Dean Ready for Journey to ‘Eminence’

The people. The excellence. The tradition.

Those are some of the attractions that drew Charles J. Lockwood, MD, MHCM, to Ohio State.

A national leader in medical education, research and practice from the Yale University School of Medicine, Lockwood became dean of Ohio State’s College of Medicine and vice president for Health Sciences in September.

The opportunity to work with Ohio State leaders President E. Gordon Gee and Medical Center CEO Steven Gabbe piqued Lockwood’s interest. However, Lockwood says he soon found that excellence abounds at Ohio State: “Ohio State has a long track record of clinical excellence. We have a growing strength of research offerings, which include state-of-the-art basic research into RNA and transcriptional regulation, epigenetics and cell signaling; translational research in neuromuscular disease, drug discovery and cancer genetics; and clinical research in diverse areas including a truly cutting-edge neuromodulation program.”

Ohio State Completes Rare Transplant ‘Swaps’

During a two-day period in September, Ohio State surgeons performed a rare 12-patient, six-kidney transplant procedure that resulted in three women and three men receiving new organs. Each of the 12 surgeries lasted an average of two-to-three hours. This six-way, single-institution transplant is the first and largest to date in Ohio and one of only a handful that have taken place in the United States.

“This extraordinary effort by staff at our Medical Center demonstrates the power of the altruistic donor selflessness and the collective good of organ donation and transplantation,” states Robert Higgins, MD, director of Ohio State’s Comprehensive Transplant Center.

The transplants began with an altruistic donor offering to donate a kidney to a recipient who was a part of a chain of incompatible donor-recipient pairs. That recipient’s intend-
Many thanks to all who came back to campus for the 58th Annual Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend. It was a great weekend full of activity but, most importantly, many of you connected with classmates, reflected on your medical school days together and were pleased with the growth in and around our Medical Center.

Whether you made it to the reunion or not, in my conversations with alumni here in Columbus and in my travels across the country, many of you are asking for ways to reconnect with your medical school alma mater and Ohio State’s Medical Center. I am always happy to hear that question because there are so many opportunities for just that. If you’re coming to Columbus and would like a tour of the Medical Center, let us connect you with one of our medical student ambassadors. If you can’t get back to campus, we offer a HOST program where you can volunteer to meet with a Med 4 student traveling to your town for a residency interview. If you live in an area where there are a number of other Ohio State medical alumni nearby, we’re happy to coordinate a medical alumni reception or dinner with all of you.

Of course, there are also more than 800 future physicians training at Ohio State who need your financial support, so they can go into the medical field of their choice without the heavy burden of debt that is so prevalent today.

Please view our alumni website (http://medicine.osu.edu/alumni) to see all the opportunities for your re-engagement. If you would like to talk about something specific, feel free to call me at (614) 293-3753 or email me at martha.hicks@osumc.edu.

Thanks, and as always, GO BUCKS!

Ohio State Honored for Patient Care Quality

The U.S. News & World Report 2011 rankings of “America’s Best Hospitals” included 11 Ohio State University Medical Center services among the nation’s best. These are: Cancer; Cardiology/Heart Surgery; Diabetes/Endocrinology; Ear, Nose and Throat; Gynecology (Women’s Health); Nephrology; Neurology and Neurosurgery; Orthopaedics; Pulmonology; Rehabilitation; and Urology. Gastroenterology and Geriatrics were also recognized as high-performing specialty services. Seven Ohio State specialty services ranked in the Top 25 nationally.

In addition, Ohio State, which has been ranked among “America’s Best” for 19 consecutive years, was chosen by U.S. News as the top hospital in the central Ohio metro region.

Quality

Ohio State’s Medical Center also earned a spot among the Top 10 academic medical centers in the nation for delivering the highest quality of care. Ohio State was named a 2011 University Health System Consortium (UHC) Quality Leadership Award recipient. The honor is based on the results of UHC’s annual Quality & Accountability Study that is built upon the Institute of Medicine’s six domains of healthcare quality – timeliness, effectiveness, safety, equity, patient centeredness and efficiency. The UHC study evaluates structures and processes across a broad spectrum of patient care activity. More than 100 medical centers and their 250 affiliated hospitals were evaluated.

Best Place to Work

For the fifth consecutive year, Ohio State’s Medical Center has been named as a central Ohio “Best Place to Work” by Columbus Business First. This honor is a reflection of the Medical Center’s progress toward becoming a workplace of choice, as the award is based solely on a survey of staff.
Ohio State Advances Transplant Care

This has been an exciting and rewarding year for Ohio State’s Comprehensive Transplant Center, with a number of outstanding accomplishments, including our first islet cell transplant procedure and a synchronized series of six kidney transplants,” says Robert Higgins, MD, MSHA, director of Ohio State’s Comprehensive Transplant Center since 2010.

Higgins, a highly respected surgeon and former president of the United Network for Organ Sharing from 2008-2009, also serves as director of the Division of Cardiac Surgery and holds The John H. and Mildred C. Lumley Chair in Medicine. He previously served as chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Chicago’s Rush University Medical Center, where he led a successful transplant and mechanical assist device program for seven years. Higgins research and clinical interests include transplantation and mechanical circulatory support, minimally invasive cardiac surgery, and outcome assessment for heart failure and cardiac surgery patients.

Since joining the Ohio State faculty, Higgins says he has enjoyed working with increasing numbers of referring physicians and patients who travel to Columbus for organ transplantation.

“The success we and our patients enjoy is due to the contributions of so many people. Transplantation is a team sport, and we are so fortunate to have a great group of transplant professionals at Ohio State and the support of medical professionals throughout the region. Together, we look forward to reaching new heights in transplantation that will advance this medical field and benefit our patients,” Higgins says.

For more than four decades, Ohio State has been a regional leader in organ transplantation. Focusing on advances in patient care, transplant research and education, Ohio State’s Comprehensive Transplant Center has grown to a Top-20 ranking among transplant centers nationally. The Comprehensive Transplant Center provides heart, lung, liver, kidney, pancreas, and islet cell pancreas transplantation, and is home to an advanced cellular transplant research and treatment center as well. Performing more than 250 transplants per year, Ohio State’s program is the only adult solid organ transplant program in central Ohio and has achieved a record of outstanding outcomes.

Ohio State scientists are improving care through research on advanced cellular transplantation and treatment techniques. Additional research initiatives are concentrated in immunobiology, bioengineering, tissue engineering, experimental therapeutics, experimental histopathology and bioinformatics.

For more information about Ohio State’s Comprehensive Transplant Program, call (855) 750-7171 or visit http://medicalcenter.osu.edu/go/transplant.

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ed donor then provided a kidney to the recipient in the second pair and the “swaps” continued through to the sixth recipient who had been waiting for an available cadaveric kidney.

Transplant surgeon Ronald Pelletier, MD (res. ’99), who led the series of transplants, says Ohio State and other transplant centers nationwide continually look for ways to maximize the limited pool of donors.

Of this transplant series, which was months in the planning, Pelletier says: “We’ve performed smaller ‘swaps’ in the past, but there is real satisfaction in pulling together six transplants that initially seemed like they would never occur.”

Surgeons assisting Pelletier included Ginny Bumgardner, MD, PhD (res. ’99); Elmahdi Elkhammas, MD (res. ’01); Amer Rajab, MD, PhD (res. ’02); and Mitchell Henry, MD (res. ’89), chief of the Division of Transplantation.

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The College’s forward-focused educational programs were another selling point. “There’s a commitment to educational innovation manifest in Ohio State’s Lead, Serve, Inspire curriculum. It takes a page from the lean-manufacturing theories to reduce non-value added elements. This curriculum then blends together basic science and clinical portions of medical education. We also have one of the largest, most comprehensive and sophisticated educational-simulation programs in the world,” Lockwood adds.

How will Lockwood impact Ohio State research, education and patient care? “My job is to help raise the performance bar, help set goals and help measure the progress. Success will require the ongoing commitment and dedication of our faculty, staff and alumni,” he explains.

Through a series of policy changes and new initiatives, Lockwood plans to advance on President Gee’s vision of moving from “Excellence to Eminence.” These moves, he explains, will require “careful study, consensus building, bold goals and great energy.”

Learn more about Dean Lockwood’s leadership vision at medicine.osu.edu/alumni/.
Importance of Family, Education Fuel Scholarship Creation

With their busy lives that center on medicine and four active, athletic teens, it’s a wonder Bill and Trish Gianakopoulos can find the time or the money to think of others.

However, Patricia (Trish) Connor, MD ’87, and William (Bill) Gianakopoulos, MD, Urology residency ’92, say it’s exactly that – their love of medicine and family – that caused them to establish The Gianakopoulos Family Fund in Medicine. The fund will create a need-based scholarship for an Ohio State medical student interested in primary care medicine.

“Bill gets the credit. He’s been the driving force behind this,” Trish says, quite generously and sincerely. “I believe he feels very fortunate for the good life he enjoys.” Bill traces that “good life” back to medicine and family. His father James Gianakopoulos, MD, a Springfield, Ohio, family physician, sparked Bill’s interest in medicine and instilled in him the values of education and helping others.

Bill, who earned his MD degree at Wright State University, finished his Ohio State residency training in Urology in 1992. Bill’s brother, George, earned undergraduate and medical degrees at Ohio State and then completed residency training in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, also at Ohio State.

“The education and training we received at Ohio State was excellent. We were well prepared for the medical world,” says Trish, who has practiced Pediatrics in the Columbus area for more than 20 years.

She recalled that when she earned her Ohio State MD degree medical school costs and the debt she accrued through loans seemed “more manageable.”

In a very practical sense Bill and Trish created this scholarship fund to help a deserving student meet the rising cost of medical education. They also hope that fund will help others reflect on the lessons that can be learned from James Gianakopoulos, MD, about the importance of medicine, family, education and helping others.

Managing Medical School Finances

More than nine of 10 Ohio State medical students received some type of financial aid during the last academic year. Despite Ohio State’s commitment to students’ financial support, the average medical school debt (based on medical school loans only) of recent graduates exceeded $152,000.

Samuel Matheny, director of Student Financial Services in Ohio State’s College of Medicine, offers these summary highlights of the financial aid provided to our medical students in 2010-11:

- 95.75% received some form of financial aid (scholarship and/or loan)
- $38,146,112 of financial aid (scholarships and loans) was provided
- Average medical school debt (medical school loans only) of recent graduates was $152,028
- 31.5% of students who took out loans, took more than $200,000
- 58.94% of students received an institutional (college, university or endowed) scholarship
- $8,255 average institutional scholarship value

Matheny explains why scholarship support is so important: “Recently, the federal government eliminated federal subsidized loans for medical students. These loans were important to students because no interest accrued while the student was in medical school. With the elimination of these loans, interest rates on federal loans at 6.8% and higher, and many students unable to make substantial payments on their loans during residency, future doctors are confronted with the hidden expense of many years of accrued interest that usually is capitalized onto the original loan balance. As a result, I am finding my conversations with those students going into lower-paying specialties are getting a great deal more difficult.”

To learn more . . .

about how you can support our medical students, please visit www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni and click on the “Giving Opportunities” link. Or, contact Sue Frost, assistant vice president for Health Sciences, at 293-6815 or sue.frost@osumc.edu, or Julie Conry, director of Development, at (614) 366-0229 or julie.conry@osumc.edu.
From the Alumni Society President

As physicians, we often talk about our professional well-being. We try to exercise, eat a balanced diet and cherish our relationships with family and friends. We know that the relationship-centered care we practice depends upon our own well-being and that, as the old saying goes, we can’t expect our patients to feel any better than we do. But the idea of professional well-being takes on new meaning when you find yourself teaching medical students and residents because, all of a sudden, you are the role model.

College of Medicine faculty and staff take the well-being of its medical students very seriously. From the introduction to professional well-being during orientation to the very active Wellness Committee started by Eileen Mehl and Patti Fertel of the Student Affairs Team, the faculty and staff are committed to promoting student well-being. We all know that the compassionate physician is the physician who understands that at the core of compassion is relationship-centered care and that relationship-centered care can only evolve fully if the physician is healthy in mind, body and spirit.

With our innovative curriculum, we seek to provide the best education in the science and the art of medicine. But we also know that we will fail our students if we fail to provide them with the tools for their own well-being, the building blocks for forming trusting relationships with patients and the realization that their own well-being is essential to the well-being of their patients.

From the donning of the white coat to the hooding ceremony, we have the chance to help our students discover their talent for both the science and the art of medicine. We also have a chance to help them know the importance of their own personal and professional growth and well-being. Please contact you Medical Alumni Society to learn more about how you can support medical education at Ohio State.

Linda Stone, MD ‘79
Medical Alumni Society President

Merit Scholarship Recipient Feels ‘Blessed’

Devin Prior, the recipient of the 2011 Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholarship, happily marks her entrance into Ohio State’s College of Medicine with the acceptance of the White Coat. “I am so honored by the scholarship,” states Prior, who says her love of Ohio State and medicine is part nature and part nurture. Her father, Thomas Prior, PhD, has been a faculty member of the Ohio State’s Pathology Department for more than two decades.

“I think going into my father’s lab and the hospital as a child and talking about genetics and biology with him was what first sparked my interest in science and medicine. Though, it was when I received excellent medical care from the Ohio State University Medical Center that I realized the incredible impact of positive patient care and I was inspired to study medicine,” she adds.

As a college student, Prior volunteered at Ohio State’s Medical Center and conducted research on the use of MRI in studying neurological disease under the mentorship of Petra Schmalbrock, PhD, Radiology.

“I feel truly blessed to be able to study medicine here and I hope I can contribute back to this wonderful institution,” says Prior.

This year’s scholarship award was $15,900, which is about half of the cost of the first year in medical school. Alumni and friends interested in making a contribution online to this merit-based scholarship can visit www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni and click on the “Giving Opportunities” link.

Thank You, Alumni!!

Many of you are approached via mail and/or student telephone callers asking for your support of the College of Medicine Annual Fund and Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholarship. Despite a difficult economy, our medical alumni are generously supporting the efforts of the Alumni Affairs Office through funding alumni/student outreach as well as student scholarships.

Donors to the Medicine Annual Fund average about 9 percent of our total alumni population of more than 13,000 OSU-trained physicians. Please visit www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni and click on the “Giving Opportunities” link.

For a listing of donors to the FY11 College of Medicine Annual Fund, please go to the Medical Alumni Society web page at http://medicine.osu.edu/alumni/giving/pages/thankyou2011.aspx

Questions? Comments? E-mail us at medalum@osumc.edu
Reunion Recap

Memories were as abundant as scarlet and gray apparel when College of Medicine alumni returned to campus Sept. 9-11 to celebrate the 58th Annual Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend.

More than 300 alumni and guests enjoyed Friday evening’s All-Class Dinner at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capitol Square, where they were joined by Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee. A dozen milestone-year classes gathered – from the Class of 1946 celebrating its 65-year reunion to the Class of 2006, just five years post-graduation. The Class of 1961 celebrated 50 years with lunch and recognition of alumni's half-century of professional accomplishments.

Ohio State’s physician training program is noted for its comprehensive and sophisticated educational-simulation, and several alumni showed their interest in this part of our curriculum by touring the expanded Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center. The Medical Center expansion project, which will be the new home of our cancer and critical care programs, was also a popular tour destination.

Alumni and guests also took part in our second annual Underrepresented Minority Forum. Robert Higgins, MD, director of Ohio State’s Comprehensive Transplant Center, gave the keynote presentation: “Tips on How to Survive, Thrive and Lead.” Minority alumni interested in future programming with students should contact the Medical Center Alumni Affairs staff at (614) 366-1642.

At the annual Medical Alumni Society meeting, students shared project updates about PODEMOS (an internationally acclaimed health initiative), Buckeye Blanket Bash, International Health Relief Initiative and the Anatomy Memorial Service – all projects that are truly making an impact in the local and global community while providing valuable learning experiences for our future physicians.

Alumni celebrated Buckeye spirit with Archie Griffin at the tailgate brunch outside of Meiling Hall and then enjoyed an Ohio State victory over the Toledo Rockets.

The weekend came to an end Sunday when the Class of 1961 joined President Gee, Medical Center CEO Steven Gabbe and Dean Charles Lockwood at the all-University 50th-anniversary brunch at the Ohio Union.

Plan to attend the College of Medicine’s 59th Reunion Weekend on Oct. 5-7, 2012. Enjoy reacquainting with classmates, learning more about our Medical Center and supporting the Buckeye football team in a rematch with the Nebraska Cornhuskers.
Alumni, Faculty Honored

Among the activities highlighting Reunion Weekend was the recognition of alumni and faculty for their outstanding contributions to medicine.

**Alumni Achievement Awards** were presented to:

**James Falko, MD ’71**, professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at the University of Colorado in Denver. In addition to his leadership in regional and national academic societies, Falko has written more than 100 scientific articles on lipid disorders, diabetes and related disorders for peer-reviewed journals.

**Linda Stone, MD ’79**, who serves as special assistant to the dean for Humanism and Professionalism at Ohio State’s College of Medicine. A family physician for 25 years, Stone is president of the Ohio State Medical Alumni Society, past president of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians and past chair of the OAFP Foundation. She was a founder of the Elizabeth Blackwell Center for Women’s Health at Riverside Methodist Hospital and has served as a vice president of Ohio Health.

**The Early Career Achievement Award** was presented to: **Craig Hofmeister, MD ’99**, an assistant professor of Internal Medicine in Division of Hematology at Ohio State. He is co-director of Ohio State’s multiple myeloma clinical program, serves on the scientific advisory board of Multiple Myeloma Opportunities for Research & Education and is a member on the project review committee of the Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium. Within three years of joining the faculty, he has helped build a clinical and translational research program that focuses on treatments, on improving quality of life and ultimately on curing patients with multiple myeloma.

**The Alumni Service Award** was presented to: **Susan Hubbell, MD ’76**, a practicing physiatrist in Lima, Ohio, and a clinical assistant professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Ohio State. During her 20 years of service to the Medical Alumni Society, Hubbell served as president from 2004-06 and helped institute a grant program to support student educational opportunities outside of the classroom. She also served on the board of trustees at Ohio State’s Lima campus. In 2009, she received the Ralph Davenport Mershon Award from the OSU Alumni Association for her service to Ohio State.

**Faculty Teaching Awards** were presented in June to: **Holly Cronau, MD ’85**, associate professor of Clinical Family Medicine at Ohio State, who was recognized for her commitment to education, innovative teaching methods and educational leadership and administration. Cronau leads 25 funded projects and has more than a dozen publications to her credit.

**Mary Beth Fontana, MD ’66**, faculty emeritus of Cardiovascular Medicine at Ohio State, who has received more than 20 Outstanding Teaching Awards. She has written more than 30 scientific publications and is currently the Harry C. and Mary Elizabeth Powelson Professor of Medicine, a position devoted to medical student tutoring and mentoring.

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**Student Ambassadors Welcome Alumni and Guests**

The Alumni Office and Medical Student Alumni Council have joined forces to recruit medical students who are interested in serving as ambassadors for alumni and donors at functions throughout the year. Volunteer medical students serve as tour guides for alumni and guests visiting campus, attend alumni functions with the dean and other medical school leadership, and call on alumni to invite them back to campus for various functions.

“The Ambassadors Program is an exciting new opportunity for students to connect and bond with our alumni. Students love hearing stories and advice from our alumni, as well as sharing with them the innovations that shape our lives as current OSUCOM students,” says Barbie Reichert, Med 2 student and president of the Medical Student Alumni Council. “Alumni and students will both enjoy these visits and find them to be an enriching part of a lifelong experience with the College of Medicine.”

**HOSTs Welcome Students**

Alumni are invited to HOST our Med 4 students as they travel across the country for residency interviews. More than 60 alumni have signed up to participate in the HOST (Helping our Students Travel) program, which is now in its third year. HOSTs typically meet with visiting medical students, treat them to a meal, acquaint them with the city and interviewing medical facility, and sometimes provide overnight accommodations for the student at their home. Last year, 21 HOST-student matches were made and the program anticipates additional requests this year.
Alumni Notes

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Alumni Letters from Iraq

Colonel Edward P. Horvath, MD ’71, wrote this summer to explain why he would miss the September Reunion Weekend:

I genuinely regret being unable to attend this reunion. It would have been fun to share memories and learn what everyone’s been doing. Please extend my kind regards to our classmates. I’ve been in Iraq since last December. This is my third deployment to a war zone, and it will be my last – I’m getting too old for this. As the chief physician for a combat support hospital (think MASH), I’m responsible for most of the medical care in the northern half of Iraq.

The war here continues, as does the suffering and death. Thus far in 2011, over 50 U.S. soldiers and hundreds of innocent Iraqis have lost their lives to mindless violence. I don’t know what will happen when we leave. My war, though, will end in late October (2011). It will be good to finally return to the United States and to my wife, Joy, of 36 years.

Matthew Rensberry, MD ’07, shared observations about arriving in Iraq:

Things are going well here in Iraq. I arrived safe and sound, and though I have been told many times that they always fly docs around, I got to ride in a tactical combat convoy! No worries, nothing happened, though we did break down for a little bit. I was more worried than just about everyone else :) This place is just as hot as Kuwait!!! Today was 126F, and it will get hotter. On the “unique” ride to this place, I saw cattle, corn fields, nice homes, palm trees, etc. The whole country reminds me a lot of Nicaragua ... but a bit more dangerous - to me. There seem to be poor and rich, A LOT of dust; it is HOT; weapons all over the place; and sadly, almost every family has had people lost in the many years of war here. Weapons are everywhere ... The best is that once I left Kuwait - they gave me ammo!! Now, I get to eat carrying around my weapons (required to enter the cafeteria) and even go to church with them. Nothing like worship while placing your rifle on the ground in front of you and with a handgun in a holster.

Col. Edward Horvath, MD ’71, is pictured at a helicopter landing zone near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, site of the ancient city of Nineveh. “It was an unusually beautiful and peaceful day. One could even forget there was a war going on nearby,” writes Horvath.

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‘89 Leon McDougle, MD, MPH ’01, was promoted to associate dean for Diversity and Inclusion at Ohio State’s College of Medicine in July. In October, he was promoted to associate professor of Family Medicine.

‘97 Sean Hussey, MD, was named the staff pathologist, director of clinical support services and medical director of the laboratory and blood bank at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam.

Honored for Lifelong Service
Nationwide Children’s Hospital presented its 2011 Career Contribution Awards in September to John Davis, MD ’67, FACS; William Long, MD (res. ’92), FAAP; Richard McClead, MD ’74, MHA; and Olivia Thomas, MD (res. ’89). Davis is a cardiothoracic surgeon at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and a professor of Clinical Surgery at Ohio State. Long is a pediatrician at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and an assistant professor of Pediatrics at Ohio State. McClead is a neonatologist at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and a professor and vice chairman for Quality in the Department of Pediatrics at Ohio State. Thomas is the chief of Ambulatory Pediatrics at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and a clinical professor of Pediatrics and chief of the Division of Ambulatory Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at Ohio State.

OSUAA Honors Maves, Project HOPE Executive VP
In October, Ohio State’s Alumni Association (OSUAA) presented Michael Maves, MD ’73, with a Professional Achievement Award that recognizes his contributions to advancing health care. Maves joined Project HOPE in September as executive vice president. Project HOPE, founded in 1958, is dedicated to providing lasting solutions to health problems by helping people help themselves. It now provides medical training and health education and conducts humanitarian assistance programs in more than 35 countries. Maves will lead HOPE’s multiple teams in program management, marketing and business development, and building a relationship with key stakeholders. The former executive vice president and CEO of the American Medical Association, Maves has also served as chair of Otolaryngology at Saint Louis University College of Medicine.

Caring for Olympic Athletes
Cindy Chang, MD ‘89, will serve as chief medical officer for the 2012 United States Olympic team competing in London. She will collaborate with trainers, chiropractors and physical therapists to provide medical assistance for all U.S. athletes. Chang, who holds both undergraduate and medical degrees from Ohio State, completed a Family Practice residency at the University of California Los Angeles before returning to Ohio State for a fellowship in Sports Medicine. She also served as an Ohio State assistant team physician and a faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine. Chang, who first volunteered with the U.S. Olympic Committee in 1996, is currently a University of California Berkeley sports medicine physician. She is also president of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine.

Ahoy, Alumni!
You are invited to come aboard for the fifth annual Buckeye Cruise for Cancer benefiting the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research at Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. The four-night cruise on Royal Caribbean’s Jewel of the Seas will set sail out of Tampa, FL, with stops at Key West and Nassau, Bahamas, from Feb. 23-27, 2012. Learn more at http://www.buckeyecruise.com/.

A Decade of Outstanding Alumni Programming
Our Medical Alumni Society was recognized this autumn for the 10th consecutive year as an Outstanding Alumni Society by the OSU Alumni Association (www.ohio-statealumni.org). The award recognizes societies that engage new alumni, offer new and ongoing programs, reach out to students and provide student scholarships. Many thanks to our MD and resident alumni and to our students for support of our medical alumni society initiatives.

To read the quarterly update from OSU Alumni Association President Archie Griffin, visit www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni/archie-msg.
Among the many partnership opportunities for Ohio State and the Veterans Administration (VA), medical education tops the list, says Edward Bope, MD ’76.

Bope believes that partnering with Ohio State’s College of Medicine creates multiple benefits for all. It helps improve care for veterans while presenting a unique learning environment and instilling in young physicians and healthcare practitioners the desire to serve those who have served our nation.

“Veterans are very deserving and worthy of expert medical care, and it’s been demonstrated that where medical education and training are involved, the level of patient care is better,” explains Bope, who is Chief of Primary Care at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center, an outpatient facility located on Columbus’ East Side.

“Nationally, the Veterans Administration has been very involved in medical education for decades,” adds Bope. Locally, as medicine has moved to more outpatient-based practice in recent years, educational opportunities at Columbus’ ambulatory VA center have grown.

Columbus’ VA Ambulatory Care Center offers education and training opportunities for more than 180 trainees annually. Ohio State-affiliated residency training programs exist for Ophthalmology, Family Medicine, Dermatology, Physical Medicine, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Dentistry and Optometry. In addition, there are active training programs related to psychology, social work, nursing, physician assistants, pharmacy, dietetics, optometry and dental as well as medical student programs.

VA facilities are a valuable learning site offering a broad perspective on our nation’s health, because veterans represent a cross-section of all Americans. However, veterans tend to present with more chronic illnesses. For example, while hypertension is present in slightly more than one-fifth of the general population, it affects about three-fifths of all veterans.

Medical education and serving others have long been Bope’s passion. “I tend to be a mission-driven person,” explains Bope, who serves as the volunteer medical director of central Ohio’s Physician’s Free Clinic and has also participated in international mission trips. He formerly led residency education at Columbus’ Riverside Methodist Hospital and was president of the American Board of Family Medicine and the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors. He is a member and past chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee. Bope was chosen in 2001 as the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Exemplary Teacher of the Year, and in 2002 he was selected as the first AAFP Residency Director of the Year.

RESIDENCY notes

Donald Bryan, MD, an Ob/Gyn resident from 1970-74, has been elected chair of District 5 of Canada of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). He has also been reappointed to ACOG’s Government Relations Committee. Bryan is president and medical director of Maternohio Clinical Associated. He is past president of Kingsdale Gynecologic Associates, where he practices Gynecology. Bryan is also attending staff at Ohio State and Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Peter Y. Chen, MD, FACR, who completed a radiation oncology residency at Ohio State, was recently inducted as a fellow in the American College of Radiology. Chen is a staff radiation oncologist and medical director of the Gamma Knife Center at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI, and a clinical professor at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

Susan Koletar, MD, who completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Ohio State, has been named director of the Division of Infectious Diseases. An internationally respected expert in HIV, Koletar has served in leadership roles on the National Institutes of Health-sponsored AIDS Clinical Trials Group and serves as the principal investigator at Ohio State’s AIDS Clinical Trial Unit.

Sheri Rolf, MD, was selected to play clarinet in the World Civic Orchestra. She performed at Alice Tully Hall in New York City on Sep. 25, 2011. Rolf completed her residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Ohio State’s Medical Center in 1986.
Obituaries

'51 Daniel Graham Tanner, MD, passed away May 18. A native of Columbus, Tanner attended Ohio State after serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After earning his medical degree, he joined the Toledo Clinic, where he practiced Gastroenterology for 33 years. Tanner also served as president of the Toledo Clinic, chief of staff at Flower Hospital and was a member of the board of directors at both locations.

'55 James Baker, MD, died April 4, at the age of 89. Baker was a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and a graduate of the Ohio Northern University School of Pharmacy before entering Ohio State’s College of Medicine at age 28. Baker took an internship at St. Rita’s Hospital in Lima, where he would later start his own practice, working with eight of his colleagues he had met at Ohio State. He was the team physician for Shawnee Schools for 45 years while also practicing at St. Rita’s, Allen Correctional Institute and in other medical capacities.

'56 Nicholas Csonka Jr., MD, passed away May 27 at the age of 80. After completing his undergraduate degree at Columbia University and receiving his Ohio State medical degree, Csonka completed an internship at Philadelphia General Hospital and served in Germany as a United States Army captain. He then moved to Bay City, MI, where he worked for 31 years as an anesthesiologist before retiring in 1992. Csonka was a fellow of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and a diplomate of the American Board of Anesthesiology.

'84 Susan Montauk, MD, passed away at the age of 61. A professor in the University of Cincinnati’s Department of Family and Community Medicine, Montauk focused her career on working with those who have little access to health care. In the early ‘90s, Montauk was one of the first physicians working with AIDS patients. In addition, she was instrumental in developing healthcare initiatives in impoverished communities. Montauk continued her work with the homeless and less privileged for two years after her cancer diagnosis in the fall of 2007.

FACULTY

Bernadine Healy, MD, former dean of Ohio State’s College of Medicine and one of the nation’s leading health advocates and commentators, died Aug. 6 from complications of cancer. During her tenure at Ohio State (1995-1999), Healy championed the creation of the first and only combined College of Medicine and Public Health in Ohio, and one of only a few in the United States. She went on to lead the American Red Cross from 1999 to 2001.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER ENDS DEC. 31, 2011

The Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Charitable Rollover ends on Dec. 31, 2011. This unique federal provision allows anyone age 70.5 or older to make an outright gift directly from an IRA to a qualified charity like The Ohio State University Foundation for the benefit of the College of Medicine of up to $100,000 without paying income tax on the distribution.

Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions about this program:

If I make a gift from my traditional IRA, am I required to take a minimum required distribution (MRD)?
Yes, but you can use your donation to meet all or part of this requirement.

Do I get a federal income tax deduction?
No, but you are not required to pay federal income tax on the withdrawal either. (Note: State laws may vary. The withdrawal is not income in Ohio, but may be in other states. Consult with your tax adviser.)

Do gifts from other retirement accounts qualify?
Gifts from retirement accounts other than IRAs – such as 401(k), 403(b) and SEP accounts – are not eligible to make direct transfers. However, donors may be able to make qualified, tax-free transfers to their IRA, and then make the IRA charitable rollover gift. Consult with your tax adviser.

How do I make my gift to the College of Medicine this way?
Contact your retirement plan trustee as soon as possible before the Dec. 31, 2011 deadline to initiate the transfer. Instruct your trustee to make the distribution payable to The Ohio State University Foundation. The trustee should also indicate the distribution is for the benefit of the College of Medicine with your name included in the check memo. The check or distribution proceeds should not be payable to you.

Learn more about this giving option by contacting Mary Ann Iveson, associate senior director of Development, at iveson.2@osu.edu or by phone at (614) 688-5683 or 1-800-327-7907.
“But for Ohio State…”

But for Ohio State...
“We never would have met,” said Richard and Elizabeth Rupert, who both earned their medical degrees in 1961. As they celebrated their 50-year reunion with College of Medicine colleagues and friends, they expressed their gratitude for the quality education and medical training they received at Ohio State and also for the positive effect Ohio State has had on their professional and personal lives.

But for Ohio State...
“I never would have become the president of the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo,” Richard said. And, Elizabeth echoed, “I never would have had a tremendous career as a pediatrician, both taking care of patients and as an academic physician.”

Share your story about how Ohio State has influenced your life at www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni.

Upcoming EVENTS:

Dec. 6 – Maurice “Mo” Mullet Student-Alumni Forum
Jan. 13 – Tailgate and Ice Hockey (vs. Michigan) at Schottenstein Center
Feb. 23-27 – Buckeye Cruise for Cancer to Key West, FL, and Nassau, Bahamas
March 16 – Match Day
March 23-24 – Nite Out Variety Show
April TBA – Women in White Coats
April 28 – Spring Alumni Board of Governors meeting
June 7 – College of Medicine Convocation Day

Class of 2015 Enters

Of the 264 students beginning their medical studies at Ohio State in August, 144 are men and 120 are women, and 37 are from groups underrepresented in medicine. The class GPA is 3.64 on a 4.0 scale with a 33Q MCAT composite. Degree representation is as follows: BA 65; BS 178; MS 17; MPH 2; MBA 1; MHS 3; and JD 2. The most-represented undergraduate institutions are Ohio State (62 students); University of California-Los Angeles (14); Duke University and University of Michigan (12 each); and Case Western Reserve University, University of Notre Dame and Washington University (8 each). Students range in age from 18 to 43.