Dr. Michael C. Watson initially viewed medicine as an alternative to farming peaches in his family’s Ridge Spring orchards. But his journey took him beyond that, to places he had never heard of and ideas he had never imagined: mission trips in developing countries, desegregation in public schools and transforming a former drug den into an after-school program.

Dr. Watson recently published his memoir, The Cloud Chaser, which hits bookstore shelves in November. The title draws from a conversation with his older brother, Joe, who told him that you can’t catch a cloud on a hot summer day. Determined to prove Joe wrong, Michael ran, chasing the shade the entire way home.

The book’s title serves as a metaphor for his career. From his work at the brand-new Bamberg County hospital and then in private practice, Dr. Watson served his community with an inventive personality that transformed him into a public figure. “I wanted to help people, and there were plenty of people to help in Bamberg County,” he said.

Teen pregnancy and alcohol and drug abuse numbered among Bamberg’s biggest problems. A woman once left her chronically drunken husband in Dr. Watson’s care. Dr. Watson not only treated the wayward husband, but he helped create and served as chairman of the Tri-County Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, which he continues to lead decades later. He also helped start the region’s only adolescent inpatient drug and alcohol treatment program, which continues today.

Dr. Watson wound up in Bamberg after graduating from the Medical College of South Carolina and drawing a circle, 50 miles wide, around his home town. He wound up a doctor by a similar stroke of serendipity.

Dr. Watson joined the U.S. Marine Corps shortly just after his 18th birthday and in the height of World War II. After serving for a tour of the Pacific, he returned home and enrolled at Clemson University, unsure about his next move. He climbed onto the tractor in his family’s peach orchard and recognized, at least, what he didn’t want to do. (see WATSON, page 2)
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear College of Medicine Alumni,

Welcome to this inaugural edition of the College of Medicine Continuo newsletter. We hope you will find it a valuable tool to stay informed about fellow alumni, upcoming events and news related to your medical school. We welcome and encourage your feedback on this publication.

As we look forward to the beginning of a new academic year, we have many accomplishments of which to be proud. In March, our graduating class enjoyed an incredibly successful residency match day, and we learned that approximately 27 percent of those graduates will be staying in South Carolina for residency training. We are also very proud of the outstanding medical school LCME reaccreditation visit earlier this year. Our education team and many other members of the college and institution did an outstanding job preparing for and participating in the site visit. You’ll find more information on these accomplishments and others throughout this edition of Continuo.

While our achievements are noteworthy, it is you, our alumni, which are among our most valuable assets. I encourage you to read in this issue the brief but fascinating personal, geographical and medical journey of alumnus Dr. Michael C. Watson, class of 1953, as well as a story highlighting the already robust career of young alumnus, Dr. David Forsh, class of 2006. Both of these stories are testimony to the quality of the education we are committed to providing as well as the character and commitment demonstrated by our alumni.

I hope you will enjoy this and future editions of Continuo and that you might respond to our requests for your “Words of Wisdom” for next year’s Third Year Clinician Ceremony. Perhaps you may consider serving on the Alumni Association Board or answer the call to interview medical students in the future. Please take a moment and submit a Class Note to let us and your fellow alumni know where you are and what is new and exciting in your life.

Finally, I would like to offer you my most sincere thanks for your generosity. Your support of the 2012-13 Alumni Loyalty Fund was invaluable and provided vital support for our Third Year Student Clinician Ceremony, the upcoming Class of 2017 White Coat Ceremony, and the launch of the new Alumni Loyalty Fund Travel Grants Program. While it would be difficult for me to overstate the importance of financial support from our alumni to the college, your knowledge and experience also serve as an immeasurable source of wealth to our students.

Sincerely,

Etta D. Pisano, MD
Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, College of Medicine

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His father surprised him when he said he hoped Michael would become a doctor. The late Joseph Calhoun Watson survived skin cancer, but the disease left him with a disfigured nose. Recognizing the power and promise of medicine, the elder Watson cosigned on the loan that his son needed to finish his studies at the Medical College of South Carolina in 1953.

Dr. Watson affectionately remembers his medical school professors. One anatomy instructor often became so engrossed in his own lectures that he would take his pipe from his mouth, rest it on the chest of a cadaver and then return it to his mouth. Another instructor, noticing Dr. Watson’s interest in academics versus clinical work, told him to “forget it right now” and pursue a career of working with patients.

Educated by a host of characters, Dr. Watson later developed a unique professional persona of his own. Dr. Biemann Othersen, MUSC Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics and one of Dr. Watson’s classmates, remembered Dr. Watson as a generous man with strong faith and a unique hobby: beekeeping, “At one of our class reunions years ago, he gave a jar of honey to every member of our class,” Dr. Othersen said. “It was good honey, too.”

While working in Bamberg, Dr. Watson once reported a man who refused treatment after testing positive for syphilis, and a sheriff’s deputy hauled the man off to jail. Dr. Watson also watched HIV rise to an epidemic and, when other physicians refused to treat those patients, he felt a personal calling. The first day he hospitalized someone with AIDS, a nurse whispered to him in the hallway. “Dr. Watson, what should I do so I don’t catch AIDS from the patient in Room 19?” she asked. Dr. Watson looked both ways, as if preparing to share a secret with her, and then whispered, “Don’t have sex with him!”

Dr. Watson served on the county school board during integration and wrote an open letter to all parents, asking them not to flee to private school. He and his wife, Mary Carolyn, set an example by keeping their own children in Bamberg County public schools. But when Dr. Watson received word that the U.S. Justice Department wanted integration to begin in the middle of a school year, he refused to disrupt the children’s studies. A government attorney threatened to jail him, but Dr. Watson figured that, by the time the warrant came around, a new school year would have begun.

Of all his accomplishments, Dr. Watson considers his mission work the most significant. His father belonged to a women’s missionary society at church, which raised money to send volunteers abroad, and Dr. Watson likes to say that he attended his first mission meeting at just 6 months old.

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Doctor’s work takes him around the world – and onto The Dr. Oz Show

Dr. David Forsh, Class of 2006

By Allyson Bird, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs

Dr. David Forsh spends his days caring for some of the most medically-fragile patients in New York City, people who arrive in his operating room at Mount Sinai Hospital following car accidents, shootings and stabbings. “You don’t want to meet me professionally,” he said.

The Myrtle Beach native graduated from the MUSC College of Medicine in 2006. He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Mount Sinai and then went on to orthopedic trauma fellowship training at the prestigious University of California, Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, Calif.

Dr. Forsh now serves as chief of orthopedic trauma and an assistant professor of orthopedics at Mount Sinai. And he’s only 32 years old.

“The draw of orthopedic trauma for me was that I’m not isolated to one part of the body,” Dr. Forsh said. “I am never doing just one thing, and the only place on the body where I do not operate is the spine.”

Dr. Forsh spent a portion of his fourth year of medical school working in a clinic in Costa Rica. Since joining the team at Mount Sinai, he also has traveled to Liberia.

“There’s a significant amount of trauma there and no orthopedic care,” he said. “When I go, there’s so much work. People die there and no orthopedic care,” he said. “Some people have transition challenges, but he seemed to have the innate ability to adjust to any given situation. His career path complements his personality really well.”

Singleton said that Dr. Forsh tutored other students in anatomy during all four years at MUSC, and he still checks on current medical students. During their most recent conversation, Dr. Forsh called Singleton on his way to work and told her that, no matter how busy his schedule becomes, he hopes to keep those priorities. “He never wants to lose himself in the process,” she said.

But Dr. Forsh’s hectic schedule leaves little room for personal time. This past Valentine’s Day, The Dr. Oz Show identified him as one of the 50 most eligible doctors in America. Dr. Forsh first received a call asking if he would appear on the show for a health segment, he said, but then the focus shifted. He instead salsa danced on screen and explained how the swan pose, a calming yoga stretch, can help improve sleep.

“I have the secret to freshen up your love life instantly,” he said in one segment.

At the end of the show, a lucky woman from the audience chose a “date” from among three of the most eligible doctors, and she selected Dr. Forsh. They made plans for an evening on the town but, almost predictably, Dr. Forsh was called into emergency surgery that night.

“It’s a challenge every day,” he said. “People come to you knocking on death’s door.”

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As an adult, he set about establishing lay mission work as a cornerstone of the United Methodist Church. He learned from a staff member with the United Methodist Committee on Relief about a little Caribbean island called Anguilla that was losing its only doctor. Two days later Dr. Watson flew to Anguilla and helped set up a pipeline to bring in a new doctor every two weeks for six months.

After Anguilla, Dr. Watson went to Haiti, where he identified a possible solution to the high infant mortality rate: He inoculated 65,000 women against Tetanus and spared their unborn babies from the illness. He brought over his brother, who eventually did take over the Watson family farm and who introduced collards to Haiti as a nutrient-rich alternative to lettuce. Joe set up an agricultural school and visited Haiti 35 times.

At home in Bamberg, Dr. Watson established one of the first rural hypertension clinics in the Southeast and the first HIV/AIDS clinic within a South Carolina health department. He sold his own practice in 2000 and focused on family and his hobbies, such as woodworking and beekeeping. He still helps run an after-school program in a former drug house that two churches purchased from the Bamberg County sheriff’s office. Asked how he balanced it all — career, family and outreach — Dr. Watson shrugged and said, “You just do it.”

Anguilla in 1969. Anguilla is located in the Caribbean Sea, the northern most island in the Leeward Islands chain in the Easter Caribbean. Its nearest neighbor to the south is St. Martin/Sint Maarten.
FIRST U.S. PATIENT TREATED WITH LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION COILS IN SEVERE EMPHYSEMA STUDY

Charleston – The Medical University of South Carolina’s (MUSC) Charlie Strange, M.D., treated the first patient in the United States in the RENEW Study. The study is evaluating the use of PneumRx, Inc.’s RePneu® Lung Volume Reduction Coil (LVRC) in patients with severe emphysema. The RePneu® LVRC, a minimally invasive medical implant designed to treat the symptoms of severe emphysema, is intended to improve lung function, exercise ability and quality of life for this underserved patient population.

“After learning the LVRC procedure in Europe, I am thrilled to offer this innovative treatment through our team at MUSC,” said Strange, MUSC professor of pulmonary and critical care, allergy and sleep medicine and principal investigator for the RENEW study. The coils are offered through a prospective, randomized research trial for patients with lung hyperinflation from emphysema. The full article can be found at musc.edu/pr/pressrelease/.

The people involved in the first case were: (front row) Laura Bailey, Lisa Kaiser, Andrea Rinn, Shannon Broach; (second row) Dr. Charlie Strange, Mary Brooks, Nick Patis and missing from photo is Rahul Argula.

For more information about the RePneu LVRC and the RENEW study, visit www.pneumrx.com or www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01608490?term=RENEW&rank=1

NEW ALUMNI

Congratulations Class of 2013

On May 16, 2013, the College of Medicine celebrated the graduation of 159 medical students at our Commencement proceedings and Oath Ceremony, awarding 151 MDs, 6 MD/PhDs, and 2 MD/MHAs. We are pleased to welcome these recent graduates to the ranks of those we are honored to call Alumni. To view more photos of the Class of 2013 College of Medicine Oath Ceremony, go to http://www.flickr.com/photos/musccom/.
ALUMNI AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED AND HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

Mark L. Braunstein, M.D. – College of Medicine, Class of ’74 Distinguished Alumnus Award

Mark L. Braunstein was born in Walterboro, South Carolina on May 4, 1948. After graduating from Walterboro High School in 1965, Dr. Braunstein attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he graduated with a BS in Physics and English in 1969. Dr. Braunstein then returned to the Lowcountry to attend the Medical University of South Carolina, earning his Medical Degree in 1974. He completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Washington University’s Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri in 1975.

John P. Sutton, M.D. – College of Medicine, Class of ’63 Distinguished Alumnus Award

John Perry Sutton was born in Greenville, SC on June 11, 1939 and learned early on the value of hard work and determination. Having lost his father when he just three years old, Dr. Sutton took on numerous jobs growing up to help the family household. At an early age, he set his sights high on a career in medicine, and moved closer to that goal when he entered Furman University on an academic scholarship. After only three years, Dr. Sutton graduated from Furman in 1959.

Still set on his goal of becoming a doctor, Dr. Sutton convinced the owner of Daniel Construction in Greenville to award him a scholarship that was meant only for students who had already completed time in medical school. Dr. Sutton was so committed to his goal that Mr. Daniel gave him a scholarship to enter the Medical College of South Carolina, and then surely looked on proudly as Dr. Sutton was third in his class his first year, second the next year, and graduated first honor graduate in June 1963.

Stephen I. Schabel, M.D. – Professor, MUSC Dept. of Radiology Honorary Alumnus Award

Stephen Irwin Schabel was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 22, 1947. Dr. Schabel attended Washington University in St. Louis, where he earned Sophomore Honors and graduated with his B.A. in 1968. Dr. Schabel then returned to his hometown of Chicago for medical school, earning his M.D. from the University of Chicago in 1972.

Following medical school, Dr. Schabel performed both his Internship and Residency at the University of Rochester, in Rochester, New York. Dr. Schabel joined MUSC’s Department of Radiology as an Assistant Professor in 1976, and has since served as Associate Professor, Director of Diagnostic Ultrasound, Director of Diagnostic Radiology, Professor, Acting Chairman and Vice-Chairman for Education. He has long been a well respected professor among MUSC’s students and has received the Golden Apple Award from the American Medical Student Association at MUSC three times, in 1983, 1990 and 1999.

To read full bios of our Distinguished and Honorary Alumni, please visit our website at www.musc.edu/alumni

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Paul Underwood, M.D. – COM ‘59

In January of this year, Dr. Paul Underwood, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Associate Dean for Admissions, was awarded the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Atlantic Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Congratulations to Dr. Underwood on this wonderful, well-deserved recognition of his achievements and contributions to his field.

Peter J. Neidenbach, M.D. – COM ’91

Peter J. Neidenbach, M.D., was recently named the 2013 Dermatologist of the Year by the S.C. Dermatological Association. The award is given annually for “outstanding and faithful service”. Dr. Neidenbach is currently President of the Piedmont Dermatological Society and a delegate to the South Carolina Medical Association. He is a volunteer at St. Luke’s Free Medical Clinic and holds faculty appointments at VCOM and MUSC. He is in private practice at Westside Dermatology, LLC in Spartanburg.

Mark Lyles, M.D. – COM ’93

Dr. Mark Lyles, Chief Strategic Officer for MUHA, was elected Vice President the American College of Medical Quality (ACMQ) during the organization’s Annual Meeting. Founded in 1973, ACMQ provides physicians with leadership and education in healthcare quality management. Congratulations, Dr. Lyles!

Michael Aho, M.D. – COM ’08

Dr. Michael Aho, a 2008 graduate of the MUSC College of Medicine and a current fourth year resident in Radiology at MUSC, was selected as a 2013 Student and Resident Quality Scholar by the American College of Medical Quality (ACMQ). Each year, the ACMQ recognizes ten students or residents nationally with this prestigious honor, which includes a $1,000 award to cover travel and registration to attend the ACMQ National Conference. Congratulations, Dr. Aho!
College of Medicine Alumni share a few words of wisdom with new 3rd year clinicians

On June 28, 2013, thanks to many generous contributions of College of Medicine alumni, medical students transitioning into their clinical years were each presented with a new white coat at the Class of 2015 Third Year Student Clinician Ceremony. The event was developed by the College of Medicine Office of Development and the Gold Humanism Honor Society to underscore the imperative of providing humane care to patients while simultaneously demonstrating the highest standards of skill and performance. With their white coats, students received a card imprinted with a few “Words of Wisdom” from those who had gone before them. Below are just a few of thoughts shared by our alumni who sponsored white coats. Thank you, COM Alumni!

Talk to your patients and treat them with the respect befitting the trust they place in you. This may seem obvious, but it can be difficult at times... having a conversation with an intubated patient... being calm and respectful when fear and loss of control bring out the worst in some patients or their families... when you already know the diagnosis because of the radiology report. The more you practice this, the more sincere it will become and it will eventually be one of your most powerful diagnostic and therapeutic tools. Have fun, study hard and always talk to your patients.
– Christopher Crosby, M.D., Ph.D. COM ’05

Remember to treat patients the same at 3 AM as you do at 3PM. Don’t let fatigue cause you to make a different decision.
– Angela Choi, M.D. COM ’09

Read constantly -- every day, read about something you see. Your knowledge will improve vastly, make your shelf exams easier, and make you look like a superstar on rounds. Your only real responsibility as a medical student is to learn as much as possible, so take it seriously. Don’t be nervous, nobody will expect too much out of you, as long as you are trying in earnest, are easy to work with, are helpful to the team, and are always trying to improve. Have fun! Being in the hospital is exhausting and occasionally frustrating, but infinitely better than having been in the classroom for the past 2 years.
– Eric Bonno, M.D. COM ’09

As you advance in your training and career, it is easy to forget why you wear this coat. This risk touches us all in familiarity with medicine tends to make the sacred mundane, the extraordinary common. Find ways to remember that you place this coat over your shoulders for your patients, not your superiors; to provide comfort, never pain; to give hope, though not always a cure; for service, not prestige. God’s speed.
– Anonymous

Best of Luck and Enjoy Your Clinical Years!

Join us in congratulating Dr. Peter C. Gazes for hitting a hole-in-one!

Dr. Peter C. Gazes is a treasured alumnus of College of Medicine’s class of 1944. He is also an avid golfer who turns 92 this October, and this past January he hit a hole in one!

Dr. Gazes served for many years at MUSC as a Professor of Medicine, a Distinguished University Professor of Cardiology and a former Director of the Cardiovascular Division. Dr. Gazes received his medical degree from the MUSC where he graduated as the first Honor Graduate in 1944. There is no space here to list his many accomplishments and honors, but Dr. Gazes lives in Charleston and is still warmly remembered by veteran MUSC faculty and former students as a trusted colleague and friend, a dedicated teacher, a compassionate physician, and a generous mentor.

If you would like to send a message to Dr. Gazes, you can go online to submit a personal message to him through the Alumni Associations Class Notes at http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/alumni/stay_connected.htm or visit the MUSC Alumni Association’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/MUSCAlumniAssociation.

We love when our alumni make us proud!

You often make us proud, so let us share your achievements and accomplishments – personal or professional – in our next edition of College of Medicine Continenro.

Send us an update – whether it is about a new job, a promotion, an award or a new family member – and we would love to include it in our next issue.
Send news and photos...
• via email to Colemanm@musc.edu,
• via the web at www.musc.edu/alumni
• or by mail to:

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Over 200 College of Medicine alumni attended events during Medicine Alumni Homecoming Weekend on March 22-23, 2013. Festivities included the Friday night Oyster Roast and Low Country Boil at the Lighthouse on Shem Creek, the Saturday Alumni Awards Luncheon in the Drug Discovery Building on campus, and Saturday night’s Class Reunion Celebrations at the DoubleTree Hotel.

More Homecoming pictures can be viewed online at https://www.facebook.com/MUSCAlumniAssociation/photos_albums

SAVE THE DATE!
Medicine Alumni Homecoming • March 1, 2014
(This year is going to be different...plan to be a part of it.)
CLASS NOTES

1968
Wesley W. Lawton is retired and now visiting his grandchildren. His daughter-in-law Cyndi Lawton practices OB-gyn in Summerville.

1971
Kenneth R. Warrick writes...due to health problems of my mother-in-law, the three of us closed our Bristol, Tennessee office to return to my native Charleston, where I joined Todd Schlesinger’s practice at Dermatology and Laser Center of Charleston. Does anybody wish to buy our new (2009) house in Johnson City, Tennessee?

1977
Gerald E. Harmon has been elected to American Medical Association Board of Trustees.

CHICAGO - June 18, 2013 - The American Medical Association (AMA), the nation’s largest physician organization, announced today the election of Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., a family medicine specialist from coastal South Carolina, to the Board of Trustees.

“I am honored to serve the nation’s physicians as a member of the AMA Board of Trustees,” said Dr. Harmon. “Working together, physicians can share our expertise to help make significant strides in reducing chronic disease, educating future physicians and improving how care is provided to our patients.”

Dr. Harmon has practiced for more than 25 years in coastal South Carolina. He is currently a clinical professor at two of his state’s medical schools where he has twice been named Community Educator of the Year by the South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians. He served as chief surgeon and Assistant Surgeon General before retiring from the National Guard and the U.S. Air Force. He served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Dr. Harmon is a former president and chairman of the South Carolina Medical Association. He has been a delegate to the AMA House of Delegates for over 18 years, and is a member of the AMA Council on Medical Service.

Dr. Harmon completed his medical degree at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He lives with his wife Linda in Georgetown County.

1978
Charles T. Porter was recently accepted as an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology in the Anesthesiology Department of the University of Texas Medical Branch.

1992
Angela M. Saito also works part-time as a Medical Consultant for SC Disability Determination. Her husband Jeff has his own home inspection and engineering consulting companies. Son Zach is a theater major at CCSD School of the Arts, but plays JV Soccer for Wando.

2000
Dekisha Pendergrass Drayton and her husband have 3 beautiful daughters. I am the owner of a solo pediatric practice in metro Atlanta.

2003 and 2005
Stephanie (’05) and Bobby (’03) Morgan welcomed their first child, a baby girl born on May 5th, Madelyn Johnson Morgan.

2009
James B. Fleming completed McLeod Family Medicine Residency 2012 in Florence, SC.

2010
Hannah Steele and husband, Brett, had twins – Kathryn Allen and Audrey Campbell – on February 14th.

OBITUARIES

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

DR. GILBERT B. BRADHAM
5/21/2013 • 1956

DR. GEORGE A. COLBERT, JR.
2/20/2013 • 1963

DR. LOLLICE B. COURTNEY
1/11/2013 • 1961

DR. ROY P. FINNEY
2/15/2013 • 1952

DR. PAUL C. GILLETTE
1/20/2013 • 1969

DR. NEWELL M. HAMILTON
5/8/2013 • 1957

DR. CHARLES B. HANNA, SR.
1/11/2013 • 1944

DR. JAMES T. HINDMAN, JR.
5/7/2013 • 1984

DR. DANIEL E. KLINAR
6/17/2013 • 1985

DR. FRANK B. LEE, SR.
5/6/2013 • 1942

DR. JOHN E. MAHAFFEY
4/5/2013 • 1954

DR. HENRY G. MEALING, JR.
4/14/2013 • 1965

DR. ROBERT J. OUTLAW
1/24/2013 • 1951

DR. C. DAYTON RIDDLE, JR.
1/17/2013 • 1957

DR. ROBERT L. SMOAK
4/8/2013 • 1980

DR. MARY B. WILSON
6/6/2013 • 1985

COM White Coat Ceremony,
Class of 2017
Sponsored by the COM Alumni Loyalty Fund and the College of Medicine Dean’s Office
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
North Charleston Performing Arts Center

Faculty Convocation & Keynote Address
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Drug Discovery Building Auditorium, DD110

MUSC Research Day 2013
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013
All Day • MUSC Campus
The Perry V Halushka MUSC 2013 Research Day Keynote Speaker is Dr. Peter Kohl, M.D., Ph.D., F.H.R.S. from the Imperial College of London. Dr Kohl is Professor and Senior Fellow of the British Heart Foundation and Chair in Cardiac Biophysics and Systems Biology at the National Heart and Lung Institute.

Dean’s State of the College Address
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 • 4:00
Scholarship Awards & Donor Appreciation Brunch
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Country Club of Charleston

http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/com/cominfo_comm/calendar
Golden Grads 2013

During Commencement Weekend in May, the College of Medicine honored our alumni who graduated 50 years ago (or more!) during the annual Golden Grads weekend. Twenty-six members of the class of 1963 attended the weekend’s festivities, which included a Golden Grads luncheon with Dr. Ray Greenberg and a dinner at the Cooper River Room at Mount Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park. Hats off to these very special alumni for reaching this milestone!

You can view all 2013 Golden Grads photos on Flickr! http://www.flickr.com/photos/50164039@N03/collections/

MUSC Calendar of Courses, Seminars and Conferences
MUSC offers a complete calendar of courses, seminars, online courses, and full conferences in Charleston.

MUSC Online Grand Rounds CME
The MUSC College of Medicine offers physicians an opportunity to view videos of recent Grand Round sessions. These online activities have been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 credit™.

Progress Notes CME
Progress Notes, an MUSC publication, now offers AMA PRA Category 1 credit™ on select articles.

Instructions and links for all CME methods can be accessed through the Office of Continuing Medical Education website at http://musc.edu/cme/. Or access our Physician’s Portal directly at http://www.muschealth.com/physician_portal/.
MUSC Children’s Hospital has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report in the 2013-2014 edition of America’s Best Children’s Hospitals. Three MUSC pediatric programs are now ranked in the top 40. The pediatric cardiology & heart surgery program remains highly ranked coming in at 21 this year. The pediatric gastroenterology and GI program moved up this year and is now ranked 39th, and pediatric nephrology joined the rankings this year at 31st in the nation. The full rankings and methodology are available at this website.

South Carolina Academy of Science Governor’s Award for Excellence in Science was awarded to Dr. Rosalie Crouch (one of four recipients). The awards are sponsored by SCRA and each recognizes excellence in a different area of science. Dr. Crouch was honored for Excellence in Scientific research.

Langdon Hartsock, MD, was awarded Order of the Silver Crescent by Governor Haley in recognition for exemplary performance, contribution and achievement within the community. Dr. Hartsock received the award for his leadership in the field of Orthopaedic Surgery at MUSC.

MUSC President Ray Greenberg appointed Dr. Patrick Cawley Vice President for Clinical Operations and MUHA Executive Director, effective April 1. Previously, Dr. Cawley served MUSC as Executive Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer.

APPLICANTS…………………….3,500+
ACCEPTED…………………….174

ACADEMICS
Mean GPA of admitted class: ..3.7
Mean MCAT of admitted class: ..30
Undergrad colleges represented:..44

RESIDENCE
South Carolina counties represented … 9
Other States represented:…………8

DEMOGRAPHICS
Underrepresented minorities: … 17%
Female:…………………………..40%
Male:…………………………..60%

Dr. Yuko Palesch – appointed interim chair of the new Department of Public Health Sciences
Dr. Steve Ethier – appointed interim director of the new Center for Genomic Medicine, effective January 1, 2013
Dr. Vincent Pellegrini – appointed chair of Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, effective April 1, 2013 (Dr. Pellegrini joins MUSC from the University of Maryland)

ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2017
The MUSC College of Medicine received more than 3,500 applications for limited openings in the Class of 2017. Below are a few statistics about the incoming class.

NEW COLLEGE OF MEDICINE KEY LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS:

GILLESPIE HELPS ALUMNI CONNECT AND CONTRIBUTE

As the Dean’s representative to our College of Medicine alumni, Candace Gillespie has the pleasure of working with alumni to reengage them on a personal level and build support for the MUSC College of Medicine. Candace travels from coast to coast but mostly in the Southeast. She is happy to meet with Alumni at their homes, their offices, their favorite coffee shop, or wherever it’s most convenient for them to talk. Her expertise lies in matching donors and volunteers to causes that matter most to them, and helping them advance our common mission: educating doctors, alleviating suffering, advancing medical research and curing disease.

“Working with our alumni, students, faculty and friends of the College is the most enjoyable aspect of what I do. I am repeatedly fascinated to hear all of the different ways and reasons why people want to give back,” she says. “I never fail to come away inspired by their personal stories and the experiences that shaped who they are as medical professionals and as individuals.”

This is an exciting and transformational time for your College of Medicine and MUSC. Please stay in touch, come back for reunions and alumni events, and call anytime we can assist you. We are extremely proud of you and what you're doing every day. To discuss volunteer, engagement, or giving opportunities, or to meet Candace in person, please call her at (843) 792-9243 or email at gillescf@musc.edu.
CLASS OF 2013 RESIDENCY MATCH RESULTS

The College of Medicine Class of 2013 had an incredibly successful Residency Match on March 15, 2013. There was a lot of excitement and emotion in the room as each student learned of their next destination. We are so very proud of our students, and look forward to following their careers and hearing about their future successes.

Below is a list of how many students will be training in each specialty:

- Categorical Internal Medicine ......................22 (14%*)
- Family Medicine ..................................19 (12%)
- Emergency Medicine ................................15 (9%)
- Obstetrics and Gynecology ......................12 (7.5%)
- Categorical Pediatrics .........................11 (7%)
- Anesthesia ........................................10 (6%)
- Ophthalmology .....................................9 (5.7%)
- Psychiatry .........................................9 (5.7%)
- Categorical General Surgery ....................9 (5.7%)

* % of the graduating class

Students also matched into Neurosurgery, Radiology, Radiation Oncology, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Child Neurology, Dermatology, Neurology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Urology, and Pathology. Students matched at prestigious institutions from coast to coast including: Mass Gen, UCSF, Duke, UNC, Vanderbilt, Johns Hopkins, Yale, Emory, UVA, Mayo, Brigham and Women's, Beth Israel, Northwestern, and UPENN to name a few.

Approximately 42 students (27%) will be doing at least some part of their residency training in the state of South Carolina. Ten (10) students (6%) will be completing residency through the military. Nearly 35% of the class will be entering primary care (counting Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, and Medicine-Pediatrics)... 42% if Obstetrics and Gynecology is included.

THANK YOU!

The truth is, only a doctor knows what it takes to become a doctor. That is why the College of Medicine and its students are especially and eternally grateful to those alumni who give in support of our mission to educate the finest physicians. It is with heartfelt appreciation that we report the College's following summary of Alumni Philanthropy for FY 2012-2013:

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Fiscal Year 2012-2013

TOTAL ALUMNI GIVING
(includes all gifts and pledges)
$13,804,264

TOTAL NUMBER OF POSSIBLE ALUMNI DONORS
6,330

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTUAL ALUMNI DONORS
947

PARTICIPATION RATE
15%

Of the more than $13.8 million that our Alumni gave to the College of Medicine, $9.8 million (71.5%) was in the form planned gifts. If you would like to read more about recent COM alumni philanthropists, please visit our website at www.musc.edu/giving and click on the Summer 2013 edition of Legacies.

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