Centennial Year is Celebrated!

The Ohio State University College of Medicine marks its 100th anniversary this year — a century of pushing scientific boundaries, building future leaders and changing the face of medicine. It’s a tradition of excellence borne of our leaders, who have guided us through both challenging and triumphant times, making Ohio State one of the greatest academic medical centers in the country.

The Summer of Opportunity

The summer between Med 1 and Med 2 is a window of opportunity to find alternative ways to develop a young medical career. This summer, I found a great opportunity at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

I was honored to work with Sergio Bergese, MD, and Fedias Christofi, PhD, in the Department of Anesthesiology. I performed translational research, participated in multiple research studies and worked on developing publications. I was also able to explore my interests in anesthesia and orthopedics.

In the first few weeks, I experienced a wide variety of activities such as processing blood, reviewing research publications, helping to manage airways in the OR and learning peripheral nerve block techniques. I even witnessed my first live birth.

This summer was my most immersive medical experience to date and it provided more opportunities than I could have imagined. I’m now excited about my Med 2 year as I’ve started my GI/Renal block rotation and have the USMLE Step 1 ahead of me in the spring!
From the Alumni Society President

Dear Alumni,

As I sit at my desk and prepare for the completion of my 2nd term as president of the Medical Alumni Society, I cannot help but reflect on the past eight years as a board member and what a pleasure it has been representing some 14,000 alumni members.

I have had the opportunity to work with tremendous alumni and development staff and a board of dedicated volunteer alumni who have spent countless hours of their time promoting College of Medicine, its mission, its students, staff and faculty.

We have witnessed a $1 billion expansion of OSU Wexner Medical Center. The new Lead, Serve, Inspire curriculum, started in 2012, put the College of Medicine at the forefront of medical education in the country. Pelotonia, which began six years ago, has raised over $70 million for cancer research. With the help of many of you, we have increased giving to the College of Medicine Annual Fund to $1.23 million and the Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholarship to $476,178. Both of these funds support student scholarships.

The alumni board had many accomplishments in the past two years. We have awarded almost $60,000 in funding to more than 100 medical students to support research, medical missions, community outreach and presentations at national conferences. Board members have been involved in outreach programs, such as Women in White Coats, admitted student alumni receptions, Medicine in the Arts, and Dean’s Dinners. We have developed an online toolkit of information to help our alumni throughout the world promote the College of Medicine and support alumni philanthropy to support students.

It has been a great opportunity and I thank you for the experience. However, I am only one and you are many. Your input, support and experience are needed. So throw your hat in the ring in whatever way you can. Call the Alumni Affairs Office at 614-366-1642 and let them know how you can help.

Don’t forget this is a year of celebration – the College of Medicine’s 100th birthday! We have a big party planned this fall. Sign up for the Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend and help us blow out the candles.

Sincerely,

Michael Leadbetter, MD ’73

Dean Speak

Edmund Funai, MD, who is serving as interim dean for the College of Medicine, brings his experience as a researcher, a clinician and a teacher.

As the chief operating officer of OSU Wexner Medical Center, Dr. Funai’s proudest achievement at Ohio State has been his work as one of the architects of “Create the Future Now.” This initiative aims to reshape thinking across the OSU Wexner Medical Center and to prepare for the challenges of healthcare reform over the next 10 years. Dr. Funai says he is looking forward to the fall semester because he enjoys interacting with students. “It is energizing being around them,” he says, “Their experience here at Ohio State will be forever etched in their memories.”
Medical School Memories

Medical alumni were asked to share some of their favorite College of Medicine memories in celebration of the College’s centennial. Here is what they had to say:

Donald Wenner, MD ‘44
I am 93 years old and a graduate of the September 1944 class. I was a freshman when Pearl Harbor occurred and World War II started. We male medical students were initially given draft deferments and later inducted into the Army as privates first class in the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP); a few were inducted into the Navy. The Army ASTP medical students lined up in front of Hamilton Hall every weekday before class for roll call. This was the extent of our military duties, except on Saturday mornings when Sgt. Ben McCurdy got to give us close order drill for a couple of hours. We had no summer vacation and finished medical school in three calendar years.

Jim Goetz, MD ‘69
My first rotation as a junior medical student was surgery, and I scrubbed in with Robert Zollinger, MD, who was renowned for his temper in the OR. At the end of a successful surgery, he asked for a piece of tape. I had already taken my gloves off and absentmindedly reached for the tape on a sterile tray. Although Dr. Zollinger didn’t see me, the charge nurse did and exclaimed, “You touched a sterile tray!” Dr. Zollinger immediately looked up and shouted, “Get out of here!” Thus, I became a casualty of his OR – one of many – but I never touched a sterile tray with an ungloved hand during the rest of medical school, nor to this day.

Lindsey Konor, MD (RES)
I remember the first time I heard someone say “Dr. Konor” as a resident and thought, “Who is that?!?”

A. Williard Emch, MD ‘63
I recall having one of the neurosurgeons telling us to relax and enjoy the moment as we were about to graduate – that made us feel good. I also enjoyed coming back and visiting Dr. Zollinger for a few minutes – that was always rewarding. I’m very thankful for the medical education I received at OSU.

Meet the New 2014 Medical Student and Residents

The summer/fall is a time to welcome new students, residents, and fellows to the College of Medicine and OSU Wexner Medical Center. 192 new students received white coats on August 4. Women represent 51% of the class, men 49% and 19% of the class are under-represented minorities. The average GPA is 3.7 and the average MCAT 34. Eighty-seven colleges/universities are represented in the class and over 75 different majors.

The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office was also busy this summer sending off 257 resident/fellow graduates and welcoming a new group of 265 trainees. Internal Medicine welcomed the largest incoming resident class with 31, while the smallest programs were Dermatology and Vascular Surgery with 2 each.

We welcome all new students, residents, and fellows to the Buckeye Family!

Admissions Workshops Offered to Family Members of Alumni and Faculty

According to Quinn Capers, IV, MD ‘91, Associate Dean of Admissions and Associate Professor of Medicine (Cardiology), a special benefit is available for alumni. The Medicine Admissions office will sponsor regular workshops on medical school admissions specifically for the children of alumni of the College, as well as physician employees of OSU Wexner Medical Center and Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

These sessions will include mock interviews, and advice on how to write an effective personal statement and how to put together a competitive application. For more information about these sessions, call 614-292-4636. These workshops replace any formal or informal “legacy” program at the College of Medicine.

“We enthusiastically welcome applications from your children and look forward to evaluating their candidacy based on a review of their experiences, attributes and academic metrics, according to the tenets of the AAMC-espoused ‘holistic review’ policy,” notes Dr. Capers.
College of Medicine News

The Dr. Ernest W. Johnson Chair in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is Established

On May 14, 2014, a well-respected physician, researcher and humanitarian, Ernest W. “Ernie” Johnson, MD, was honored for the establishment of a Chair in his name. Dr. Ernest W. Johnson Chair in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation will:

- Fund a top position in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Be an invaluable resource for the department in recruiting and retaining world-class clinical investigators
- Be an invaluable resource in attracting high quality residents to the program.

Professor Emeritus in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at OSU Wexner Medical Center, Dr. Johnson spent more than 50 years of his career at Ohio State and is best known for his relentless pursuits to make life better for those with disabilities. He has been instrumental in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation, has forever changed the way we evaluate and treat our patients and helped make Dodd Hall Rehabilitation Services one of the most respected physical rehabilitation centers in the nation.

A renowned physiatrist and electromyographer, Dr. Johnson earned his medical degrees from Ohio State, MD (cum laude) ’52 and Master of Medical Science ’57, and completed his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Ohio State in ’57. He has received numerous awards such as the Frank H. Krusen, MD, Lifetime Achievement Award (1984) from the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the Henry B. Betts Award (1991) and most recently the Alumni Professional Achievement Award for career accomplishments (2004) from The Ohio State University.

Ohio State’s College of Medicine has been awarded first place for the 2014 inaugural Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) Chapter Award. The GHHS Chapter Award is given every other year based on four key factors – impact, learning environment and research, service activities and leadership. By working through the GHHS, medical students at the College of Medicine contribute to the humanistic environment in medical education and fulfill the credentials for the award.

Ohio State’s GHHS chapter was founded in 2004 to promote humanistic behaviors in the medical community. Members of the chapter are peer-selected during their third year of their medical education by their fellow classmates. Members of the chapter participate in service projects that promote humanistic practices and behavior.

As part of the GHHS award, the College of Medicine GHHS chapter will receive $3,000, a commemorative plaque, and recognition at this year’s GHHS Biennial Conference.

OSU Med Student Served on LCME National Accrediting Body

Bradley Schnedl, Med 3 at the College of Medicine, was selected by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) to serve as one of two student representatives for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The LCME is solely responsible for determining the accreditation status of medical school programs in the United States.

“My interest in medical education is to actively participate in the development of new curricula for medical students in the face of a changing healthcare system,” says Schnedl. “In fact, I helped prepare a report for LCME that analyzes all aspects of the medical school – from curriculum to student life – from the viewpoint of a medical student.”
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2014 Alumni Award Recipients to be Recognized

College of Medicine alumni will be recognized for outstanding achievement and service to The Ohio State University at the 61st Annual Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend All-Class Dinner and Award Ceremony on Friday, October 17, 2014. The Medical Alumni Society presents these awards annually to deserving alumni of the College of Medicine.

Each year, the Awards Committee selects alumni who are making an impact on the medical profession and the Ohio State community.

The Alumni Achievement Award is presented to an MD or resident alumnus in acknowledgement of distinguished career achievements, both in contributions to the practice of medicine and to society as a whole. This year the award is being presented to Jeffrey Crawford, MD ’74; J. Jeffrey McCullough, MD ’63; John Saultz, MD ’79; and Robert Schwartz, MD ’74.

The Early Career Achievement Award is given to an alumnus who has made significant career contributions in the community, or scientific and academic achievements, within 10 years post medical training. The 2014 recipient is Jennifer Woyach, MD ’05.

The Alumni Service Award is presented to an alumnus who has displayed an extraordinary level of commitment and service to College of Medicine. This year the award was presented to Roger Friedman, MD ’77.

Please join us in recognizing the accomplishments of these alumni and this year’s reunion classes. To register for the 61st Annual Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend All-Class Dinner and Award Ceremony, 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014, at the Columbus Renaissance, visit: go.osu.edu/medreunion.

To learn more about these award recipients visit: go.osu.edu/medawards.

Come Back, Give Back!

Celebrating the College of Medicine’s Centennial and your Medical Alumni Reunion means commemorating the accomplishments of your class and the entire College of Medicine community. That community will continue to grow stronger with your support. Show your Buckeye pride by giving to the programs that you value most. Give to the college’s scholarship initiative, medical research funds, or programs across campus. At Reunion, we will reveal how much each class gave to Ohio State and specifically to the College of Medicine. Help your class be a leader at Reunion by giving back today! Learn more at go.osu.edu/reuniongiving.

Class Giving for 2014 Reunion Years

Thank you to all alumni who also chose to celebrate their reunion in 2014 by giving back!

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Celebrating your reunion in 2015? Get a head start by visiting giveto.osu.edu/medicine today!

Data is based on giving from January 1, 2014 to August 14, 2014 to funds that support academics, health sciences and the arts to The Ohio State University. Athletics is not included.

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Alumni News

Alumni Spotlight > Kiran Bhat, MD

Kiran Bhat, MD ’95, is a pediatrician who has made a big change in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The 1995 College of Medicine alumnus helped create a collaborative program called HEALTHY Armstrong. The mission is to improve the health of families and help children maintain a healthy weight.

The program was created in 2004 after Pennsylvania mandated that all school districts measure the body mass index (BMI) of students and develop a wellness policy. At one elementary school with 260 children, a pilot program was implemented to learn what obstacles needed to be overcome and what would be successful for the entire school district. In-school and after-school activities, such as walking during lunch, monthly newsletters to parents, a Fitness Calendar for home use, wellness tips, pedometers, and a fitness club, were carried out by teachers at the school. Following success of the pilot, similar programs were started in all the elementary buildings in Armstrong School District. Today, each school has a Wellness Committee and a Facilitator. Over the past ten years, Dr. Bhat has seen an entire community change. The change is his constant inspiration.

“A mother came up to me at the store,” Dr. Bhat says, “and told me her daughter made her buy strawberries. That’s why I continue to do this.”

Dr. Bhat, who completed his residency at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, will be featured as our spring Mo Mullet Forum speaker, presenting on HEALTHY Armstrong. Details will be posted on our website in the upcoming months. For more information about HEALTHY Armstrong visit: http://healthyarmstrong.com.

Alumni Spotlight > Mark Peters, MD

Mark Peters, MD ’87 and Ohio State resident graduate, travels to Haiti every winter on a 10-day medical mission. The alumnus says, “Once I finished my residency and my fellowships, I searched for an opportunity to serve not just locally, but internationally.” The mission, sponsored by St. Matthews Catholic Church in Franklin, Tennessee, provides this golden opportunity.

Since 2003, Dr. Peters has worked with a 15-member team that includes physicians, nurses, dentists and pharmacists. The team travels to Gobert, a remote village in northwestern Haiti. There is no running water, electricity or sanitation, and the village did not have a doctor until the team arrived. The team brings the equipment and supplies needed to set up their clinic, and classes are cancelled because the school and church become the clinic. On average, 500 patients are treated each day for infections, injuries and malnutrition-related diseases.

Dr. Peters developed his philanthropic awareness when he was a resident. He says, “My top-notch medical education prepared and trained me well. From the start, I felt that it was important for me to give back to people who cannot afford medicine or do not have access to medical care.”

Dr. Peters encourages people to become involved and to take the opportunity to go and see what it’s like to practice in a developing country at least once. Other physicians can join a global health initiative by seeking opportunities through their local churches. “The rewarding part of this experience is giving hope to people who have lost hope,” says Dr. Peters. “Their quality of life improves, and they see that the outside world has not forgotten about them.”

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Residency News

Alum Develops Resident Education Program in Kenya

James O’Neill, MD, RES 1969, (far left,) Emeritus Professor and Chairman of Surgery, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, helped develop a resident education program at Kijabe Hospital, one of two hospitals in Kenya, where he volunteers as surgeon and designated mentor for surgical residents. On the far right is one of the Kenyan General Surgery Residents, whom he trained at the District Hospital in Naivasha, Kenya; OR nurses join them. Senior residents from Vanderbilt also rotate through the program, which Dr. O’Neill refers to as “modern humanitarianism” because – by training local surgeons – the work carries on. In addition, he participates in multi-site, funded research in global health (Vanderbilt and four sites in Kenya) to study genetics involved in Wilms’ tumor, a kidney tumor in young children. Dr. O’Neill earned his MD from Yale University School of Medicine and completed his Pediatric Surgical residency at Ohio State’s College of Medicine in 1969.

Residents Expand Education Abroad

“We are always looking for new ways to engage medical students,” says Bryan Martin, DO. "When Ohio State’s College of Medicine made the switch from quarters to semesters, we found an opportunity to do that,” adds Dr. Martin, an allergy and immunology (AI) specialist who is Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education.

For several years, medical students have traveled to Honduras though PODemos (Partnership for Ongoing Development and Education and Medical Outreach), a student-led organization of the College of Medicine’s Office of Global Health.

This year, by partnering with the medical school of the National Autonomous University of Honduras, the Honduran Association for the Fight against Cancer and Montana de Luz, an orphanage for children affected by HIV, the College was able to extend the PODemos experience into an Advanced Competency Program, one of several that offers students extended learning in specific disciplines.

University Hospital Emergency Department Expanded

The newly expanded Abercrombie & Fitch Emergency Department (ED) at University Hospital has new features that focus on improving communication and streamlining patient care.

Thomas Terndrup, MD, chairman of the Emergency Medicine Department, notes that new processes of care have been developed with the goal of reducing length of stay for patients in both the hospital and in ED.

“For example, a new 16-bed unit within the ED, which focuses on care for cancer patients, is the first such set-up in the nation,” says Dr. Terndrup. “Of the 130,000 patients we saw in the ED between July 2013 and June 2014, about 6,500 were cancer patients,” he adds.

The new No-Wait Waiting Area allows patients to be treated as soon as possible. A clinician greets patients upon arrival and escorts them to one of nine arrival suites, where a nurse determines which area of the ED is best suited to care for their needs. Patients may still need to wait for lab results or x-rays.

The expansion doubles the footprint of the ED from 19,300 to 43,530 square feet, and the number of beds increases from about 50 to 70.

Former OSU Emergency Medicine Trainees...

Join us for Emergency Medicine Alumni Day – October 17, 2014. For more information contact: Ellen Harr Weatherby at Ellen.Harr-Weatherby@osumc.edu
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Student Spotlight > Linda Williams

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Med Student Sponsors Friend’s White Coat

The phrase “firm friendship” took on added significance at the 68th Annual Convocation for Entering Medical Students: This year, one medical student sponsored a White Coat for another.

Le Treice Irving, Med 4, recalls that when Anna Askari asked for her advice about getting into medical school at OSU, she readily agreed, never dreaming that the mentorship would become a two-way street of unprecedented encouragement and support.

“During my post-baccalaureate year in 2011, Anna, who was an undergrad at the time, and I were in the same ASL (American Sign Language) class,” says Le Treice. “In the utter and complete silence of that classroom, I whooped and hollered when I received a text that I had been accepted at OSU College of Medicine – it was impossible for others not to notice,” she chuckles.

Shortly after that, Anna – who is the first in her family to attend medical school – approached Le Treice. Although a warm friendship quickly developed, it was not until Le Treice became ill in 2013 that the true meaning of “reciprocal” came to light.

“It was a very tough time – to feel so sick and scared, and to recover from surgery while trying to study for my Boards. Anna was relentless – checking on me every day and encouraging me to join her at the library. We studied together – she for her MCAT and me for the Boards – without her support I probably would not have been able to keep up with my class,” she adds. “When we got the good news that she would attend medical school at OSU, I just knew that I couldn’t let another person sponsor her coat – it means so much to me to do this for her!”

Le Treice Irving, Med 4, sponsors Med 1 student, Anna Askari’s white coat.

FOR 100 YEARS, new doctors in Ohio State’s College of Medicine have donned the white coat that symbolizes a lifelong commitment to medicine and service. To be part of that experience, you may support this time-honored tradition and provide critical scholarship support and aid for our students on their quest for a medical degree. Here is what your colleagues say about why they chose to sponsor a white coat this year:

“I am very appreciative of the outstanding education and training I received from the College of Medicine, and for the opportunities it has helped to create for me throughout my career. It is a privilege to be able to give a little support, in the form of a white coat, to a new student who has worked so hard to be able to get a similar experience.”

– ANTHONY MELARAGNO, MD ’73

“I donated a white coat because I believe that I must fulfill the obligation to help teach those who are interested in learning medicine. I wish to give back to the College of Medicine a small token of that great gift of education I received from magnificent professors who inspired me to learn as much as I could.”

– EDWARD J. FINE, MD, FAAN ’66

Help Our Students Travel Program

The Help Our Students Travel (HOST) program matches traveling Med 4 students with OSU physicians throughout the country during residency interviews. It allows our alums to support students during the interview process by hosting students in their home or providing additional resources. Complete a volunteer form, and we’ll be in touch if a student is interviewing near your location. As the busy interview season approaches, students appreciate the support of fellow Buckeyes! Learn more at go.osu.edu/HOST.

Andy Chow, MD ’11, hosted then medical student, Amenze Osa, MD ’14, during her interview in Galveston, Texas, in fall 2013.

Help Our Students Travel Program

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Alumni Notes

‘71 James Thompson, MD, FACS, received the 2014 Educator of the Year award at the Christian Medical & Dental Association National Convention, held in Green Lake, Wisconsin. He resides in Davidson, North Carolina.

‘78 Lynn M. Cleary, MD, FACP, was appointed Governor of the New York Upstate Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the national organization of internists. A resident of Skaneateles, New York, Dr. Cleary is a professor of Medicine and vice president for Academic Affairs at Upstate Medical University.

‘84 Sheryl Pfeil, MD, associate professor of Clinical Internal Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at the College of Medicine was awarded the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. She received this award in recognition of her humanism in the delivery of care to patients and their families.

‘85 Annette M. Chavez, MD, a family medicine physician practicing in Dayton, Ohio, was recently honored as Ohio’s Family Physician of the Year.

‘92 J. Scott Calder, MD, took command of the Air Force hospital at Aviano Air Base, Italy, on June 20, 2014. Colonel Calder continues to practice general surgery and is a flight surgeon to F-16 pilots while he commands this strategic asset that supports southern Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

‘96 Naeem Ali, MD, associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, was appointed medical director of The Ohio State University Hospital. As medical director, Dr. Ali will be responsible for the oversight and supervision of patient care within University Hospital, as well as collaborating with medical leadership of other OSU Wexner Medical Center hospital and ambulatory sites.

‘01 J. Nwando Olayiwola, MD, was selected as a Marshall Memorial Fellow from the German Marshall Fund of the United States. This fellowship is designed to cultivate American and European emerging leaders in transatlantic cooperation and policy. Only 75 fellows are chosen a year from a very competitive field.

‘04 Kali Freeman, MD, completed her Anatomic and Clinical Pathology residency at University of California Davis in 2013 and will complete her hematopathology fellowship at City of Hope in 2014. She will be joining a group, Pathology Consultants, in Eugene, Oregon, on September 1.

‘05 Cindi Mondesir, MD, works in Bethel, Alaska and takes care of people in this remote region. In addition, she is a Zumba instructor, which is well received by the community.

‘11 Elaine Binkley, MD, current resident in Ophthalmology at OSU Wexner Medical Center, finished seventh amongst female runners in the Cap City Half Marathon in Columbus, Ohio on May 3, 2014, with a time of 1:28:52.

Andrew Glassman, MD (Res Grad), was appointed chair of OSU Wexner Medical Center’s Department of Orthopedics. He is also director of the Adult Reconstructive Surgery program and professor of Orthopedics. Additionally, his research interests focus on the knee and hip.

Staci Niemoth, MD (Res Grad), was named the first Women’s Service medical director by CoxHealth in Springfield, Missouri. She has been practicing OB/GYN at Ferrell-Duncan Clinic for more than six years and has served as the OB/GYN section chair since October 2011.

Quinn Capers, MD ‘91 and Leon McDougle, MD ‘89’ were honored at the 2014 Who’s Who in Black Columbus reception this summer. Also recognized were Robert Higgins, MD, Chair of the Department of Surgery at the College of Medicine and Arthur James, MD. This reception recognizes highly successful individuals for their outstanding achievements.

John Melvin, MD ‘60, Linda Stone, MD ‘79 and David Vollman, MD ‘06 will be recognized at The Ohio State University Alumni Association annual awards gala in September when it recognizes 12 of the university's most accomplished graduates. Congratulations to our three College of Medicine award recipients!
Obituaries

'46 John Joseph Rimelspach, MD, 92, died July 7. He was the first cardiologist in North San Diego County. He completed his undergraduate and medical degrees at Ohio State as well as his residency training. He served as a physician in post-war Germany.

'48 Alvin Essig, MD, 91, died July 22. He was professor of Physiology and research professor of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine from 1973 until his retirement in 2013. He was an international scholar regarding the application of thermodynamics to epithelial transport processes.

'57 Gene Harland Abels, MD, 82, died July 6. He specialized in cardiology and co-founded the cardiac care unit at Holzer Hospital. He retired from Holzer Hospital in 2009, after more than 50 years of medical practice. He participated in the Gallia County Medical Society, The Ohio State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

'59 James Cruse Zemer, MD, 81, died May 8. He helped create Phoenix Anesthesiology Group and practiced for 44 years. He was devoted to the Sisters of Mercy and St. Joseph Hospital where he served in various leadership roles.

'63 Frederick N. Karaffa, MD, 81, died February 27. He served the Granville community in private family practice for 24 years. He served on the Licking County Board of Mental Health, Board of Education for Granville Schools, and as Senior Warden of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. He was also the Medical Director of Newark Healthcare and Shepherd Hill.

'65 Carolyn Dixon, MD, 73, died April 24. She completed her medical degree at OSU where she was one of eight women in her medical school class. She settled in the Exeter, New Hampshire, area in 1976, where she maintained a psychiatric practice until 1999.

'67 Robert Walter Beatty, MD, 72, died March 2. He maintained a thriving medical practice in downtown East Liverpool and was caring for patients up to his death. He held professional memberships in the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Internal Medicine and the Ohio Society of Internal Medicine.

'67 C. Ronald White Sr., MD, 72 died March 5. He practiced in St. Petersburg for 25 years. He enjoyed traveling, attending sporting events, dining out, cigars and spending time with his family.

'68 Wilmer Kenchi “Bill” Furuta, MD, 71, died March 31. He was a psychiatric consultant to various mental health facilities in central Ohio prior to opening up Central Ohio Counseling in Worthington, Ohio, where he practiced medicine until February 2014.

E. Wade Adams (Res Grad), MD, 89, died May 21. He was a teaching fellow at the Fort Wayne branch of Indiana University School of Medicine for 20 years, ending as an Emeritus Faculty member. He retired from Fort Wayne Pediatrics in 1995 after 41 years of active practice.

Leon L. Allen (Res Grad), MD, 87, died April 9. He worked at Emanuel and Community Hospital in Turlock, CA from 1967 until he retired in 1986. He was director of Anesthesia and was also from a time Chief of Staff at Emanuel Hospital.

James F. Jennings (Res Grad), MD, 81, died April 12. He completed his Residency in Pathology at the Ohio State University Hospital from 1962 to 1966. He served as the medical director of Jennings and Associates, and the San Antonio branch of RAPHA.

Robert F. Goldberg (Res Grad), MD, 88, died June 12. He was the first endocrine fellow trained at the Ohio State University and was a clinical professor at College of Medicine. Along with five other doctors, he founded the Central Ohio Medical Group where he worked for 40 years.

Harold Theodore “Ted” Gross (Res Grad), MD, 100, died July 8. He completed his residency in general surgery at the Ohio State University. He was a staff member of St. Elizabeth Hospital and Appleton Memorial Hospital, a member of the American Medical Association, the State of Wisconsin Medical Society and Outagamie County Medical Society. He was co-founder of the Community Blood Center and was the medical director from 1955 to 1986.

M.S. Narasimma (“Leo”) Murthy (Res Grad), MD, 86, died March 13. He practiced pathology at Riverside Methodist Hospital for 34 years, taught at the College of Medicine for many years and was a devoted philanthropist.

Richard Joseph Tamez (Res Grad), MD, 85, died March 22. He became a Board Certified general surgeon in 1957 and served the San Antonio West Side Community for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Westside Lions club, the Board of Directors for the Westside YMCA and the director for Los Sembradores de Amistad, the Texas Medical Association and Texas Academy of Family Practice.

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A trailblazer. The first African-American female graduate of the College. The first African-American female physician in the U.S. Army. Dr. Bowen received the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit for her efforts to establish drug treatment centers and ease racial tension during the Vietnam War. She was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 1974.

Charles Doan: 1940s and 1950s
A rock through tumultuous times for both the College and the country. Dr. Doan confirmed humans can live without spleens, and splenectomies could cure certain blood disorders.

Robert Zollinger: 1940s
A surgical giant. Dr. Zollinger redefined surgery at Ohio State, and was known for being as challenging with residents as he was kind to patients. Dr. Zollinger and colleague Dr. Edwin Ellison identified Zollinger-Ellison syndrome, a rare disorder that causes tumors in the pancreas and duodenum, and ulcers in the stomach and duodenum.

Bertha Bouroncle: 1950s through 1980s
A pioneer for cancer research. In one of the greatest scientific breakthroughs ever recorded at Ohio State, Dr. Bouroncle identified hairy cell leukemia and later helped develop an effective therapy for it.

Richard Meiling: 1960s
An innovator of air and space medical education. Dr. Meiling developed the first hospital-based helicopter rescue service in the United States.

Ernest Johnson: 1970s through 2000s
A rehabilitation visionary. Dr. Johnson established the nation’s premier program in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Ohio State. Dr. Johnson also led the drive to make all of Ohio State wheelchair-accessible, a first for the country.

Manuel Tzagournis: 1980s and 1990s
A lifelong Buckeye. From bachelor’s degree to fellowship, from instructor to dean, to leader of the Medical Center. Dr. Tzagournis was as much recognized for endocrinology as he was for being the face of medicine at Ohio State.

Bernadine Healy: 1990s
A women’s health hero. Before becoming dean of the College in 1995, Dr. Healy was the first woman admitted to Harvard’s cardiology program, the first female White House science-policy adviser, and the first woman to direct the National Institutes of Health, where she launched the Women’s Health Initiative, a $625 million study of the causes, cures and prevention of diseases that affect women.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCT. 17-19 – Homecoming featuring the Medical Alumni Reunion:
go.osu.edu/medreunion

OCT. 23 – 5th Annual Global Health Gala: Support the Pure Water Access Project – 6-9 p.m. Dock 580: 580 North 4th Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 www.purewateraccessproject.org

NOV. 8 - Ohio State vs. Michigan State Buckeye Bash: 5 to 7 p.m. go.osu.edu/buckeyebash

NOV. 18 – OSU Day with the Blue Jackets: Young Alumni Health Sciences Happy Hour

NOV. 14, 2014; FEB. 20, 2015; APRIL 10, 2015 – Big IDEAS in Healthcare forum. go.osu.edu/bigIDEAS

Alumni Can Now Volunteer Through New Ohio State Office

Have you ever wondered how to get involved at OSU? The answer to that question just got easier with the opening of the Office of Volunteer relations and its new tool Ohio State VolunteerMatch.

“We wanted to broaden and deepen the engagement of our constituents, and what better way than through service,” said Office of Volunteer Relations director Michell Domke. “This office opens up opportunities to ‘pay forward’ in different ways than just via one’s finances, and it really allows people to feel an ownership of the university.”

The volunteer opportunities won’t merely be relegated to Columbus, Ohio or the College of Medicine. If the university, an alumni club or society hosts a service event anywhere in the country or abroad, volunteers can find it on the site using geographical searches. Events also can be searched by keyword or cause and by department, college or unit.

For more information visit http://go.osu.edu/COMvolunteer.

Medical Center Breakthroughs & Milestones

A number of accomplishments and advances have been garnered; OSU Wexner Medical Center has recently:

• Performed its 400TH HEART TRANSPLANT and is the now first in the country where heart failure patients are treated with a newly FDA-approved wireless, implantable monitor.

• Seen the NEUROSCIENCE graduate program ranked BEST IN THE NATION, according to student reviews in Graduate Programs.com’s Spring 2014 Rankings of Top Graduate Programs. Ohio State’s education, medical school and full-time MBA programs also ranked in the top 10.

• Reached a breakthrough, in collaboration with researchers at Battelle, to create NEUROBRIDGE, technology that has enabled a paralyzed man to move his hand independently using his thoughts.