Inciting Leadership

If you examine our recent rankings and achievements, it might be tempting for us at the College of Medicine and the Medical Center to pat ourselves on the back and relax. After all, we have made great progress and have many points of pride. For example:

- The College of Medicine is now ranked by U.S. News & World Report as 27th among all medical schools (a gain of 17 positions since 2003) and 10th among public medical schools.
- In 2009, U.S. News named Ohio State an Honor Roll hospital, an elite distinction based on quality, outcomes and reputation that was granted to only 21 of the nation’s top medical facilities. This was the 17th consecutive year that U.S. News recognized Ohio State as one of “America’s Best Hospitals,” with 10 Ohio State medical services among the nation’s best in the current ranking.
- From 2000-2008, total Medical Center research funding increased by more than $150 million ($80.5 million to $205.7 million); National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding increased from $58.9 million to $131.2 million.
- Ohio State is one of only 38 institutions chosen by the NIH to receive a Clinical and Translational Science Award, which supports the rapid translation of scientific

HOST Program Celebrates Successful First Year

“With the goal of building alumni/student connections and easing the financial burden students face as they interview for residency positions, the HOST (Helping Our Students Travel) program can be called a success after just one year,” states Michael Basford, assistant director of Medical Center Alumni Affairs. “We carefully built the program to make matching students and hosts as streamlined as possible, and the efforts have certainly paid off with 19 student/alumni matches in 15 different cities.”

The HOST program originally only targeted six cities, but alumni response has been so strong that the program already has 36 host volunteers registered from 25 different cities. Three alumni have hosted a student on multiple occasions.
With our blustery winter finally giving way to a much-welcomed spring, it seems that we are busier than ever at the Medical Alumni Society. We are pleased that so many more of you are taking part in alumni events at Ohio State and throughout the country.

Our new HOST program is a great way for you to connect back to the College, if you’re not able to visit campus. We appreciate many of you giving back of your time, talent, and treasure to our medical students, be it through hosting a student in your home and/or considering a scholarship gift to the College.

Thanks to those of you who shared your personal and professional announcements in our class and residency notes section. You can also post your notes and photos to BUCKEYE NOTES at www.medicine.osu.edu/alumni.

Please stay in touch and GO BUCKS!

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHIE GRIFFIN

Stepping Up to the Challenge of Leadership

Dear Friends,

The Ohio State University board of trustees has approved an affiliation agreement that will more closely align the Ohio State Alumni Association with the University. The agreement resulted from a year-long study of best practices in alumni engagement among leading public and private universities. I will continue to serve as president/CEO of the Alumni Association, but will also assume the role of senior vice president for Alumni Relations as a member of the president’s senior team. President Gee and I agree that our purposeful affiliation will help us reach out to alumni, friends and fans much more effectively. Complete details about the affiliation are available at http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/news/Pages/Partnership.aspx.

Estimated to have saved students more than $2,000 in lodging expenses, students are grateful for the assistance. However, Brian Culp, who recently stayed with Jason Urbanek, MD ’03, in Chicago, says the HOST program’s benefits reach beyond finances. “While the financial savings allowed me to interview with more programs than I otherwise would have been able to afford, the real value came from the insights my host shared about living and practicing medicine in his community,” says Culp.

Urbanek replies, “This is a great way for physicians to pay forward the help that you received as you progressed through your education and training.”

For more about the HOST program, including comments from alumni volunteers, click on the HOST link on our alumni Web site at http://medicine.osu.edu/alumni/.

From the Director

Carol Braun Trapnell, MD ’84, welcomes Lenore Jarvis, Med 4.
discovery into better patient care. Ohio State is also one of only 40 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers.

- Approximately 650 residents and fellows train in more than 65 accredited Ohio State graduate and residency programs each year.

- Ohio State is one of the few universities in the world to offer five dual medical degrees: MD/PhD; MD/MBA; MD/JD; MD/MHA; and MD/MPH.

However, we are not about to sit back and relax. Improving people’s lives is a 24/7 endeavor. It requires relentless commitment, tough decisions and difficult conversations.

As I discuss on the College of Medicine’s new blog, Leadership Insights: Inciting Leadership, leadership is increasingly about getting people to confront difficult problems that are often avoided because they are complex, unpredictable and risky to tackle.

So while Ohio State has made impressive gains, I’d like to remind our readers of the dangers of partial commitment. W. H. Murray, who led the Scottish team that scaled the Himalayas, wrote, “Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness concerning all acts of initiative and creation.”

Many of our challenges do not have simple solutions. The Leadership Insights blog was created as a forum for scholarly dialogue around leadership and the various challenges leaders of our academic medical centers, hospitals, and universities must confront. The blog will include leaders from Ohio State’s College of Medicine as well as guest contributors from across the country and beyond.

We promise to continue to work hard to make your College of Medicine and Medical Center the best we possibly can, but we need the help of all our alumni. As Woody Hayes once said, “You win with people.” I am confident that we have the right people at Ohio State. Please check our blog, make suggestions and help us make a difference.

Thanks,
Wiley W. “Chip” Soubra, MD, ScD
Dean, OSU College of Medicine
Vice President and Executive Dean for Health Sciences

The Dean’s blog can be found at http://leadershipinsights.osumc.edu/. To learn more about healthcare leadership, read the Discovery article, Developing Leaders the Ohio State Way, which will be posted May 1 on the Ohio State University Medical Center Media page at http://medicalcenter.osu.edu/mediaroom/Pages/home.aspx.

Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center Expands

As part of the two-story expansion of the Prior Health Sciences Library building, the Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center will more than double in size and greatly increase educational and research offerings.

**Then...**

“Prior to 2004, physicians in training at Ohio State’s College of Medicine received an outstanding education, but we did not have a dedicated clinical skills space,” explains Carol Hasbrouck, assistant dean and director, Clinical Skills and Medical Education.

“Instead, we used classrooms, clinic spaces and empty patient rooms. And since patients were in the hospital longer, trainees were able to have more extended interactions with patients to gain the experience necessary to deliver safe and quality care,” she adds.

**Now...**

In response to a need for more structured clinical skills experience, Ohio State opened the Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center in 2004. “If you can believe it, our biggest fear was that we would build it and no one would come,” recalls Hasbrouck.

Just the opposite happened. Housed in the Prior Health Sciences Library, the Center has proven to be so effective in preparing competent, professional healthcare providers that it can’t keep up with requests for instructional time. More than 800 medical students access the Center annually, as well as residents, fellows, faculty, staff, and other healthcare professionals.

**The Future of Medicine...**

The Center’s expansion will include: four virtual critical care and surgery units with observation and control stations; an ultrasound room; a surgery laboratory; five tech labs/debriefing rooms; a 70-seat seminar room; and a greatly expanded procedures laboratory for skills practice.

“This $13 million expansion is exciting and necessary as we have outgrown our space from yesterday and need to keep up with tomorrow’s increasing demand for innovative curricula, interprofessional training, and educational research at Ohio State, while maintaining a national presence in healthcare simulation,” says Hasbrouck.

Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2010 with an anticipated completion in late 2011. Alumni who are interested in learning more about this project, including how they can contribute, should contact Sue Frost, senior director of Development, at 614-292-3033.
After Bryan Zorko was accepted into Ohio State’s College of Medicine, he planned on securing a part-time job to offset his anticipated expenses. “Imagine my surprise when I found out that I was awarded the Medical Alumni Society Scholarship,” he exclaims. “Without the commitment of a part-time job, I am able to really concentrate on my studies and make sure that I choose the right specialty. Also, I have the time to volunteer at the Free Clinic, which not only allows me to build and strengthen my skills, but also allows me to share with the community as alumni have shared with me.”

With support from the Medical Alumni Society Scholarship, Bryan Zorko, Med 1, has the opportunity to make sure that wilderness medicine is the best fit for him.

To learn more about scholarship giving, visit http://www.giveto.osu.edu/medicine.

The White Coat Sponsorship Program

Alumni, faculty and friends who support the White Coat Scholarship program help defray the expense of the coats while providing funding for programs and scholarships within the College.

Each first year medical student will receive his or her personalized white coat during a ceremony at the end of Orientation Week in August. A card in the coat pocket will detail information about the donor who is supporting this important milestone in the career of an aspiring medical student. Details about the program can be found at http://medicine.osu.edu/alumni/Pages/index.aspx.

Frost Leads College Development

Sue Frost now serves as senior director of Development for the College of Medicine. Having previously served with Ohio State’s Department of Athletics and the Knowlton School of Architecture/College of Engineering, she brings a wealth of fundraising experience to the College of Medicine.

In her new role, Frost will lead fundraising efforts for the College of Medicine, including Scholarship and Medical Education, and oversee the Alumni Affairs team and the Colleges of Optometry, Pharmacy, and Public Health Development teams. Contact Sue Frost at Frost.73@osu.edu.

Gift Expands Research Opportunities

Thanks to a $10,000 gift from James Greenwald, MD ’83, PhD, a new fund entitled the Medical Student Research Discovery Award has been created to support the development of a yearlong research program for exceptional students.

Ohio State medical students now have the option to conduct research through a summer program. As a result of this gift, those who excel in the summer program will have the opportunity to devote an entire year to research.

“This is an incredible opportunity for our students to gain more in-depth research experience, to mature their critical thinking skills and become competitive for future research-focused career development awards,” says Ginny L. Bumgardner, MD, PhD, Ohio State professor of Surgery and associate dean for Research Education and Graduate Studies.

“Students who have discovered a passion for research will be set on a path that can lead them to any number of options. They may choose a specialty based on their research experience or decide to pursue a dual MD/PhD degree. Either way, we will have prepared more physician scientists, who not only understand the essential fundamentals of research, but are also able to translate research into clinical practice,” she adds.

Greenwald received both his MD and PhD degrees from Ohio State and was president of the Landacre Honor Society.

Learn more about Ohio State research training at http://medicine.osu.edu/research/Pages/index.aspx.
From the Alumni Society President

The cost of medical education continues to increase from year to year and support for our medical students (our future physicians) remains a necessity. As shared in previous newsletters, the average debt of our medical students upon graduation is $145,000! Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to a class scholarship fund and/or established your own family endowment for scholarship. But there’s still much work to be done, and as a group of 13,000-strong, we (medical alumni) have the power and means to advance our scholarship support to the next level. If you’re considering a major scholarship gift, please call (614) 292-5671, or visit www.giveto.osu.edu/medscholarship.

The College of Medicine Annual Fund is another priority for our alumni. In the first six months of fiscal year 2010, the College of Medicine Annual Fund is growing as the economy begins to take a positive turn. Many of you received a mail solicitation in March from Dean Wiley “Chip” Souba asking for your support of this fund. Please be generous as this fund supports many initiatives such as student-alumni programming and financial grants for student educational research and travel. To make a gift online, go to www.giveto.osu.edu and select the College of Medicine Annual Fund (#312022).

Medical Education Continues Tradition of Leadership

As Dean Souba discussed in our lead article, Ohio State’s College of Medicine is moving ahead with initiatives that build upon our tradition of leadership in medical education.

Student-driven Quality Initiative

Ohio State’s medical students now have the opportunity to lead the way in developing new safety and quality initiatives. Under the guidance of Susan Moffatt-Bruce, MD, PhD, Ohio State’s associate medical director of Quality, students are able to participate in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School, a Web-based curriculum focused on quality-based initiatives.

Moffatt-Bruce says, “While Ohio State is a leader in quality benchmarks, including recognition in the 2009 U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll of the top 21 U.S. hospitals based on quality and outcomes, we are always searching for ways to improve safety and quality. By allowing students to develop quality initiatives, we are setting the stage as they become physicians and practice within programs they helped establish, thereby facilitating their active buy-in and participation.”

From Teaching to Learning – New Curriculum at Ohio State

Just as Ohio State carefully tracks quality and safety measures to assure the best in patient care, so too does the College of Medicine track student preparedness and satisfaction. “Licensing and accreditation surveys suggest the College of Medicine should make curriculum changes to better meet student needs,” states Dan Clinchot, MD, associate dean for Medical Education. “Thus far, we have done well on USMLE 1 and 2 testing. However, we have been analyzing every element of our curriculum to improve our ratings in admissions, student satisfaction, accreditation, residency match and program director satisfaction.”

Clinchot explains: “With the new curriculum, students begin providing patient care from day one, first by learning and performing basic procedures such as drawing blood and advancing to more complicated procedures. It is designed to allow more flexibility for students to direct their own learning with independent learning opportunities using new technology such as podcasts and more small-group learning in real and simulated clinical settings.”

A key component of the new curriculum is competency testing. “It is vital to know that students can perform the tasks that will be required of them as practicing physicians,” stresses Clinchot. Students will be expected to meet the five core educational objectives of a practicing physician – patient care, medical knowledge and skills, practice-based/lifelong learning, interpersonal communications, and systems-based practice.

A pilot program reflecting the new curriculum will be launched in 2011, with full implementation in 2012. The curriculum changes will be supported by a new emphasis on faculty development and teaching skills as well as the expansion of the Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center.
Alumni Enjoy Dean’s Dinners

Dean Wiley “Chip” Souba, MD, ScD, had two special opportunities to share updates about the College of Medicine and Medical Center this winter at Dean’s Dinners hosted by area alumni.

David Rudy, MD ’60, and his wife, Rose Mary, hosted members of the Class of 1960 at their home in Delaware in December. Alumni and guests included Dr. and Mrs. Manny Tzagournis, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Miglits, Dr. and Mrs. John Melvin, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Slagle, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Berling, and Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Vanik. In addition to Dr. Souba’s comments, guests also heard from Dr. Rudy, who is the chair of the 1960 class that will be celebrating its 50-year reunion this fall. The class is hoping to break attendance records at this year’s Reunion Weekend.

In January, Carl Minning, MD ’79, and Zehra Kaka, MD (res. grad), hosted a dinner for Zanesville-area alumni at the Zanesville Country Club. Alumni and guests included Dr. and Mrs. Keith Brantley, MD ’85, Dr. Thomas Diehl, MD ’80, Dr. Joseph Eichel, MD ’76, Dr. and Mrs. Raul Hernandez, MD ’89, Dr. David Klein, MD ’73, Dr. and Mrs. John Lepi, MD ’90, Dr. Ann Melick, MD ’91, Dr. Douglas Myers, MD ’84, Dr. Linda Swan, MD ’86, Dr. David Zangmeister, MD ’82, Azeem Kaka, son of hosts Zehra and Salim and a Med 2 student, and Michael McKee, a Med 1 student.

Alumni Return to Annual Student-Alumni Forum

G. Patrick Ecklar, MD ’75, a board-certified physician in Internal Medicine and assistant dean for Medical Education at Mount Carmel Medical Center, returned to the College of Medicine to speak to more than 75 guests on factors to consider when choosing a career path related to medicine, including private practice, academic medicine and the hospital setting. Dr. Ecklar shared insights and answered students’ questions while also speaking to the topic of the changing world of health care and medicine.

On March 23, Abha Khandelwal, MD ’05, spoke to students and alumni on her experiences transitioning from Medical School to residency training and then to “the real world.”

Girls Night Out 2010

Medical Student Alumni Council, the Women in Medicine Interest Group and Medical Center Alumni Affairs sponsored the 8th Annual Girls Night Out March 12. Girls Night Out is a special evening where current female medical students can mix and mingle with OSU College of Medicine alumnae in a relaxed and casual setting. Topics ranged from family/work balance to competition in the workplace and helpful advice not found in medical school books.

Thank you to these alumnae for participating in Girls Night Out: Mary McClroy, MD ’75; Mary Pat Borgess, MD ’76; Linda Stone, MD ’79; Joanne Lynn, MD ’84; Holly Cronau, MD ’85; Miriam Friemer, MD ’85; Anne Taylor, MD ’90; and Elise Berlan, MD (res. grad).

Congratulations to Edwin Shuttleworth, MD (res. grad), of Boynton Beach, Fla., who won our Archie Griffin-signed football. His name was drawn from the many who submitted Alumni Notes. Thanks you and please continue sending your good news to medalum@osumc.edu.

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**Then & Now**

James Thompson, MD, ’71

*Although he has had many professional titles, Thompson says his favorite title is now “Papa” to his grandchildren.*

- **THEN:** His father, an avid Michigan fan, threatened to relocate young James to Ohio to curtail misbehavior.
- **NOW:** James Thompson, MD, is an avid Ohio State fan, starting all conversations with Ohio State friends by saying, “Go Bucks!”
- **THEN:** While a medical student at Ohio State, a friend said he knew the “perfect girl” for Thompson – Carol Washburn.
- **NOW:** James and Carol Thompson have been married 42 years and have four children and nine grandchildren.
- **THEN:** To his enormous surprise and disappointment, Thompson failed his first semester of medical school and had to take a year break before re-applying for entry. Dr. Jack Geer saw his potential and offered Thompson a position in the Pathology lab for one year and then helped with readmission.

Thompson was recently recognized by the Association of American Medical Colleges for his contributions to medical education. He is currently serving as interim president of the Medical College of Georgia, following five years of service to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) as president and chief executive officer. Prior to joining FSMB, Thompson was on the faculty of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine for 23 years, serving as dean of the School of Medicine from 1994-2001 and Wake Forest University vice president from 1997-2001. He has received numerous awards from universities and associations including Ohio State’s 2006 Alumni Achievement Award.

“When students come to my office worried about failure, I always use my own story to illustrate that there are always doors of opportunities, you just have to be willing to walk through them.”

**Join in Scholarship Support**

At his 50-year class reunion, James Krejci, MD ’59, was impressed with the many advancements at Ohio State’s College of Medicine and Medical Center. He also discovered that the need for scholarship assistance was greater than ever before and decided to bequeath a $100,000 medical student scholarship, saying, “In comparison to many gifts, this scholarship seems very modest. However, if more alumni step forward for scholarship support – no matter how modest – we can show our gratitude for the excellent education we received at Ohio State and ease the way for physicians of the future.”

Alumni interested in bequests and other types of planned giving should contact Sindy Craig, at (614) 292-0206.

**James Krejci, MD ’59, and his wife Charlotte ask alumni to show their gratitude by supporting today’s students.**
Alumni Notes

'47 Clotilde Dent Bowen, MD, has been recognized by Who’s Who in the World for her achievements in the field of psychiatry and her many firsts. She was the first African-American woman to graduate from Ohio State’s School of Medicine. She went on to become the first black female physician in the U.S. Army and the first black woman to attain the rank of Colonel.

'49 Warren Brown, MD, retired from family practice in 2004 and now gives weekly medical lectures on Amateur (Ham) Radio.

'59 Charles “Chuck” Magill, MD, retired from orthopaedics in 2005 but has recently returned to work at Community Clinic of Old Irving Park, a free clinic providing care to underserved patients.

'61 Charles Gooding, MD, received the Gold Medal from the Society for Pediatric Radiology (SPR) for his contributions to education, research, clinical care and leadership. He is a former SPR president and was founder, president, and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Radiology Outreach Foundation, which delivered educational materials valued at $15 million to developing countries.

Gooding is Professor Emeritus of the University of California-San Francisco where he served as chief of Pediatric Radiology for 40 years. He has received the Becleere Medal, the highest honor of The International Society of Radiology, and has received an honorary professorship from the Francisco Marroquin University in Guatemala.

'62 Erwin Thal, MD, a 2009 Alumni Achievement Award winner, was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and still flies to Columbus from Dallas, Tex., for all the home football games.

'65 Jerry Guy, MD, a former Ohio State chief resident (1973) and assistant professor (1973-1988), was recipient of Ohio Health Foundation’s inaugural Baldwin Award, which recognizes retired physicians who provided exceptional service to Grant Medical Center.

'67 Lana Nusbaum, MD, has been volunteering since her retirement from Mt. Carmel East Hospital anesthesiology at a clinic that delivers health care to the elderly indigent population of Sarasota.

'70 Ken Cole, MD, has returned to live and work in Bangkok after a recent one-year visit back to the U.S.

'71 Vicki Whitacre, MD, retired from the Muskingum Valley Health Centers in March and now works part time as the medical director of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department.

'73 James Goldfarb, MD, Cleveland Clinic’s director of Infertility and In Vitro Fertilization Program and a pioneer in the infertility field, was recently appointed president of the Society of Assisted-Reproductive Technology (SART), the primary organization of professionals dedicated to overseeing the practice of in vitro fertilization in the United States. His infertility program was responsible for many firsts including the first in vitro fertilization birth in Ohio (1983) and the world’s first in vitro fertilization/surrogate birth (1986).

'73 Donald Leopold, MD, recently celebrated his 10th year as chair of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

'79 John Duby, MD, was recently named the Ohio AAP Pediatrician of the Year. Division co-director of the Akron Children’s Hospital NeuroDevelopmental Department, he has helped expand Ohio’s “Reach Out and Read” literacy program and has directed an early autism diagnosis/treatment program to healthcare providers across the state.

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acknowledges the accomplishments of esteemed clinicians and teachers in Ohio State’s Department of Internal Medicine.

‘84 Sheryl Pfeil, MD, has been elected to the National Board of Governors of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society. She has been the AOA councilor for the Gamma Chapter of Ohio for 10 years and is currently an Ohio State associate professor of Internal Medicine, Division of Digestive Disease. She is the medical director of the Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center.

‘84 Mark Stypula, MD, is currently working for the West Penn Allegheny Health Care System in Pittsburgh and specializing in cardiovascular and pediatric anesthesia.

‘84 Cynthia White, MD, is president of the Florida Psychiatric Society, the seventh largest district branch of the American Psychiatric Society.

‘87 John Renz, MD, F.A.C.R., has received the Silver Medal Award in recognition of outstanding achievement in lifetime contributions to radiology and the medical community from the Alabama Academy of Radiology, a constituent chapter of the American College of Radiology.

Renz is board certified in Diagnostic Radiology and has been in continuous practice with Radiologists, PC in Mobile, Ala. He is on medical staff at the Mobile Infirmary Medical Center, Infirmary West Medical Center, North Baldwin Infirmary, Infirmary 65, Infirmary Eastern Shore, University of South Alabama and other regional imaging and medical centers and founded the Alabama Academy of Radiology Foundation in 2006.

‘88 Lynne Ruess, MD, is joining the Nationwide Children’s Hospital as a staff pediatric radiologist. In her new position, Ruess will be working primarily as a teleradiologist from her home office in Honolulu and will spend several weeks each year on site in Columbus.

‘88 Danny Sands, MD, has been a director in Cisco’s Internet Business Solution Group global healthcare practice for three years, while he continues to practice primary care part time at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He recently helped create and co-chairs the Society for Participatory Medicine. He was named to HealthLeaders Media “20 People Who Make Health Care Better.”

‘90 George Fouras, MD, was recently elected president-elect of the San Francisco Medical Society. He is also chair of the Adoption and Foster Care Component of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and liaison to the Task Force on Foster Care for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

‘90 Rebecca Freer, MD, served as General Medical Officer in the U.S. Navy from 1991-1994 and is now working in Austin, Tex., as a general surgeon at Austin Regional Clinic.

‘94 Melissa Young, MD, recently joined the Des Moines Orthopedic Surgeons.

‘98 Pramit Malhotra, MD, recently opened a second plastic surgery office in Michigan.

‘03 Michelle Frangos, MD, is completing her fourth year as an attending physician in the Emergency Department at Mercy Medical Center in Canton, Ohio, and is married to ‘03 Erik Zoumberakis, MD, who is completing his third year as an attending physician at Akron General Medical Center. He is also clinical assistant professor of Emergency Medicine at the Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine and was recently named the medical director of two satellite emergency departments.

‘06 Brian Santin, MD, has been elected chair of the National Standing Committee on Issues for the American College of Surgeons - Resident and Associate Society and selected as a Columbus Medical Association board member. He is currently completing a general surgical residency at Mount Carmel and plans on pursuing a vascular surgery fellowship.

‘09 John Tychonievich, MD, has been appointed to the American Academy of Family Physicians Commission on Quality and Practice. An intern at UPMC-St Margaret Hospital in Pittsburgh, he is one of only a few physicians appointed to the commission and the only intern.
Helping Haiti

When the earthquake hit Haiti on January 12, Plastic Surgeon Daniel Kapp, MD, res. ‘04, realized he had to do something. His coworkers in Fort Pierce, Fla., many of whom are Haitian-Americans, waited anxiously to hear about family and loved ones who lived near the quake’s epicenter. Kapp asked about medical relief programs and within a week he had joined a medical team headed to St. Marc, Haiti, northeast of Port-au-Prince.

Here is an abbreviated account of his experience:

We flew to Port-au-Prince from Fort Pierce on an airplane donated by a NASCAR team, Hendrick Motor Sports. Peaking over the spinning propeller as we landed, I could see the city of Port-au-Prince. There were plumes of smoke rising from the city with a backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean water and a beautiful tropical sky.

When we arrived, there was no electrical power. Cell phone use was spotty but text messaging worked. This was our only way of contact.

As we traveled toward St. Marc, we joined the caravan of humanity making its exit from the devastation. School buses, dump trucks, cattle trucks and vans, all brightly colored, were stuffed tightly with people and their possessions. The trucks were packed so heavily they could hardly roll. We passed makeshift campsites with tents made of bed linen, piles of rubble dumped on the roadside and collapsed building after building.

Our hospital, in Petite Riviere, L’Arbitonite about 40 miles northeast from Port-au-Prince, was a 10-bed ward with one nurse and one operating room. When we arrived at the hospital, our nurses and doctors quickly unpacked the supplies. We assessed the 50 patients already at the hospital and within six hours we were ready to operate. Our plan was to perform life-saving amputations, repair fractured bones, and perform necessary plastic surgery operations.

Dr. Denis Johnny, the director of the hospital, convened a general meeting with the employees of the hospital to explain what would be expected. The local radio announced our arrival.

The next morning scores of patients arrived at the hospital. They traveled on foot, by motor bike, by car. One patient was carried on an old door as a stretcher. We chartered school buses to assist the injured and ambulances to transport patients from the overflowing hospital in St. Marc.

Our little hospital was really functioning well. All of the doctors and nurses were doing everything necessary to do our cases. We took turns moving patients, washing the ORs and preparing for the cases. We doctors circulated in the ORs and sterilized our own equipment. We put on so many casts and took care of so many wounds we just couldn’t keep count. And the big cases, they just kept coming. We kept on doing them. We were so busy that minutes seemed like hours and hours seemed like days and days like weeks...

We left early in the morning to make our flight in Port-au-Prince, where the next team of surgeons would meet us to “transfer the scalpel,” so to speak. In the hot Haitian sun, while standing on the tarmac, I saw the leader of our new team. Who could have imagined that it would be my dear friend, Dr. Emmanuel Zervos, who was a surgical oncology fellow, while I was a resident at Ohio State. I knew these people were in good hands.

RESIDENCY notes

Allen Browne, MD, (res. ‘82), associate professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery at Ohio State, recently served on a mission trip to Children’s Hospital #1 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He has also been appointed chairman of the childhood obesity committee of the American Pediatric Surgical Association.

Donna Caniano, MD, (res. ‘83), the H. William Clatworthy Jr. Professor of Surgery, chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at Ohio State, and surgeon-in-chief at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, recently received the 2009 Jimmy Crum Labor of Love Award for her charitable efforts and philanthropic spirit.

Brad Welling, MD, PhD (res. ‘03.), chair of Otolaryngology, was recently inducted as the vice president of the Middle Section of the Triological Society.

The Department of Surgery’s 2009 annual report is available at http://surgery.osu.edu/14715.cfm.
Obituaries

Tied for Top Honors

The residency team representing Ohio State’s Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Academic Bowl in San Diego, Calif., tied for top honors, answering 95 percent of the questions correctly.

2010 Saunders Lectureship

Lauren D. Holinger, MD, head of the Division of Otolaryngology and Communicative Disorders, and Paul H. Holinger, MD, professor of Otolaryngology at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago, will speak at the upcoming Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery 2010 Saunders Lectureship on June 18. Details are available at www.ent.osu.edu/article.cfm?id=5391.

Around OSU

A ‘touch’ of Apple

A team from Apple visited Ohio State in December to interview faculty, staff and students about how the College of Medicine uses iPods and iPhones in medical education. The project was a part of Apple’s “Profiles in Medicine.”

One project under way at Ohio State is moving podcasts of lectures to iTunes U. Since December, all lectures in Meiling Hall auditorium are recorded and uploaded to iTunes U, a password protected site where medical students can view lectures on computers or download them to iPods and iPhones. Many faculty use recorded lectures to teach fundamental material and use face-to-face time helping students apply the new knowledge.

Learn more about the use of Apple technology in medical education at www.apple.com/science/medicine/profiles/.

‘42 Allen Neiswander, MD, died in October at the age of 95. From 1943-1945 he served as a battalion surgeon and captain in the U.S. Army in Europe. He was awarded the Purple Heart, bronze star, two clusters, and suffered permanent hearing loss from exposure to ordnance. After WW II, he joined the Health Department of Los Angeles County, where he worked as district health officer, chief physician, and medical administrator of the Health Department Clinics in Whittier, Calif., for 35 years.

‘49 James West, MD, died in November at the age of 85. He served in the U.S Army for 12 years before opening a pediatrics practice in Petaluma, Calif. He served patients at Petaluma General Hospital, Hillcrest Hospital, Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, Santa Rosa Community Hospital, and later Petaluma Valley Hospital in addition to a variety of medical and charitable organizations.

‘60 John Ray, MD, died in June at the age of 73. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving as a medical officer with the rank of Captain, and professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at Ohio State from 1966-2000. He also served on the medical staff at Bethesda Hospital and Good Samaritan Medical Center until his retirement in 2000 and was chief of staff in 1986. He founded S.E.O. Otolaryngology and did television and radio commentary for “Health Beat” on WHIZ-TV and Radio. He always ended his show with saying “Hoping you have a good today and a better tomorrow.”

‘60 Bob Wilson, MD, passed away in September. Known as a pediatrician who always put his patients first, he also served as a school board member, volunteer doctor for the Tremper football team, and member of the U.S. Navy.

‘62 Marvin Slesh, MD, passed away at the age of 74. He practiced general and vascular surgery at Lake County West Hospital for more than 35 years (1969-2005) where he was selected as Physician of the Year in 2002. He was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, an active member of the Cleveland Surgical Society, and served as president of the Cleveland Vascular Society. Memorial gifts honoring Dr. Slesh can be directed to The Ohio State University Foundation for the OSU Medical Alumni Society Merit Scholarship Fund, c/o OSU Medical Center Development, 660 Ackerman Rd., P.O. Box 183112, Columbus, OH 43218-3112.

‘64 Bradford Hale, MD, died in January at the age of 70. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years before going into private practice for pediatric neurology and was the past president of the Indianapolis Medical Society.
Beyond Textbooks

By Paul Marcus, Medical Student Alumni Council President

Coming into medical school, I worried that my studies would quickly overwhelm me and that I would have to say goodbye to ever having free time again. Fortunately, my classmates and I soon realized that there is life beyond textbooks.

Medical students at Ohio State lead more than 25 specialty interest groups. We dedicate hundreds upon hundreds of hours in free clinics. In fact, the Noor Community Clinic opened recently with the support of medical students. It is the first free clinic in Columbus established for the needs of the Muslim community.

Medical students from PODEMOS also traveled to Honduras last winter and were able to treat nearly 400 patients in just a little more than three days.

And yes, we do have time for fun. A number of medical students made the trek out to sunny California in January to see the Buckeyes crush Oregon in the Rose Bowl, 26-17.

My classmates believe it is important to do their best in the classroom and also in the community. It is an honor to be associated with such an active and involved group of future physicians.