For more than five years, Michael Morris never took a step. In July of 2009, he rolled a pickup truck three times and was thrown through the windshield. A helicopter flew him from his hometown in Orangeburg to Columbia, where a trauma team discovered that his lungs had collapsed and that his brain had swollen.

Michael, then a 42-year-old construction worker, slipped into a coma for 12 weeks. When he came out of the coma, he was paralyzed on his right side. He understood what everyone said, but he was trapped within his own traumatic brain injury, unable to form words.

“He understands, but he can’t give you a whole sentence back,” said his mother, Alice Morris. Her son left the hospital at only 64 pounds, unable to talk, feed himself or move half his body. Michael regained strength over the years at home, as Alice became his full-time caregiver with the help of her partner, Joey Cumbee. She had to quit her job, and she lost her house.

Eventually, she called a speech therapist and made an appointment for a wheelchair evaluation this year. The man conducting the evaluation suggested that Alice contact Dr. Sara Kraft at the MUSC College of Health Professions for an appointment. Dr. Kraft supervises the student run after-hours CARES Therapy Clinic for patients otherwise unable to afford physical and occupational therapy. She recognized Michael’s problem: his muscles were permanently shortened and spasm involuntarily. But Dr. Kraft also recognized that Michael understood everything she said and hadn’t recovered to his full potential.

“Sara said, ‘I can get him walking,’ “ Alice remembered at a recent therapy session. “I told her that I didn’t have a lot of money, but she told me, ‘Don’t worry about that. I’ll take care of him.’” Her voice cracked, as she added, “I feel like God just meant for us to meet Sara.”

Dr. Kraft invited the Morrises to the CARES Therapy Clinic, where she began aggressive therapy and contacted Maurice Johnson, a certified orthotist with Floyd Brace. Dr. Kraft knew that Michael couldn’t walk because of the weakness in his right side but that, if she could get his knee extended, she could get him on his feet. Maurice put a cast on Michael’s right leg, a $1,000 expense at no cost to the Morrises.

“You have to stand before you can walk,” Maurice explained.

With the assistance of physical therapy students, he gripped the parallel bars and stood. For the first time since 2009, Michael walked the full length of the parallel bars.

“It was an emotional moment for us all,” Dr. Kraft said. Michael now returns every Wednesday, and Maurice meets him there, ready to adjust or to provide new bracing as Michael’s therapy progresses.

Maurice, who has owned Floyd Brace since 2004, committed to helping the CARES Therapy Clinic more than three years ago. She can’t put a dollar figure on the amount of time and equipment that Maurice and his team at Floyd Brace have donated so far, and Maurice discusses the contribution with utmost modesty. “These are our neighbors,” he said. “I’m not doing anything different from what anyone else is doing. I’m just one part of the team.”

But for Michael Morris, now 47, the partnership means the difference between relying on family members for the rest of his life or regaining some control. “I think that, because of his limited communication, he’s often disregarded,” Dr. Kraft said. “I wanted to see if we could get him up on his feet, and give him back some independence.”

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-Dr. Sara Kraft
And that is what prompted Dean Lisa Saladin and her husband, Dr. Michael Saladin to make a gift in honor of their high school English teacher, Mr. Salvatore “Sam” Scaletta.

The Saladins decided to honor their old friend and teacher by establishing a new, permanent endowment in the College of Health Professions in his name to support the College’s Ph.D. in health and rehabilitation sciences program and the physical therapy program. The Saladin’s philanthropic investment includes both a deferred gift, through life insurance policies of which CHP is the beneficiary, and a current cash gift that established The Salvatore Scaletta Education and Scholarship Fund. With this gift came the opportunity to name a space within the College.

During the week of October 6, the Student Life and Recruitment Center was renamed The Salvatore Scaletta Student Life Center. Mr. Scaletta was a 12th grade English teacher in the Saladins’ hometown of Winnipeg, in the Canadian province of Manitoba. An animated lecturer with a gift for oratory, Scaletta opened his students’ eyes to the joy of learning and the limitless possibilities of life. “You always wanted to do well for Sam. He was passionate and cared about you, but he also had really high expectations and standards. He inspired you to be your best,” said Mike. “I used to hold questions in my head during class. I’d go up to him afterwards and ask, ‘Well, what about this?’ and we’d talk about it. I just didn’t want his class to end.”

Scaletta was a powerful influence in Lisa’s life and career. After earning degrees in physical therapy and anatomy, she began her career in physical therapy. When she was asked to guest lecture in a class at the University of Manitoba, she jumped at the opportunity and discovered her true passion: teaching.

To Lisa and Mike, the Scaletta endowment and scholarship are a particularly fitting tribute to a man whose service in the classroom had such a profound impact on his students’ lives. But in the end, said Lisa, their decision was rooted more in the heart than in the head. “Bottom line, we did this because of a very personal and emotional attachment we have with Sam. It’s something we wanted to pay forward.”

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-Dr. Lisa Saladin
The College of Health Professions celebrated its annual Showcasing Success event with record-breaking attendance! Scholarship recipients participated in a private brunch with donors followed by a formal awards ceremony at St. Luke’s Chapel with faculty, staff and guests. Sixty thousand dollars in scholarship funds were awarded to 35 student recipients who were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments.
As you would expect, the loss of Dr. Maralynne D. Mitcham weighs heavy in the hearts and minds of all who had the privilege of knowing her. The faculty, staff and students at the College of Health Professions are also grieving her loss. Few Occupational Therapy programs are fortunate enough to have been graced by a true legend in the profession. While we will no longer have the pleasure of joining Maralynne for an afternoon tea, we are making every effort to keep her spirit and memory alive. A portrait is being commissioned which will be unveiled at The Maralynne D. Mitcham Lectureship and Alumni Luncheon in July.

Dr. Mitcham was born on December 13, 1949 in London, England. Dr. Mitcham graduated from Saint Andrew’s School of Occupational Therapy, Northampton, UK. She went on to receive a Master in Health Education in Occupational Therapy from the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia and her Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology from the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

Dr. Mitcham spent several years on faculty at the Medical College of Georgia followed by 30 years at MUSC. Dr. Mitcham joined MUSC in 1984 as a tenured faculty member and Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department. She served as Chair of a variety of departments, Assistant Dean of the College of Health Professions twice, Assistant Dean for Research, Chair of the Department of Health Professions, as well as serving on over forty-five university committees.

In the 43 years of her professional work, she became a national and international educator, lecturer, and consultant in her profession. Following a year as President of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation, she was awarded Honorary Life Membership for her many contributions to the profession.

Dr. Mitcham believed so strongly in Occupational Therapy students and faculty having the benefit of national and international speakers in their field, that she founded The Maralynne D. Mitcham Lectureship at MUSC. This lectureship provides, in perpetuity, an annual lectureship program for the Division of Occupational Therapy that honors the collegial spirit, leadership skills, and mentorship of Maralynne D. Mitcham and promotes a day of sharing and fellowship for the profession of occupational therapy. More specifically, the lectureship will be awarded each year to a scholar in the field who has a broad perspective on occupation, an international reputation, and one who has made significant contributions to education, practice, and/or research in the field of occupational therapy. Such a scholar will enhance the education of health professionals within the college and community, and provide an opportunity for presentation and dialogue around key intellectual issues of the time, thereby fostering the vision and mission of the university.

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-Maralynne D. Mitcham
Although the awards she has earned are too numerous to list, of special note are the many MUSC teaching awards and a prestigious award by the American Occupational Therapy Association, the Eleanor Clark Slagle Lectureship. She presented the Slagle Lecture in Baltimore, MD in April, 2014 titled, “Education as Engine.” Her lecture was published in the December issue of the American Journal of Occupational Therapy.

Dr. Mitcham was a truly talented teacher, a mentor and role model for students and academic faculty. She was truly an educational pioneer. Dr. Mitcham never failed to stop for her tea at 3 p.m., whether in her office or at home, a custom from the homeland that she never gave up.

During a life that was far too short, Dr. Mitcham became a friend to thousands. In her Slagle journal article Dr. Mitcham commented, “when you begin in gratitude and try to live in gratitude, you are ever mindful of all that abounds in your life.” As the family, friends, professional colleagues, and students of Dr. Mitcham’s are filled with grief over the loss of this extraordinary woman, we are also filled with gratitude that sharing a moment in time with her has made us more mindful of all that abounds in our lives.

Consider helping to keep Dr. Mitcham’s legacy alive through a donation to her Lectureship Fund: www.musc.edu/chpgiving.
It has been said that actions speak louder than words. Every day, in many ways, the values parents hold dear are on display for their children to observe and mirror. For Stuart and Sheila Christie, the way in which they have chosen to invest their time, talents and treasure has said a great deal over the years to their children about what is truly important in life.

Stuart and Sheila raised their three children, Barbara, Kathy and Jim with the same ideals that had been passed on to them by their parents. Family, faith and traditions define what is important to the Christie family and for three generations, being active in their community and church has been an essential element of not only what they do, but who they are. “Our parents impressed upon us the importance of giving,” said Sheila. “And giving is not just about money; it’s about investing time and energy as well.”

In December 2013, the Christies made a weighty decision that will forever change the course of history for one of MUSC’s six colleges. The family contributed a personal gift that established the very first endowed chair at the College of Health Professions, the Christie Family Endowed Chair in Stroke Rehabilitation Research.

Lisa Saladin, Ph.D., dean of the College of Health Professions, said, “We are most grateful to the Christie family whose generosity and partnership will forever impact our stroke rehabilitation research. Their support is truly transformational.”

Barbara Christie, Stuart and Sheila’s eldest child, serves on the Dean’s Advancement Council at the college. Last fall Barbara visited the college’s Center for Rehabilitation Research in Neurological Conditions and toured the laboratories. At the end of the tour, she could hardly wait to share with her parents the extraordinary things MUSC was doing for stroke patients. “I knew that my parents would be very moved by it,” she said, “especially with all that my uncle has endured.”

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PA Students Perform Free Health Screenings

107 free health screenings were performed in partnerships with the Dream Center Clinic during the Hope for Healing Walk at the North Charleston High School last fall. Mayith Reddersen, PA class of 2016 president lead the event for National PA Week.

Providing Hope and Healing

Changing What’s Possible for those with Neurological Conditions

The Christie Family Endowed Chair in Stroke Rehabilitation Research Established

The Christie family gathers at a special service at Grace Episcopal Church. L-R: Kathy Christie (daughter), Kathy Christie (daughter-in-law), Jim Christie, Stuart Christie, Alexander Christie, Sheila Christie, and Barbara Christie.

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Donald Christie, Stuart’s brother, suffered a debilitating stroke during a carotid artery procedure, six years ago at the age of 76. To this day, he remains paralyzed on his right side and unable to speak.

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New Hope for Stroke Belt

In early July of 2014, the MUSC College of Health Professions received news that it was the recipient of a $10.8 million COBRE (Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence) grant from NIH — the largest such grant awarded to MUSC to date. The grant established the South Carolina Research Center for Recovery from Stroke. MUSC President David Cole, M.D., FACS, said of the award, “The MUSC College of Health Professions and the outstanding team involved in the grant deserve high praise — this level of investment from the NIH is a strong statement to the state and nation of the potential impact this research center will unquestionably have.”

Learn more about participating in a research study by calling Danielle Hutchinson at 843-792-4608.

For more information on this COBRE & our Stroke Research Recovery Center, please visit www.musc.edu/src or call (843) 792-1589.

Free Community Support

The Center for Rehabilitation Research in Neurological Conditions welcomed 150 guests during an Open House Celebration in November. This well-attended event, celebrated the South Carolina Research Center for Recovery from Stroke, and The Christie Family Endowed Chair in Stroke Rehabilitation Research.

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On Friday, October 17, Alumni from the Executive MHA Class of 2004 met in Charleston to attend the Healthcare Leadership Conference and have a mini-reunion. Ten years after their first dinner cruise in the Charleston Harbor, these friends made it happen again!

From Left to Right: Tricia Johnson, Mark H. Johnson (MHA Class of 2004), Jeannine Crawford, Jay Crawford (MHA Class of 2004), Tori Sullivan (MHA Class of 2004), Josh Henkin, Ramona Fillman, Orvin Fillman (MHA Class of 2004).

The Cardiovascular Perfusion Division (CVP) recently held the 16\textsuperscript{th} Annual Update on Perfusion Devices Conference. The conference had over 130 attendees and 17 guest speakers who gave TED-type talks on the “Team Approach to Cardiac Surgery.” Mr. David Fitzgerald CCP was the keynote speaker. Special thanks to MUSC Department of Surgery: Drs. John Ikonomidis, Matt Toole, Castillo-Sang, Scott Bradley, and Minoo Kavarana.

Sign up for this year’s Update on Perfusion Conference, October 15-17
Paying it Forward
The Sherlonda T. Adkins and Family Scholarship

While she was a student in the Physician Assistant Studies program, Sherlonda Adkins, PA-C, decided she wanted to give back to the College once she graduated and started working. Grateful for the scholarship she received as a CHP student, Sherlonda understood the need for the financial support. She established the Sherlonda T. Adkins and Family Scholarship to inspire deserving, non-traditional students pursuing their degree in the Division of Physician Assistant Studies at the College of Health Professions. Thank you and your family, Sherlonda!

“Hands-On” Learning

A huge “THANK YOU” to the AFN alumni that contributed towards the purchase of a peripheral nerve block simulator! This exciting technology is becoming a “must have” skill set for the students in this profession.

Students Changing What’s Possible for Patients

WebPT Launch A Success

MUSC Cares Therapy Clinic at the College of Health Professions hosted a party to celebrate the launch of the new Electronic Health Records software, WebPT.
DEAN’S CORNER

New College Values & Vision

“To improve the health of populations by developing and inspiring health scientists and leaders.”

This is a change in direction from our previous internally focused vision, “to achieve national distinction in health professions education, research and service,” in that it focuses on the impact we want to have on those we serve. I am excited by this new direction and firmly believe that it will inspire some new strategic priorities for the College. The same representative group of faculty and staff that worked with me on the Vision has already met once to begin to establish goals and objectives for a new strategic plan that will guide us towards our Vision.

Advancing the Mission

The College of Health Professions recently held the inaugural meeting of the CHP Advancement Council. Composed of five prominent and influential business and community leaders, these individuals are dedicated to advancing the philanthropic mission of the College through strategic relationship building and development opportunities.

Members are pictured from L to R: Dean Lisa K. Saladin, Ms. Suzanne Pollak, Ms. Barbara Christie, Dr. Brian Poplin, Mr. Jamie Thomas, Dr. Stephen Jones, Ms. Leslie Brady, CHP Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

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The United States is in the midst of its largest ever health IT investment and there is high and growing demand for graduates with informatics and health analytics skills.

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Meeting the Demand

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Designed to ensure graduates are prepared to select, implement, use, and evaluate health care information systems such as electronic health records (EHRs), data management, and analytic systems, MUSC’s College of Health Professions recently launched the MSHI Program and is accepting applications for students starting in the Fall 2015 intake. Graduates with informatics and health analytics skills are in high and growing demand and will be positioned to help lead significant health system change.

More information: https://www.musc.edu/chp/MSHI/
Apply: https://www.musc.edu/esl/em/admissions/application/mshi/
Contact: Dr Robert Steele, steelerj@musc.edu or (843) 792-9218

At the Helm

Dr. Robert Steele, the Division Director for the new Health Informatics Program joined us from Sydney, Australia. His previous experience includes serving as Full Professor, Head of Discipline and Chair of Health Informatics at The University of Sydney. For more info, visit http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp/directory/faculty/steele.htm.
Elevating Practice

New Doctor in Nurse Anesthesia Practice Offered

Applications are now being accepted for the inaugural class of the new Post-Master's Doctor in Nurse Anesthesia Practice degree in May 2015. Approved by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia, this 5-semester, part-time degree program will be offered using a hybrid model. The majority of content will be covered online, supplemented with 1 or 2 long weekends on campus utilizing time for advising, engagement with classmates, and high-fidelity simulation.

More info at http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp/dnap/

Population Health

17th Annual Healthcare Leadership Conference

A diverse crowd, one coming from as far as India, gathered to hear the keynote address from Drew Harris, DPM, MPH, of the Jefferson School of Population Health followed by speaker panels. Discussions centered around Improving the Health Status of the Community, Engaging Employers to Improve the Health of Populations, and Accountability for the Care We Provide. Speakers included MUSC Doctor of Health Administration (DHA) alums Dr. Robert Curtis and Dr. Tim Putnam; representatives from Greenville Health System, Bon Secours Saint Francis, Novant Healthcare, Caradigm; SC Business Coalition and faculty from MUSC and the University of Slovakia in Bratislava. An Oyster Roast concluded the event. Special thanks to our Alumni Planning Committee and conference sponsors, the SC ACHE Chapter, MUSC Health, Roper Saint Francis and the MUSC Alumni Association.

SAVE THE DATE!
Leadership Lecture Series,
from the Department of Healthcare Leadership and Management,
Details coming soon.

Spotlight on YOU, Our Extraordinary Alumni!

Catering to Your Needs

MUSC is pleased to introduce you to Sallie Hutton, the new Executive Director of Alumni Affairs. A graduate of Elon University, Sallie comes to us from Greensboro, NC where she served her alma mater for the last nine years in alumni affairs and development. Sallie states one her primary goals is to engage with graduates as often as possible to learn firsthand what they are looking for from their Alumni Association. Be sure to let her know if she can help YOU in any way - 843.792.3433 (direct); 843.834.6567 (mobile); hutton@musc.edu.
As president and chief executive of a health care system, Dr. Robert Curtis had reached the peak of his career when he decided to return to school. "I felt the need to intellectually challenge myself," he said. "I found that it wasn't necessarily needed for me to further my career, but it was very important to me to continue to learn and to continue to take a step back and look at things from a different perspective."

Dr. Curtis, who goes by Bob, learned that MUSC's College of Health Professions had launched a Doctor of Health Administration program, so he flew down from New Jersey to visit. He and his wife, Marilyn, loved Charleston so much that they purchased a home on Isle of Palms, and Bob enrolled in classes. In 1999 he became MUSC's first DHA graduate. "I credit the doctorate program and the faculty for stimulating a sense of inquiry as to looking at things from a different perspective," he said. "One of the things I realized was that health care is a partnership, and that there are many players in this partnership. It's not simply a hospital. It's a community."

The Curtises continue to support the program that gave him his new perspective. The couple makes a philanthropic investment each year to fund the keynote address of the college's annual Healthcare Leadership Conference, now called The Dr. Robert S. and Marilyn Curtis Keynote Address.

DHA Division Director Dr. James Zoller said that Bob and Marilyn's support of the annual leadership conference changes the overall caliber of the event. Dr. Zoller followed a career path similar to Bob's; both men ran hospitals before returning to school and then joining academia.

"Bob has been a great supporter of the program," Dr. Zoller said. "He means a lot to the department and the program, and he also means a lot to me. It's great to have someone locally connected and involved with the breadth of experience that he has -- to bounce ideas off of him, and to get ideas."

Bob chose MUSC, because its program married online and on-site education. "I certainly support online programs, but it was an added plus to interact with other colleagues as well as permanent faculty and a standing internationally-recognized visiting faculty," he said. "The location wasn't bad either."

Bob studied zoology as an undergraduate student at the University of Connecticut. Upon graduation, he received a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps during the Vietnam War. There he met senior officers who had gotten master's degrees in health care administration.

When he completed his military commitment, Bob applied to graduate school and went to Washington University, St. Louis, to study hospital administration. He went on to become a CEO by the time he was 35 years old but wanted a fresh outlook when he applied to MUSC.

"I've been in the business of helping people," he said. "As hospitals, we're more the recipients after people are ill, but we would like to keep people healthy instead."

Bob remained president and CEO for another decade after graduation before he accepted a job as Dean of the College of Health and Public Administration and Chairman of the Master of Healthcare Administration at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. He retired from that position in August 2013.

Since retiring, Bob has taken up clay shooting, target pistol range shooting and fly fishing. Now he plans to open a TITLE Boxing gym in northern New Jersey – a natural fit, he said, for someone so interested in health. He and Marilyn will split their time between Connecticut and a home on Isle of Palms.

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1999 DHA Graduate
MUSC College of Health Professions

Sign up for this year’s 18th Annual Healthcare Leadership Conference - October 23.
Walking the Walk

AFN Alumnus Receives National Award

Mr. Barry Cranfill, CRNA, MHS, MBA, FAAPM, AFN Class of 1994, received the Clinical Instructor of the Year Award from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). According to Dr. Angela Mund, AFN Program Director, “Mr. Barry Cranfill is truly a clinical CRNA who walks the walk. He is a clinical instructor and the clinical coordinator for three of the clinical sites for the Medical University of South Carolina Anesthesia for Nurses Program.”

Caption: L-R Mr. Dennis Bless CRNA, AANA President, presents national award to Mr. Barry Cranfill at the AANA National Meeting in September 2014.

2014 AFN Class Graduation

The AFN Program celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2014 at St Luke’s Chapel on the MUSC Campus recently. Dean Lisa K. Saladin conferred the degree of Masters of Science in Nurse Anesthesia on twenty-six graduates.

Look Who Is Turning 50!

The College of Health Professions will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2016 and we want to celebrate with you! Details coming soon! musc.edu/chp

Sign up for this year’s Charleston Anesthesia Conference, May 1-3
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Back Row (from L to R): Lauren Dickerson, former Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, Judi Bucknam, Patty Houser, Don Lundy, Sean Irvin, Bruce Cross, Sarah King, Leslie Brady, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, Linda Cox, Director of Gift Planning

Middle Row (from L to R): Kevin Briggs, Anne DuRant, Jeanne Martin, Janelle Hicks, Georgina Dukes, Student Alumni Officer, Cindy Hipps, Alice Edwards

Front Row (from L to R): Janet Craig, Meghan Falatok

Not Pictured: Courtney O’Neill, Dorothy Coley, Helen Seubert Fortner, Ken Ingersoll, Christine Ramsey, Susan Tucker, Adriene Williams
Comings and Goings

Jami DelliFraine, PhD
Dr. Jami DelliFraine joined the College on January 1 as the MHA Division Director. Jamie received her MS degree in Health Care Administration & Management from Trinity University and a PhD in Health Services Organization and Research at Virginia Commonwealth University. She served as MHA Program Director at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston and most recently at Virginia Commonwealth University. Reach Jamie at 843-792-3496 or dellifr@musc.edu. For more info, visit http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp/directory/faculty/dellifraine.htm.

Carla Bistrick, MPS, RN, CCP
After many years of steadfast service to MUSC and a long and distinguished career as an ICU nurse followed by a clinical perfusionist working in Texas with the pioneers of open heart surgery (Drs. Denton Cooley and Michael DeBakey), Carla will retire this July. Her tireless leadership strengthened the didactic program and brought a new energy level to the position of Clinical Coordinator. Carla’s extensive clinical experience, combined with her devotion to students on clinical rotations, enabled the program to expand and continue an unprecedented 100% board pass rate. Congratulations Carla and enjoy your sailing adventures on the open seas!

Candace Jaruzel, CRNA, MSN
Candace Jaruzel is our new Assistant Program Director/ Clinical Director. She received her MSN from Duke University and is currently in the PhD program at the MUSC College of Nursing. Candace has had a long relationship with the MUSC AFN program as our Clinical Coordinator at the Ashley River Tower operating room and our trauma lecturer. For more info, visit http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp/directory/faculty/jaruzel.htm.

Prema Menezes, PhD, PA-C
Prima Menezes, PhD, PA-C joined the Division of Physician Assistant Studies January 2nd as a new Associate Director and Professor. She is coming to us from the University of North Carolina, Schools of Medicine and Global Public Health. For more info, visit http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp/directory/faculty/menezes.htm.

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Comings and Goings

Moving On Up!

Masters in Health Administration Program Ranked 17th in U.S.
The College of Health Professions’ Masters in Health Administration program has been ranked seventeenth in graduate Health Care Management programs in the country by the 2016 U.S. News & World Report guidebook. This is up 11 spots from 2014 when it ranked 29th. Congratulations to the stellar faculty and staff of the program for their outstanding work!
The College of Health Professions is proud to announce our 2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipients, Dr. Michael Burcham and Dr. Brian R. Poplin. The Distinguished Alumnus Award is given annually to one or more graduates of the MUSC College of Health Professions in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, service to the individual's profession, the community, the College, and/or the University, excellence in leadership, professional growth, and educational advancement or service. Dean Lisa K. Saladin conferred this esteemed honor at the Distinguished Alumnus Award Luncheon on March 27, 2015.

Dr. Michael Burcham, DHA Class of 2003
Dr. Michael Burcham is an innovative leader, who served as president and chief executive of the Nashville Entrepreneur Center, which seeks to cultivate economic development and to foster Tennessee's growth. He is a global scholar, who co-chairs the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Board of the U.S. Economic Development Administration, which prepares the United States for growth and success in the global economy. In addition, Dr. Burcham is a beloved teacher and mentor in his faculty role at Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management, the Medical University of South Carolina's College of Health Professions, Belmont University's Jack Massey Graduate School of Business and Washington University.

Dr. Brian R. Poplin, DHA Class of 2010
Dr. Brian Poplin's astute business acumen and innovative leadership style is sought after nationally, including his service as president and chief executive of Medical Staffing Network (MSN), where he led the organization through a challenging turnaround to produce its first growth in nearly five years. Dr. Poplin is a compassionate director, who researches employee engagement and satisfaction and lives by the mantra that “our success is measured in the changed lives of others.” He was recently named President and CEO of Trusthouse Services Group, Inc. In addition to his industry experience, Dr. Poplin is a devoted volunteer for Medical University of South Carolina through service on the MUSC Foundation Board of Directors and the College of Health Professions Advancement Council.
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