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Oct. 3-4, 2025

Join us in Hamilton Hall, the newly renovated home of The Ohio State University College of Medicine!

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Dean's Message

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

WHEN I JOINED The Ohio State University College of Medicine in the fall of 2020, a very special project was underway. Our community had come together in support of a singular, transformative dream – the creation of a state-of-the-art teaching-and-learning facility and the renovation of Hamilton Hall, the college's original home.

At its heart, this ambitious idea centered on building a cutting-edge facility that would provide our medical students and health sciences learners the modern-day education tools and resources they need to succeed. Last summer – after nearly seven years of development, more than 1,900 design drawings and over 550,000 onsite construction labor-hours – our dream became reality.

In July, we officially opened the new Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center (IHSC) and the beautifully restored Hamilton Hall. Then, in October, it was touching to see so many of our learners and alumni enjoying the space together during Reunion Weekend. I thoroughly enjoyed watching as legacies of the past, present and future became intertwined in an extraordinary way. A few tears of joy were even shed as we held ribbon-cutting ceremonies for those who named spaces in the new facility.

On a personal note, as I walk to my office in Hamilton Hall each day, I pass by the collaborative workspace that my husband and I were honored to name. It brings me great joy to see our learners using that space for studying and fellowship. You would be amazed to see the fantastic diagrams, charts and pictures they draw on the whiteboards to cement their learnings!

In this issue of the *Ohio State Medicine Alumni* magazine, you will read inspiring stories about the



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positive impact this innovative space is having on the next generation of physicians and health care professionals. You will also find a wonderful lookback (page 35) from **Daniel Clinchot, MD, '92 Res**, our vice dean for Education, who has been a fixture in the Ohio State College of Medicine for more than 35 years. With his retirement coming up in February, I hope you will reach out with your own memories of how Dr. Clinchot made a difference in your life!

As we approach the 100th anniversary of Hamilton Hall first opening its doors, I hope you know how grateful we continue to be for you, our alumni. Historically, Hamilton Hall has been the epicenter of advancements in medical education, research and clinical care. That legacy continues to this day thanks to the great work you are doing in your communities.



Support the next generation of caregivers

At The Ohio State University College of Medicine, we are at the forefront of training the best and the brightest caregivers, ready to lead and care for the health of our communities. Help us continue that mission with a gift today.

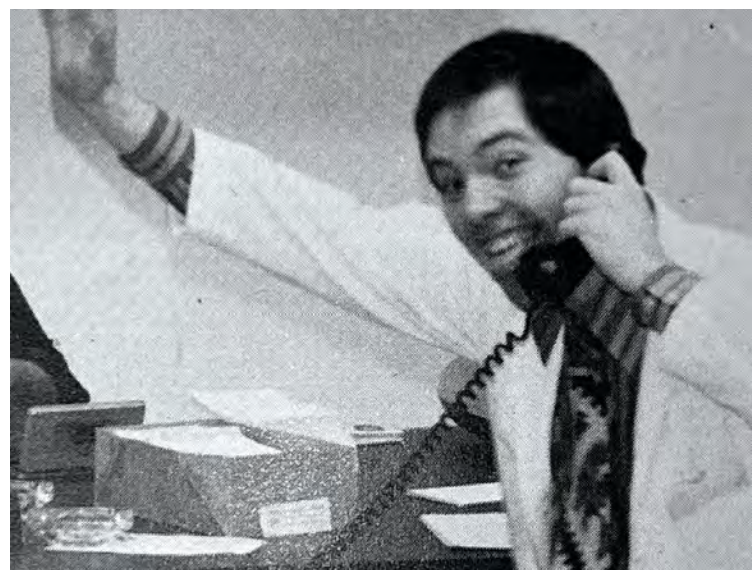
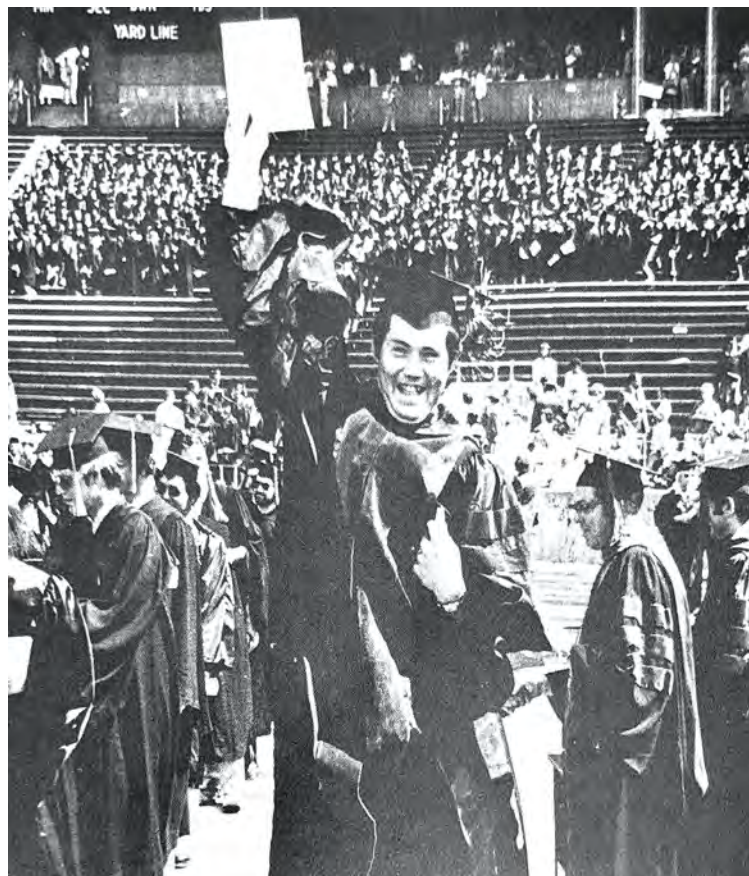
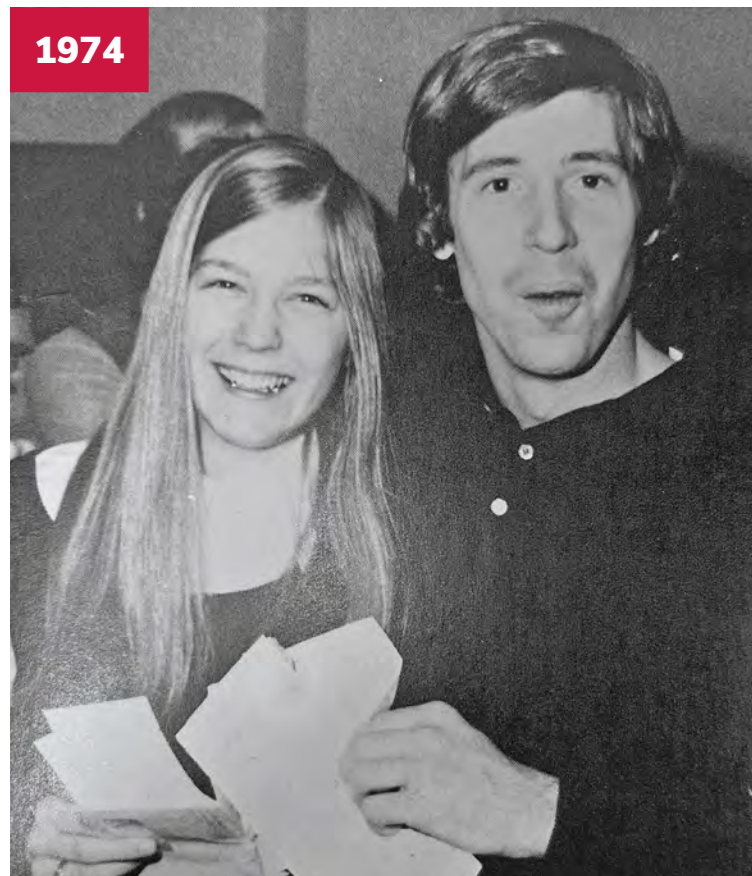
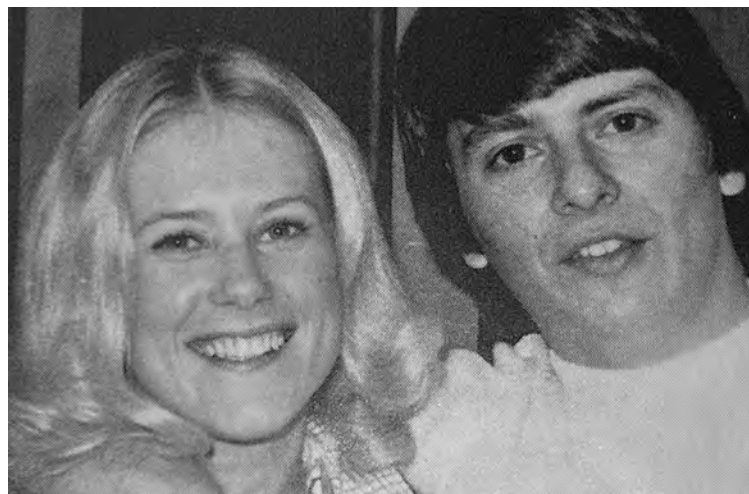
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Then & Now

The Class of 1974 celebrated reconnecting at the 50th Reunion Weekend Oct. 25-26, 2024



COLLEGE NOTES

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A new ventilator-on-a-chip model to study lung damage

For the first time, scientists are able to directly compare the different kinds of injury that mechanical ventilation causes to cells in the lungs. In a new study, using a ventilator-on-a-chip model developed at Ohio State, researchers found that shear stress from the collapse and reopening of the air sacs is the most injurious type of damage.

This miniature “organ-on-a-chip” model simulates not only lung injury during mechanical ventilation, but also repair and recovery, in human-derived cells in real time, say co-lead authors **Samir Ghadiali, PhD**, professor and chair of Biomedical Engineering at Ohio State, and **Joshua Englert, MD**, associate professor of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the Ohio State College of Medicine. The team hopes the device will also help in the hunt for therapies to address ventilator-induced lung injury.

Two faculty members receive Columbus Business First Innovators Awards

Two faculty from the Ohio State College of Medicine — **Joel Mayerson, MD**, professor of Orthopaedics, and **Kerry-Ann Mitchell, MD, PhD**, assistant professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery — were honored with 2024 *Columbus Business First* Innovators in Healthcare and Life Sciences Awards. The awards recognize Columbus community members who are spurring advances in research and new technologies that improve patient outcomes.

An orthopedic oncologist, Mayerson specializes in removing and replacing limbs or portions of bone and soft tissue that have

cancerous tumors; he was honored in the research innovation category. One of the few surgeons in the field of neuroplastic surgery, Mitchell was recognized for her life-restoring cranioplasty skills and honored in the patient experience category.

First transoral outlet reduction endoscopy procedure performed at Ohio State

Hamza Shah, DO, clinical assistant professor of Internal Medicine at the Ohio State College of Medicine, performed the first transoral outlet reduction endoscopy (TORe) at Ohio State on a patient who was not a surgical candidate for gastric bypass surgery. A minimally invasive nonsurgical procedure, TORe is

typically performed on patients who need help managing weight regain after undergoing gastric bypass surgery. The incisionless procedure aims to reduce the size of the opening between the stomach pouch and the small intestine to slow stomach emptying and help patients feel fuller longer.

Together with **Raj Shah, MD**, a co-leader of the Bariatric and Metabolic Endoscopy Program in the Ohio State College of Medicine, Hamza Shah is currently evaluating and accepting patients for TORe, in addition to endoscopic sleeve gastropasty and gastric balloon placement. “This procedure has a high safety profile when compared to revisional bariatric surgery and will help patients maintain weight loss,” Hamza Shah says.

Maya Iyer receives AMA grant to promote gender equity

Maya Iyer, MD, MEd, assistant dean for clinical track faculty, director of Women in Medicine and Science and clinical associate professor of Pediatrics at the Ohio State College of Medicine, was awarded a grant from the American Medical Association Association’s Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women to support her efforts to advance the study of women in academic medicine.

A pediatric emergency medicine attending physician at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Iyer’s recent research focuses on the importance of creating allies among those in positions of privilege to support and advocate for the promotion of gender equity. Iyer’s co-investigator is **Jaclyn Caccese, PhD**, assistant professor in the Ohio State School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Their project, “Allyship in Action: A Novel Social Media Initiative on Sharing Stories of Allyship to Promote Gender Equity,” aims to provide specific examples of how male-identifying leaders have had an impact on cultivating allyship in medicine by promoting gender equity through sharing video stories on a social media platform.

Castle Connolly names more than 400 Ohio State faculty physicians 2024 Top Doctors

A total of 403 faculty physicians from the Ohio State College of Medicine and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center have been named to the 2024 Castle Connolly Top Doctors List, more than any other medical institution in central Ohio.

“We’re thrilled that so many of our talented doctors have once again earned top recognition from Castle Connolly,” says **John J. Warner, MD**, chief executive officer of the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center and executive vice president at Ohio State.

“Our extraordinary doctors draw on their world-class expertise and unique

skills to provide innovative treatments and compassionate care for every patient, every time,” says **Carol R. Bradford, MD, MS, FACS**, dean of the Ohio State College of Medicine. Each year, Castle Connolly Top Doctors are peer-nominated and vetted by a physician-led research team.

Four students named Schweitzer Fellows

Four Ohio State College of Medicine learners were selected to participate in the Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows Program, which supports and trains emerging health-focused graduate and professional students who are creating and conducting service projects to address unmet community needs.

Each Fellow will partner with an existing community agency in the Columbus area for one year, providing at least 200 service hours. They will also receive both an academic and a community-based mentor.

The 2024–25 Fellows and their partners are:

- **Ankit Annappareddy, MD Candidate, Class of 2027**, Franklin County Public Health and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- **Zaynah Awethe, MD Candidate, Class of 2025**, and **Salma Shire, MD Candidate, Class of 2027**, Somali Community Link
- **Gabriel Lee, MD Candidate, Class of 2027**, Columbus Free Clinic and the Rainbow Clinic



Ohio State College of Medicine sets new research funding record

Multimillion-dollar grants to study mental health, maternal health and tobacco product regulation boosted The Ohio State University College of Medicine’s total research funding to a record \$477.3 million during the 2024 fiscal year.

The Ohio State College of Medicine research funding is up 13% from \$421.4 million in 2023. The National Institutes of Health, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, awarded the College of Medicine more than \$245 million in grants,

contracts and subcontracts. The remaining funding came from other government agencies, non-profit foundations and industry contracts.

Carol R. Bradford, MD, MS, FACS, dean of the College of Medicine, credits part of the growth in funding to an increasing focus on collaboration across disciplines. “Our faculty, staff and learners are working to advance research that uncovers timely and much-needed solutions to evolving health care challenges,” she says.

COLLEGE NOTES

Seven health science colleges honored for inclusion efforts

The Ohio State University College of Medicine is one of seven health sciences graduate programs recognized with the 2024 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award, given by *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the nation's oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. The colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Optometry, Pharmacy, Public Health and Veterinary Medicine were honored.

Ohio State is the only academic institution in the country to have seven graduate programs receive the Health Professions HEED award. This award is a national honor recognizing U.S. health colleges and universities for their outstanding commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.



Grieco elected vice chair of AAMC student affairs group

Alex Grieco, MD, associate dean for Student Life in the Ohio State College of Medicine, was elected national vice chair for the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Group on Student Affairs (GSA). Through a leadership progression culminating in the role of chair, he'll join the AAMC's executive committee, representing the



First-ever randomized study finds telehealth reduces suicide attempts, ideation

A new study on suicide prevention by researchers at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center found that brief cognitive behavioral therapy for suicide prevention – when delivered remotely via video telehealth – reduces suicide attempts and suicidal ideation.

The randomized clinical trial of 96 U.S. adults with recent suicidal ideation and/or suicidal behavior was conducted between 2021 and 2023. According to principal investigator and Ohio State clinical psychologist **Justin Baker, PhD**, who is also the clinical director of Ohio State's Suicide and Trauma Reduction Initiative program, and co-investigator **Craig Bryan, PsyD**, professor in Ohio State's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health and director of its Suicide Prevention Program, the study showed that mental health therapists can see high-risk suicidal patients virtually both safely and effectively.

They say the study also showed that brief cognitive behavioral therapy led to significant reductions in suicide attempts when compared to in-person therapy. Reductions in suicidal ideation occurred in both treatments.

"Historically, high-risk patients were considered inappropriate candidates for virtual health care, due to risk and liability concerns," says Baker.

"This study has the potential to increase access to needed evidence-based treatments for those in rural and hard-to-reach areas," says Bryan, who holds the Trott Gebhardt Philips Endowed Professorship.

An estimated 703,000 people die by suicide each year worldwide, according to the World Health Organization; in 2022, there were 49,449 suicides in the United States.

Ohio State College of Medicine through leadership and service to all AAMC-member medical schools.

GSA brings together staff and faculty leaders and experts from the nation's medical schools to advance and optimize student affairs practices. Grieco says he looks forward to furthering his reach and honoring the

individuals who've inspired him and enabled him to serve in this new role.

"The greatest honor, as always, is serving students and the staff and faculty members who support them here at Ohio State, and now, throughout the country, in the name of Buckeye Nation," he says.



Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center, Hamilton Hall ribbon cutting reception, the Jeri B. Block and Robert H. Schottenstein Forum

BY THE NUMBERS

Hamilton Hall's IHSC transformation

JANUARY 2022

Anatomy wing opens

- ▶ Three stories of world-class anatomy and surgical labs, including a 44,000-square-foot anatomy wing
- ▶ Six large dissection rooms with capacity for 115 tables featuring high-tech microscopes and ultrasound to view inside the body
- ▶ The "command center," equipped with high-tech surgical lights and a high-definition camera where learners can view demonstrations via TVs in the laboratory in real time and revisit recordings using their iPads

JUNE 2023

Classroom wing opens

- ▶ 36 classrooms with flexible classroom designs equipped with advanced technology, like virtual reality simulators and robotic surgery
- ▶ Two 150-person interprofessional spaces

JUNE 2024

Hamilton Hall opens

- ▶ Computer lab, testing, wellness spaces and Jeri B. Block and Robert H. Schottenstein Forum opens
- ▶ Designated spaces for testing for medical licensure
- ▶ 300-person atrium and café
- ▶ 125-seat grand reading room
- ▶ Gym, game rooms and student lockers

Faculty research

Study shows therapy dogs boost mood, reduce stress among Ohio State health care workers

A study by researchers at the Ohio State College of Medicine, the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center and the Ohio State College of Nursing show that Ohio State's Buckeye Paws — that is, therapy dogs — provide mood-boosting benefits to health care workers, who say the dogs help reduce stress and improve work engagement.

The pilot study of 64 participants found their positive mood nearly doubled when they engaged with highly trained Buckeye Paws teams. Participants included physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, rehabilitation therapists, patient care associates and unit clerks in two intensive care units and two medical surgical units. The therapy dog handlers were hospital employees who volunteered their time with seven certified therapy dogs to provide the animal-assisted intervention three times a week for eight weeks. The study's principal investigator is **Beth Steinberg, PhD, RN**, who co-founded Buckeye Paws with Mary Justice, chief administrative officer of the Ohio State College of Nursing.

Team science efforts advance health improvement, discovery

The clinicians, researchers and learners who engage in translational and foundational science at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center represent an ecosystem of team science that is focused on developing much-needed solutions to health care challenges.

In fiscal year 2024, the college achieved record-breaking research



An Ohio State study shows Buckeye Paws therapy dog visits improve mood and reduce stress among staff, students and faculty.

funding of \$477.3 million, bolstered by multimillion-dollar grants to fund a variety of breakthrough projects. Among these advanced research efforts are studies related to:

- Using bone marrow to rejuvenate damaged nerve cells
- Using naturally derived nanocarriers to repair damaged spine discs
- Determining if a higher daily

dose of aspirin is more effective in decreasing blood pressure complications among some pregnant people

- Developing a rapid-onset, short-acting drug for patients with acute ischemic stroke that is capable of quickly reopening blocked arteries, which would save countless lives

Three COM researchers receive funds to study single ventricle heart disease

Ohio State College of Medicine researchers will lead two studies on single ventricle heart disease thanks to funding from the American Heart Association/Additional Ventures Collaborative Sciences Awards.

Christopher Breuer, MD, director of tissue engineering in the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center's new Center for Regenerative Medicine and Cell-Based Therapies and director of the Center for Regenerative Medicine at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH), and his team will study a complication of a single ventricle disease called Fontan-associated liver disease (FALD).

Isabelle Deschênes, PhD, professor and chair of Physiology and Cell Biology at the Ohio State College of Medicine, will lead a team that includes **Mingtao Zhao, DVM, PhD**, assistant professor of Pediatrics in the College of Medicine and principal investigator in NCH's Center for Cardiovascular Research. Together, they will study a new treatment for improving heart failure and heart rhythm defects in single ventricle patients.

Sarcoidosis study seeks novel insights, effective treatments

Elliott Crouser, MD, '92 Res, '95 Fellow, professor of Internal Medicine at the Ohio State College of Medicine, received an R21 grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to study the disease mechanisms of sarcoidosis granulomas and fibrosis. Sarcoidosis is a common interstitial lung disease that often causes chronic disability and, in some extreme cases, premature death. Medical researchers and physicians haven't identified what causes sarcoidosis, and effective and affordable treatments are not available.

Crouser and his team, who conduct translational research in the field of pulmonary sarcoidosis, created the first tractable laboratory disease

model. This current research has the potential to develop fundamental knowledge and reduce the burden of this disease, he says.

"Better understanding the disease mechanisms will lead to the development of more effective treatments and our ability to repurpose existing therapeutic agents."

Zepeda-Orozco awarded two NIH R01 grants to examine renal repair

Diana Zepeda-Orozco, MD, clinical assistant professor of Pediatrics at the Ohio State College of Medicine and a principal investigator, was awarded two R01 grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for two separate kidney toxicity-related projects: "Targeting Tubular Mitochondrial Superoxide Dismutation in Cisplatin Renal Repair" and "Optimizing Theranostic Dosimetry and Kidney Biomarkers for Alpha-Emitter Radioligand Therapy in Neuroendocrine Tumors."

The first project will examine novel diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to promote renal repair in cisplatin-induced kidney toxicity. Cisplatin has been used as a cancer chemotherapy therapy for decades, yet its use is constrained by its connection to nephrotoxicity. A deeper understanding of biochemical pathways and metabolic conversions can facilitate risk-stratification strategies for future clinical trial design. The study has the potential to translate new knowledge into novel diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to promote renal repair in cisplatin-induced kidney toxicity.

The second project will investigate how to maximize alpha-emitter radioligand therapy (α -RLT), a potent anti-tumor treatment, using nephroprotective approaches. The study is focused on maximizing an α -RLT targeting the somatostatin receptor subtype 2 that is highly expressed in neuroendocrine tumors and neuroblastoma.

If successful, the nephroprotective approaches could be transferable to other difficult-to-treat cancers amenable to α -RLTs, like melanomas and prostate and breast cancer, says Zepeda-Orozco, who is also associate division director of Research in the Kidney and Urinary Tract Center in the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

"Integrating novel diagnostic and nephroprotective therapies to enhance tumor response while minimizing acute and long-term kidney damage is crucial," she says. "These approaches could pave the way for more effective clinical trials, ultimately improving patient survival and quality of life."



NIH grant to fund Ohio State study on long COVID cure

Amal Amer, MD, PhD, and a team of interdisciplinary scientists received \$15 million from the NIH to fund a five-year study in search of a cure for long COVID and for ways to protect against severe illness in COVID-19.

The funding follows the team's 2022 study, which suggested that blocking a single molecule could protect against severe illness in COVID-19. The new research will pursue definitive answers and development of new ways to treat acute SARS-CoV-2 infections and, ideally, fend off long COVID. The award for the new research is the largest of its kind funding infectious diseases research at Ohio State.



Clockwise from top: Students find that Hamilton Hall's smaller classrooms serve double duty as group study spaces; **David Bahner, MD, '98 Res**, professor and ultrasound division director in the Department of Emergency Medicine, demonstrates advanced technology to visiting College of Medicine alumni; Hamilton Hall's lobby offers views of the spacious Jeri B. Block and Robert H. Schottenstein Forum. Opposite top right: The outside courtyard welcomes all with its lush, green gathering spaces.



Hamilton Hall renewed

Innovative design infuses every space in Hamilton Hall's **Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center**, transforming the medical and health sciences education experience.

By Kelli Trinoskey

For nearly a century, Hamilton Hall has been a cornerstone of innovation in medical education — an unforgettable facility that holds innumerable memories for many alumni of The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Yet, after so many years of continual service, Hamilton Hall was ready for a transformative upgrade that would usher the historical building into the 21st century.

In the summer of 2024, the college, along with leaders from the seven health sciences colleges and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, celebrated the completion of a multi-year extensive renovation and expansion of Hamilton Hall into a 225,000-square-foot facility that is now home to the new Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center (IHSC).



Clockwise from left: Anatomy professor Melissa Quinn '15 PhD, shares the anatomy lab's advanced features with visiting College of Medicine alumni; student ambassadors chat during a tour break in a hallway lounge; Olivia Ueltschi, M2, works out frequently in Hamilton Hall's lower-level fitness room.



The result? An inventive and collaborative environment that puts every learner, researcher and practitioner at the forefront of innovation and advanced technology.

Carol R. Bradford, MD, MS, FACS, dean of the Ohio State College of Medicine, praises the IHSC's learning environment as a critical example of how Ohio State continues to be one of the most comprehensive health science campuses in the nation.

"The IHSC provides the modern tools, technology and state-of-the-art environments for our students to learn to practice 21st century medicine and provide innovative, high-quality and empathetic clinical care," Bradford says.

"It is designed to ensure that everyone has the tools they need to continue to lead the transformation of health care."

Daniel Clinchot, MD, '92 Res, vice dean for Education at the Ohio State College of Medicine, helped spearhead Hamilton Hall's physical transformation and the IHSC's construction. His efforts focused on ensuring that every detail reflected thoughtful innovation. As a result, the spaces are pivotal for team-based learning and collaboration and illustrate Clinchot's visionary contributions, which have left an indelible mark on our institution.

"The informal and formal study spaces, the wellness areas, and the art and medical illustrations throughout the space foster a new education model where students from all the health sciences can learn together," Clinchot says.

Transforming the learning environment

From the new classroom wing with its flexible spaces for interprofessional learning and virtual reality simulators, to the tri-level anatomy wing equipped with advanced technology and surgical and prep rooms, to the numerous individual and group study rooms, the IHSC embraces a dynamic environment that leads the way in preparing future physicians for the practice of medicine.

It's an exciting time, say curriculum leaders. "Today's medical education landscape centers

"Learners get to see first-hand how technological advances have created many new and exciting opportunities to help them retain what they're learning. This way they will be able to apply the knowledge when they move into diagnosing and treating patients."

— MELISSA QUINN '15 PHD | CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE DIVISION OF ANATOMY, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

around relationship-centered approaches which help all of us connect and relate to each other in ways that transform our innovative curriculum into real-world practice," says Kimberly Tartaglia, MD, clinical professor of Internal Medicine at the Ohio State College of Medicine.

Fostering an environment of well-being

Many students say they already feel an affinity for Hamilton Hall's comprehensive spaces. They can go from classroom or lab, to a quiet study room and then to spaces like the fitness area or student lounge to just unwind.

"I feel extremely fortunate to have started my medical journey when this space was officially opened. I love the diversity of spaces to study — inside the quiet Reading Room, in a small study room or medical student lounge, or outside in the beautiful outdoor space. It's a welcoming place," says Hayley Zimbric, M1.

"Hamilton Hall's state-of-the-art technology has greatly amplified the student learning experience

and become a central hub for meetings, friendly lunches and collaborations. I feel so lucky to be a part of a safe and supportive environment where leadership and students alike walk through the halls, ready to engage with whoever they see," says Kamellia Karimpour, graduate fellow in the Department of Biomedical Education and Anatomy MD/PhD Program.

"I feel like Hamilton is the 'home base' for most medical students, especially since we have our own lockers, changing rooms and even a gym," adds Jane Chakraborty, M1.

"I can't wait to see how we continue to grow into the space. The new space reflects the strong community at the college and offers spaces to build deeper connections," says Carson Rogge, M1.

Meeting the needs of a diverse population

"Our collegiate culture is unlike any other, where faculty, students and staff are dedicated to helping each other succeed through mentorship and

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Science as art

Thoughtful planning for the IHSC also included the environmental design:

- Medical illustrations (above left) by Anthony Baker, CMI, of the eye structures.
- Full-wall graphics feature heritage images and historic views of iconic campus sites.
- Artist Klari Reis' mesmerizing artwork permeates the second floor of the classroom building (below).

Petri dishes were filled with resin, resembling microscope images.

- The green wall installation (above right) aims to bring more greenery into the space, providing a natural, calming atmosphere. It seamlessly integrates the outdoors with the indoor environment, enhancing the presence of nature within the building.



From top: Jenish Venanicus (right) and Israel Ailemen both M2s, appreciate being able to take a study break and play pool in the student lounge without having to leave the building; numerous study rooms in the lower levels provide much needed quiet; student lockers offer convenience just steps away from classrooms, labs and study spaces.



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collaboration,” says **Demicha Rankin '06 MD, '10 Res**, associate dean for Admissions at the Ohio State College of Medicine.

“Academic support and access to counseling give learners the resources they need to be successful and innovative as they prepare to serve the diverse and changing needs of patients and communities.”

The spaces within the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center at Hamilton Hall create tremendous opportunities to foster this diversity, adds **Leon McDougle '89 MD, MPH**, associate dean for Diversity and Inclusion for the college and chief diversity officer for The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

“We recognize and value different perspectives, characteristics, experiences and attributes of each individual in creating an environment where we thrive on and benefit from our differences.”



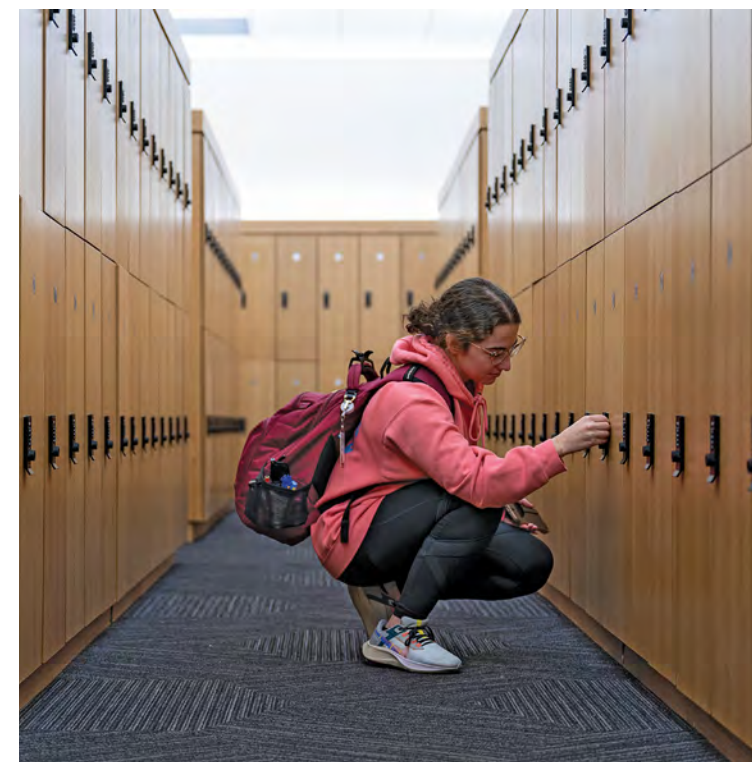
Three phases of transformation

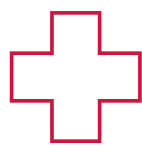
The facility opened in three phases, with the first being the anatomy wing, which opened in January 2022. In June 2023, the classroom wing opened, featuring flexible classroom designs that allow educators to meet expansive and diverse educational needs.

The final phase, the Hamilton Hall renovation, opened in June 2024, providing learners access to a computer lab and designated spaces to complete testing for medical licensure, a wellness center, a 125-seat grand reading room, an amazing outdoor green space and a beautiful, 6,000-square-foot forum.

Fall events and visits during the October Homecoming weekend celebrated how the IHSC is leading a shift in health care culture to emphasize interdisciplinary values.

“The IHSC pushes our ability as scientists, physicians and learners to lead innovation forward and is paving a path to even more success in the College of Medicine and the neighboring health care facilities,” Bradford says.





A Culture of Giving

Alumni support for spaces within the new Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center at Hamilton Hall hails from a sense of tradition, purpose — and memory.

By Emily Glenn

In October 2024, during The Ohio State University College of Medicine's reunion weekend, alumni gathered to celebrate philanthropic support for named spaces and spaces named in honor of classmates in the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center (IHSC) at Hamilton Hall — everything from student lounges, study areas and program-specific rooms, to the heart of Hamilton Hall and the IHSC: the strikingly expansive forum with its floor-to-ceiling, triple-glazed glass windows that bring the outdoors inside the atrium, creating a vibrant event and gathering space.

Quite literally, these “forever Buckeyes” are helping to *build* the future of medicine at Ohio State, says **Carol R. Bradford, MD, MS, FACS**, dean of the Ohio State College of Medicine. “They are investing in the learners who will transform the health of our communities for decades to come.”

Ohio State College of Medicine alumni have given more than \$9.8 million to the IHSC with \$1.8 million coming from class projects. They understand the hard work and determination it takes to complete a medical program of study, inspiring them to pay it forward by empowering the next generation of health care leaders. From sponsoring first-year medical students' white coats worn during the time-honored White Coat Ceremony, to supporting scholarships that help relieve students' financial concerns, Ohio State College of Medicine alumni are visionaries who can see the critical role these learners will play in the future of innovation and discovery in health care.



This fall, alumni came together to celebrate their individual and class gifts, which will have a lasting impact on generations of medical students to come. They were also eager to see and experience the activities in the renovated “college home” of Hamilton Hall, and the new 100,000-square-foot IHSC featuring flexible facilities that foster collaborative educational experiences.

We caught up with some of these inspiring individuals to ask about their philanthropy and to share some memories about their time on campus. Here’s what they had to say.

Space: Paulson student lounge

William (Bill) Kose '71 MD, is the vice president of special projects with the Blanchard Valley Health System in Findlay, Ohio, and one of the chairs of the Ohio State College of Medicine Class of 1971. The class supported a peaceful student lounge named in honor of George Paulson, MD, who was a member of the Ohio State College of Medicine’s neurology faculty. Paulson passed away in 2019.

About the IHSC space: Our vision was to remember and honor the legacy of Dr. Paulson, who was our Professor of the Year for the Class of 1971. George was an inspiration to all for his expertise, humility and kindness, in addition to being a great mentor. He was always available, listened intently, and taught the importance of the patient history and physical examination.

The student experience: Medicine is a discipline demanding continual learning, critical thinking, innovation and evolving technologies. Those concepts are being taught at Ohio State and will be accelerated with the new facilities in Hamilton Hall as simulations and artificial intelligence are incorporated into basic training.



Ruth Paulson (right), wife of the late George Paulson, MD, a College of Medicine faculty member, greets a friend during a Class of 1971 reception honoring her husband.

A student memory: The class of 1971 entered the cadaver lab for the first time in 1967; four of them walked right out again and left medical school.

Space: study rooms

Roger Friedman '77 MD, '80 Res, and Marilyn B. Friedman made two gifts to the IHSC, one supporting the Class of 1977’s study room and one supporting a study room in their own name. Friedman, a past president of the Ohio State College of Medicine’s Medical Alumni Society Board, is an allergist and immunologist based in Dublin and Westerville, Ohio.

About the IHSC spaces: We were inspired to make a gift to Hamilton Hall to continue our efforts to improve medical education, especially at Ohio State. I feel very strongly that giving back to the place where I learned to become a doctor was, and is, very important.

A student memory: Learning is so different now than 45 years ago when I was in medical school. My favorite memory of Hamilton Hall was first-year anatomy. Since I did not want to be a surgeon and my fellow students on my dissection team were interested in surgery, my job was to travel around to the other groups, find out where the internal organs were and come back to tell my group where to look.

Space: Hamilton Hall Gallery

David Packo '89 MD, supported the gallery, an open staircase leading from the main floor upstairs. He is a retired emergency medicine physician and investor based in Naples, Florida.

About the IHSC space: I gave because I’m so happy, honored and humbled to give back to the school that gave me so much! Ohio State was instrumental in making me the physician I became. I love seeing the technology medical



College of Medicine Dean Carol Bradford, MD, talks with Hamilton Hall Gallery supporter David Packo '89 MD, and his guests before the ribbon cutting.

students can utilize to help their learning. It’s truly awe-inspiring!

A student memory: I have so many incredibly great memories from Hamilton Hall and Ohio State in general. It’s such a great institution! We had so many opportunities, great times and tremendous friendships! I suppose my fondest memories are my classmates, who were and still are incredible individuals.

Space: study room

Eric Altneu '15 MD, '19 Res, is an assistant professor of clinical medicine at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University in Philadelphia. **Kelly Copeland Hall '15 MD, '19 Res**, is an obstetrician and gynecologist and program director of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program at St. Luke’s University Health Network in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The two collaborated to support a study space

like the ones they used during their time on campus.

Dr. Altneu, on the IHSC space: I remember after lectures in the morning finding a quiet study space with Kelly Copeland and **Maeve Maher '16 MD, '20 Res**. We always secured the same table each time. I wanted to give so that future classes could have a space to call their own for years to come.

Dr. Copeland, on the IHSC space: My classmate Eric and I were inspired to provide a gift toward study space in Hamilton Hall by our own experiences studying together in medical school. We loved to find a quiet corner space where we could review the day’s lectures together. We chose to sponsor just that! A quiet corner space for studying.

Emily Glenn is a writer with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Development Communications.

WELCOME HOME: THE FORUM

An expansive open area on the first floor ideal for studying and group meetings, the Jeri B. Block and Robert H. Schottenstein Forum features four-story windows and a fresh design incorporating Hamilton Hall’s original brick and architectural elements.

“Jeri and Bobby were among the earliest and most enthusiastic benefactors of what became the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center [IHSC],” says Carol R. Bradford, MD, MS, FACS, dean of The Ohio State University College of Medicine. “In addition to advocating for the renovation of Hamilton Hall, they were inspired to support a grand and welcoming space near the main entrance of the building.”

The two have been longstanding supporters and have given their time and talent to The Ohio State University, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute. The forum is at the heart of the IHSC, a beautiful room enjoyed by students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Olivia Ueltschi, a second-year medical student who was present at the forum dedication, told the couple, “You have given us so much more than a building. You have provided us with the tools to make a difference, the space to prepare, and the opportunity to change lives. IHSC is a community. This is our home, and it is a foundation for everything we will accomplish.”



From left, Walter “Ted” Carter Jr., President of The Ohio State University; Bobby Schottenstein and Jeri Block; John J. Warner, MD, CEO of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center



Matthew Old, MD, the David E. Schuller, MD, and Carole Schuller Chair in Otolaryngology, and professor and director of the Division of Head and Neck Oncology in the Department of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, leads a session in one of the Hamilton Hall anatomy labs as a course director during the annual Head and Neck Microvascular Fellow Boot Camp.



SMART SPACES

Hamilton Hall's flexible classrooms and cutting-edge labs encourage and support interactive and multidisciplinary collaborations.

By Lisa Lopez Snyder



The buzz is palpable the moment you walk into adjacent first-floor classrooms 170 and 180 in Hamilton Hall's Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center (IHSC).

It's fall semester 2024, and first-year medical students from The Ohio State University College of Medicine are spread out among small teams at tables with fellow learners who are pursuing dental hygiene, nursing, optometry, pharmacy, and health and rehabilitation-related careers. In teams of eight, they're enthusiastically talking through their approaches to addressing a sample patient case.

The session is part of BuckIPE, an interprofessional education program that helps students from health sciences colleges learn about interprofessional collaboration and teamwork. This session focuses on the foundational skill of communication and practice working in an interprofessional health care team.

Meanwhile, in the second-floor IHSC anatomy lab, 40 head and neck surgical oncology residents are performing initial dissections after participating in the morning's lecture just down the hall as part of the annual Head and Neck Oncologic Surgery Resident Dissection Course.

Their goal: to practice techniques to address functional and cosmetic impairments caused by head and neck cancer treatments.

The sessions are just two illustrative examples of

how Hamilton Hall's state-of-the-art spaces support collaborative activities for learners across the health sciences spectrum — from undergraduates, medical students and other health science learners, to residents and fellows.

Learning teamwork

For Ohio State College of Medicine students in BuckIPE, the IHSC's flexible spaces easily allow them to participate in activities focused on communication and the kinds of decision-making skills they'll need to master as health care professionals, particularly the first-year module focused on the fundamentals of teamwork.

A monitor at each table displays the exercises for the team. Each team works through an assortment of puzzles presented in an "escape room" fashion to solve the case they're given, after which the students discuss their own behaviors and teamwork skills.

First-year medical student **Emily Buczynski** says the classroom design fits the BuckIPE teambuilding focus and offers a great venue for learning more about her future colleagues in various health professions.

"It's a chance to interact with students across various professional programs that I otherwise likely wouldn't have the opportunity to meet," she says. "The new classroom spaces are amazing resources, and we enjoy always having these spaces to study and collaborate."

Fellow first-year medical student classmate **Trevor Sobol** agrees. "I found the large, spacious room to be conducive to our group activities," he says. "The tv monitor at our table allows us to remain engaged during each task."

"The 'Escape Room' in particular has a variety of exercises that draws attention to each group member's unique strengths, demonstrating how we can collaborate in our future professional environments to bring the best care to our patients."

Second-year medical student **Patrick Timmins** says that the space seamlessly supports the goals of BuckIPE because of how the design facilitates these conversations with students from other health disciplines early in the program. He adds that learning about their roles will become increasingly important for future hands-on clinic practice.

"These flexible, innovative spaces support dynamic small-group collaboration and emphasize the real-world importance of integrated care," says Timmins, who is also the operations coordinator of the student-run Columbus Free Clinic (CFC).

His classmate **Saksha Krishnan**, a second-year medical student who also volunteers at the CFC, adds that the technology — from the monitors at each table to the digital opportunities in the classrooms — contributes

to what she calls "a culture of collaboration and learning from one another."

"Seamlessly" training

Residents who participated in the October head and neck dissection course made up one of just two groups that gather annually as part of a program aimed at improving their dissection and surgical techniques. The day after the residents completed their course, 40 fellows from Ohio State and across the country arrived to practice reconstruction for the second part of the program, the Head and Neck Microvascular Boot Camp.

Both courses used the entire second floor of the IHSC, from the anatomy lab and the classrooms to the wide connecting hallway, which hosted 15 vendors, food and drink stations, and offered space to socialize.

Faculty and participants praised the spaces' seamless design. The anatomy and classroom wings really enhanced the resident and fellow programs, says **Christopher Noel, MD, '25 Fellow**, in Head and Neck Surgical Oncology at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and one of 18 faculty instructors for the resident course.

"The transition from classroom discussions to hands-on lab work made it incredibly easy to immediately apply concepts," he says. "The anatomy lab was spacious and well-equipped,

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First-year Ohio State College of Medicine students join fellow learners from other health sciences colleges to learn the foundations of teamwork as part of BuckIPE, an interprofessional education program.

Alumni head back to class

DURING THE OHIO STATE College of Medicine Reunion Weekend on October 25, 2024, alumni had an opportunity to get a taste of what today's Ohio State medical students and trainees experience at the renovated Hamilton Hall and the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center.

A special "Back to Class" program had alumni using virtual reality technology to view the

human body, watching demonstrations with life-like patients in a simulated clinical skills session, exploring the anatomy lab, learning about the latest advances in ultrasound technology, and chatting with medical students during tours of the space.

Here's a look at some of their activities and what two alumni had to say.

"To have these wonderful tools would seem to be transformational, and make for more knowledgeable physicians. I want to go back to medical school!"

IRA SHAFRAN '74 MD, '77 RES, '79 FELLOW | USING 3D VIRTUAL REALITY



"I can't believe how up-to-date and modern the IHSC spaces are. So much of what is here is going to make the student experience so much better, and get them better prepared for clinical practice and research."

ANN FERRIS '84 MD



Expert national and international surgeons and trainees at the annual Head and Neck Microvascular Fellow Boot Camp visit exhibitors in the classroom wing hallway.

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and the setup allowed for vendor demos and collaboration with peers, which enhanced both the educational and networking aspects of the course."

Faculty instructor **Janice Farlow, MD, PhD, '23 Fellow**, an Otolaryngology — Head and Neck surgeon from Indiana University Health, was also impressed with the classroom's access to the anatomy lab. "We could easily conduct didactic lectures just down the hall and then transition to a spacious anatomy lab with plenty of tables to host learners and faculty from all over the country, surrounded by multiple synced screens to show the nuances of technique and anatomical diagrams."

Nolan Seim, MD, associate professor, Division of Head and Neck Oncology and Microvascular Reconstructive Surgery, in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the Ohio State College of Medicine, agrees.

The program, now in its 10th year, is unique in that it is offered free to participants. "In addition to Ohio State residents and fellows, it brings participants from around the country," says Seim, who served as course director for the 2024 resident and fellow program.

Ohio State Wexner Medical Center Head and Neck surgery residents **Taylor Freeman '21 MD**

(PGY5) and **Ryan Ivancic '20 MD (PGY6)**, add that the new anatomy lab offers a transformational experience, with plenty of natural light and space. The dissection course was a good example of that, says Ivancic. "With all the residents and faculty in the lab, it didn't feel crowded at all," he says.

Freeman was excited about how the lab's expansive setup helped her focus on dissection techniques. "It was such a fantastic experience to have someone guide you, to see what your skill set is and to not have the constraints of an OR clock."

A proud Buckeye

A triple Buckeye, Ivancic says he feels proud to be a part of the Ohio State College of Medicine and all of its programs, which he believes have stayed ahead of the curve in terms of educational tools and resources.

"Ohio State does a great job of integrating the undergraduate and professional schools to help us learn from the best," he says. "They've always done that, including when I was an undergraduate, but here at Hamilton Hall, they've built it big enough. Here, we have the time and space."

Lisa Lopez Snyder is project manager of *Ohio State Medicine Alumni* magazine.

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Classes of 1970s



Edward Bope '76 MD, received the David Worthen Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Health Professions

Education, one of the Veteran Health Administration's (VHA) highest honors. Bope serves as deputy chief of staff at the Columbus (Ohio) VA. He is also a clinical professor in the Department of Family Medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Most of his career was spent as the director of the Family Medicine Residency at Riverside Methodist Hospital.



David Keseg '78 MD, received the Jack B. Liberator Lifetime Achievement Award, given each year by the Ohio Chapter of the American

College of Emergency Physicians, the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services. An emergency medicine specialist in Chillicothe, Ohio, Keseg spent 32 years as the medical director for the Columbus Division of Fire.

Classes of 1980s

Annette Chavez '85 MD, was selected as a Woman of the University of Dayton (UD) honoree. A family physician and owner of Carillon Family Practice in Dayton, Chavez has been an integral part of the UD pre-medical department by providing support and education for students, teaching mini courses and



Kelli Cawley '92 MD, '95 Res, '98 Fellow, a hematologist oncologist in Belpre, Ohio, and **John Grosel '92 MD**, a radiologist with LucidHealth Riverside Radiology and Interventional Associates, Inc., successfully cycled 100 miles together for Pelotonia. Cawley and Grosel have been friends and colleagues since medical school. Cawley became Grosel's oncologist after he was diagnosed with cancer three years ago. Today, he is cancer free! They plan to ride again next year and encourage other alums to join.

speaking annually to Alpha Epsilon Delta, the health pre-professional honors society.

Mary Alton '86 MD, '89 Res, '92 Fellow, and **Gregory Eaton '86 MD, '89 Res, '92 Fel**, a married couple, retired after more than 20 years at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. Alton served as the non-invasive cardiac imaging director of Mansfield Hospital's Heart and

Vascular Program. Eaton served as OhioHealth's Heart and Vascular system chief of the North Region.

Classes of 1990s

George Fouras '90 MD, was elected vice-speaker for the California Medical Association House of Delegates. Fouras has worked with disadvantaged youth in different areas across the state, including Modesto and Kern Counties. He has been a member of the

California Medical Association since 1996 and has held many leadership positions during his 27 years.

Kirk Tamaddon '96 MD, was appointed area medical director and chief of staff of Kaiser Permanente Hospital in West Los Angeles. Formerly chief of Urology, Tamaddon was the pioneering founder and director of the Robotic Surgery Program for Kaiser Permanente in Southern California. In his new roles, Tamaddon will oversee 532 attending staff physicians and 1,900 employees caring for 243,000 patients in West Los Angeles.



Classes of 2000s

J. Nwando Olayiwola '01 MD, was appointed president of Advocate Health's National

Center for Health Equity. Olayiwola previously served as the inaugural chief health equity officer and senior vice president of Humana, Inc. At the Ohio State College of Medicine, she served as chair and professor for the Department of Family and Community Medicine. She has been instrumental in the development of health equity innovation hubs at various medical schools across the United States.

Molly Raske '01 MD, released a children's book, *A Magnificent Misunderstanding*. Raske is a clinical professor in Pediatric Imaging at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in the Department of Radiology. She previously worked as a pediatric radiologist in the Children's Minnesota health system's hospitals and clinics.

Todd Fehniger '00 PhD, '02 MD, was elected to the Lymphoma Research Foundation's (LRF) Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). Fehniger first

became interested in the role of immunotherapy to treat lymphoma as an oncology fellow under the direction of former LRF SAB member Nancy Bartlett, MD. His current research focuses on using antibodies to direct NK cells to attack lymphoma cells, with the hope that one day immunotherapy strategies can be used to help cure patients with lymphoma.



Ashley Fernandes '03 MD, PhD, was awarded a highly competitive grant from the Ohio Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and

Education Commission. Fernandes and fellow grant awardee Dara Albert, DO, MEd, will use the funding to expand their work related to medical ethics after the Holocaust. Fernandes is a clinical professor of Pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital and the associate director of the Center for Bioethics at the Ohio State College of Medicine.

Edward Auyang '04 MD, was promoted to professor of Surgery at the University of New Mexico and is also president of the New Mexico Chapter of the American College of Surgeons from 2024-2025. A minimally invasive surgeon, Auyang has been the chief of the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery since 2020 and vice chair of Education for the Department of Surgery since 2023. Previously, he was General Surgery residency director from 2015-2020.



Sara Damewood '07 MD, was named vice chair of Education for Emergency Medicine in the University of Wisconsin (UW)—Madison

BerbeeWalsh Department of

Emergency Medicine. A professor of emergency medicine, Damewood joined the department in 2012. A passionate educator, Damewood first distinguished herself at UW by creating a comprehensive point-of-care ultrasound curriculum and credentialing program for emergency medicine residents and faculty, respectively. In 2014, she established a clinical emergency ultrasound fellowship that quickly grew into a highly competitive and fully accredited training program.

Classes of 2010s

David Tillman '12 MD, is the new associate dean for Admissions at the University of Wisconsin (UW) School of Medicine and Public Health. Tillman was previously director of Medical Student Education and Education Fellowship director in the UW BerbeeWalsh Department of Emergency Medicine. He serves on the National Executive Committee of Clerkship Directors in Emergency Medicine and leads the Advising Students Committee in emergency medicine consult service.

Residents

Daniel Clinchot, MD, '92 Res, received the 2024 Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award. Clinchot is vice dean for Education, associate vice president for Health Sciences Education, chair of the Department of Biomedical Education and Anatomy, and professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He was just one of four people selected to receive the award.

Share Your Story

The Ohio State Medical Alumni Society wants to hear from you! Share your news, including wedding announcements — 80 words or less. Tag us on social media or email us at medalum@osumc.edu by April 4, for the Summer 2025 issue of *Ohio State Medicine Alumni* magazine.

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Alumni board announces new leaders



We are excited to announce **Eric Altneu '15 MD, '19 Res**, as president of The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Medical Alumni Society Board. Born and raised in northern New Jersey, Altneu attended Wesleyan University in Connecticut, where he received a BA in Biology. After college he completed a Masters in Science in Biology at New York University before attending the Ohio State College of Medicine. After graduating from Internal Medicine residency at Ohio State, Altneu completed a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Temple University in Philadelphia, where he is an assistant professor specializing in Transplant Infectious Diseases with research interests in LGBTQIA+ disparities in care and immunosuppressed hosts. He is also core faculty for both the Internal Medicine residency program and Infectious Diseases fellowship program. He is married to **Brookes Hammock ('06 BA, '10 JD, '19 MA)** and lives with his two children in the Philadelphia suburbs.



Originally from Upper Arlington, Ohio, new board member **Maeve Maher '16 MPH, '16 MD, '20 Res**, completed her residency training in Dermatology at

the Ohio State College of Medicine. She went on to Kansas City, Missouri, to do a Pediatric Dermatology fellowship. She has been practicing general dermatology in Lees Summit, Missouri, seeing adults and children for the last three years. She has extensive experience in skin cancer and excision. Maher has a 1-year-old son and two energetic dogs, which keep her busy when she's not working.

In Memoriam

2024

October

Ernest C. Hiestand '55 MD, Res
Frederick M. Kapetansky, MD, '61 Res
Ned A. Kuivinen '62 MD
Michael H. Bowman '72 PhD, '76 MD

September

William A. Allen '57 MD
Dean D. Ersig '63 MD
Eugene A. Woltering '75 MD, Res

August

Kathryn P. Clausen '66 MD, '68 MS, Res
Alan F. Weisenberg '73 MD

July

Raymond E. Fuller '54 MD, Res
E. Rolland Dickson '59 MD, Res
Peter K. Hacker '67 MD
Phyllis S. Stephenson Blackburn '64 MD
John A. Burkhart '66 MD
John D. Malone '78 MD
Deborah M. Meesig '81 MD, Res

Robert F. Chosy '59 MD
Donald Merz '66 MD

May

Gordon E. Hanusek '58 MD
Joseph F. Barker '61 MD
Gary V. Gieringer '61 MD, Res
Stephan M. Ticich '57 MD
John R. Burg '66 MD, Res
James M. Blackwood, MD, Res
Jerry M. Zober, MD, Res
John W. Heinz '81 PhD

April

Raymond E. Reinert '45 MD
Beryl M. Oser '73 MD, Res
John S. Venglarcik III '77 MD, Res
Michael R. Stock '82 MD
Peter Czerwinski '92 MD, '96 Res

Former Faculty

July

Bhuvaneshwari Ramaswamy, MD



To view obituaries in full, please visit go.osu.edu/notesandobits.



Zachary Smith '22 MD, '22 MBA ('27 Res) will serve as the resident representative to the Ohio State College of Medicine

Medical Alumni Society Board. A central Ohio native from Newark, Ohio, Smith became interested in hospital administration while

a medical student at Ohio State. He completed a 5-year dual MD/MBA program within the College of Medicine and the Fisher College of Business. He is now a third-year combined Internal Medicine and Emergency Medicine resident at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and plans to serve as both a hospitalist and emergency medicine physician upon graduation.



2024 Alumni Awards

IN SEPTEMBER 2024, we recognized six distinguished Ohio State University College of Medicine alumni for their excellence in teaching, service and the practice of medicine.

Alumni Achievement Award

M. Victoria Marx '81 MD, '86 Res
A leader in the fields of diagnostic and interventional radiology (IR) and IR residency training, Marx became the first IR fellow at Washington University in 1987, after completing medical school, a general surgery internship and a diagnostic radiology residency at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Two years later, she joined the Department

of Radiology at the University of Michigan, later becoming section head of Interventional Radiology and director of the IR fellowship program.

She went on to serve as the Diagnostic Radiology program director at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine and to lead in numerous roles at national medical organizations, including as president of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology.

As a longtime member and past president of the Society of Interventional Radiology Executive Council, Marx led efforts to

implement a new IR residency training module. And as a member of the the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Radiology Review Committee and a trustee of the American Board of Radiology, Marx received the prestigious 2022 Gold Medal from the Society of Interventional Radiology for her steadfast contributions.

Alumni Achievement Award

Manoj Sharma, MBBS, '97 PhD,
"I am honored and humbled to receive this award. I thank the Almighty for making me an instrument to deliver good to society through my education, teaching, research and service."

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“I want to thank Ohio State University for the education I received here. I came to medical school with two goals: to support myself and to be useful to society. Ohio State provided me with the means to achieve those goals.”

M. VICTORIA MARX '81 MD, '86 RES



M. Victoria Marx '81 MD, '86 Res



Peggy Williams '12 MD



Jack Kopechek '84 MD, '87 Res

In his 35-year career, Manoj Sharma, MBBS, PhD, MCHES[®] has trained and taught more than 6,000 health professionals, and designed and taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in health behavior, health education and health promotion.

A Master Certified Health Education Specialist, Sharma serves as a professor and chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Health and an adjunct professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. As a public health physician and educator with a medical degree from the University of Delhi and a doctorate in Preventive Medicine from The Ohio State University School of Public Health, Sharma has worked extensively with local, state and federal health agencies and departments, among other institutions, around issues of evidence-based behavior change.

He is recognized for his research related to obesity prevention, stress-coping, community-based participatory research and evaluation and integrative health interventions. He has won numerous awards and honors for this work, including several American Public Health Association awards. In particular, he received the



Manoj Sharma, MBBS, '97 PhD

J. Mayhew Derryberry Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to health education research theory.

Alumni Service Award

Jack Kopechek '84 MD, '87 Res

“It’s almost kind of strange getting an award for serving, because nobody can serve unless somebody’s serving around them.”

Jack Kopechek is a member of the Section of Primary Care Pediatrics at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and

a clinical professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He has proudly provided primary care for children and adolescents at Nationwide’s Linden Primary Care Center for more than 36 years.

Kopechek has had a distinguished career in Ohio State medical student education, beginning in 1992, when he started teaching third-year medical students in his clinic. His teaching has set an example for

“Ohio State is where I came to understand how effective health care relies on collaboration and on learning from each other. In my work, I lean on the principles that the Ohio State College of Medicine fosters.”

PEGGY WILLIAMS '12 MD

all who know and work with him. When the College of Medicine’s Lead.Serve.Inspire. curriculum was implemented in 2012, he was selected to develop the Personal and Professional Coaching Program, through which he recruits, trains and supports 100 faculty coaches who, in turn, provide ongoing coaching to approximately 800 medical students. He continues to improve and lead this program.

He has also served as chair of the college’s Executive Curriculum Committee from 2020–25, as director of Competency for Practice-based Learning and Improvement, and as a Longitudinal Group facilitator and Longitudinal Practice preceptor.

**Early Career Achievement Award
Peggy Williams '12 MD**

Peggy Williams is a clinical associate professor of Internal Medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and an internal medicine physician at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. After completing her residency at the University of Michigan in 2015, she went on to a Global Health Fellowship in Botswana and Boston through the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

In 2016, Williams joined the medical center’s Division of Hospital Medicine, where she was struck by the number of patients with acute illnesses related to substance use disorders. Soon after, Williams and a group of her colleagues

started a voluntary team of providers to treat hospitalized patients suffering from opioid use disorder. By 2019, this group became a formal consult team, and today includes social workers, advanced practice providers, peer recovery supporters and about 30 rotating hospitalists with additional addiction medicine training. The team also hosts trainees to gain experience in addiction medicine.

Since its start, the team has performed 5,500 inpatient consults at the main campus, and helps patients transition to outpatient care. For Williams, the reward for this hard work is meeting patients and collaborating with them, their families and the hospital staff.

**Community Practice Alumni Award
William N. Ginn '81 MD**

“To receive recognition like this from a place I hold so dear to me is extremely meaningful. The situation my family and I have forged did not only take a commitment on our part, but it also took a commitment from our community.”

William Ginn has practiced family medicine for more than 40 years in his hometown of West Milton, Ohio. After graduating from Butler University on a football scholarship, he attended

Nicholas E. Kman '04 MD, FACEP



William N. Ginn '81 MD



The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He went on to complete his residency at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton before joining the practice of Kenneth J. Faze '81 MD, in West Milton. Ginn has been the sole independent practicing family medicine physician in his town of 4,600 people for 25 years, and has mentored numerous medical students and physician extenders.

Ginn has also served as county coroner since 2015, and as medical director for the West Central Juvenile Detention Center in Troy for more than 20 years. Ginn has given so much to his community, including coaching volleyball at his alma mater, Milton-Union High School — and winning two league championships in the process! He is a member of Milton-Union's Athletic Hall of Fame as both an athlete and a physician, and he chaired a committee that resulted in the building of a new K-12 school facility. He has also served as a historian and statistician for Milton-Union sports since 1984.

Faculty Teaching Award
Nicholas E. Kman '04 MD, FACEP
 Nick Kman is a clinical professor of

“I’m lucky because I’ve had great mentorship, and I think you need great mentors to guide you into what you want to be. [My mentor] always told us to latch on to things that give you passion.”

NICHOLAS E. KMAN '04 MD, FACEP

Emergency Medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Board certified in emergency medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Kman completed his residency at Wake Forest University, where he served as chief resident.

Nationally recognized for his innovations in medical education, Kman was the Med 4 academic program director for fourth-year medical students at Ohio State from 2015 to 2024 and served as president of Clerkship Directors in Emergency Medicine. His clinical interest is in disaster response and emergency preparedness, which led him to create and now instruct an elective

course in disaster medicine for senior medical students. He is also a frequent instructor for the American College of Surgeons' Stop the Bleed program.

In addition, Kman serves as one of the medical managers for Ohio Task Force 1, Ohio's FEMA Urban Search and Rescue team, and has deployed to numerous emergencies, including hurricanes Harvey (2017), Dorian (2019), Laura (2020), Ida (2021), Ian (2022) and Helene (2024). Recently, Kman received a grant to teach mass casualty triage to first responders via virtual reality and is now working on a mass casualty triage project for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's In the Moment Program.



For **Daniel Clinchot, MD '92 Res**, who stands before one of the numerous artworks in Hamilton Hall, like these pieces by artist Klari Reis, excellence and transformation remains at the core of medical education.

Reflections on teaching, learning at the forefront

By **Daniel Clinchot, MD, '92 Res**

MUCH HAS CHANGED throughout my 35 years at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. I have led the implementation of an all-new MD curriculum as well as the transformation of our facilities in the new Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Center, and I continue to be excited as countless learners work their way to becoming our next generation of health care professionals.

But as I prepare to retire this winter and reflect on my career, among my

proudest accomplishments is creating the Department of Biomedical Education and Anatomy and seeing it play a pivotal role in supporting the College of Medicine as a top-tier educational institution.

The department houses our excellent Anatomy and Bioethics divisions and associated faculty, as well as our new Division of Learning Health System Science, which will focus on operational informatics. The department also houses our division

of Biomedical Education, which is home to an exceptional group of physicians whose primary role is teaching. They are committed to the design and delivery of innovative educational content for learners preparing to enter health care and related fields.

Historically, the college's basic science departments focused on research, and the clinical departments performed clinical work — both paramount in academic

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medicine. And while teaching was part of everyone's job, before 2016, there was no true home for those faculty who identified first and foremost as educators.

That's why this department is so unique and why its formation was so critical.

The core focus of the department is excellence in teaching; We don't do anything without applying the education lens. I am so pleased that our faculty have set a model for others in the college about how rewarding a career focused on teaching can be and the impact one can have on learners.

You won't have top-tier educational programs unless you have great teaching and learning environments. To have a department that focuses on that is essential for our college, and I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished.

Since 2016, we have grown from just a handful of faculty members to now more than 20 in the department, many of whom publish research on education-related topics and have received prestigious teaching awards. Our faculty teach in almost all the different clinical programs in the College of Medicine and in other colleges across Ohio State.

We quickly learned that we could create great educational programs in a department focused on excellent teaching. Our Anatomy PhD and master's programs are nationally recognized, our MA in Bioethics program has grown to be one of the finest in the country, and we are continuing to expand and form new programs.

The Department of Biomedical Education and Anatomy also houses the Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center, a comprehensive medical simulation facility providing a safe, controlled learning environment for students, residents and other trainees; the Anatomy division's body donation program, where anatomical donations are used for education, research and the advancement of medical science and



Clinchot's academic focus has long centered on curriculum development to better prepare the next generation of health care professionals.

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health initiatives; and the Center for Bioethics & Medical Humanities, a forum for collaborative research, education and clinical consultation.

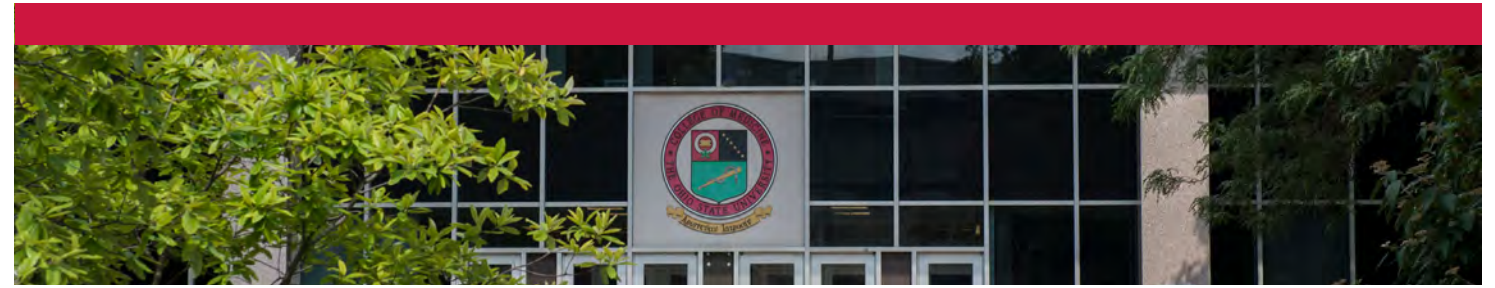
Together, we have cultivated a department that puts teaching and

learning at the forefront, and faculty and learners have benefitted greatly.

I remain grateful to former College of Medicine Dean E. Christopher Ellison MD, '83 Res, who understood and greenlit my vision for the department nearly a decade ago, and subsequent deans for their continued support of our mission.

It has been my true honor to serve as the chair of this department for eight years, and I can't wait to see its strong future unfold.

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