Chihaiti.org](http://Chihaiti.org) or [harvestfieldhaiti.org](http://harvestfieldhaiti.org)

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**We mourn the loss of these College of Medicine alumni and extend heartfelt condolences to their to their loved ones:**

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**Update Your Information**

- Got good news to share?
- Updates to your business or home addresses or phone numbers?
- Newly married?

Please click here to update your information!
College of Medicine mourns the loss of two former faculty

A little over a year ago, in November of 2011, Isabel Lockard, Ph.D., Professor Emerita at MUSC, passed away at the age of 96. Due to the cancellation of the 2012 summer edition of COM Connections, the tribute to Dr. Lockard was not published at that time. We are pleased and grateful now to have the opportunity to print, belatedly, this moving tribute to memory of a remarkable teacher by MUSC alumnus William O. Whetsell, M.D., Professor Emeritus, Neuropathology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, and MUSC College of Medicine class of 1966 alumnus.

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR ISABEL LOCKARD

1915 - 2011

Isabel Lockard, Ph.D., Professor Emerita at MUSC, passed away a little over a year ago, on November 6, 2011, at the age of 96. She was a remarkable person, one of very few women faculty at the Medical College of South Carolina when she joined the Department of Anatomy in 1952. From that time until her retirement in 1985, she taught literally thousands of medical students, dental students and graduate students over her nearly 35-year career.

I was indeed gratified to note that during her long life, Dr. Lockard had sustained such an active career at MUSC and was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1999. I believe everyone of us, her students, would agree that she had such a distinctive style of teaching the fascinating subject of neuroanatomy (known these days more contemporarily as neuroscience) that none of us ever forgot the one whom we affectionately called “Neuro Nellie.” If you were one of her students of any variety, I dare say, whenever you hear or read (as you’re doing right now) such terms as medial longitudinal fasciculus, red nucleus, pyramidal tracts, anterior horns or optic radia-tions, a little blip in your brain reminds you of the first time you heard those words and from whom. Furthermore, I will bet right now, because she made such an indelible impression, you can visualize Dr. Lockard always in a long white lab coat, standing at the chalkboard simultaneously and indefatigably lecturing and drawing neuroanatomical diagrams, sometimes with both hands!

She was indeed one of a kind, and one who, in her straight-forward but gentle and intellectually honest way, gave each of us a substantial part of the early academic background we needed to get through medical, dental or graduate school and move on into our futures. It is with gratitude and humility that I offer this tribute to Isabel Lockard for her contributions to MUSC and to each of us who had the opportunity to come her way.

William O. Whetsell, Jr., M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Neuropathology
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
MUSC, G ’64; M ’66
Carolyn Elaine Reed, M.D., renowned cardiothoracic surgeon, educator, mentor and beloved oncologist, died Nov. 16 after a short illness. She was 62.

A native of Farmington, Maine, Reed was the Alice Ruth Reeves Folk Endowed Chair of Clinical Oncology and a professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Department of Surgery. Reed joined MUSC in 1985 as an assistant professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. She was the first woman clinical surgical faculty member to join MUSC's ranks and succeeded Edward F. Parker, M.D., known as the father of thoracic surgery in South Carolina.

She advanced quickly in her career at MUSC and was promoted to associate professor in 1989 and professor in 1997. She played many significant roles in the development of the Hollings Cancer Center, serving as associate director for clinical affairs (1998-2000), director of the cancer center (2000-2004) and associate director of medical affairs (2004-2012). She achieved a national and international reputation as a thoracic surgeon and oncologist with specific expertise in lung and esophageal cancer. A respected surgical educator, she was committed to medical student, resident, and physician teaching and mentorship. In 1987, she received the Student Teaching Award and was continually nominated for Golden Apple awards.

An active clinical researcher and principal investigator for numerous research grants and clinical trials, Reed was a strong advocate for finding successful treatments to cancer. She was the author of more than 100 peer-reviewed publications and journals including 20 book chapters. She was editor of the textbook, General Thoracic Surgery (7th edition), which is recognized as the bible for general thoracic surgery. She worked with multiple editing boards and presented at more than 120 national and international thoracic surgery meetings.

Throughout her career, Reed held memberships with many surgical associations and organizations including the American College of Chest Physicians, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, American Association for Thoracic Surgery, American Surgical Association and the Halsted Society. She also served in leadership roles with the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Council of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery and the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association, where she was president in 2006. Reed was the first woman appointed to the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and served two-year terms as vice chair and the board's chairman.

Reed was born March 4, 1950, the daughter of Margaret E. Reed and the late Clayton E. Reed, of Farmington, Maine. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Maine in 1972 and received her medical degree from the University of Rochester. She completed her general and cardiothoracic surgery training at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Reed spent an additional year training as a fellow in surgical oncology at the Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center before moving to South Carolina.

Of the numerous honors that she received, perhaps the one that meant the most to her was being selected as the commencement speaker in 2005 at her alma mater, the University of Maine, at which time she was awarded an honorary degree.

Reed was recognized as a superb clinical surgeon and as a leader in the field of thoracic surgery throughout the world. It was truly ironic that she succumbed to cancer — a disease that she spent her life trying to cure. She is survived by her mother, twin sister Joyce Greenacre, and other family.
Congratulations!

2012 Golden Apple Awards

On November 29, 2012, The American Medical Student Association and the College of Medicine held the 50th annual Golden Apple Awards ceremony to recognize teaching excellence across the curriculum at MUSC. The awards are given in memory of physiology professor Dr. Bernard Metz, who was honored by his students for his love and devotion to teaching.

Each year, medical student classes nominate and vote to honor exceptional faculty for teaching excellence. The event also featured the annual Robert P. Walton Lecture on Medical Education, which was given this year by Donna Kern, M.D., associate dean for curriculum in the College of Medicine. Kern spoke about the role of educators who illuminate, cultivate and inspire their students. Congratulations to the 2012 Faculty winners:

Second Year Faculty Award
Dr. Laura Kasman

Clinical Years Faculty Award
Dr. David Mills

Clinical Years Faculty Award
Dr. Eric Nelson

Clinical Years House Staff Award
Dr. Angela Choi

General surgery resident wins investigator award

General surgery resident Dr. Shaina Eckhouse won the Vivien Thomas Young Investigator Award by developing a reproducible, large-animal model of a thoracic aortic aneurysm. From left are: Drs. Rupak Mukherjee, research associate professor in the Department of Surgery; John S. Ikonomidis, the Horace G. Smithy Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery; Eckhouse; and Jeffrey A. Jones, research assistant professor in the Department of Surgery. Read the full story.

Assistant professor receives AAA neuroanatomy award

The American Association of Anatomists (AAA) awarded Thomas Jhou, Ph.D., assistant professor in the MUSC Department of Neurosciences, the 2013 C.J. Herrick Award in Neuroanatomy.

Jhou will present an award lecture on "Dopamine and Anti-dopamine Systems: Polar Opposite Roles in Behavior" at the annual AAA meeting. The award recognizes Jhou for the significant role he played in unraveling the complex midbrain and hypothalamic circuitry involved in arousal and motivation. He was also involved in the characterization of the rostromedial tegmental nucleus as a critical cell group that interacts with dopaminergic circuitry to convey negative reward signals. Read the full story.

Dr. Thomas Jhou
MUSC Urban Farm recognized

MUSC Urban Farm was recently recognized as a “Charleston Friendly Yard” by the Keep Charleston Beautiful Committee for creating and maintaining an environmentally-sound garden.

Charleston Friendly Yards is an interactive program designed to recognize those in the community who are creating and maintaining sustainable, environmentally conscious yards and gardens. It also acts as a resource for the community.

Read the full story in the Catalyst.

MUSC Employees help victims of Hurricane Sandy

Days after Hurricane Sandy hit the east coast of the United States — leveling neighborhoods, flooding streets and killing more than a hundred people — three MUSC employees were deployed to New York to provide medical assistance to homeless victims. Read the full story in the Catalyst.

Sean Carroll, from left, Amy Funderburk, R.N., and Philippe Gresle, were deployed to New York to assist victims of Hurricane Sandy through the Disaster Medical Assistance Team.

Overheard at MUSC

Signe Denmark connects research organizations and pharmaceutical companies to investigators and research groups at MUSC. She wants every researcher on campus to know she is available to help with budgeting for clinical trials, the contract process, matching study coordinators and any other study start-up activities.

Read the full story.

For the latest MUSC News, click below
Membership Matters

Membership Matters means something unique to everyone who loves the Medical University of SC. That’s why your Alumni Association has launched the Membership Matters campaign. Membership Matters is an exciting effort to double membership in the MUSC Alumni Association through a variety of initiatives that enhance and personalize the alumni experience for each MUSC graduate.

Why Your Membership Matters
Your membership in the MUSC Alumni Association matters because it strengthens the bond between you and MUSC. Alumni Association members are more likely to keep in touch by sharing their gifts, time and talents with their alma mater: serving as an admissions interviewer for new medical school applicants, serving as a mentor and speaking to current students at seminars arranged by the Alumni Association, participating in joint events with current students, etc. Such gifts make a difference and benefit the University in countless ways.

How Do Your Membership Dues Benefit The Alumni Association?
The membership dues you pay will allow the Alumni Association to enhance alumni programming, serving as the bridge between our alumni population and the University and contribute to the ongoing success of our students by offering scholarships to those who excel, based on financial need. Thank you for visiting our new website: http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/alumni. Updates are in progress!

Benefits of Belonging
To thank you for your participation and support, we have developed a package of benefits available to members only:

- Lodging discounts at first-quality hotels, motels and inns
- Discounts on MUSC insignia items through the Matthews MUSC bookstore
- Use of MUSC’s library services (access the special alumni portal)
- Continuing Education Programs at reduced rates
- Reduced rate tickets for special alumni events
- Access to the Harper Student Wellness Center as an alumnus

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