OSU College of Medicine Among the Top Ranked

The Ohio State University College of Medicine was ranked 38th in research among the nation’s 126 medical schools and 20 schools of osteopathic medicine in the 2014 U.S. News & World Report “America’s Best Graduate Schools,” on the list published in mid March. The OSU College of Medicine moved up one spot from last year.

“The 2014 ranking confirms that our College of Medicine is attracting the best and brightest students and providing them with an excellent educational experience,” said Dean Charles J. Lockwood.

The average Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) score of Ohio State’s applicants increased from 11.1 to 11.3 out of a possible 15. Ohio State has become more selective with its acceptance rate, which has decreased from 11.2 percent to 6.6 percent, because of an increased number of applications coming into its medical program. And, the overall grade point averages of applying students rose from 3.64 to 3.68.

Medical Students Meet Their Match

On the heels of the 2014 U.S. News & World Report announcement, 210 senior medical students from The Ohio State University College of Medicine anxiously awaited their fate on March 15 at Ohio State’s Mershon Auditorium. Promptly at noon, during the annual Match Day, the students ended their long-awaited anticipation when they tore open their envelopes to learn where they’ll spend the next phase of their medical careers.

This year, more than 52,000 applicants vied for more than 26,000 residency positions. The number of graduating medical students continues to increase, yet the number of residency spots remains the same, and is at the risk of declining due to threatened reductions in federal Graduate Medical Education funding.

About 50 percent of U.S. students received their first choice and greater than 75 percent received one of their top three choices. Forty percent of students will enter primary care. Of Ohio State’s seniors, 44 percent will stay in Ohio – 15 percent of whom will stay in Columbus. The specialty that gained the most students was pediatrics, followed by emergency medicine and internal medicine.

Michael DiBartola was one of 210 senior medical students who ripped open an envelope on Match Day to learn where he’d spend the next phase of his medical career. Michael and his wife, Natalie, were ecstatic to learn that Michael was paired with his top choice of residency in pediatrics at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus.
A TIME FOR THANKS

While leafing through my previous columns, it didn’t take long to recognize a somewhat embarrassing pattern in my messages: I’m always asking you for something.

OK, in my own defense, I have to say it’s pretty easy to get into this mode of thinking, as there are so many student initiatives and projects here at the Medical Center that need your continual support, such as student scholarships, alumni hosts for fourth-year medical student residency travel, volunteers for committees and alumni outreach, and on and on. But, before I find myself asking for something else, let me just say, or better yet shout, “THANK YOU!”

Yes, thank you for all you do to help make the College of Medicine and Wexner Medical Center such incredible places. You are a tremendous group of professionals committed to your careers, and the reputation we have today is based on each and every one of your life stories. Some of you may call it “giving back,” while others call it “paying forward.” But in my world it’s all the same. I’m so appreciative of your support, with your time, talent and treasure.

So take a moment today to pat yourselves on the back for all that you’ve done here. And, as you read through this newsletter, I hope you’ll enjoy the stories, news items and updates that reflect only a small segment of your impact. Once again, my sincere thanks!

Please send your questions or comments to me at Martha.Hicks@osumc.edu, and yes, I will start back again tomorrow asking for your time, talent and treasure.

As always, GO BUCKS!

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“We are especially pleased with the College’s 2014 primary care ranking in 24th place,” Lockwood said. “This is a remarkable improvement from our ranking in 40th place last year.”

A strong national reputation is advancing Ohio State’s efforts to recruit the best physicians, scientists and students. It also influences grant reviewers, builds pride among our alumni, faculty and donors, and increases awareness of the world-class medical care that would not be available in our region, but for Ohio State.

Although Ohio State doesn’t use these rankings to guide its strategy, the university acknowledges that they’re an important factor many people consider when evaluating schools, hospitals and future employment opportunities.
Scholarships Support Students’ Quest to Help Others

As Ohio State medical students prepare to help those who traditionally have had less access to quality health care, a government partnership program will help them focus more on providing care and less on medical school debt. Through the Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program (MEDTAPP) Health Care Access Initiative (HCA), selected medical students receive stipends for their medical school education in exchange for a three-year commitment to work in a high-volume Medicaid site upon their graduation.

MEDTAPP is a University-Medicaid partnership combining nonfederal and federal funds to support the efficient and effective administration of the Medicaid program. Funding consists of 50 percent Federal Financial Participation and 50 percent qualified nonfederal funds.

Typically, qualified nonfederal funds include university faculty and facility support. Recently, state general revenue funds and private contributions also have been used as funding sources. The program was designed to align with established, successful programs and leverage existing resources to train and retain healthcare practitioners to serve Medicaid beneficiaries in areas such as Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Family Medicine.

Ohio State’s College of Medicine last year completed its largest allocation of MEDTAPP awards for its third- and fourth-year students.

“Medical school debt is a significant financial commitment that raises concerns among many students regarding future reimbursement and the ability to repay loans,” says Matt Flanigan, who received a stipend to complete his medical school training. “The MEDTAPP HCA Initiative support eases these concerns by providing financial incentive for students to participate.”

Wexner Medical Center Only ‘Distinguished’ Columbus Hospital

Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center has received the 2013 Distinguished Award for Clinical Excellence by HealthGrades, making it one of 262 hospitals nationwide to be on the HealthGrades list. Receiving this award puts the Medical Center in the top five percent of hospitals in the United States. “We are pleased to be included in the elite ranks of hospitals nationwide that have demonstrated superior performance in caring for patients in the Medicare population as measured by HealthGrades,” says Dr. Steven G. Gabbe, CEO of Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center. “This award recognizes the comprehensive, high-quality care offered here across a broad spectrum of clinical specialties and patient care.”

Medical Education Research Conclave

Even as the new Lead. Serve. Inspire. (LSI) curriculum rolls out, College of Medicine educators are examining and evaluating its success. In January, more than 100 College faculty and staff gathered for the inaugural Medical Education Research Conclave at the OSU Biomedical Research Tower.

“Our goal for the conclave was to generate research ideas and connect faculty and staff with common research interests,” said Daniel M. Clinchot, MD, vice dean of Education and associate professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. “To date, we have generated more than 200 research ideas.”

Clinchot, who assumed the vice dean position in July, has played a central role in increasing Ohio State’s national reputation for curricular innovation. His method for evaluating the new curriculum is just as innovative. Using Medical Education Research Groups, or MERGs, he hopes to quickly gain insight from faculty and staff about what’s working and what’s not working in order to modify the curriculum and promote scholarship opportunities.

“Attendees at the ‘Curricular Innovations’ table discussed the integration of clinical and foundational science in the LSI curriculum,” Clinchot said. “Faculty from Surgery, Pediatrics and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Services had research questions in this area and were able to discuss and connect with each other.”

John Davis, MD, associate dean for Medical Education, leads a discussion about innovating the College’s curriculum at January’s conclave.

Questions? Comments? E-mail us at medalum@osumc.edu
$5 Million Grant to Help OSU Expand Health Care in Developing Countries

A $5 million grant from Greif Packaging Charitable Trust will enable The Ohio State University and the Global Health Delivery Partnership (GDHP) to join forces in establishing a program to change healthcare training and delivery in developing nations.

The program will bring better care to some of the world’s poorest regions, by training local people to become qualified care providers – an innovation with the potential to permanently improve health conditions in these regions.

The GHDP is comprised of Brigham and Women’s Hospital’s Division of Global Health Equity, Harvard Medical School’s Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, and Partners In Health. The Ohio State University will participate in the program through its Wexner Medical Center and its Office of Global Health under the direction of Daniel Sedmak, MD, and Brigham and Women’s Hospital will serve as the lead partner on behalf of the GHDP.

The announcement came at a news conference in New Albany in November, which was attended by Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee, Dr. Steven G. Gabbe, CEO of Wexner Medical Center, David Fischer, president and CEO of Greif Inc., and Paul Farmer, founding director of Partners In Health.

“The Ohio State University and the Global Health Delivery Partnership is a veritable case study in how to enact positive change and progress in the world,” Gee said. For more than a quarter century, Brigham and Women’s Hospital has been implementing programs to improve healthcare and physician training in the developing world. This initiative will strengthen programs in Haiti, Rwanda, Malawi, Kenya and Ethiopia and will eventually extend to other developing nations. It will initially concentrate on training physicians and other health care providers to care for some of the world’s most vulnerable people – pregnant women, newborns and infants.

“This partnership will leverage innovative research, teaching and service delivery to promote the health of women and children from rural Haiti to Rwanda and other resource-poor settings throughout the world,” Farmer said.

There is a growing interest in global health among students at Ohio State, which had 61 students work and learn in 16 countries, including Cambodia, Guatemala and Malawi.

Alumnus Bequeath Books to Medical Heritage Center

J. Richard Hurt, MD ’57, donated more than 400 medical books to the Medical Heritage Center at Ohio State’s Health Sciences Library in Prior Hall in July in memory of his father, J. William Hurt. Subjects cover psychology, general medicine, biology and internal medicine.

Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center and the Columbus Medical Association founded the Medical Heritage Center in 1997 as a way to preserve and celebrate central Ohio’s rich literary resources about medicine. Collections are largely comprised of donated materials, including books, artifacts and archival materials.

“These items not only document the rich health sciences history of the region, but also teach students and the general public about the past,” said Judith Wiener, assistant director of Collections and Outreach. “Collecting rare medical texts and memorabilia is often a hobby of many of our supporters, and their families are thrilled to see their beloved libraries and acquisitions live on in the academic community.”

Interested in making a donation? Contact Kristen Rodgers at Kristin.Rodgers@osumc.edu or 614-292-9966.
Alumnus Establishes Scholarship Fund for ‘Outstanding’ Second-Year Med Student

Kenneth Frankel, MD ’74, recently donated $25,000 to The Ohio State University College of Medicine toward a fully-endowed scholarship fund of $50,000 to benefit exceptional, second-year medical students. The “Ken and Joan Frankel Outstanding Second-Year Medical Student of the Year” award will be annually issued to the top-ranked medical student at the end of his or her second year, beginning this spring.

Frankel is a clinical professor at the University of Southern California’s Keck School of Medicine and director of Pathology at Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center in Glendale, Calif. He received an undergraduate degree in Zoology from Miami University in 1967, and while attending medical school at Ohio State, received a $500 scholarship at the end of his second year. “It was a pleasant surprise,” said Frankel, from his home in Pasadena, Calif. “I thought, ‘Wow,’ what an honor to receive the award in front of all my classmates.”

Frankel and his wife, Joan, who is a retired nurse, decided it was time to give back to Ohio State. “I asked if there was still a similar award for second-year students,” Frankel said. “When I heard that there wasn’t, I decided to continue this great tradition.”

White Coat Sponsorship Program Benefits from Generosity of Alumnus

When alumnus Theodor Fredrick Herwig, MD ’58, passed away at age 80 in September, he left behind fond memories, but also a legacy at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

“Throughout his life, and even after his death, Herwig and his family have contributed to the College’s White Coat Sponsorship Fund, which supports the purchase of white lab coats for first-year medical students. Coats cost $100 apiece and are ceremoniously given to Med1 students at the White Coat Ceremony in August. Thanks to their generosity, more than $4,500 has been raised for the White Coat Program.

“Ted really liked that program because he knew the funds directly benefited the students,” said his wife, Vinny Cipriani Holdren, from their home in Westerville, Ohio.

Herwig, known as “Teddy,” was a family physician for 53 years in the Columbus area. He grew up in Akron, Ohio, where both of his parents were physicians. “His heart was in education and the very reason he became a family doctor,” Holdren said.

Plans for New Brain and Spine Hospital Announced

A new Brain and Spine Hospital will become a reality at Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center. CEO Steven G. Gabbe, MD, has announced that future plans for the current James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute have been determined. This building will be the site of a new Brain and Spine Hospital. Having a hospital dedicated to treating neurological disorders will significantly advance education, research and patient care in the Neurosciences Program, which has been a Signature Program since 2006.

In addition, at its meeting in February, The Ohio State University Board of Trustees approved a plan of $2 million for the Medical Center to hire consultants who will help plan renovations for Rhodes and Doan Hall and the current James. Renovations in the three buildings will include converting existing double rooms to private patient rooms and updating spaces for programs including Neurosciences, Transplant, Women and Infants, and General and Specialty Medical Surgical Services.

Under the leadership of Ali Rezai, MD, director of our Neurosciences Program, the new Brain and Spine Hospital will be a healthcare destination for patients to receive excellent care. The hospital also will better enable faculty and staff to collaborate as they develop innovative approaches that will lead to new ways to prevent, detect, treat and cure neurological conditions.
From the Alumni Society President

‘BUT FOR MY ALUMNI SOCIETY…’

This spring, The Ohio State University College of Medicine will graduate 210 physicians. That’s right. It’s official! These bright, engaged and community-minded physicians will carry the clinical and humanitarian banner of Ohio State throughout the country and the world.

During their four years at the College of Medicine, they have been exposed to one of the most progressive and innovative medical curriculums anywhere. The day they graduate they will become official members of The Ohio State University Medical Alumni Society – one of the largest, award-winning societies in the country (13,500 members strong). They, like us, will look back and ask, “But for Ohio State, where would I be?” They can also ask, “But for my alumni society, where would I be?”

Hopefully this will stimulate them to pay it forward philanthropically as they look back at the scholarship support that we gave them, and realize how important that will be for the future students at the College of Medicine.

We as a society have done well. The OSU Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholarship Endowment Fund principle has reached $426,000, and we now have 10 endowed class scholarships!

But we have 13,500 alumni and can do 13 times better! Can you imagine what that means for the future of The Ohio State University College of Medicine? I encourage you to “Dot the “i” in Scholarship.” Follow the words of the legendary coach Woody Hayes: “You can never pay back, but you can always pay forward.”

The Business of Medicine

The Medical Student Alumni Council welcomed alumnus Glenn Loomis, MD ’92, for a talk entitled “Working in the Colliding Worlds of Business and Medicine” as part of its semiannual Maurice Mullet Student Alumni Forum in December at the Ross Heart Hospital.

Loomis, who is president of St. Elizabeth Physicians in Crestview Hills, Ky., represents both business and medicine, having first served as a family physician before transitioning into his current management role in 2010. His career discussion appealed to Ohio State College of Medicine students seeking to learn more about the business side of medicine.

“We don’t learn about that in medical school,” said Laura Wright, president of Medical Student Alumni Society. “You forget that it’s a job and somebody has to make sure it runs as a business and makes money.”

At St. Elizabeth, Loomis is a liaison between hospital administration and medical staff. He leads more than 1,200 employees, including 200 physicians representing nearly a dozen care specialties, including pediatrics, internal medicine, and obstetrics and gynecology. They serve more than 350,000 patients, generating more than $150 million in revenue.

“A lot of people in healthcare management never thought they would be there,” said Loomis, who also received undergraduate degrees in psychology and biology from Ohio State and a master’s degree in healthcare management from the University of Texas. “You have to be a good physician first.”
Florida Hospitality Shared by PT Grad, Spouse

Gregory Collins, a 1978 graduate of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, and his wife, Angela, both physical therapists in Naples, Fla., hosted a “Lunch and Learn” program in February at Quail Creek Country Club in Naples. In this collaborative effort between the College of Medicine and the Fisher College of Business, alumni/donors and guests from both colleges were treated to a wonderful lunch and education program.

Dr. Charles Lockwood, Dean and Leslie H. and Abigail S. Wexner Dean’s Chair in Medicine, and Christine Poon, Dean and John W. Berry Chair in Business, Fisher College of Business, made remarks during the lunch. Following lunch, presentations were given by Edmund Funai, MD, chief operating officer, Ohio State Health System, on “The Changing Healthcare Landscape and OSU,” and Stephen Buser, PhD, professor emeritus of Finance, on “How the Fiscal Cliff Continues to Impact Your Retirement Savings, Income and Estate Planning.”

Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Greg and Angela Collins, and for our Florida Buckeyes, who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for an OSU afternoon. Martha Hicks, director of Alumni Affairs, and Sabrina Ragan, senior director of Development for the College of Medicine, also were on hand to welcome guests and provide updates on news from the College of Medicine and Wexner Medical Center.

Spring Maurice Mullet Student-Alumni Forum

The Medical Student Alumni Council tackled the topic of “Life After Medical School” at its spring Maurice Mullet Student Alumni Forum. Medical students learned life lessons from two College of Medicine alumni about how to successfully balance their residency training with a new family and the repayment of school loans.

Pictured (from left) are Council president Laura Wright, presenter Anthony Michaels, MD ’03, presenter Demicha Rankin, MD ’06, and Council Council secretary Victor Nguyen.

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHIE GRIFFIN

Paying forward is a concept that all Ohio State alumni can support

In February, students from Ohio State stepped up in a way that made me proud. Our students participated in BuckeyeThon, an annual dance marathon that benefits the Hematology/Oncology Department of Nationwide Children’s Hospital, with the ultimate goal of ending childhood cancer. This is the most worthy of efforts in my mind, because working to ensure that young people have a bright future is something that is part of my life’s mission.

Ohio State students made a major impact through BuckeyeThon. They raised $609,000, a record total that will enable the team at Nationwide to make significant strides in their work.

Read more of Archie’s message at go.osu.edu/ArchieMessage.
The Philadelphia Business Journal named Russel Kaufman, MD ’73, “Life Sciences CEO of the Year” as part of its Life Sciences Awards Program in October. Kaufman was recognized for growing the life sciences industry in the Philadelphia area by collaborating with researchers, business leaders, local community leaders and government officials to advance cancer research and vaccine development.

Kaufman is president and CEO of the Wistar Institute, an independent, nonprofit biomedical research center in Philadelphia, and the first cancer center to be designated by the National Cancer Institute. Since joining in 2002, Kaufman has grown Wistar’s scientific enterprise and significantly raised its international profile by recruiting top-notch scientists, developing new biomedical research centers and expanding research programs and facilities.

Last year Wistar broke ground on a $100 million, seven-story research tower that will enable it to expand research operations, recruit new scientific faculty and pursue collaborative biomedical research in emerging areas of science. “We’re getting away from ‘franchise,’ where each researcher worked by themselves on a grant and moving to a team approach where scientists work together,” Kaufman said.

‘11 Alicia Alcamo, MD, became chief resident of the Pediatric Residency Program at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. While at the College of Medicine, Alcamo was a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society and the Landacre Honor Society, and served as president of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

‘78 Aaron Folsom, MD, MPH, received the American Heart Association’s 2012 Population Research Prize for his contributions to the science of cardiovascular disease. The award is annually given to one scientist in the United States who has made a profound impact on heart disease. For more than 30 years, Folsom has researched the risk factors of heart attack, stroke, blood clots and cancer, authoring more than 750 scientific publications. He currently serves as professor of Epidemiology and Community Health at the University of Minnesota’s School of Public Health.

‘57 Richard Hurt, MD, was featured in an article titled “Leaving West Jeff with mixed emotions” in The Madison Press, a daily newspaper in London, Ohio. Hurt and his wife, Sally, recently moved to Florida after living in West Jefferson for most of their lives. Hurt practiced medicine for 52 years, 45 of those years in West Jefferson.

‘69 George Pettit, MD, was appointed an auxiliary professorship of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State’s College of Medicine. As an auxiliary faculty member, Pettit will contribute to the teaching and research missions of the College of Medicine. His appointment began in September.

‘05 Lee Gemma, MD, recently joined St. Elizabeth Health Center – Humility of Mary Health Partners in Youngstown, Ohio, as a cardiac electrophysiologist. Gemma is noted for performing the region’s first catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation. Gemma completed his Internal Medicine residency and Cardiovascular Disease fellowship at the MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, followed by a Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology fellowship at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

View additional information about our alumni at medicine.osu.edu/alumni/communications/alumninotes.

Send your news and email address to medalum@osumc.edu and we will enter your name in a drawing for one of two footballs autographed by the only two-time Heisman Trophy winner, Archie Griffin.
Capers Named Vice Chair of AAMC Executive Committee

Quinn Capers IV, MD ‘91, director of Peripheral Vascular Interventions at Ohio State, was recently named vice chair of the Central Group on Student Affairs (CGSA), an executive committee within the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The CGSA represents the interests of medical schools and medical students in the areas of admissions, diversity, financial aid, student affairs and student records.

Capers, associate dean for Admissions in the College of Medicine, will assume the position in April at the Central Region Spring Conference in St. Louis. He will serve a four-year term in progressive roles as vice chair, chair elect, chair and immediate past chair.

“This is an opportunity to work with wonderful colleagues to have a broad impact on medical student affairs beyond Ohio State,” said Capers, who also is an assistant professor of Medicine at Ohio State. “I feel truly blessed to be a physician, and my goal in this position is to facilitate making this dream come true for others and to represent our College of Medicine well.”

Residency News

Former Fellow Named One of Colombia’s ‘Most Influential Expatriates’

Armando Sardi, MD, a former fellow of Oncologic Surgery at Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center, was honored as one of the Republic of Colombia’s 100 most influential expatriates by the South American country’s president in December.

Sardi, who was born in Colombia, was recognized for his groundbreaking work in the field of surgical oncology and for his foundation Partners for Cancer Care and Prevention (PFCCAP), which strives to reduce the number of cervical- and breast cancer-related deaths in developing countries. In Colombia, nearly four times as many women annually die of cervical cancer than in the United States, according to the nonprofit organization. The reason is that 70 percent of these women are diagnosed in the advanced stages of the disease, making early detection a priority for the PFCCAP.

Sardi, who received an MD from Universidad del Valle in Cali, Columbia, founded PFCCAP in 2006. His foundation, which employs a team of doctors, nurses, and mental and public health specialists, has provided free medical care to more than 35,000 patients. The PFCCAP also has been instrumental in providing tens of thousands of dollars of medical equipment in addition to laying the groundwork for an improved care initiative.

A crucial step in improving detection and care of cancers in Cali was to create additional space for treatment within the country’s oldest hospital. The “Pink Room” was created as a designated space for breast cancer patients. This space also helps PFCCAP address another important area of focus – follow-up care. In March the PFCCAP sent a team to Cali to help improve overall cancer prevention and treatment with help from the country’s oldest hospital.

Former Radiation Oncology Resident Joins West Michigan Cancer Center

Ohio State residency graduate Jeffrey Radawski, MD, recently joined the Department of Radiation Oncology at the West Michigan Cancer Center. Radawski obtained a medical degree from Michigan State University’s College of Human Medicine and a bachelor’s in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Michigan. His expertise includes prostate brachytherapy, stereotactic radiosurgery and radiotherapy.
Obituaries

'45 Robert E. Swank, MD, age 91, of Chillicothe, Ohio, died Dec. 14. Swank served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Japan, following WWII. In 1948 he became a physician at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Chillicothe and later opened a private family practice, where he remained for more than 30 years. He was chief of staff at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center in 1980. Swank also was an avid pilot and aircraft owner for many years.

'47 Warren N. Koontz, MD, died Feb. 1. Koontz was a longtime physician and mental health advocate in Newark, Ohio, where he cofounded the Moundbuilders Guidance Center in 1954 and served as first president of the Licking County Mental Health Association. Koontz also was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in WWII and the Korean Conflict. In the early 1950s, he was a resident of neuropsychiatry at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, and a staff psychiatrist and neurologist at the United States Army General Hospital at Fort Knox.

'52 Samuel N. Abood, MD, age 88, of Canton, Ohio, passed away Dec. 9. Abood practiced general medicine in Canton for 45 years and was recognized for his exemplary work by Aultman Hospital in Canton and the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians. Abood served in the U.S. Army during WWII and enjoyed independent exploration as an avid hiker.

'55 John A. Devany, MD, age 83, of Sylvania Township, Ohio, died Jan. 23. He was an otolaryngologist who was known for seeing patients after church on Sundays. He served as president of the Ohio State Medical Association and the Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas County. As a staunch democrat, Devany once advised Hillary Clinton on healthcare reform.

'56 Jane Carmichael Fitz, MD, age 84, of Lomita, Calif., died Nov. 3. Throughout her life, Fitz strongly supported equal pay and equal rights for women. She was the first female anesthesiologist in San Diego, which helped open the field to more women. She practiced at Sharp Grossmont Hospital in La Mesa, Calif., among other hospitals in California during her robust career. She was a lifelong environmentalist, avid traveler and adventure enthusiast who rafted the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon after retirement.

'57 Leopold Like, MD, passed away Feb. 14. Born in 1930, Like grew up on a farm during the Great Depression, developing his strong work ethic. He practiced general and thoracic surgery in Lima, Ohio, until his retirement in 1990. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1952, and was a member of the Theta Kappa Phi and Alpha Kappa Kappa Medical fraternities. He enjoyed music and sang with the Naples Philharmonic Chorale.

'57 Nelson H. Stone, MD, age 82, of Palm Beach, Fla., passed away Dec. 22. He was a loving husband, father, brother and uncle to his family around the country.

'58 Robert L. Holladay, MD, age 80, of Lima, Ohio, died Feb. 21. Holladay practiced family medicine in Elmview, Ohio, for 36 years, and occupational medicine for SOHIO Chemical Co. for 20 years. He served as president of Lima-Allen County Family Physicians, the Northwest Ohio Medical Society, and Lima Network, Inc. He was the owner of Lima Industrial Medical Associates.

'58 Alfred E. Stockum, MD, age 84, of Upper Arlington, Ohio, died Jan. 8. Stockum was a resident of pediatrics at St. Luke’s Hospital in Cleveland, a resident of radiology at Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center and a fellow in pediatric radiology at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. He specialized in interventional radiology and taught at Ohio State as an associate professor for 30 years. He also served as a staff sergeant and radar repair instructor in the U.S. Air Force.

'58 Charles R. Everett, MD, age 81, of Garland, Texas, passed away Jan. 12. He completed his internship, residency and fellowship at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Everett then moved to Garland in 1962, where he practiced internal medicine at Speegle Hospital and Clinic and was the first internal medicine physician and cardiologist. He later practiced at Baylor Medical Center at Garland and was both the chief of medicine and chief of staff, where he remained until retiring in 2006. “Charlie” also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and driving Corvettes.

'64 Kenneth Carpenter, MD, age 73, of South Vienna, passed away on Oct. 15. Carpenter was a dedicated physician known for his long ponytail, flashy glasses, gold chains and colorful sweaters. After receiving his medical degree from The Ohio State University, he trained at Dartmouth College. He returned to Columbus in 1965 to seek a small-town family practice in Dublin, where he remained for 47 years. Committed to the traditional practice of family medicine, he often made house calls and patient visits at hospitals. He expanded his service to the Dublin Medical Mall in 1982. He quietly supported many philanthropic efforts in Dublin, including providing the funds for the annual 4th of July fireworks display in Dublin.

'64 Larry Joe Porter, MD, age 74, of Fort Myers, passed away March 3. Porter completed his residency at Charlotte Memorial Hospital in Charlotte, N.C., and was an orthopedic surgeon and hand specialist in Zanesville, Ohio. As a member of “Project Dawn,” he donated clinical and surgical services and equipment to citizens of Georgetown, Guyana. The multi-talented Porter also was a novelist, playwright, actor, director and trumpet player.
Obituaries

'66 Gerald Stephen Buerk, MD, of Oxford, Ohio, died Nov. 3. Buerk was an ophthalmologist at McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital in Oxford and Fort Hamilton Hospital in Hamilton, Ohio. At age 50, he suffered a stroke that left him with limited speech and mobility, but unshaken at his commitment to ophthalmologic care and his community. After serving several years in the United States Marine Corps, Buerk became a recognized leader in Oxford. He received the Saurers Award for outstanding achievements from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and was runner-up for Oxford Citizen of the Year in 1979.

'75 Michael Dale Mackan, MD, FACEP, age 64, of Canton, Ohio, passed away on Nov. 6, 2011. Mackan served as a medical officer with the U.S. Naval Medical Corps from 1976-1978, while stationed with the Naval Construction Force in the Indian Ocean. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal and the Naval Expeditionary Medal and was a member of the Seabees, Battalion 133. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at Akron City Hospital, where he became chief resident and later attending physician, retiring in 2006. He co-chaired a committee to develop the Trauma Triage protocols for the state of Ohio, and in 1993 was named the “Emergency Room Physician of the Year” by the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

'79 Janice Gallagher, MD, age 58, of Columbus, passed away Sept. 10. Gallagher served in the U.S. Navy for seven years as a pediatrician. After more than 30 years of practice, Gallagher retired in 2012 from the Ohio Center for Pediatrics in Dublin, Ohio. She served on the boards of the Columbus Speech and Hearing Center and Nationwide Children’s Hospital, where she also served a term as president.

'80 Richard W. Gurich, MD, age 57, of Tuscaloosa, died Dec. 10. Gurich completed his internship and residency training in internal medicine at Northwestern University and his fellowship training in nephrology at the University of California-San Francisco. As a faculty member at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, he researched the role of kidneys in blood pressure control. He then moved to Tuscaloosa, and practiced medicine for 18 years. He also offered lectures at the University of Alabama, prompting him to say that teaching was the best part of his job.

Residency graduate James C. Black, MD, of Farmington, Conn., died Jan. 19. Black received his medical degree from the Strich School of Medicine in Chicago and later completed residencies in psychiatry at Loyola University and The Ohio State University, and a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati. For more than a decade, he served as medical director of Child and Family Services in Hartford, where he also established his private practice. He served on the boards of the Institute of Living and the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. He also was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Residency graduate Paul “Doc” Thompson, MD, age 85, died Jan. 17, near his home in St. Petersburg, Fla. Thompson graduated from the Indiana University Medical School in 1952, then interned at St. Petersburg, Fla. Thompson graduated from the Indiana University Medical School in 1952, then interned at St. Petersburg, Fla. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at Akron City Hospital, where he became chief resident and later attending physician, retiring in 2006. He co-chaired a committee to develop the Trauma Triage protocols for the state of Ohio, and in 1993 was named the “Emergency Room Physician of the Year” by the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Residency graduate Robert Lee Westerheide, MD, age 78, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, passed away Oct. 31. Westerheide received a master’s in Medical Science and a medical degree from St. Louis University College of Medicine in 1959. While there, he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He completed his general surgery residency in 1965 at Ohio State under the renowned surgeon, Dr. Robert Zollinger. In 1966, he completed his fellowship in surgical oncology at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Westerheide practiced general surgery and oncology in Mount Vernon from 1966 to 2001.

Additional information about alumni who have recently passed away can be viewed at go.osu.edu/Obits.

Alumni One and All

The Ohio State University Alumni Association welcomes all alumni in its new inclusive membership. Alumni Association membership is automatically granted to all who have earned associate, bachelor, graduate, professional or honorary degrees from Ohio State – as well as Medical Center resident and fellowship graduates!

Learn more by contacting Ohio State’s Alumni Association at (800) 762-5646 or visiting ohiostatealumni.org.
Upcoming EVENTS:

APRIL 25 – Landacre Honor Society Induction: Annual event honoring new student inductees. Contact Bianca Macarrell at Bianca.Mcarrell@osumc.edu or 614-292-2683.

APRIL 26-27 – Nite Out: 62nd annual student variety show fundraiser for the Columbus Free Clinic. Contact Tammy Carl at Tammy.Carl@osumc.edu or 614-292-6450.

MAY 1 – Diversity and Inclusion Graduate Celebration: Contact Valerie Blackwell-Truitt at Valerie.Blackwell-Truitt@osumc.edu or 614-688-8489.

MAY 2 – BBQ: Informal celebration honoring graduating students.

Honors Convocation: Students and faculty receive departmental awards.

Hooding Ceremony and Reception: Students and faculty receive top awards from the College of Medicine. Contact Eileen Mehl at Eileen.Mehl@osumc.edu or 614-292-9952.


MAY 19 – Anatomy Memorial Service: Contact Eileen Mehl at Eileen.Mehl@osumc.edu or 614-292-9952.

Groden Named Vice Dean for Research

Joanna Groden, PhD, has been appointed vice dean for Research. Groden is a nationally renowned authority on inherited cancers, and has been professor of Molecular Virology, Immunology and Medical Genetics since 2005, and has served as associate dean for basic science research from 2007-2011, and associate dean for graduate studies since 2011. Groden co-directs the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Med Into Grad Scholars Program. Groden is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and her research has been continuously funded by the NIH for two decades.

Marsh to Lead New IDEA Studio as Vice Dean for Innovation

Clay Marsh, MD, a world-renowned scientist and educator at the OSU College of Medicine, has been appointed chief innovation officer for the Wexner Medical Center, where he directs the IDEA Studio in Healthcare and Design. In addition, Marsh will continue in the Ohio State College of Medicine as vice dean for Innovation. The IDEA Studio in Healthcare and Design was created to accelerate discovery, innovation and commercialization in health care through novel solutions developed to improve health, provide value and help to deliver P4 Health to Ohio State communities. The Studio will work closely with Ohio State’s Technology Commercialization Office and the University Health and Wellness Initiative to expedite success of the University’s commercialization efforts and to build an ecosystem that makes healthy living easy, affordable and accessible.

OSU College of Medicine Students Learn Humanism Through Art

Beautiful harmony resonated as the a cappella group UltraSound began Ohio State’s beloved alma mater Carmen Ohio in the foyer of Meiling Hall. Second verse — well, not quite the same as the first.

OSU College of Medicine second-year student Sanjay Mohan began beatboxing a vocal rhythm at double-time and the group joined in, to the delight of the attendees at the College of Medicine Student Wellness Fair. UltraSound is one of nearly a dozen student groups in the Medicine and the Arts program, designed to bring humanism into the medical program and to provide healthy diversions for stressed medical students.

Read the rest of the story online at go.osu.edu/ArtfulStudents. Watch a video of UltraSound at go.osu.edu/MedicineArts.