College of Medicine Dean Named

A national leader from the Yale University School of Medicine, Charles J. Lockwood, MD, MHCM, has been recommended as dean of Ohio State’s College of Medicine. Lockwood’s appointment is effective Sept. 1, pending approval by the University’s Board of Trustees.

Lockwood, who also will serve as vice president for Health Sciences, comes to Ohio State after nine years as the Anita O’Keeffe Young Professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at Yale.

“Throughout his career, Charly has fostered a culture of collaboration, excellence and innovation, while keenly understanding the critical role that academic medical centers play in developing health care leaders and advancing the practice of medicine,” says Steven G. Gabbe, MD, senior vice president for Health Sciences and Medical Center CEO.

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It is always exciting to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of our alumni, but now, more than ever, it’s truly a great time to recognize all of you who have made such an impact on the face of medicine and Ohio State’s College of Medicine. As the OSU Alumni Association recognizes University alumni across the world, so also would we like to recognize and thank all of you for the differences you make in people’s lives on a daily basis. While the profession of medicine has grown and changed through the years, the passion and commitment of our OSU-trained physicians has remained the same. This newsletter provides a very small snapshot of what some of our 13,000+ alumni are doing locally, nationally and internationally. I invite you to take a look at the OSU Alumni Association website to see the breadth of contribution from all OSU alumni across the University. More importantly, please feel free to submit your “But for Ohio State...” story that shares how Ohio State has impacted your life and the lives of those around you. Please submit your story to http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/volunteer/celebratingalumni/Pages/AlumniInAction.aspx.

To cap off this Year of the Alumni, we hope that many of you will make a special effort to return to campus to visit friends and familiar places within the Medical Center at the 58th Annual Medical Alumni Reunion Weekend on Sept. 9-11. We guarantee you a great weekend of friends, memories and football along with the growth and the tradition of a great Medical Center and College of Medicine. Have a great summer and as always, GO BUCKS!

From the Director

Martha Hicks
Director,
Medical Center
Alumni Affairs

Lucey Returns to UCSF, Ruberg Interim Vice Dean

Catherine Lucey, MD, vice dean for Education and interim dean of our College of Medicine, has accepted a position as vice dean of education at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine. Lucey accomplished much in her eight years at Ohio State, leading our undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education programs to increasing success.

Robert Ruberg, MD, now serves as interim vice dean for Education in the College of Medicine. Ruberg has a long history of contributions to the educational, research and clinical missions of Ohio State’s Medical Center. An Ohio State faculty member since 1975, he led the Division of Plastic Surgery from 1985 until 2004, and is currently a vice chair in the Department of Surgery.

College of Medicine Among Nation’s Best

In the recently published 2012 U.S. News & World Report college rankings, the overall score for Ohio State’s College of Medicine decreased by one point. This moved the College from #27 nationally to #38 among all medical schools and from #9 to #13 among the nation’s public schools. However, we have moved up six spots in our primary care ranking (now #33), and our specialty programs in Women’s Health, Family Medicine and Internal Medicine were ranked #18, #19 and #27, respectively.
Prior to joining the Yale faculty, Lockwood was chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at New York University and was acting director of NYU’s Kaplan Comprehensive Cancer Center. He was also on the faculty of Mount Sinai School of Medicine, where he served as director of perinatal research. In addition, he was a faculty member at Tufts University School of Medicine.

He is a member of the Institute of Medicine and of Sigma Xi and Alpha Omega Alpha honor societies. Lockwood has more than 220 peer-reviewed publications and has edited four textbooks. His primary clinical interests include the prevention of recurrent pregnancy loss, preterm delivery, and maternal thrombophilias. Lockwood has been credited with helping to develop fetal fibronectin, the first biochemical predictor of prematurity.

Lockwood holds a bachelor’s degree magna cum laude from Brown University in developmental biology and a medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He completed an Ob/Gyn residency at Pennsylvania Hospital, a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at the Yale-New Haven Hospital, and a postdoctoral fellowship in coagulation at the Mount Sinai Medical Center.

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Investing in Physician Training

The expansion of Ohio State’s Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center offers supporters of medical education the opportunity to be a catalyst for excellence by investing in physician training.

The Center is a training facility used by medical students, residents, faculty and allied health professionals. Through simulated patient care scenarios, both ambulatory and inpatient, participants gain hands-on clinical experience in a safe, controlled environment. For students, this participatory learning and the opportunity for comprehensive, constructive feedback from instructors and peers directly impacts preparedness for medical practice. Patients benefit because medical students and residents have gained the experience and confidence they need to successfully transition to real-world clinical environments.

Slated for completion later this year, the expansion of the Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center will add 18,000 sq. ft. of space to the current 8,100 sq. ft.

This expansion will occupy the newly created sixth floor of the Medical Center’s Prior Health Sciences Library and will include:

• A procedures lab approximately three-times the size of the Center’s current lab
• Four virtual critical care and surgery bays with observation and control stations
• A surgery laboratory
• Five technical lab and debriefing rooms
• An ultrasound room
• A 70-seat seminar room

Numerous levels of giving will be recognized with the naming of areas within the Library Expansion and Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center. Gifts may be made in five-year pledges.

Naming opportunities include:

• The Seminar Room $500,000
• Virtual Critical Care Rooms $150,000 (each)
• Ultrasound Room $125,000
• Surgery Tech Lab $100,000
• Offices $25,000 (each)

For more information about financially supporting the Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center expansion and naming a space, contact Sue Frost, assistant vice president for Health Sciences, at (614) 292-3033 or sue.frost@osumc.edu.

RECOGNIZING Those WHO GIVE

Richard Richley, MD ’70, West Coast Medical Director of the Laser Spine Institute, attributes his lifelong success as a surgeon to the education and experiences he gained as an Ohio State undergraduate and medical student.

“I began giving back to OSU on the day I graduated. My education led to a successful career and enabled me to be able to support Ohio State from the first campaign in 1985. I have always been enthused about the leadership of the University,” he says.

Most recently, Richley has committed funding to the Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center expansion to name the Center’s new reception area in honor of his family.

Richley, who played football at Ohio State, ties his giving philosophy to what he learned from Coach Woody Hayes. “Woody was a mentor to me and he taught me to ‘pay forward’ so that is always part of my focus in supporting education,” he adds.

Richley encourages alums to consider Ohio State for their charitable giving. “The most stable institutions in the world are universities and they always produce what is needed for society. They are a safe and credible place to invest charitable gifts,” says Richley, who has served Ohio State as a board member of the OSU Foundation and also the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.
From the Alumni Society President

Whether in the practice of medicine or in our personal lives, nothing stays the same for long. So it is with the Ohio State University College of Medicine and Medical Center. From the Medical Center expansion to the new curriculum, everyone works every day to make this a better place for our patients, our students, our colleagues and ourselves. As you travel through this issue of Alumni Update and read about all the changes, remember that there are some things that remain the same. Our constant theme is, and always has been, that of the humanistic practice of medicine.

We all remember back to our medical school days when everything was a challenge: that first blood draw, the first time a patient questioned having a medical student involved in their care, the first surgery or the first time you faced the death of a patient. You never forget all the firsts and what it took for you to keep moving forward through medical school. But today, it is not our ability to perform procedures or interpret lab results that keeps us going; it is knowing that what we do makes a difference in the lives of those we serve. For us, it is the relationships we have formed with patients, their families, our colleagues, the students and residents we teach and with the communities we serve that defines medicine for us.

Alumni of Ohio State’s College of Medicine have been the foundation for today’s medical education environment. The new curriculum will provide ever-increasing opportunities for students to connect early to the clinical environment in which they will practice. The Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center will help them move to proficiency in procedures and protocols essential to knowledge-based practice. And the efforts of the medical school to make the learning environment a more ‘humanistic place to teach and learn’ will help us bring forward another generation of physicians that understand the covenant that is the patient-physician relationship. Some things do change but the humanistic essentials of medicine do not.

We are fortunate to have alumni who practice and teach in a way that honors the tradition of caring that is our College of Medicine. To stay in touch with your “medical home,” please visit us at http://medicine.osu.edu/alumni/.

Supporting Excellence in Nursing and Medicine

Alma Brill’s connection to Ohio State goes back to the 1940s, when at age 15 she enrolled in the College of Nursing. After her 1946 graduation, Brill spent most of her professional life assisting Benjamin B. Caplan, MD, in his Dayton, Ohio, practice. The two met after a lecture Caplan delivered at Ohio State. He hired her then and Brill worked for 46 years as a head nurse with Caplan in his private practice and in the retirement facility he owned and managed.

Recognizing the importance of excellence in both nursing and medicine, Brill is working with Ohio State Development officers to create the Alma L. Brill and Dr. Benjamin B. Caplan Scholarship Fund in Nursing and Medicine. When this endowment is complete, the scholarship fund will support nursing and medical students who exemplify leadership ability, a high level of commitment to community service, and outreach to the community.

According to Brill’s niece, Carol Jordan, creating the scholarship is a way to honor the dedication to nursing and medicine that Brill and Caplan demonstrated in their professional lives. “Both were benevolent individuals who gave back to their community in service and both came from humble beginnings,” Jordan notes. “We hope the scholarship can truly help nursing and medical students and help advance both professions as well.”

Honoring His Father

For Eric Bourekas, MD, a scholarship fund provides a way to honor his father and pay tribute to his father’s lifelong lessons on the importance of education. The Christ Bourekas Radiology Medical Student Scholarship honors Eric’s father, who was a steel worker in Warren, Ohio.

“Although he had no formal education, he recognized that there was nothing more valuable to an individual or to society than higher education and nothing more noble than being in Medicine and taking care of others,” says the younger Bourekas, who is a tenured associate professor of Radiology, Neurology and Neurological Surgery and also director of Ohio State’s Neuroradiology Fellowship Program.

This scholarship will provide financial aid to a 4th year medical student who has excelled in and is pursuing a career in Radiology. The scholarship recipient will be selected based upon clinical merit and financial need.

“I hope that this scholarship will inspire the recipients to even greater achievements in medicine and inspire others to ‘pay forward’ and donate to the University to ensure that future generations are financially able to participate in higher education,” adds Bourekas.
Register for Reunion Weekend 2011

A weekend of educational and social activities awaits all who attend Reunion Weekend 2011 on Sept. 9-11. Enjoy learning more about how our Medical Center facilities and programs are growing when you tour the Medical Center expansion construction site (hard hat included!) and our expanded Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center. Be sure to take part in our continuing medical education program – Family Medicine: The Patient-Centered Medical Home. Dine with classmates and friends and then tailgate with colleagues before the OSU-Toledo football game.

All alumni are invited back for weekend events, but highlighted classes will include ’46, ’51, ’56, ’61, ’66, ’71, ’76, ’81, ’86, ’91, ’96, ’01, and ’06. For more details on Reunion Weekend, visit http://medicine.osu.edu/alumni.

MSAC Leaders to Welcome Reunion Guests

Meet our 2011-12 Medical Student Alumni Council (MSAC) officers during September’s Reunion Weekend. Newly elected officers are: President Barbie Reichert; Co-Vice Presidents Beth Gottesman and Brandon Merling; and Treasurer Jeff Schafer.

Admitted Students Gather at Cincinnati Reception

Galen Warren, MD ’67, and his wife Avril welcomed admitted students from the Cincinnati area into their home this summer to meet with current students and alumni.

Incoming students were grateful for sage advice from alums: “Learn as much as you can. Try out as many types of medicine as you can, and don’t be afraid to ask questions,” Robert Slagle, MD ’60, offered.

Quinn Capers IV, MD ’91, associate dean for Admissions and a member of the Medical Alumni Society Board of Governors, spoke of the rewards of medical practice: “In medicine, you’ll have a victory every day. No other profession can say the same.”

Linda Stone, MD ’79, special assistant to the dean and president of the Medical Alumni Society Board of Governors, discussed the how Ohio State’s curriculum focuses on early clinical experiences and encouraged students to take advantage of the numerous opportunities for hands-on learning and community involvement offered by our College of Medicine.

Alumni Society staff Martha Hicks and Jessica Rutan also attended the dinner, along with Patricia Blyden, PhD, director of Admissions.

Klamars Host Versailles Dinner

The Inn at Versailles was the setting for the alumni reception hosted by Anne Eiting Klamar, MD ’90, and Rob Klamar, MD ’90, both of whom trained in Family Medicine. Rob is a practicing family physician while Anne is CEO of Midmark Corporation, a manufacturer of medical, dental and veterinary equipment. Guests at the dinner included alumni from the Versailles area, two local high school students interested in medical education, an Ohio State Med 2 student and Linda Stone, MD ’79, special assistant to the dean and president of the Medical Alumni Society Board of Governors. Joining the gathering were Sue Frost, Steve Tumblin and Martha Hicks, of Medical Center Development and Alumni Affairs, and Carol Hasbrouck who is director of the Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center.

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Pre-Med Students ‘Meet the Doctors’

Medical alumni, current medical students and undergraduate students with an interest in medical school gathered April 20 at the Ohio Union for the second annual Meet the Doctors night. The event, co-sponsored by the Pre-Medicine Interest Group, allows undergraduate students the opportunity to gain perspectives and advice on the medical school experience. It also provides current medical students the opportunity to network with local alumni in a small group format.

Quinn Capers IV, MD ’91, associate dean for Admissions, welcomed guests and provided insight into the admissions process. A special thank you to these alumni for sharing their experiences with students: Charlotte Agnone, MD ’90; John Burkhart, MD ’68; Quinn Capers IV, MD ’91; Michael Dick, MD ’89; Garth Essig, MD ’60; Mary Beth Fontana, MD ’66; Stephen Hersey, MD ’00; Charles Hitchcock, MD ’83; Gerald Penn, MD ’64; Anne Taylor, MD ’90; and Tom Williams, MD ’63.

Women in White Coats

Women in White Coats (formerly known as Girls Night Out) sported a new name and renewed interest when College alumnae and female medical students met April 15 to talk about how a medical career can impact a woman’s personal and professional goals.

The Medical Student Alumni Council and Women in Medicine Interest Group sponsored this highly successful event that offers students the opportunity to meet informally in a small-group setting to discuss issues related to academic and professional experiences and expertise.

A special thanks to the following physician participants: Charlotte Agnone, MD ’90; Mary Beth Cass, MD ’79; Holly Cronau, MD ’85; Kelly Fleming, MD ’04; Emily Ferguson, MD; Mary Beth Fontana, MD ’66; Susan Hubbell, MD ’76, Anne Klamaer, MD ’90; Irene Koesters, MD ’01; Anne Littleton, MD ’87; Eileen Maher, MD ’81; Mary McIlroy, MD ’85; Autumn O’Brien, MD ’95; Sarah Sams, MD ’91; Linda Stone, MD ’79; Anne Taylor, MD ’90; and Claire Wolfe, MD ’68.

Windy City Welcomes Buckeye Alums

In May, Robert Higgins, MD, director of Ohio State’s Comprehensive Transplant Center and also the Division of Cardiac Surgery, was the featured speaker at an Ohio State alumni and friends event held at the Chicago Club. Higgins, who recently came to Ohio State from Chicago’s Rush University Medical Center, shared with guests some of the exciting surgery and transplant advancements he now leads at Ohio State. Special thanks to Michael Maves, MD ’73, outgoing CEO of the American Medical Association, for hosting this Buckeye gathering.

Rutan Joins Alumni Team

Jessica Rutan recently joined the Medicine Alumni Affairs team as assistant director. Jessica was previously assistant director of College Relations at the University of Cincinnati’s College of Business. She earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Ohio University and a master’s degree in professional writing from the University of Cincinnati. In her new alumni role, Jessica will manage alumni programming, serve as adviser to the Medical Student Alumni Council and contribute to web and print alumni publications.

Feel free to welcome Jessica by contacting her online at Jessica.rutan@osumc.edu or by phone at (614) 688-3490.
Welcome New Alumni!

On June 2, more than 200 Ohio State medical students celebrated the transition from College life to their medical careers. The morning rehearsal for the hooding ceremony was followed by a senior barbecue for graduates, friends and families. A mid-day honors convocation recognized outstanding students from the graduating class for their leadership, academic excellence, commitment to professionalism and service to patients, as well as faculty chosen by the class for their teaching excellence and guidance. The day ended with a hooding ceremony at Mershon Auditorium, followed by an outdoor reception.

The decision on where our new alums will continue their training came on March 17, when 4th year medical students from across the nation participated in Match Day. Of the 205 Ohio State students participating, 40 students matched to OSU for their residencies; 97 were placed in Ohio programs; and 108 went to programs outside of Ohio. Internal Medicine was the most selected specialty, with 32 trainees, followed by Pediatrics with 31 and Emergency Medicine with 24. The 2011 Main Residency Match was the largest ever and included more than 27,000 applicants competing for more than 25,000 residency training positions.

Faculty Mentors Recognized

The College’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion presented a Shining Star Award to several Ohio State and Nationwide Children’s Hospital faculty to recognize and show appreciation for their outstanding mentorship. These faculty members serve as role models for teaching, research and outreach and have consistently provided exceptional support, both professionally and personally, to Ohio State students, residents or fellows. The recipients were nominated by the graduates.

Recipients include: Michael Caligiuri, MD; J. Paul Monk III, MD; Kwame Osei, MD; Melissa Whitmill, MD; Dan Clinchot, MD; and Quinn Capers IV, MD.

Leon McDougle, MD, ’89 was also recognized for his outstanding achievements and dedication to Ohio State with the Diversity Enhancement Award presented by Department of Family Medicine in recognition of his dedication to enhancing diversity in medicine. These awards were presented at the annual Office of Diversity and Inclusion banquet held in June.

Alumnae Honored for Educational Expertise

Holly Cronau, MD ‘85, Family Medicine, and Mary Beth Fontana, MD ‘66, faculty emeritus, Cardiovascular Medicine, were recently honored with College of Medicine Faculty Teaching Awards. The Faculty Teaching Award is presented annually to one or two alumni or non-alumni who have been nominated and chosen by a majority vote by the Committee on Faculty and Alumni Programs, Honors and Awards.

The Class of 2011 selected another alumnus, David Kasick, MD ‘03, who is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry practicing at OSU Harding Hospital, as the Professor of the Year. This honor recognizes Kasick for his teaching excellence and outstanding guidance and mentoring of medical students.
Medical Center Faces

Ohio State’s Discovery magazine featured some our top physicians in a special edition – Faces of the Ohio State University Medical Center. Among those featured are alumni Thomas Mauger, MD ’84, and W. Jerry Mysiw, MD ’81; and resident graduates William Farrar, MD; Mitchell Henry, MD; Michael Brady, MD; and Clay Marsh, MD.

Learn about these doctors who are changing the face of medicine at http://medicine.osu.edu/alumni/whatsnew/pages/facesofosumedicalcenter.aspx.

AOA Honors Two Alums

On April 14, Ohio State’s chapter of the medical honorary society Alpha Omega Alpha honored Ella Toombs, MD ’81, who practices Dermatology in Washington, D.C., and Lester Mohler, MD ’64, a retired plastic surgeon.

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Welcome New Residents and Fellows!

Approximately 276 new residents and fellows joined our Medical Center July 1. Of the 23 Ohio State programs participating in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) this spring, all 23 programs matched for the first time in 10 years. This means that all of the 137 positions offered through NRMP were filled. Of these NRMP residents, 36 are Ohio State College of Medicine graduates (26%) and 19 come from Top-25 schools.

Those starting July 1 are among 725 trainees across the Medical Center. Ohio State offers 106 graduate medical training programs: 58 programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, 10 programs by other accrediting bodies, and 38 non-accredited programs.

Farrar Named Director of JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center

William Farrar, MD, director of Surgical Oncology and a national authority on breast cancer detection and treatment, has been named director of the newly opened JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center. Farrar will continue to see patients and, as director, he will develop the new center’s clinical strategy. The JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center is central Ohio’s only comprehensive breast cancer center, and first in the Midwest to offer under one roof the full continuum of breast cancer care, from prevention and screening through detection, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship.

As a surgical resident at Ohio State in 1976, Farrar was mentored by Arthur G. James, MD, the namesake of The James Cancer Hospital. It was James himself, a respected cancer surgeon, who urged Farrar to pursue surgical oncology. Following a two-year fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, Farrar was recruited back to Ohio State in 1982. Three years later, he was named director of Surgical Oncology, an appointment he continues to hold.

‘It Takes a Village’

An African proverb says “it takes a village to raise a child.” Now, the people of a tiny village in Cameroon, who supported Ekokobe Fonkem, DO, on his journey through medical school and an Ohio State Neurology residency, are enjoying the fruits of their labors.

Fonkem, a summer graduate of the Neurology residency program, established the Fuankem Lekeanyi Memorial Medical Clinic (FLMMC) in Cameroon in December 2009. While visiting his native village of Atoabechied, he felt moved to help his people, who were living in deplorable health conditions. The nearest healthcare facility was more than 18 miles away. Fonkem shared his idea for a medical clinic with his parents and a friend he met on a plane, Ray Gross, MD.

Many people encouraged him to build the clinic as a way to give back to the community that raised him. With their support, Fonkem founded FLMMC to improve the health of the local communities of Atoabechied, Upper Lewoh and other surrounding areas.

“As it is often said, ‘To whom much is given, much is expected.’ I feel very blessed to have been given a lot in life, and it just makes much sense to give back to the community where I was brought up. It was an honor to be part of the OSU Neurology Family. Ohio State University Medical Center has provided me with the knowledge to be able to impact lives beyond Ohio,” says Fonkem.

For more information about the clinic’s work, visit www.flmmc.org.

Geriatric Fellowship

The Division of General Internal Medicine welcomes Mohammad A. Katout, MD, to the Geriatric Fellowship program in 2011. Katout received his MD from the University of Damascus Syrian Arab Republic in 2002 and will finish his Internal Medicine residency at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint, MI. While at Ohio State, Katout will be closely working with our geriatricians: Robert Murden, MD; Guibin Li, MD; James Lamb, MD; and Gowrishankar Gnanasekaran, MBBS, in conjunction with doing rotations at several Medical Center sites.
Obituaries

'48 Jack Stoffel, MD, a U.S. Army and Navy veteran, died in Colorado on Feb. 17. After earning his medical degree, Stoffel moved to Denver and completed his residency in Psychiatry at the Denver Veterans Administration. Stoffel, who was certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in 1960, had a private practice in Denver. He was president of the Colorado Psychiatric Society from 1971 to 1973 and a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Society.

'56 Austin Kuster, MD, passed away June 20. Kuster practiced Radiology at Akron City Hospital until his retirement in 1995. A graduate of Kent State University, Kuster played classical piano and was fluent in several languages.

'56 Kenneth Tufts, MD, died March 20. After completing a bachelor’s degree in pre-med at Case Western Reserve University, Tufts served in the U.S. Army at Walter Reed Hospital. After earning his medical degree, he completed a residency at Ohio State in Pulmonary Medicine. Tufts practiced Internal Medicine in the Lexington, KY, area, was board certified in Pulmonary Medicine and served as medical director at several area nursing homes. A gifted piano player, Tufts had the privilege of playing for President Harry Truman at the White House.

'60 Robert Freedy, MD, of Upper Arlington, Ohio, passed away April 2. Freedy served with the U.S. Navy during World War II, before completing his undergraduate education at the University of Southern California and Duke University. He worked as a research chemist until 1956, when he entered Ohio State’s College of Medicine. Freedy and his wife, Lucy, worked together in private practice for five years. Freedy then worked for a number of corporations in Occupational Medicine. He then served for 22 years as medical director at Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus.

'69 Larry Simpson, MD, who practiced Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for more than 20 years in central Ohio, died July 3. After medical school and residency training at Ohio State, Simpson entered the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant Commander and was stationed for three years at the United States Naval Hospital, Subic Bay, Philippines. An avid traveler, Simpson and his wife Marianne visited all of the seven continents.

'70 Michael Wilder, MD, died April 15. Wilder trained in Pediatrics and Preventative Medicine (’73) at Ohio State and in Epidemiology at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He was an Emeritus Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Wilder made international contributions to improving health, as he participated in a study of community health development in Bolivia; was a medical extern at the Tohono O’odham Reservation in Arizona; served as a physician for the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho; contributed to the global eradication of smallpox through the World Health Organization (WHO) program in Bihar, India; and served as a consultant with WHO’s STOP (Polio Eradication) program in Bangladesh. In addition, Wilder had a private pediatric practice and provided foreign travel consultation and immunization in New Mexico. He then worked in Florida as a state epidemiologist and later as physician at Florida State University.

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHIE GRIFFIN
Ohio State Senior Vice President for Alumni Relations
Alumni Association President/CEO

I’ve often said that one of the best parts of my job is that it brings me close to so many alumni who share the love of Ohio State that I have.

Since I’ve been president and CEO of the Alumni Association I’ve met countless graduates who are impressive in so many ways. I’ve met people who excel in just about every field and in about every corner of the world. A great majority of Ohio State’s strength lies in its dedicated alumni, and that has only become clearer to me as I’ve spent more time working at the Association.

In addition to their tremendous professional achievements, our graduates consistently do things to support Ohio State and make it proud. They donate their time, talent, and treasure in the name of the university, and I have a tremendous amount of appreciation for those efforts. I feel like I am indebted to Ohio State for all the good it has helped create in my life, and it is obvious that many of our alumni feel the same way.

But appreciation is not a one-way street and that is one of the big reasons why Ohio State has engaged in our current Celebrating Alumni initiative. If you aren’t familiar with what we’ve been doing, then you are really missing out on wonderful stories about our graduates, their love of Ohio State, and how they’ve taken the wealth of opportunity available at the university and turned it into life success.

Read more at http://medicine.osu.edu/alumni/archie-msg.

Students Showcase Ohio State’s Ultrasound Expertise

Although more than 100 posters were submitted and only 28 accepted for the first-ever World Congress on Ultrasound in Medical Education held this spring, all of the posters submitted by Ohio State medical students were chosen. Led by David Bahner, MD, Emergency Medicine, and Nicole Dubosh and Daralee Hughes, then Med IV students, Ohio State was represented by the eight poster presentations and another eight students making oral presentations – more presenters than any other institution in the nation. Ohio State, which offers an ultrasound honors course taught by Bahner, is unique among our nation’s medical schools for the level of ultrasound education provided.
By “clowning around” as volunteers, some medical students have discovered that a dose of humor can provide important benefits to patients young and old. “Clowning has taught me so much about caring for my future patients,” says medical student Maggie Germain, who is president of Clowning in Columbus.

Members of this College of Medicine-sponsored troupe regularly visit children and the elderly in area hospitals and senior centers, prescribing smiles as they perform in their colorful costumes. “Clowning helps remind me why I’ve always wanted to be a doctor - to not just cure an illness but truly make someone feel better,” adds medical student Keith Rosenberg, treasurer of Clowning in Columbus.

This volunteer effort is just one of the many ways Ohio State medical students demonstrate their dedication to their community. As Eileen Mehl, director of Student Activities in the College of Medicine and staff adviser to Clowning in Columbus, says: “Clowning helps promote the intrinsic value of service to others.”