Alumni UPDATE
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

[FIRST] PERSON

Join Stewart Smith, now a Med 2 student, as he shares his med school experience.

The second half of Med 2 is a crucial point in a student’s medical school career. I’m pooling all of my experiences to prepare for the most dreaded test in the history of medicine: the USMLE Step 1 (the first step of the United States Medical Licensing Examination). In addition to a medical student’s experience in the hospital ward during the third year of medical school, the College has a myriad of wonderful resources for success on this test.

One of these resources is the Longitudinal Practice preceptorship. I have been able to see patients since my ninth week of medical school in the clinic of Dr. Quinn Capers, IV. My experience of taking a history of present illness, performing a relevant physical exam, presenting the patient to Dr. Capers and attempting to develop an assessment and plan have proven invaluable. These experiences helped me develop my skills as a medical student and incorporate my medical knowledge into the big picture of a real patient.

Further, the academic faculty members have placed us in a position to excel in patient care. Truly the embodiment of caring physicians, they challenge us, pushing us to our limits. At a time when I was having much difficulty, one of my favorite professors, Dr. Charles Hitchcock, said to me, “We are here for you, and even more so, here for your future patients.” This has stuck with me.

The second year is more than just preparation for a test and for third-year evaluations. The second year is meant to ensure that each student who walks the hospital floors is well-equipped to deliver quality patient care.

Stewart Smith, Med 2
MD Candidate, Class of 2017
MedFIT, Co-President

Centennial Reflection

Although it’s impossible for anyone to personally reflect on the entire 100 years since the founding of OSU College of Medicine in 1914, Manuel Tzagournis, MD ’60, can recall more than half of those years.

“I’ve been at Ohio State since 1952, when I came to school as an undergraduate. I received my medical degree in 1960, and I’m happy to say that the changes since that time have been for the good,” says Tzagournis, now 80 and fully retired since December.

“This has been an outstanding teaching university with excellent patient care from day one,” he says. “We were one of the first medical schools to have an independent study program, which we introduced around 1965; many schools have adopted variations of that.”

Dr. Tzagournis, who was named dean in 1980 and vice president for Health Sciences one year later, has spent his entire career at Ohio State with the exception of an internship at Philadelphia General and a period from 1962 to 1964 as an Army medical officer.

When asked about some of the differences between his days as a medical student and now, Tzagournis recalls that only two female medical students were in his class.

Reunion Weekend Recap

Medical alumni, students, and friends enjoyed a fun-filled time as the College celebrated its Centennial and the University celebrated Homecoming! Read more about the Reunion Weekend on page 7.
From the Alumni Society President

Dear Alumni,

What an exciting time to serve as your Medical Alumni Society president—100 years after its founding, Ohio State’s College of Medicine continues to transform—and continually improve—through many opportunities and challenges.

Since my graduation, the medical leadership has made great contributions to the College. They have dealt with a rapidly changing political and socioeconomic climate where the very definition of health care, the delivery system and reimbursement has been questioned. Our research profile with the NIH has exponentially grown and we have cross-campus collaboration with other colleges. We now have a Humanism in Medicine Program that gives attention to the humanistic side of the caregivers, and also a new medical school curriculum, replacing the previous 100-year old one. The College has positioned itself for the challenges of healthcare reform. Our current interim dean, E. Christopher Ellison, MD, a highly respected physician scientist—and my husband—will work in the coming months toward positioning the college for the next 100 years, while remembering and celebrating the many accomplishments of those who came before us.

One of my goals is to increase scholarship funding so that tomorrow’s physicians will reflect the diversity of culture, geographic origin, race, age and life experience seen in our patient population. But, to do that, all of our alumni—from those retired for many years to the younger generation just entering practice—must be interested and engaged with their alma mater. To understand why your engagement is so important, please see page 10 about two Med 1 students who were awarded the Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholarship this past fall.

And so, I extend an invitation to each of you—indeed, I urge you—to get involved. Participate in the HOST program (see page 9), connect with one another through Doximity (see page 5) and other social media, make a donation to the Medical Alumni Society Scholarship or other student scholarships, and make a time to attend your class reunions to visit with your classmates, faculty members and current students. Get connected; stay connected!

Sincerely,

Mary Pat Borgess, MD ’76
"What does the physician of tomorrow need to look like, and what are the competencies that will be required over the next 20 years?"

These were among questions asked by a committee established in 2006 to determine if the then current curriculum, which followed a model developed more than 100 years ago (see sidebar) would meet the needs of future students.

"We felt a change was needed at Ohio State’s College of Medicine, not because our students weren’t performing well, but because of recent dramatic changes in health care and the continually evolving nature of medicine," says Daniel Clinchot, MD, vice dean for Education, who served as co-chair of the committee.

"Although the traditional model for medical education is based on a foundation that endured for more than 100 years (see sidebar), at Ohio State we wanted to determine whether that curriculum was still meeting the needs of patients and the healthcare enterprise, or if the time had come for another dramatic change in how physicians are taught," explains Dr. Clinchot.

"In our old model, students were required to memorize vast amounts of information, learning every aspect of medicine. However, with the explosion of new knowledge, including decoding the human genome and the subsequent advent of personalized health care, it is impossible for today’s physician to know everything," he says. "Instead, students need to be adept at interacting with technology to quickly access information and translate it into optimal treatments for each patient." After the 2009 initial pilot of the new curriculum, called Lead. Serve. Inspire., the innovative program was tested, revised and refined prior to its adoption in 2012 for the class of 2016.

A three-part, four-year program that fully integrates factual, foundational basic science with clinical science applied in patient-care settings, Lead. Serve. Inspire. allows students to gain early, hands-on clinical experience through longitudinal, practice-based clinical service beginning with the first year. Self-directed modules with multiple assessment methods provide individualized learning with standardized outcomes. Clinical problem-solving in a team-based environment, along with project work that requires critical thinking and synthesis, is combined with full coaching to support strong clinical skills development.

**21st Century Technology**

“Our unique curriculum is supported by and integrated with the latest information technology, which enables multi-modal education from face-to-face contact to online learning modalities.”

"Lead. Serve. Inspire. provides flexibility and options. The best part is having actual patient contact; in the sixth week we were trained in medical assisting techniques and I found myself interacting with a patient who had sickle cell anemia. Sitting with that person and seeing his pain gave me a perspective I could not obtain from a line of text in a book.”

— FRANCISCO MAGANA, MED 2
Alumni Opinion on Med School Curriculum

In September 2014, the College’s inaugural “State of Medical Education” survey was completed via an online analytical website by current faculty, students and alumni (MDs and residents). Survey participants were asked about the future of medical education including the appropriate length of medical school, when medical students should begin caring for patients and the most important skills to learn throughout medical school.

Of the 793 survey respondents, 64 percent said the appropriate length of medical education should be four years; 24 percent said three years; and eight percent said five years. Fifty-six of those surveyed said medical students should start seeing patients during their first year of medical school and 33 percent said not until second year. Survey participants ranked the importance of six different aspects of medical school training: clinical problem-solving ranked first; acquiring new knowledge throughout their careers, second; developing bedside manner and learning how to work on a team tied for third; technology training ranked fifth; and clinical research education, sixth. To see full survey results, visit go.osu.edu/mededucationsurvey.

“Med students utilize iPad minis to assist their learning. To-face lectures in the classroom, live-streaming video accessed from home, or downloadable content students can access from public transportation or a bench in the park,” Clinchot explains. First- and second-year students are provided with iPads that are populated with electronic resources, lectures that exist on a searchable database, and other resources, including access to the electronic medical record; third- and fourth-year students use an iPad mini that fits into their lab coat pockets.

“In addition, our graduates will automatically be among top choices for the nation’s best residency programs because our innovative curriculum incorporates the six core competencies that residency programs teach: patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning, system-based practice, communication and professionalism,” adds Dr. Clinchot.

“I find that I rely on the iPad in my pocket less and less, but it’s good to have access to information on the spot. I’m in my pediatrics rotation now and the attending showed us new apps, such as video-based pediatric milestones, highly pertinent to our current study. My favorite part of Lead. Serve. Inspire. has been working with patients—they really keep me grounded as to why I’m here.”

—ENS J. KATHERINA TIMMER, MED 3, MC, USNR
Doximity – Reputation Management, Classmate Connection, Case Collaboration and More

“One of the ways I use Doximity is to network with colleagues. Recently, as one of the co-chairs for the centennial reunion, I was able to get in touch with classmates to invite them to the tailgate,” says Nicholas Kman, MD ’04, clinical associate professor of Emergency Medicine.

Doximity is a free, HIPAA-compliant online platform for medical professionals. Similar to Facebook and other social media sites, except that individuals are granted membership via licensure review, the online network allows physicians to quickly connect with any physician across the country to securely collaborate on patient treatment or patient referrals, find new career opportunities or expand their practice.

Kman, having become a member shortly after its launch in 2011, explains that Doximity’s more recent collaboration with USNews & World Report (US News) increases the importance of participation by Ohio State physicians.

“In 2014, the US News ‘Best Hospitals’ rankings were influenced by the more than 8,000 survey ballots returned via Doximity,” Kman says. And in August Doximity released its first ranking of the nation’s top residency programs, created using US News methodology and survey format. Dr. Kman noted that, although the survey is not scientific, the information is influential for students seeking data about residency opportunities.

Physicians who sign up by this spring will receive an email a ballot for the 2015 rankings, which will be the foundation of the platform’s “Residency Navigator Tool” that creates transparency for those seeking postgraduate training.

With almost 50 percent of U.S. physicians using Doximity, the network has more participation than the American Medical Association. Open to MDs, DOs, NPs, PAs and medical students, nearly 2,000 Ohio State-affiliated clinicians are members. Doximity is available on the web via iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad and Android.

In Memory of Dr. Ernie Johnson

The entire medical community is saddened by the passing of one of our most innovative and remarkable physicians, Ernest Johnson, MD ’52, who died Nov. 18, 2014 at Dodd Hall. Dr. Johnson established the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in 1963, served as the department chair for 37 of those years (1963 – 1989) and was professor emeritus at the time of his death. Under his guidance, the Department became, and continues to this day, to be one of the leading programs in the country. Just six months before his passing, graduates of the residency program established the Dr. Ernest W. Johnson Chair in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. To learn more about his many accomplishments or to make a contribution in his memory, please visit: go.osu.edu/johnsonobit.
Two Perspectives 60 Years Apart:
Donald Wenner, MD, and Joe DeLapa, MD

Seventy years ago, **Donald Wenner, MD ’44** graduated from the College of Medicine, part of a class whose training had been accelerated to year-round study in response to the attack on Pearl Harbor and subsequent U.S. entry into World War II. When asked about the biggest changes in medicine and medical education from then to now, Wenner says that the advances have been tremendous. “Other than attending the centennial reunion banquet, I had last been on campus in 2004 to tour the Ross Heart Hospital when it was dedicated,” he recalls. “I was amazed to see students working with patient simulator mannequins, as well as with computers. And, I can tell you that when I was a medical student if anyone had suggested such a thing as heart transplant he would have been laughed out of the room—those are just a few examples of how much progress has been made,” he adds. A recent widower, Dr. Wenner is the second of four Buckeye generations—from his father, who graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1915, to a great-granddaughter, who is currently an Ohio State student.

Ten years ago, **Joseph DeLapa II, MD, MHA ’04**, began his residency training in anesthesiology at Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center, followed by a fellowship in interventional pain management. Today he is on staff at Cabell Huntington Hospital/Marshall University Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia.

The Ohio native recently returned to attend the centennial reunion tailgate and says it was a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates. When asked what advice he might offer current medical students, he suggested keeping an open mind to all rotations and taking advantage of the multiple pathways to learning. “There are so many opportunities to broaden one’s perspective, especially working with mentors. I owe a great debt to Drs. Linda Stone and Richard Harter, who helped shape my thinking and direction,” he says.

When asked for his advice to fellow alumni, Dr. DeLapa, who is among the youngest White Coat sponsors, noted the importance of giving back. “Anyone who walks into Meiling Hall will see the Hippocratic Oath on the wall. It’s important to provide a ‘hand up’ to those who follow you—regardless if it’s sponsoring a coat, participating in the HOST program or contributing toward a scholarship—we are all called to help our peers who want to learn the art and science of medicine and to support the College in any way we can,” he adds.
Alumni News

Medical Alumni and Students Celebrated during Reunion Weekend Recap

As the College celebrated its centennial and the University celebrated homecoming, Ohio State medical alumni and students gathered for the 61st Annual Medical Alumni Reunion, Oct. 17-19, 2014.

Regardless of their anniversary year, alumni enjoyed a full weekend of activities. The 2014 reunion weekend was special because the College of Medicine marked its 100th anniversary this year. It has been 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 great academic medical centers in the country.

On Friday, the class of 1964 celebrated at the 50th Class Reunion Lunch hosted by Steven Gabbe, MD, who recently stepped down as senior vice president for Health Sciences and CEO of Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center. Classmates were presented with medallions and memory books to recognize their post-graduation accomplishments.

In addition, the Back to the Future of Medical Education program gave returning alumni the chance to experience what it’s like to become a student again, through an interactive journey from admissions to Match Day. Attendees participated in hands-on activities in the Clinical Skills Center and interacted with current medical students.

Tours were offered throughout the day to connect alumni with the past, present and future. For many alumni, it had been decades since they last visited. The Medical Heritage Center tour offered alums a glimpse into the past, highlighting medical artifacts and books. Alumni were impressed by the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute tour, getting a sneak-peek into one of the most innovative cancer hospitals in the world. And, a campus bus tour provided alumni with the opportunity to see the changes to campus.

Nearly 230 alumni and guests gathered Friday evening for the All-Class Dinner and Awards Ceremony at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Columbus. They congratulated alumni awardees, celebrated the College’s centennial, heard a musical performance from UltraSound and watched a centennial-themed performance by Dance in Medicine, both medical student groups.

Saturday events included the Celebration of Alumni and Student Diversity event, where Sandra Moody Levin, MD ’91, associate professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics at the University of California, San Francisco and Veterans Affairs Medical Center, spoke about unexpected opportunities in her medical career. Asma Mobin-Uddin, MD ’92, pediatrician at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, provided a brief reflection from her work as a physician and author. Additionally, the annual Clotilde Dent Bowen Women of Excellence Award was presented to Antoinette Pusateri, Med 1 (see page 5).

To cap off an excellent weekend, more than 300 alumni and guests showed their Ohio State pride at the Buckeye tailgate outside Melling Hall just before heading to “The Shoe” for an Ohio State victory over Rutgers.


1963 classmates celebrate their reunion at the 50th Class Lunch.

The All Class Dinner celebrated the College’s 100th Anniversary.

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Alumni and Students Learn about Emerging Diseases at Fall Forum

On Dec. 2, alumni and students gathered to learn from infectious disease experts at the Maurice “Mo” Mullet Student-Alumni Forum. Infectious diseases have played an important role throughout human history and remain relevant today, as recent headlines about Ebola have demonstrated. John Davis, MD, PhD, associate dean for Medicine Education and assistant professor of Clinical Medicine at Ohio State, facilitated the panel, which included Jose A. Bazan, DO (RES), assistant professor of Clinical Internal Medicine at Ohio State and medical director of the Sexual Health Clinic at Columbus Public Health; Christina Liscynesky, MD (RES), assistant professor of Internal Medicine and associate medical director of Epidemiology at Ohio State; and William Maher, MD ’80, faculty emeritus of Ohio State’s Department of Internal Medicine.

Infectious diseases that are new, or resurgent after a time of control, are often called “emerging infectious diseases.” Attendees also celebrated the late “Mo” Mullet, MD ’63, who passed away last fall (see page 15).

Looking for Ohio State Volunteer Opportunities?

Have you ever wondered, as an alum, how to get involved at Ohio State? The answer to that question just got easier with the opening of Ohio State’s Alumni Association Office of Volunteer Relations and its new tool, Ohio State VolunteerMatch.

The volunteer opportunities extend beyond Columbus, Ohio. 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 or by department, college or unit. Search for the College of Medicine and get involved!

For more information, visit the volunteer.osu.edu, email volunteer@osu.edu or call 800-762-5646.

NOMINATE AN ALUM!

Nominations for 2015 Alumni Awards are due March 31.

Consider honoring a classmate in one of the award categories: Alumni Achievement, Early Career Achievement, Alumni Service, or Faculty-Teaching.

Learn more at go.osu.edu/medawards.

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**HOST Program – Valuable Resource for Students**

The Helping Our Students Travel (HOST) program matches fourth-year students with Ohio State alumni physicians throughout the country for hospitality during residency interviews.

Anthony Melaragno, MD ’73, who recently hosted student Brian Myers at his home in Portland, Ore., says he enjoyed hearing first-hand about the new Lead. Serve. Inspire. curriculum, and about Brian’s plans for the future.

“I urge fellow alumni to host students—it was very enriching,” says Dr. Melaragno. “When I was in medical school, it cost about $600 a year—today’s students are facing huge expenses—many graduate with more than $150,000 in debt. They need our help through the HOST program, as well as through scholarships,” he adds.

“Dr. Melaragno and his wife were incredibly gracious,” says Myers. “Their having shown me around Portland helped put the prospective residency program in context and it was so great spending time with fellow Buckeyes. I plan to give back by hosting students myself one day,” adds Myers, who is vice president of the Inter-Professional Council for the class of 2015.

With the help of Buckeye alumni, 43 student-alumni connections were made, providing lodging, transportation and networking connections for students in 2014. If you are a student or alumnus, please complete an interest form at go.osu.edu/HOST—the Alumni Affairs staff will be in touch to make a connection!

**Medical Alumni Society Grant Supports Student Mission Trip**

“**When the life of one woman in childbirth is saved, the whole family is saved,**” says Beddow, who traveled to Hinche, Haiti, last year to learn from the Ohio State Grace Specialized Neonatal Care Unit. Meghan, whose experience was supported through a Medical Alumni Society grant, also visited pregnant women in the countryside through Midwives for Haiti, setting up a prenatal care center in huts, which some women walked several hours to reach.

“We saw women who had been in unproductive labor for days arrive for care on the back of a motorcycle,” Meghan recalls. Because of Ohio State’s work in establishing a newborn resuscitation program that teaches local nurses fundamentals of neonatal resuscitation and care, more babies are surviving.

“It was a wonderful experience to be part of and I am very grateful to the alumni for making this possible. In fact, this experience helped me decide what I want to do in medicine. I’ve always been drawn to women’s issues, but now I know I want to go into obstetrics and gynecology and work in an international setting, possibly Latin America,” she adds.
**Student News**

**Student Spotlight > Sara Adelman**

“It’s events like this that make Dance in Medicine such an integral and unique part of the College of Medicine—and an essential part of my life as a medical student,” says Med 2 student Sara Adelman, who leads the Dance in Medicine student group and recently performed a dance in honor of the College of Medicine centennial.

Adelman led a group performance at the all-class dinner event during Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend. She says that creating and performing the centennial dance impacted her understanding and appreciation of the College’s history.

“I found myself so grateful to all the people sitting in front of me,” she says. “My goal was for our dance to be a gift of gratitude to all those who came before us—who made The Ohio State University College of Medicine the incredible school that it is.”

A native Californian, Adelman pursued a career as a certified athletic trainer for five years before coming to Ohio State to fulfill her passion to become a surgeon.

**Student Spotlight > Antoinette Pusateri**

Med 1 student Antoinette Pusateri is the 2014 recipient of the Dr. Clotilde Bowen Woman of Excellence Award, which she received at the Celebration of Alumni and Student Diversity program held Oct. 18, in conjunction with the reunion weekend.

The award was created in 2012 to honor the life and legacy of Clotilde Dent Bowen, MD ’47, the first African-American woman to graduate from Ohio State’s College of Medicine and the first woman physician to serve in the U.S. Army. Dr. Bowen also was the first African-American woman to earn the rank of colonel, among many other accomplishments.

Pusateri, a 2014 graduate of University of Notre Dame where she double majored in Biological Sciences and Theology, was selected for the award for her outstanding background. Her research thus far has focused on inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), inspired by her own diagnosis of Crohn’s disease at age 12. (She has been in remission since age 15.)

During her undergraduate studies, Pusateri co-authored a paper regarding the scientific evidence for establishing further regulations on diesel fuel, and volunteered in the ER and ICU at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind. At the College of Medicine her interests include the Emergency Medicine and Ultrasound Interest Groups, and the Humanism in Medicine program.

**2014 Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholars Awarded**

Congratulations to Rishabh Sethia and Miyagi Hiro, both Med 1 students, who were awarded the Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholarship this past fall. Each received a one-time scholarship award of $10,000 toward their 2014-15 tuition.

Both expressed gratitude through thank you notes, excerpted here.

- Hiro, who is from Cleveland, says he was influenced by medicine when shadowing physicians at a local hospital there. Hiro wrote: “Thank you for awarding me with the Medical Alumni Society Scholarship. Because of donors like you, I am confident I will be able to attain my professional goals as well as improving lives in my community.”

- Sethia, who is from Indiana, says her decision to pursue medicine was influenced by her two uncles who are physicians. She wrote: “I am extremely honored to have received this scholarship, and one day I hope to assist future medical students in the same way that my donors have helped me.”

If you are interested in making a gift to this or any other medical student scholarship fund, visit go.osu.edu/medgiving.

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Courage to Teach Award Extended to Residents

“The word ‘love’ is often overused, but when a physician is examining a patient or teaching a student, they really have to love what they do in order to be fully present in each encounter—this is the essence of what the Courage to Teach award, extended last spring to include residents—is about,” says Linda Stone, MD, special assistant to the Dean for Humanism and Professionalism.

When Stone retired as dean of Student Affairs in 2009, she was invited by then dean of the College of Medicine, Wiley “Chip” Souba, MD, to return and help create a more humanistic environment for faculty, staff and residents. She asked him to read Courage to Teach, in which author Parker Palmer talks about creating a “community of educators” that empowers teachers to be authentically present with students.

“When we created Humanism in Medicine, we focused primarily on our patients, but we also wanted to create a continuum of care for medical students, residents, faculty and staff—not dissimilar to what we have for patients,” Dr. Stone explains.

“We wanted to be sure medical students understood that they are cared about first as persons, that we truly care about them as people and understand the difficulties created by the rigor of the program.”

The Courage to Teach (CTT) award grew out of this desire, and the attributes of a humanistic environment—compassion, respect, trust, passion and integrity—are central to the CTT program.

“Recognizing that residents are integral to our teaching program, the award was presented for the first time to six residents last spring,” Dr. Stone notes.

Inducted from Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center are: Christopher Esber, MD ’13; Asraf El-Hinnaw, MD; Katelyn Krivchenia, MD 11; and Nathan Richards, MD ‘11. Jared Bentley, MD from Mount Carmel Health System and William Schnackel, MD from OhioHealth, were also inducted.

Since the CTT award was first presented in 2010, more than 100 faculty members have been recognized with a gold apple pin, worn on the lapel, and a copy of Palmer’s book.

“By having enthusiastic, innovative and compassionate teaching, in community with other educators, we are ensuring that generations of physicians will embody these important attributes,” notes Stone.

Gold Humanism Honor Society – New Resident Chapter

Last fall, Ohio State’s College of Medicine became one of only 10 medical colleges in the nation to have a Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) Resident Chapter for fellows and residents who are committed to practicing medicine in a humanistic way.

“Humanism in Medicine represents why most physicians go into medicine in the first place—to alleviate human suffering,” says Christopher Esber, MD ’13, adviser for the chapter. “Focusing on those in front of you as people rather than just patients, and focusing on the patient’s family members as well, requires a compassionate approach,” he adds.

Dr. Esber, a second-year Internal Medicine resident, who is one of three College of Medicine alumni to receive the Courage to Teach award, encourages others to apply for membership. The chapter will induct 15 fellows/residents per year through an application and nomination process.

“Anyone who was inducted into a medical student chapter is automatically a member of the resident chapter,” explains Esber, who was very active in the College’s GHHS student chapter (founded in 2004), whose members are peer-selected.

“Practicing humanism is what keeps me energized; it provides me a stronger focus, which in turn allows me to provide better care for my patients and better support for my co-residents,” says Dr. Esber. “I’m very excited about the Department of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds we are planning for March 26. Dr. Michael Grever, chair of the Department, is very supportive, and Humanism in Medicine will be introduced to every student rotating through the Department in March.”

For more information about joining the GHHS Resident Chapter, contact Dr. Esber Christopher.Esber@osumc.edu.
Making an Impact

As we look back with pride during this year of centennial celebration, we recognize the critical role of the college’s donors. Two dedicated supporters tell why giving back means paying forward.

Michael J. Patzakis, MD '63

“I’m grateful for my education and all that Ohio State has given me,” says Michael J. Patzakis, MD ‘63, who chose to say “thank you” to the College of Medicine by establishing the Michael J. Patzakis, MD Endowed Lectureship in Orthopaedics at Ohio State, expected to launch in autumn 2015.

Dr. Patzakis says he values the importance of giving back to the “birthplace of my medical career.” He and his wife, Susan, a fellow Ohio State graduate, live in Los Angeles, where he retired after 21 and a half years as Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California.

His time at Ohio State led him to meet his wife, serve as president of the pre-medical honor society, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and launch a lifetime career in medicine. The Ohio native has led the largest orthopaedics department in the country, taught as visiting professor at 60 medical schools and hospitals, issued 65 research studies, authored 170 scientific papers, mentored more than 400 residents, and received awards and honors from across the country and internationally for his impact on the profession. Because of this success, Ohio State remains close to his heart.

“If others have the same feelings, I urge them to find a way to ‘pay it forward’ to support not only the College, but future physicians.”

Roger Friedman, MD ’77

“One of the passions of my career is teaching, because training young physicians to become the pediatricians and allergists of tomorrow is so rewarding,” says Roger Friedman, MD ’77, about why he and his wife recently established the Roger and Marilyn Friedman Scholarship in the College of Medicine.

“I’ve always advised students to follow their dreams and not allow money to dictate their specialty selection, but nowadays, many don’t have that luxury,” adds Dr. Friedman, who is a professor of Pediatrics at Ohio State and physician at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

The $50,000 unrestricted scholarship is an endowed fund to benefit students, with preference given to those from Ohio.

“We wanted to specifically help students, because new physicians are graduating with extraordinary debt, especially compared to when the class of 1977 graduated nearly 40 years ago,” says Freidman, who also serves as vice president-elect of the College of Medicine’s Medical Alumni Society.

“Buildings, equipment and classrooms also need funding, but we felt that young people require help at this critical stage in their lives. I urge my fellow physicians to think about giving back—it’s so important that we who can, do support our medical community—especially our alma mater.”

“I am so thankful to the generous scholarship donors for helping me realize my dream of becoming a physician. The support and generosity at Ohio State is unmatched and their contribution to my education is just another example of what it means to be a Buckeye.”

– ROB WALKER, MED 3
'06 Brian J. Santin, MD, a vascular surgeon in private practice in Worthington, Ohio, has been selected to serve on the physician advisory board of AthenaHealth.

'10 Maggie Rosen, MD, has been welcomed to Ohio State’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She completed her undergraduate degree at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, and her Ob/Gyn residency at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

'10 Loriana Newman, MD has been welcomed to Ohio State’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She completed her undergraduate degree at Duke University in North Carolina and served her Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.


Kathryn O’Keefe, MD (Res Grad), has joined TriHealth Heart Institute, Cincinnati, OH as a cardiac and thoracic surgeon. She specializes in performing cardiac surgery, coronary bypass surgery, valve replacement surgery, lung cancer surgery and esophageal cancer surgery, including minimally invasive lung resection surgery.

Richard Schlanger, MD (Res Grad), director of outpatient hyperbaric therapy for Ohio State’s Comprehensive Wound Center, recently received the Mikhail Novikov Faculty of the Year Award, in recognition for outstanding clinical care, teaching, scholarship and professionalism.

Andrew Smock, MD (Res Grad) was recently welcomed as a urologist for the Genesis HealthCare System in Zanesville, OH. He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Toledo College of Medicine and served his surgical internship and urology residency at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Dan Gorbett, MD (Fellow) won the outstanding Davis Heart Lung and Research Institute (DHLRI) Clinical Fellow Award at the DHLRI Research Day on November 5, 2014.
‘48 Alvin Essig, MD, 91, died July 22. A professor at Boston University School of Medicine for more than 40 years, Dr. Essig was an international scholar regarding the application of thermodynamics to the epithelial transport process.

‘48 Paul St. Clair Metzger, 89, died October 9. He practiced internal medicine, associated with the Central Ohio Medical Group, from 1956 – 1994. He was retired vice president, chief medical director, Nationwide Insurance Company, and emeritus clinical professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Ohio State University.

‘52 Ernest W. Johnson, MD, 90, died November 18. He was instrumental in building The Ohio State University Dodd Hall into a nationally recognized medical facility. Serving as chair of Ohio State’s Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation for 37 years, beginning in 1963, Dr. Johnson is credited as co-founder of the “creative living” apartment complex designed to allow disabled adults in need of assistance to live independently.

‘52 Philip Vigoda, MD, died November 18 in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado.

‘54 Charles Albert Dudgeon, MD, 87, died November 3. After completing his residency at St. Rita’s Hospital, Lima, Ohio, Dr. Charles moved to Hartford City, Indiana where he was a prominent general practice physician for 43 years.

‘55 Carl E. Spragg, MD, 85, died August 15. He was a family physician in New Concord from 1959 until 2000 and retired after 41 years of practice. He was the physician at Muskingum College and director of health services there. Dr. Spragg was also Muskingum County Health Commissioner.

‘57 Melvern A. Ayers, MD, 83, died July 27. He was the first director of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo when it was newly formed. Dr. Ayers will be remembered for his compassion for others and generosity with his time and medical expertise.

‘57 Richard Lee Collier, MD, 81, died October 10. Richard and his wife, Beverly, started Collier Surgical Associates in 1967, where they worked together until he retired in 1990. His love of his family was abundant and he loved life beyond measure.

‘57 Alfred F. Fasola, MD, PhD, 95, died August 31. He had a 30-year career at Eli Lily as senior clinical pharmacologist specializing in research in aerospace medicine, cardiology, hypertension and respiratory disease.

‘57 Hugh Donald “Don” Pittman, MD, 83, died September 22. He started his medical practice in obstetrics/gynecology at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Upon retirement, he moved to Lake Lure, N.C.

‘59 Jerry M. Hardacre, MD, 80, died September 29. He served his internship and residency in the field of surgery under Robert M. Zollinger, MD. Dr. Hardacre was a part of the Marshfield Clinic as a general surgeon from 1966 – 1997 and had a passion for surgery of the thyroid and parathyroid glands.

‘61 William E. Evans, MD, 80, died August 20. He served as a physician captain in the U.S. Air Force. He authored many professional journals and textbook chapters along with writing and publishing three novels. As a professor of surgery at the College, he taught and mentored many of the finest surgeons in the country.

‘62 Larry Lee Hipp, MD, 78, died July 24. He held numerous careers and was deeply touched by the opportunities he had to directly interact with workers and patients. Larry enjoyed a life filled with deep love of the arts and music, of reading, of education and of debating friends and family.

‘62 Erwin Thal, MD, 78, died December 13. Beginning in 1998, and lasting until his death, he served as the director of the Willed Body Program at the UT Southwestern Medical School. Throughout his time at UT Southwestern, Dr. Erwin was honored with many appointments and recognitions. He received the Alumni Achievement Award from the College.

‘64 Thomas D. Beardmore, MD, 76, died July 22. Since 1976, he has been affiliated with USC where he was a professor of clinical medicine. He was Chief of Rheumatology at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center where he became an expert in the rehabilitation of severely disabled patients with rheumatic diseases.
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"71 David Piero, MD, 69, died September 11. He received his undergraduate degree from Mount Union College and was a dedicated physician who practiced for 30 years at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus.

'83 Robert W. Cifers, MD, 58, died August 21. He specialized in nuclear medicine and was certified by the American Board of Physician Specialists and the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Cifers enjoyed medical staff privileges at numerous hospitals in New Jersey.

Peter Palliser Bosomworth, MD (Res Grad), 84, died September 27. He served as chancellor for the UKMC for 24 years, retiring in 1995, but continuing to serve the medical center as director of Continuing Education and helping to implement telemedicine in Kentucky until 2000.

William M. Kaylor, MD (Res Grad), 91, died October 14. He trained in General Surgery and Urology at Akron City Hospital and the Ohio State University hospital. Additionally, he served his country as a doctor in the Navy before starting practice in 1955. In 1996, he received the Distinguished Physician Award at Lakewood Hospital.

Edmund Bernard Weis Jr., MS, MD, JD (Res Grad), 83, died September 13. He attended the Ohio State University where he became a doctoral candidate in Engineering Mechanics and completed his Orthopaedic Residency training. Dr. Weis was the inventor of a Sonic Tool for Surgery and a method and system for control of a powered prosthesis.

Earl L. Wrenn Jr., MD (Res Grad), 90, died November 6. He established his practice in Pediatric Surgery in Memphis, Tenn., where he served on the clinical faculty of the University Of Tennessee School of Medicine, reaching the rank of clinical professor of Surgery. He also worked with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital as their first attending surgeon when it was newly established.

Maurice “Mo” Mullet, MD ’63

On Sept. 7, 2014, the College lost an outstanding alumus remembered by many as “Mo.” Maurice Mullet, MD ’63, was an incredible physician whose 40-plus-year career—first as a family physician and later as health commissioner for Holmes County—is impressive. However, it is through the hundreds of lives he touched during his years of service to the College of Medicine—as an alumnus, a leader, a donor and a great friend—where he will live on in our memories.

Dr. Mullet cared deeply about our students. In 2002, he endowed the Maurice Mullet Student Alumni Forum Fund that supported alumni speakers on campus twice a year to talk with medical students about health and medical issues. In 2010, Dr. Mullet established the Maurice Mullet MD/MHP Student Scholarship fund, supporting medical students pursuing a medical and public health degree.

For more than a decade, Dr. Mullet sponsored an annual Maurice Mullet tailgate at home football games where he provided great BBQ meals prepared at his home in Holmes County and cooked on the back of his SUV on his famous “chill-n-grill.”

An avid Buckeye sports fan, Dr. Mullet attended many home football, baseball, basketball and hockey games. But, because he could not personally attend every game, over the years he donated hundreds of tickets to the Medical Student Stress Relief program.

Past president of the OSU Medical Alumni Society Board, Dr. Mullet was recognized with numerous Ohio State and College of Medicine awards for his professional and personal commitment to the university and the field of public health. But students and alumni will probably best remember him simply as Mo, the family physician from Holmes County who always put students first.
The community of Buckeye physicians celebrated the College of Medicine’s centennial (1914-2014) with grace and generosity. We send a special thank you to all donors who supported the College in 2014.

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Submit your Story for our Spring 2015 Alumni Update

This edition will focus on alumni and students serving the community globally and locally. Share your experiences with us and you may be featured in our next issue. Submit your story by March 1 at medalum@osumc.edu or call 614-366-1642 with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEB 23: WINTER MAURICE “MO” MULLET STUDENT ALUMNI FORUM

• Healthy Eating Active Lifestyles Together Helping Youth (HEALTHY) program
• Kiran Bhat, MD ’95
• Ross Heart Hospital Auditorium Columbus, Ohio
• 5:30 to 7 p.m.

MARCH 7: FAMILY OSU HOCKEY NIGHT

• Longaberger Alumni House Columbus, Ohio
• Tailgate 4 p.m. Game 6 p.m.

NEW JAMES CANCER HOSPITAL OPENS

On December 15, 2014, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center opened a $750 million, 21-story tower to replace the original James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. The critical care unit of University Hospital will be relocated to the new building, which will also house the nation’s first ER unit specializing in cancer emergencies. The size of the previous James Cancer Hospital, which opened in 1990, is quadrupled by the 1.1 million-square-foot building.

NEW CEO NAMED AT OHIO STATE’S WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER

Sheldon M. Retchin, MD, MSPH, has been named as executive vice president for Health Sciences and CEO of Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center, effective March 2, subject to approval by the University Board of Trustees. Retchin, who has served since 2003 as senior vice president for health sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and CEO of the VCU Health System in Richmond, Va., will succeed Steven Gabbe, MD, who announced in February that he is stepping down as CEO, a position he held since 2008.

DR. REZAI IS NAMED INNOVATOR OF YEAR

The Ohio State University 2014 Innovator of the Year award was presented to Ali Rezai, MD, who holds the Stanley D. and Joan H. Ross Chair in Neuromodulation and is director and CEO of the Ohio State Neurological Institute and director of the Ohio State Center for Neuromodulation. A world-renowned neurosurgeon, Rezai is in constant pursuit of new ways to end pain and suffering for patients living with disabilities. His research focuses on neural circuitry, neurological sensors and monitors, and development of surgical tools and new neuromodulation approaches.

Working with investigators from Ohio State’s Colleges of Medicine, Engineering and Arts and Sciences, Rezai initiated the first U.S. trials for deep brain stimulation to treat traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer’s disease, alcoholism and obesity. In collaboration with engineers and scientists from Ohio State and Battelle, Dr. Rezai implanted a microchip (Neurobridge) into a patient’s brain that was linked to an external prosthetic sleeve. The procedure allowed the quadriplegic man to move his hand for the first time in four years using his thoughts. Dr. Rezai holds 35 issued U.S. patents and has more than 50 pending for medical devices and technologies.