Midway through his medical career, Dr. Leonard Goldberg realized how much a hospital discharge summary for a tough case resembles a novel. “A patient is stricken by disease. The patient is the victim, and the disease is the villain,” he explained. “The doctor is the protagonist, and it’s like a mystery. Lab tests are the evidence, and the solution is the diagnosis.”

Guided by that logic, he embarked on a writing career that took him to the USA Today bestseller list and options for movies. Dr. Goldberg, a Charleston native and member of the MUSC College of Medicine’s class of 1960, now is at work on his 14th medical thriller. He retired from his rheumatology practice in California a little more than a year ago and moved back to his beach house on Sullivan’s Island to write full time.

Dr. Goldberg credits his success with “one part talent and one big part luck.”

“I lived his dream,” Dr. Goldberg said. When the younger Goldberg attended MUSC, he numbered among only 80 students in the College of Medicine. From there, he completed his graduate internship and residency in St. Louis, Mo., and then received draft orders to work at an Air Force referral hospital near Tokyo.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear College of Medicine Alumni,

I hope each of you enjoyed a happy and healthy holiday season and that you are as enthusiastic about the promise of this New Year as we are here in the College. Many exciting initiatives are underway on campus this year and we look forward to sharing progress on them with you here in Contineo as well as on our website and social media outlets. 2013 was a year full of innovation, clinical advancements and groundbreaking research for us. MUSC’s medical magazine, Progressnotes, has compiled a special year-end issue featuring a fascinating year in review highlighting many of these accomplishments. I think you’ll enjoy accessing this special edition online at muschealth.com/progressnotes.

I am very pleased to tell you about the appointment of two new department chairs who assumed their roles in January 2014. We welcome back to MUSC Terrence Steyer, MD, as chair of the Department of Family Medicine. A former faculty member at MUSC, Dr. Steyer most recently served as Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Chair of Clinical Sciences at the Medical College of Georgia-University of Georgia Medical Partnership. John E. Vena, Ph.D., joins us as Founding Chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences. Dr. Vena comes to us via the University of Georgia College of Public Health where he served as UGA Foundation Professor in Public Health, Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Scholar, and Head of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He also served as Program Director for Cancer Epidemiology, Prevention and Control at the Georgia Cancer Center.

As you know, a search for MUSC’s next president is underway, following Dr. Ray Greenberg’s departure to assume the position of Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs at the University of Texas System. Mark Sothmann, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at MUSC is serving us well as Interim President as we take the necessary time to conduct this important national search. The MUSC Board of Trustees has formed a search committee on which I am pleased to serve and which is chaired by Tom Stephen, Esq., Chair of the MUSC Board of Trustees.

I hope that many of you will be able to join us on campus and at other events here in Charleston during the homecoming festivities scheduled for March 1, 2014. You’ll find information on these events in this edition of Contineo. As always, I thank you for your continued interest and support of all our students and all the missions of the College that make it such a privilege to serve at MUSC. We all have much of which we can be proud during this season of growth and innovation.

Sincerely,

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

When he returned to the United States, he moved to California to pursue treatment of blood disorders at the University of California, Los Angeles. There, in the early 1980s, he met the patient who inspired his first novel.

An elderly woman’s immune system produced antibodies that destroyed her own red blood cells and caused a severe anemia. Blood transfusions failed, until Dr. Goldberg and his colleagues discovered, by chance, a family with a rare blood type that made them universal donors.

The family ignited Dr. Goldberg’s imagination. After working all day in clinic, he then went home to write and found himself immersed in the story. He skipped a night’s sleep here and there, and a tale unfolded about a young woman whose organs could be transplanted into anyone without fear of rejection.

That’s when the “one big part luck” came in. Dr. Goldberg saw a magazine’s feature on the top five up and-coming literary agents at the time, and he called the first name on the list. The agent told him she would read his book but, since he was a first-time novelist, she required a small payment up front.

Dr. Goldberg agreed to her terms but asked that, if she accepted the novel, she refund his check. Three days later, the agent called to tell him his check was in the mail. A second career had begun.

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Dr. Goldberg said each character in his novels represents a composite of people from his own life including, undoubtedly, a few personalities from Charleston and MUSC.

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Drug researcher launches side project to promote locally grown foods

Dr. Phillip Davis works in new drug development with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, one of only two researchers based in Charleston. But when he’s not reviewing applications that eventually could bring new drugs to the consumer market, he’s working on a pet project, a website to promote local, organic foods.

And if he’s not chipping away at the website, he’s likely outdoors with his wife and three children, practicing his newfound martial arts hobby of Krav Maga or working as an extra on the CBS legal drama “Reckless.”

“I’m not the typical doctor,” he said. Dr. Davis graduated from the MUSC College of Medicine in 2004. He learned key lessons during those years, both about the world and his place in it. “I realized early on that I didn’t want to be in clinic all day treating chronic diseases,” he said. “That’s probably why I am where I am.”

He also read about international diets and cultures with higher rates of heart disease. One instructor referred to the trend as “access to excess,” something Dr. Davis never had considered.

“Before that, I didn’t know exactly what ‘organic’ was,” he said. “It really just made sense. I can do just as much by educating people to eat right.”

One of his instructors at MUSC, lipidologist Dr. Maria Lopes-Virella, introduced Dr. Davis to some of the ideas that guide his work now. She taught a class about nutrition and asked her students to write down everything they ate.

“Once they did that, I wanted them to give me an opinion and a critique of their diets,” Dr. Lopes-Virella said. “It got them involved in analyzing their own eating habits. I think, in the end, it helped them have a better idea of the real composition of the foods they ate, what was good for them and what was not good for them.”

Dr. Davis launched his website, GetLocalFoods.com, in January 2012. His site promotes healthy meals by providing a directory for organic farms and markets, plus businesses that use fresh, local produce. Dr. Davis explained it, simply, as a tool to promote an understanding of food.

He received a scholarship to attend a Social Capital Markets (SOCAP) conference in San Francisco this year, where he learned that a large percentage of the trillions of dollars spent on health care annually could be saved through nutrition and exercise.

He recently expanded his website beyond South Carolina and introduced the capability for users to add content on their own. His plans moving forward include an online farmers’ market so that people can arrange to pick up their food, face to face, from the people who grow it.

1939 College of Medicine graduate visits MUSC for the 1st time in over 50 years

On Friday, October 4, 2013, Dr. George R. C. Thompson, Jr., College of Medicine Class of 1939, visited the MUSC campus for the first time in over fifty years. Accompanied by two of his grandchildren, Dr. Thompson met with Waring Historical Library Director and Class of 1952 graduate Dr. W. Curtis Worthington, Jr. and University Archivist Brooke Fox to reminisce about his time at the then Medical College of the State of South Carolina. Over the course of an hour, the 99 years young Dr. Thompson regaled those in attendance with stories from his long and distinguished life as well as memories of his student days.

Some highlights:

- Born in Charleston on April 23, 1914;
- Medical school tuition was $250 a year ($500 with additional fees);
- 2,000 Medical School applicants but only 52 accepted into the Class of 1939;
- Had to complete two major surgeries, two minor surgeries, deliver thirty babies in the home and thirty in the hospital, as well as give anesthesia for four major surgeries, in order to graduate;
- Purchased his first malpractice insurance policy in the 1940s for $15 a year for $75,000 of coverage;
- His great uncle was the Johns Hopkins.

At the time Dr. Thompson was in medical school, the campus consisted of five buildings centralized on the corner of Jonathan Lucas and Calhoun streets. The main Medical College Building, completed in 1914 and now the Hollings Cancer Center, housed central administration and was used as classroom and office space until the construction of additional buildings for physiology-pharmacology, library-pathology, research, and laboratory-clinic. It is safe to say that the campus has grown tremendously since 1939.

After graduating from MCSC, Dr. Thompson interned at Grady Hospital in Atlanta before moving to Wilmington, NC. He practiced obstetrics at the James Walker Memorial Hospital and retired in 1989 after delivering, in his estimation, over 5,000 babies.

“It was a remarkable visit by a remarkable man!”

Editor’s note:
We are sad to report that just before this newsletter went to press, we received word that Dr. Thompson had passed away on January 3, 2014, just 3 months shy of his 100th birthday. We greatly enjoyed his amazing visit to the College last autumn and would like to extend our condolences to Dr. Thompson’s family. Requiescat in pace, Dr. Thompson.
Class of 1953 Celebrates Diamond Jubilee!

The Class of 1953, an extraordinary group of people by any measure, celebrated their Diamond Jubilee in December.

Members of the Class of 1953 (left to right): Harry Gregory, Cyril B. Rush, C. Ford Rivers, Peter C. Gazes (Class of 1944), Francis N. “Mac” McCorkle, J. Pierce “Stompy” Horton, Jr., H. Biemann Othersen, Michael C. Watson (seated), and W. Frank Strait.

(Left to right: Dr. H. Biemann Othersen, Janelle Othersen and Dr. Pete Gazes celebrate at the Class of 1953 Jubilee Celebration)
The Class of 1953 is an impressive group of people by any standard. But, one particular young woman is grateful to them not only for the scholarly and professional examples they have set, but also for their philanthropic spirit.

Andra Oprisan, a first year medical student, received the Class of 1953 Scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year. Her story is gripping – too gripping to be told in this short space. It is perhaps enough to say that she was born in 1989 and spent the first ten years of her life in post-communist Romania (“as difficult as you would imagine”), and then at the ripe old age of sixteen, endured having her home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. She is now a first year medical student at the MUSC College of Medicine and credits her success to the dedication and love of her parents, a lot of hard work inspired by her experiences of poverty, and the generosity of people like the Class of 1953 alumni who helped make her medical education possible.

Her sense of profound gratitude is obvious when you listen to her talk about how lucky she feels to “live in country where people would think to establish a scholarship and continue to contribute to it for over sixty years (!), all to help someone they have never met get an excellent medical education.”

At the Class of 1953 Jubilee Celebration last December, Andra’s letter was presented to those in attendance:

“My name is Andra Oprisan and I am a first year medical student and honored to be the recipient of the Class of 1953 Scholarship. I was born and raised in post-communist block Romania, and moved to New Orleans, Louisiana when I was 10 years old. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina rather forcefully relocated me and my family to South Carolina. I fell in love with Charleston and decided to remain here for both college and medical school!

My early experiences with poverty gave me a strong conviction that the only way I could overcome my seemingly restrictive circumstances was through education combined with hard work. While at the College of Charleston, I worked two part time jobs (including being an EMT for four years) in order to finance two mission trips to Haiti, to work at Haiti’s only Level 1 Trauma center after the earthquake there, an experience that changed my life and fueled my passion for medicine. There I encountered some of the brightest young minds working as translators or cleaning the hospital compound in which we worked. Their biggest dreams were to simply acquire an education, learn English, and someday move to the United States. As I looked back on my own journey I felt I had a responsibility not only to excel in my own studies, but also to help those around me every step of the way.

I am so very grateful to all of you for helping me along my journey. Each and every one of you has truly changed my life. Your example is an inspiration to me and the Class of 1953 Scholarship is a wonderful thing to a girl who spent her childhood in a country where philanthropy was unknown and oppression was the norm. I cannot wait to see what the future holds!”

With sincere thanks and warmest regards to all of you,

Andra Oprisan
MUSC COM Class of 2017
Dear Class of 1964, mark your calendars!

So much has changed since you were in school but one thing has remained the same – you are an alumnus of the College of Medicine and this year, the most special of all – a Golden Grad! We want you to come back to campus May 15th and 16th to celebrate this milestone and reminisce about all of the times you had as a student. Look for registration information in the mail and online at www.musc.edu/alumni/events.
MUSC strives to support physicians by providing exemplary educational activities which teach evidence-based practices and identify new and emerging health care needs so that, through education, we can significantly improve health. Instructions and links for all CME methods can be accessed through the Office of Continuing Medical Education website at http://musc.edu/cme/.

Click on the picture to view the full brochure and to register for the Conference.

New online CME addresses opioid complexities
The American Medical Association has substantially revised its comprehensive, 12-module web-based continuing medical education course on pain management. The content is free to everyone. The CME has been certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ available to physicians who complete the training and pay a fee of $6 per module. Click the photo to access the website (then page down to Module 1).

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We’d love to hear from you!
Whether it is about a move, a new job, retirement, an award, a new family member or anything you would like to share, we’d love to hear what’s new with you. Say connected to the College and your classmates by sending us an update to include in the Class Notes of our next issue of Contineo.

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1961
Margaret L. Wyatt will be retiring on March 15, after practicing for 49 years!

1964
Palmira S. Snape was awarded the 2013 SCMA Physician of the Year Award for Community Service for her dedication and service to the Greenville community.

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1976
Stoney A. Abercrombie received the 2013 SCMA Continuing Medical Education Educator of the Year Award for his outstanding contributions to the field of medical education in South Carolina. “Dr. Abercrombie embodies everything we hope to see in all physicians as they continue their journey in educating physicians and future physicians,” said SCMA President Dr. Bruce Snyder. “His continued interests to care for patients from all walks of life, as well as to educate medical students and physicians, have been the hallmarks of his 30+ years of medical practice.”

Dwight Downs Little writes, “Successful and enjoyable career in primary care medicine as general internist last 17 years of 37 years as country doctor in rural outpatient independent practice in Northern Neck of Virginia, a HPSA area; had community faculty appointment with University of Medicine teaching third year med students ambulatory medicine for 12 years. I closed the practice in 2010 and spent next three years subbing for rural physicians in West Virginia, Montana and Maine, ending my full-time career serving veterans including Iraq and Afghan combat soldiers at an outpatient center in Harrisonburg, Virginia. I also enjoyed helping out at Free Clinic in Harrisonburg. My wife and I have just moved to her hometown of Lynchburg, VA where I met her 25 years ago. We enjoy canoeing and hiking and both Blue Ridge Parkway and Appalachian Trail are close by. I inherited a Farm in Spartanburg County so will be back and forth over the coming years hoping to revisit MUSC and reconnect with old friends.

1977
Frank R. Graybeal, Jr., writes, “Practice is now primarily teleradiology in the Southeast and the West.”

1984
Patrick J. Kelly was elected to the Board of Governors for EPIC (Emergency Physicians Insurance Company), serves on the Roper St. Francis Healthcare Foundation Board and current VP of MSSC (Medical Society of SC, majority owner of RSFH system).

1988
Michele Smith Blackwood has served as Director of Breast Health and Disease Management at Saint Barnabas Medical Center since 2009 and recently received the 10 year award from Castle Connolly Best Doctors, meaning she has received the award for 10 consecutive years. She writes, “I am a Breast Cancer Surgeon and have started or enhanced 5 Breast Centers in CT, NY and NJ. My husband and I have been married for 25 years with 3 great kids...2 of them want to be doctors. We visit Charleston as often as we can. We have a place in Kiawah, our home away from home. So thankful to MUSC for all of their help, education and guidance!”

2003 and 2005
Stephanie (’05) and Bobby (’03) Morgan welcomed their first child, Madelyn Johnson Morgan, on May 5, 2013.

2007

2008
Virginia Culyer Bell is the Medical Director of the Cincinnati SWAT Team.

2009
Eric Ortigoza and his wife, Sarah, welcome the birth of their first child, Laura Emilia Ortigoza, born on July 15, 2013!

2010
Hannah Bosdell Steele and husband, Brett, welcomed twin girls, Kathryn Allen and Audrey Campbell Steele, to the family on February 14, 2013.

2013
Ric Sedlak and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed baby Jack in November of 2013.
Students share how James B. Edwards Scholarships changed their lives

By Allyson Bird
Office of Development and Alumni Affairs

One medical student knew he wanted to be a doctor at age 12, when he spent three months at MUSC in treatment for seizures. Another student moved to Charleston during the fall of communism in her native Bulgaria, after her father won the green card lottery. And one young man decided to study psychiatry in hopes of treating diseases often downplayed in his own community.

These students number among those who received scholarships named in honor of MUSC’s former president Dr. James B. Edwards, a College of Dental Medicine alumnus who served as South Carolina’s governor from 1975 to 1979 and as the third U.S. Secretary of Energy. This year’s scholarship recipients gathered at Dr. Edwards’ Mount Pleasant home one recent afternoon. They nibbled cookies by the fireplace, as Dr. Edwards asked for each of their names and home towns.

“I’m honored to have you in my home, and I hope you’ll keep in touch,” Dr. Edwards said. “I feel like you’re a part of me.”

The James B. Edwards Scholarship, awarded each year to two incoming students, provides free tuition and fees, plus $5,000, renewed annually for four years. The James B. Edwards Award, also presented to two incoming students each year, provides $10,000 per year for four years. Both merit-based awards rely on funding from Dr. Edwards’ colleagues and friends.

Lance Braye, a first-year medical student from Walterboro, always wanted to be a doctor. The son of a nurse, he remembered going to restaurants in his small hometown and frequently stopping to talk to people who remembered how his mother, “Miss Ruby,” helped them when they were sick.

“I wanted that,” Lance said. His scholarship not only makes life easier now, he said, but it will benefit his future family when he doesn’t have debt to repay later on.

“There are few times in my life that I’ve been speechless, but the day I got the scholarship was one of them,” he said.

The award meant just as much to Shayla Freeman, a third-year student from Greenville – but for the opposite reason. Shayla previously worked in New York and Los Angeles, scripting film and commercials for advertising agencies. She decided on med school only after several years in the production industry.

“That’s what this scholarship was to me,” she said. “It made me feel confident that I did the right thing and that I was in the right place.”

Shayla told Dr. Edwards that, as each year passes, she feels less certain about what she wants to do with her medical degree. “That’s normal, by the way,” he assured her.

Rali Peneva, a first-year student born in Bulgaria, said she also is interested in every area of medicine. She came to Charleston when she was 6, during the fall of communism in her native country, when her father won the lottery for immigrant visas for their family.

“I didn’t have people around growing up who said, ‘You can be a doctor. This is a good way to give back.’ After reading the history on what Dr. Edwards has done, I would like to reciprocate.” -Rashad Smith
“I can’t imagine what it would be like without having this financial help,” Rali said. “My family is being very generous. I feel like I owe them the world but, with this scholarship, I feel like I’m contributing something.”

Cody Gathers, a first-year student who grew up in Goose Creek, spent three months hospitalized at MUSC at age 12, after he suffered from unexplained seizures. “That’s what sparked my interest,” he said. “I knew I wanted to go into pediatrics.”

Now, with med school already covered, he feels less pressure to work in a higher-paying specialty field after graduation. “I can’t thank Dr. Edwards enough,” Cody said. “I don’t have loans to repay, so primary care is an option for me.”

Rashad Smith, a fourth-year student from Spartanburg, chose psychiatry, because he wanted to study diseases often “swept under the rug” in the African American community, especially those disorders related to substance abuse. When he completed his rotation in psychiatry at MUSC, he felt comfortable working with patients who suffered from social disorders.

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Congratulations to Alisha Joyner

In August, College of Medicine fourth year medical student Alisha Joyner was selected as a recipient of the American Medical Association (AMA) Physicians of Tomorrow Award. Alisha is one of 21 medical students in the country, nominated by their medical schools, selected to receive this prestigious $10,000 award from the AMA Foundation. The Jackson, Mississippi native was the first in her family to attend college and graduated from Johns Hopkins University earning bachelor’s (neuroscience) and master’s (biotechnology) degrees. Congratulations, Alisha!

College of Medicine Scholarship Awards • 2013-2014

Through the generosity of many alumni, friends and foundations, the College of Medicine was privileged to award 196 individual scholarships from 66 scholarship funds for the 2013-2014 academic year. These scholarships represented over $1 million in financial support to our students. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our scholarship donors.

You can view the complete list of scholarships and recipients on the College of Medicine Alumni website at http://musc.edu/com/giving/.

College of Medicine Key Leadership Appointments

Dr. Terrence (“Terry”) E. Steyer has joined the College as Chair of the Department of Family Medicine on January 1, 2014.

Steven Carroll, MD, PhD, has been appointed Chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and will be assuming this role effective March 1, 2014.

Dr. Michael de Arellano has been named Associate Dean for Diversity, filling the position previously held by Dr. Deas.

Dr. Chanita Hughes-Halbert has been named Associate Dean for Assessment and Evaluation, filling the position previously held by Dr. Arch Mainous.

John E. Vena, PhD, has been appointed Founding Chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences. He will be assuming this role on January 1, 2014.

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Scholarship donors and students celebrate at the first annual Scholars and Benefactors Celebration

On October 19, 2013, scholarship donors and the students they support gathered at the College of Medicine’s inaugural Scholars and Benefactors Celebration brunch. The event was enjoyed by all as an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of the College’s scholarship recipients and to express heartfelt gratitude to the many donors whose generosity and support have been, and continue to be, vital to the College’s ability to carry out its mission in medical education, research and clinical excellence. As Dr. Chris Pelic, Associate Dean of Student Career Planning stated, “Without our scholarship benefactors, many of our students would have been unable to enter medical school.”

Over 200 people attended the event, which was held at the Country Club of Charleston. Dr. Mary E. Baker, Class of 1978, was the guest speaker and delivered highly entertaining remarks about her time at MUSC, her subsequent career, and what it means to be a physician.

Among those present were 165 scholarship recipients for the 2013-2014 academic year and several donors, including: Dr. Vasiliki Moskos, a class of 1965 alumna who established the Maria and Constantine Moskos Endowed Scholarship; Dr. Gary B. Bell (’83) and Dr. Benetta G. Bell (MUSC Dental Medicine alumna, Class of 1985) who have established the Gary Bernard Bell, MD Endowed Scholarship; several contributors to the new Rose Delores Gibbs MD Scholarship, including Dr. Delores Gibbs (’73), Dr. Gail L. Rearden (’01), and Dr. Deborah V. Deas (’89). Several contributors to the recently established Isabel Lockard, Ph.D. Scholarship also attended, including Dr. Richard M. Dom and Dr. Harreitt C. Revis, Dr. Curtis Worthington, Jr. (’52), and Dr. Hilda S. Debacker.

Other special guests included Dr. Stan Wilson (’76), the current president of the Medical Society of South Carolina and Mr. John B. Holloway, the Society’s Program Manager. In 2012, the Medical Society of South Carolina established the Roper St. Francis Physicians Scholars Program in order to help recruit the state’s brightest students to MUSC and hopefully retain them as physicians in the Lowcountry. This very substantial scholarship program provides one full-tuition and two half-tuition scholarships to members of each academic class.

Scholarship support is among the College of Medicine’s highest priorities and it would be difficult to overstate the impact that our alumni have made to ensuring that qualified students can afford to attend the College of Medicine regardless of their financial circumstances. Representing their Class Scholarship Funds at the event were Dr. Rober Ball, Jr. (’70) and Dr. Randolph D. Smoak, Jr. (’59), and Dr. H. Biemann Othersen, Jr. (’53).

The students and the College of Medicine are profoundly grateful for the generosity and foresight of the scholarship donors who have opened the door to a medical education for so many students. See more pictures from the event at www.musc.edu/com/giving.
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