

Medical College of Georgia

180th Graduating Class



Hooding Ceremony

————— MAY 12, 2016 —————



Class of 2016 White Coat Ceremony



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**MEDICAL COLLEGE
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REFLECTIONS OF THE DEAN

Today is a glorious day. Today, you wear the storied academic hood, with the silver, blue, and red hues of the Medical College of Georgia and the herbal green of medicine. Tomorrow, you become a physician.

You have worked so hard to get to this day. You have listened and learned, not only in MCG's home base in Augusta, but also at the side of many of the best physicians across the four corners of our state, many of whom are your fellow MCG alumni. Your family and your medical college are very proud of you. Please take a few moments to be proud of yourself, and then look forward. You know as well as I that the work – and the fulfillment – has only just begun.

You have chosen a profession that has great privilege but also great responsibility. You are privileged to become an important part of the lives of your patients and their families. In fact, the best doctors are like family members to their patients: each learns from and supports the other. This is true whether you are a family medicine physician who cares for patients over their lifetime or a pediatric heart surgeon who helps them through the worst possible days with great skill and compassion.

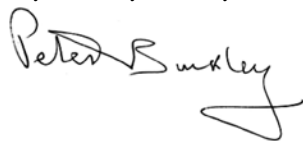
Essential to that responsibility is being a lifelong learner, eager to consume new knowledge about the body and mind, which is available today at an unprecedented pace. I hope that you will be a lifelong contributor to that knowledge as well, using your many gifts to not just repeat what others have done, but to find better ways to treat and prevent disease.

You also will be viewed as a leader in any circle you find yourself; in fact, the drive and personality that brought you to this day means you already are. Please always be mindful of this role as you work and live in your community. Show up for life and work to make a difference every day. As our Hippocratic Oath says, lead your life and practice your art with uprightness and honor.

Let part of making a difference include staying connected to your medical college to help ensure that we, like you, continue to learn, teach, and lead. We are confident that, like so many alumni before you, MCG has given you stellar training that will stand the test of time. We anticipate, with pride, your future accomplishments, and we ask that you remain engaged with your alma mater.

Today and tomorrow, our entire community celebrates your successes and our expectations of your great future as a physician leader.

My best to you always,



Peter F. Buckley, MD

Dean, Medical College of Georgia

Interim CEO, Augusta University Medical Center and Augusta University Medical Associates

Interim Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Augusta University



🌀 **PROGRAM** 🌀

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Paul M. Wallach, MD

Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Medical College of Georgia

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner

Medical College of Georgia Students

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Brooks A. Keel, PhD

President, Augusta University

Chief Executive Officer, Augusta University Health

PROVOST'S WELCOME

Gretchen B. Caughman, PhD

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Augusta University

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INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Buckley

HOODING ADDRESS

"The Physician's Call to Justice: Healing Patients, Healing the World"

Claire Pomeroy, MD, MBA

President and Chief Executive Officer, Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation

(see page 7 for bio)

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Wallach

THE HOODING TRADITION

Lois T. Ellison, MD '50

Medical Historian in Residence, Provost Emeritus, Professor Emeritus of Medicine and Surgery

PRESENTATION OF CLASS

Kimberly Vess Loomer, EdD, MA

Associate Dean for Student and Multicultural Affairs, Medical College of Georgia

Stewart Shevitz, MD, MSHA

Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Fourth Year Class

Kathryn R. Martin, PhD, MPA

Associate Dean for Regional Campus Coordination

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PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC HOODS

Medical College of Georgia Faculty

Selected by the Class of 2016

RECEIVING THE CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

Dr. Buckley

Dr. Wallach

Michelle A. Nuss, MD

Campus Dean, Augusta University–University of Georgia Medical Partnership

HIPPOCRATIC OATH (MODIFIED)

Dr. Nuss

CLASS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Joseph Krakowiak

Augusta University–University of Georgia Medical Partnership

Stephen Jackson

Augusta Campus

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION

David Gose, MD '99

President, Medical College of Georgia Alumni Association

U.S. MILITARY OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE

Colonel Dean A. Seehusen, MD, MPH

*Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, Chief Medical Officer
U.S. Army Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center*

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Wallach

RECESSIONAL

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

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MACE BEARER

Jatinder J. Bhatia, MBBS

Immediate Past President, Medical College of Georgia Faculty Senate

HONORARY MARSHALS

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*Associate Professor of Medicine
Augusta University-University of Georgia Medical Partnership*

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Assistant Professor of Pathology

Tunde Fariyike

President, Class of 2019

John Wagner



Secretary/Treasurer, Class of 2019

Mohammed Waqar

Vice President for Curriculum, Class of 2018

Edwin Shoemaker

Secretary/Treasurer, Class of 2018

 **THE HIPPOCRATIC TRADITION** 
The Oath (Modified)

*I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred, that I will be loyal
to the profession of medicine and just and generous to its members.*

That I will lead my life and practice my Art in uprightness and honor.

*That into whatsoever home I shall enter it shall be for the good of the sick and
the well to the utmost of my power and that I will hold myself aloof from wrong
and from corruption and from the tempting of others to vice.*

*That I will exercise my Art, solely for the cure of my patients and the
prevention of disease and will give no drugs and perform no operation
for a criminal purpose and far less suggest such a thing.*

*That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men and women which
is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret.*

*These things I do promise and in proportion as I am faithful to this oath, may
happiness and good repute be ever mine, the opposite if I shall be forsworn.*

The Hooding Ceremony formally acknowledges medical student achievement through the administration of the Hippocratic Oath.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Claire Pomeroy, is president of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation. She serves as chief executive officer of the foundation and is responsible for advancing its mission to improve health by accelerating support for medical research through recognition of research excellence, public education and advocacy.

An expert in infectious diseases, Pomeroy is a longtime advocate for public health and patients, especially those with HIV/AIDS. She passionately supports ongoing investment in the full range of research. She has a special interest in health care policy, with a focus on the importance of the social determinants of health. Pomeroy was inducted into the National Academy of Medicine in 2011. She has published more than 100 articles and book chapters and edited three books.



Pomeroy serves on the Board of Trustees for the Morehouse School of Medicine and the Boards of Directors for the Sierra Health Foundation, the Foundation for Biomedical Research, iBiology, Inc., New York Academy of Medicine, Expanesthetics, Inc., and Becton Dickinson & Company. Pomeroy received bachelors and medical degrees from the University of Michigan and completed her residency and fellowship training in internal medicine and infectious diseases at the University of Minnesota. She earned an MBA from the University of Kentucky.

She has been on faculty at the University of Minnesota and the University of Kentucky, where she was chief of infectious diseases and associate dean for research and informatics. She joined UC Davis in 2003 as executive associate dean and in 2005 was appointed vice chancellor and dean of the School of Medicine, and is currently professor emerita. She was named president of the Lasker Foundation in 2013.



CLASS OF 2016



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Morehouse School of Medicine – Psychiatry*

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Wake Forest University, May 2010
Master of Public Health, Epidemiology
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Medical University of South Carolina – Pediatrics*

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Furman University, May 2012
Denver Health Medical Center – Emergency Medicine*

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Rush University Medical Center – Pediatrics*

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Colorado Health Foundation – Transitional
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Research Year*

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Legacy Emanuel/Good Samaritan – Internal Medicine*

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Delaying Graduation*

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James Matthew Wilson

*Bachelor of Science Chemistry
Augusta State University, May 2011
U South Florida Morsani COM – Internal Medicine*

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*Bachelor of Science Economics
Duke University, May 2010
Emory University School of Medicine – Internal Medicine*

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*Bachelor of Art Biology
Amherst College, May 2012
St Peters University Hospital – Obstetrics–Gynecology*

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*Bachelor of Science Biology
University of Georgia, May 2012
U Florida COM – Orthopaedic Surgery*

Grant Eugene Zachary, III

*Bachelor of Science Biochemistry
University of Georgia, May 2012
Floyd Med Center – Family Medicine*

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*Bachelor of Science Biology
University of Georgia, December 2011
Hershey Med Center/Penn State – Anesthesiology*

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Lee University, December 2010
Master of Science
Georgetown University, May 2012
Virginia Mason Med Center – Anesthesiology*



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Parth Amin

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Emory University, May 2012
Atlanta Med Center – Internal Medicine*

Brandon Michael Bringuel

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University of Georgia, May 2012
U Alabama Med Center – Internal Medicine*

Joshua Stephens Campbell

*Bachelor of Science Exercise Science
University of Georgia, May 2007
Doctorate Physical Therapy
Medical College of Georgia, May 2010
Wake Forest Baptist Med Center – Internal Medicine*

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University of Georgia, May 2012
Medical College of Georgia – Pediatrics*

Jane Mi Chung

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Emory University, May 2011
Medical College of Georgia – General Surgery*

Luke Lester Couch, III

*Bachelor of Art Risk Management and Insurance
University of Georgia, December 2003
U Tennessee COM – Surgery-Preliminary*

Kalie Ann Deutsch ♦

*Bachelor of Art Neuroscience
Vanderbilt University, May 2012
Emory University School of Medicine – Obstetrics-Gynecology*

Zachary Martin Doegg

*Bachelor of Science Biology
University of Georgia, May 2011
U Alabama Med Center – Internal Medicine*

Samuel Joseph Dolezal **

*Bachelor of Science Cellular Biology / Chemistry
University of Georgia, December 2005
PhD Biochemistry
University of Georgia, May 2015
Abbott Northwestern – Internal Medicine*

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*Bachelor of Science Chemistry
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Maine Medical Center – Vascular Surgery*

William Galvin +

*Bachelor of Art / Science Environmental Studies / Chemistry
Emory University, May 2008
Rhode Island Hosp/Brown University – Emergency Medicine*

David John Janeira

*Bachelor of Science Biology
University of Georgia, May 2012
Medical College of Georgia – Internal Medicine*

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Texas A&M-Scott & White – Medicine-Preliminary
Texas A&M-Scott & White – Ophthalmology*

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Vanderbilt University, May 2012
U Michigan Hosps – Internal Medicine*

Brian Fallows King

*Bachelor of Art Philosophy
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Master of Science
MS Case Western Reserve University, August 2012
Maine Medical Center – Internal Medicine*

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*Bachelor of Science Neuroscience / Behavioral Biology
Emory University, May 2010
Self Regional Healthcare – Family Medicine*

Ryan Yingming Lam

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Georgia State University, May 2011
U Tennessee COM – Internal Medicine*

Charlene Lo

*Bachelor of Science Biochemistry and Cellular Biology
Rice University, May 2012
WellStar Kennestone Reg Med Center – Internal Medicine*

Michael Xu Lou

*Bachelor of Science Molecular / Cellular Biology
Johns Hopkins University, May 2011
Master of Science
Johns Hopkins University, June 2012
Loyola University Med Center – Medicine-Pediatrics*

Syed Arif Mahmood

*Bachelor of Science / Art Biochemistry / Arabic
University of Georgia, May 2010
Wake Forest Baptist Med Center – Internal Medicine*

Sallie McLean McSwain

*Bachelor of Science Biology
University of Richmond, May 2012
Medical University of South Carolina – Obstetrics-Gynecology*

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University of Georgia, May 2011
LSU SOM – Otolaryngology*

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*Bachelor of Science Chemistry
Furman University, May 2012
U Florida COM-Shands Hosp – Pathology*

Reed MacWilliam Otten

*Bachelor of Art Economics
Washington University in St. Louis, May 2010
U New Mexico SOM – Internal Medicine*

Thuy-Van Tina Pham

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Stanford University, June 2012
Emory University School of Medicine – Internal Medicine*

Malinda Ruth Schaefer

*Bachelor of Science Microbiology / Bacteriology
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, May 2001
PhD
University of Michigan, March 2012
U Minnesota Med School – Obstetrics-Gynecology*

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University of Georgia, May 2012
U Michigan Hosps – Pediatrics*

Christopher Marshall Smith

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Kennesaw State University, December 2011
Our Lady of the Lake Reg Med Center – Pediatrics*

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*Bachelor of Art / Science Foreign Language German /
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Mercer University, May 2012
Anderson Area Med Center – Family Medicine*

Jonathan Fulton Swanson

*Bachelor of Science Microbiology / Cell Biology
University of Georgia, May 2011
Emory University School of Medicine – Emergency Medicine*

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*Bachelor of Science Health Sciences
Clemson University, May 2012
Virginia Commonwealth U Health Sys
Surg-Prelim/Urology
Virginia Commonwealth U Health Sys – Urology*

Joseph Alexander Vinson

*Bachelor of Science Cross-Cultural Studies / Biology
Toccoa Falls College, May 2010
Emory University School of Medicine – Psychiatry*

Michael A Webber

*Bachelor of Science Psychology / Biology
University of Georgia, May 2012
George Washington University – Orthopaedic Surgery*

Colton Lawrence Wood ♦

*Bachelor of Science Biochemistry
University of Georgia, May 2012
University of Virginia – Family Medicine*

Phillip Hanul Yun + ♦

*Bachelor of Art Economics
Dartmouth College, June 2011
B I Deaconess Med Center – Internal Medicine*



NORTHWEST CAMPUS



Rome

Bradley Aaron Cagle ♦

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Berry College Mount, May 2012
Spartanburg Reg Healthcare – Transitional
Wake Forest Baptist Med Center – Radiology-Diagnostic*

Samuel Clayton Hembree

*Bachelor of Science Psychology
University of Georgia, May 2008
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Center – Anesthesiology*

Nathan Darrell Gilley

*Bachelor of Science Biology / Religious Studies
Travecca Nazarene University, December 2010
UT St Thomas Hospitals – Family Med/Rutherford*

Eric Huh ♦

*Bachelor of Art Neuroscience
Columbia University in City of New York, May 2010
Morehouse School of Medicine – Medicine-Preliminary
Johns Hopkins Hosp – Radiology-Diagnostic*

Terry Langfitt, Jr.

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Columbus State University, December 2011
Wellstar Atlanta Med Center – Surgery-Preliminary
Emory University School of Medicine – Anesthesiology*

Jamie Heather Oakley

*Bachelor of Science Biomedical Engineering
Mercer University, May 2012
U Alabama Med Center – Pediatrics*

Annie Yeeun Park

*Bachelor of Science Biology / Chemistry
Emory University, May 2010
U Michigan Hosps – Internal Medicine*

Rebecca-Lyn Sokolove

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Berry College, December 2011
Phoenix Childrens Hospital – Pediatrics*

Casey Underhill

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Berry College, May 2011
U Louisville-SOM – Surgery-Preliminary*

Samuel Andersen Willis

*Bachelor of Science Ecology / Biology
University of Georgia, December 2011
Medical College of Georgia – Emergency Medicine*

Jo Leanna Wilson

*Bachelor of Science Biochemistry
Kennesaw State University, May 2010
Johns Hopkins Hosp – Pediatrics*

 **SOUTHEAST CAMPUS** 

Savannah/Brunswick

Meron Ghebrehiwot Abraha

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Emory University, May 2011
University of Tennessee St Thomas Hospitals – Internal Med/Midtown*

Patris Almasi

*Bachelor of Science Biology
University of Georgia, December 2011
Icahn SOM at Mount Sinai – Anesthesiology*

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*Bachelor of Science Chemistry / Biology
Emory University, May 2012
Icahn SOM St. Lukes-Roosevelt – Surgery-Preliminary
Emory University School of Medicine – Anesthesiology*

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*Bachelor of Art / Science German / Genetics
University of Georgia, December 2011
U Colorado SOM – Surgery-Preliminary
Emory University School of Medicine – Anesthesiology*

Graham John DeKeyser + ♦

*Bachelor of Art Economics
Emory University, May 2011
U Utah Affil Hospitals – Orthopaedic Surgery*

Zachary Celestino Di Iulio

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Augusta State University, May 2012
GRU-UGA Medical Partnership – Internal Medicine*

Ross Graham Everett

*Bachelor of Science Genetics
University of Georgia, May 2011
Med Coll Wisconsin Affil Hosps – Surg-Prelim/Urology
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*Bachelor of Science Exercise and Sports Science / Biology
University of Georgia, May 2011
Medical University of South Carolina – Pediatrics*

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Emory University, May 2008
Carolinas Med Center – Family Medicine*

Jaimie Elizabeth Huntly +

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Wesleyan University, May 2010
Icahn SOM at Mount Sinai – Obstetrics-Gynecology*

Samiya Hussain

*Bachelor of Science Chemistry
Georgia Institute of Technology, May 2011
Delaying Graduation*

Stephen Christopher Jackson +

*Bachelor of Science Biology
University of Georgia, May 2011
Carolinas Med Center – Emergency Medicine*

Caroline Michaux Lewis + ♦

*Bachelor of Art Spanish / Biology
University of Virginia, May 2012
Washington Hospital Center – Medicine-Preliminary
U North Carolina Hospitals – Dermatology*

Ryan Stewart McCarty +

*Bachelor of Science Biology
Emory University, May 2010
Emory University School of Medicine – Transitional
Emory University School of Medicine – Phys Medicine & Rehab*

David Christopher Moore + ♦

*Bachelor of Science Biology
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, May 2012
Brigham & Womens Hosp – Anesthesiology*

Al William Ray, III

*Bachelor of Science Cellular Biology
University of Georgia, May 2012
Case Western/Univ Hosps Case Med Center – Surg-Prelim/Urology
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Hampton Minor Vernon +

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University of Georgia, August 2011
Medical University of South Carolina – Pediatrics*

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*Bachelor of Art Biology / Architectural Studies
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University of Chicago Med Center – Plastic Surgery (Integrated)*

Abby Lauren Wong

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University of Georgia, May 2012
NYP Hosp-Columbia University Med Center – General Surgery*

Sarah Michelle Wonn ♦

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University of Georgia, May 2011
Oregon Health & Science University – General Surgery*

 **SOUTHWEST CAMPUS** 

Albany

Joanne Lynn Boggs *

*Bachelor of Art English
University of Georgia, May 2009
Self Regional Healthcare – Family Medicine*

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Medical College of Georgia – Internal Medicine*

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University of Georgia, May 2011
U Florida COM – Obstetrics-Gynecology*

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UT St Thomas Hospitals – Family Med/Rutherford*

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Carilion Clinic-Virginia Tech Carilion SOM – General Surgery*

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Icahn SOM Beth Israel – Internal Medicine*

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Georgia Southern University, May 2012
Anderson Area Med Center – Family Medicine*

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Emory University, May 2012
U Maryland Med Center – Pediatrics-Emergency Med*

Charles Henry Klar, V *

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Palmetto Health Richland – Emergency Medicine*

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University of Georgia, May 2012
Orlando Health – Internal Medicine*

William Sheaffer Sorrells *

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North Georgia College & State University, May 2012
Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education – General Surgery*

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- * PLAC Graduates (Physician Leadership and Advocacy Certificate Program)
 - ◆ Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society Inductees
 - + Gold Humanism Honor Society
 - ** M.D./Ph.D. Program Graduate

AWARDS, HONORS AND CERTIFICATES

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), was founded in 1902, is the world's only national medical honor society. Its purpose is to recognize and foster excellence in the medical community. Founded in 1926, the alpha of Georgia chapter of AOA is the oldest in the state. Alpha Omega Alpha is dedicated to the belief that in the profession of medicine we will improve care for all by recognizing high educational achievement, honoring gifted teaching, encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community, supporting the ideals of humanism, and promoting service to others. Election into AOA is an honor signifying a lasting commitment to scholarship, leadership, professionalism, and service. A lifelong honor, membership in the society confers recognition for a physician's dedication to the profession and art of healing.

The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) was founded in 1988 with the power of an idea — to nurture and preserve the tradition of the caring physician. This society honors medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers, and other exemplars recognized for “demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion, and dedication to service.” The GHHS is dedicated to recognize, support, and promote the values of humanism and professionalism in medicine. The Society is committed to working within and beyond medical education to inspire, nurture, and sustain lifelong advocates and activists for patient-centered medical care.

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards, one for a graduating medical student and one for a medical school faculty member, are sponsored by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. These awards are presented annually for a graduating student and faculty member at 97 of the nation's medical schools. This award is presented to the student and faculty member who best demonstrate the Foundation's ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families, and health care colleagues, as well as demonstrated clinical excellence.

Physicians Leadership and Advocacy Certificate (PLAC), during the clinical years of medical students' education, the Southwest Campus offers an additional educational certificate, enhancing the role and responsibilities of physicians within their community of health care providers. The PLAC encompasses two years of additional training, including lectures, readings, electives, and a comprehensive project and presentation to the local health care community. The course syllabus includes leadership skills, legal issues, advocacy, public health interface, medical ethics, conflict resolution and an overarching review of the health care systems locally, nationally, and internationally. Students who have successfully completed the certificate program are recognized during the medical school's hooding ceremony for their worthwhile endeavors to accomplish new skills, better preparing them for the workplace upon completion of their respective residency training.

The Class of 2016 gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the faculty of the Medical College of Georgia. The class has selected the following faculty members to participate in the presentation of the hoods.

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Dr. Reda Bassali
Dr. Shilpa Brown
Dr. Laura Carbone
Dr. Loretta Davis
Dr. Sharad Ghamande
Dr. Robyn Hatley
Dr. Jim Kruse
Dr. Lisa Leggio
Dr. Todd Merchen
Dr. Walter Moore
Dr. Laura Mulloy
Dr. Robert Nesbit
Dr. Chadburn Ray
Dr. William Rosenblum
Dr. Bunja Rungruang
Dr. Natasha Savage
Dr. Nirupma Sharma
Dr. Matthew Threadgill
Dr. Jennifer Tucker

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Dr. Stephen Lucas

NORTHWEST CAMPUS (Rome)

Dr. Paul Brock
Dr. Dixon Freeman

SOUTHEAST CAMPUS (Savannah, Brunswick)

Dr. Buffi Boyd
Dr. Stephen Chitty

SOUTHWEST CAMPUS (Albany)

Dr. Darrell Jordan
Dr. Harry Vildibill

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TRADITION OF HOODING

The “hood” that is part of the academic costume was originally designed as a head covering to keep tonsured heads warm in cold, unheated buildings. It dates back to the medieval days of some of the oldest universities in the world. Today, hoods are the most expressive part of the academic costume. They not only indicate the field of study which has been completed, but the degree and the institution’s colors. The hooding ceremony signifies a scholarly personal achievement. Graduated members (senior leaders, faculty, and special hooders) of the profession place the hood on the student as a symbol of their passage from student status to graduate status. The hoods of the Medical College of Georgia are worn proudly with silver, blue, and red as well as the color of medicine, green.

MACE

The Medical College of Georgia mace was donated by the MCG Foundation in observance of the foundation’s 60th anniversary and dedicated to the memory of Dr. J. Harold Harrison. The mace represents the authority of its bearer to protect MCG, its community, and its values.

The mace stands three-and-one-half feet tall. It is comprised of antique bronze and sculpted dark walnut. Its headpiece is circled by the seals of the state of Georgia, Medical College of Georgia, and the MCG Foundation. The headpiece is capped by a bronze replica of the old Medical College of Georgia building to honor the history and prominence of this venerable institution. A bronze band in the dark walnut staff is inscribed with this dedication:

*Given in memory of Dr. J. Harold Harrison by the
Medical College of Georgia Foundation in
commemoration of its sixtieth anniversary.
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MILITARY OATH OF COMMISSION

When medical students who have participated in the U.S. military Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) graduate and receive their MD degrees, they take their oath as commissioned officers in the military. The ceremony of taking this oath is included in our hooding program. We are proud of the members of the Medical College of Georgia class who choose to serve their country as members of the medical corps of our armed services.

The HPSP, established in 1972, offers medical students the ability to complete medical education without accumulating academic debt. In exchange for the scholarship, graduates serve a term as medical military officers. The program is competitive, and receiving the scholarship is an honor. Selection is based on undergraduate GPA, MCAT, letters of recommendation, personal statements, physical fitness, and other criteria. The scholarship program graduates between 275-300 physicians each year. Since inception, more than 10,000 physicians have graduated nationally through this program and 85 percent of military physicians have been HPSP recipients.



THE HISTORY

The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University traces its roots to 1822, when Dr. Milton Antony led a group of Augusta physicians to ask the General Assembly to incorporate the Medical Society of Augusta, Georgia. Antony further advanced this initiative to upgrade the training of physicians when he spearheaded the State Board of Medical Examiners to regulate medical practice.

In 1826, Dr. Antony began teaching apprentices. He and Dr. Joseph Adams Eve received a state charter in December 1828 to establish a Medical Academy of Georgia. The founding faculty – Drs. Antony, Ignatius P. Garvin, and Lewis D. Ford, who was named dean – opened the academy in 1829. Its first seven students enrolled in a one-year course of lectures and clinical training, leading to the bachelor of medicine degree. In December 1829, the governor signed a legislative act altering the charter of 1828 by expanding the curriculum to two years, culminating in a doctor of medicine degree, and changing the name to the Medical Institute of Georgia.

The college's name was first changed to the Medical College of Georgia in 1833. Over the next many years, MCG mirrored national efforts to improve physician education, moving to a three-year curriculum in 1893, and to four years just a few years later. The first female student, Loree Florence, was admitted in 1921. The 1950s brought a surge in growth that included the opening of the college's own teaching hospital, Eugene Talmadge Memorial Hospital, and the class size reaching 100. The first black students, John T. Harper Sr. and Frank M. Rumph Sr.,

were admitted in 1967. A major addition to the hospital, the Sydenstricker Wing, opened in 1976; ambulatory and critical care towers were added in 1992; and the children's hospital opened in 1998.

In 2011, the university's name was changed to Georgia Health Sciences University to better reflect the full scope of its academic offerings, which included nursing, allied health, dentistry and biomedical sciences. Two years later, the University System of Georgia consolidated GHSU with the primarily undergraduate liberal arts university, Augusta State University, and named the new institution Georgia Regents University. In September 2015, the university, now an even stronger research institution, was named Augusta University. The medical college retained the name Medical College of Georgia throughout.

During more recent years, MCG has continued to strengthen its curriculum, with an integrated approach that enables students to learn medicine more like they will practice medicine, more small group learning, and early experience with patients.

As the public medical school for a state that consistently ranks among the top 10 in population and population growth, the school also has expanded its class size and reach across the four corners of the state.

The medical school now has more than 135 clinical sites across the state, anchored by four regional campuses.

This distribution model of education enables strong clinical experience for a large number of students as it provides exposure to a broad range of care, from complex care facilities to more rural solo practices. Ideally, the experiences also will ultimately impact what and where students choose to practice. MCG opened its first regional campus, the Southwest Campus based in Albany, in 2005; the Southeast Campus, based in Savannah and Brunswick, in 2007; and the Northwest Campus, based in Rome, in 2013. A second, four-year campus partnership with the University of Georgia, the Augusta University-University of Georgia Medical Partnership, opened in 2010, enabling a rapid expansion of the class size.

Today, with a class size of 230 students, MCG has the 12th-largest freshman class in the nation, and total enrollment is the 9th largest. The J. Harold Harrison, MD Education Commons, a new academic home for the medical school, which opened in fall 2014, helps enable MCG's ongoing initiative to meet the physician needs of Georgia.

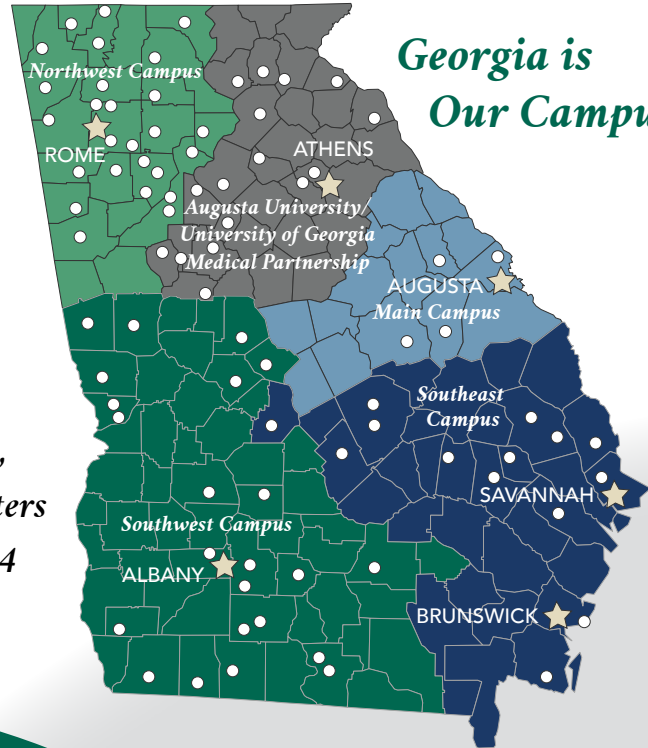




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FACTS 2016

Georgia's only public medical school was founded nearly 200 years ago, in 1828, as the third-oldest medical school in the Southeast and the 13th oldest in the nation. Working to optimize health care in Georgia and beyond through education, discovery, and service, Augusta University's founding school is the state's leading provider of physicians, with 22 Academic Departments, three Centers and Institutes and a budget of \$306,030,654 for this fiscal year.



*Georgia is
 Our Campus.*

○ Locations of more than 200 clinical teaching sites

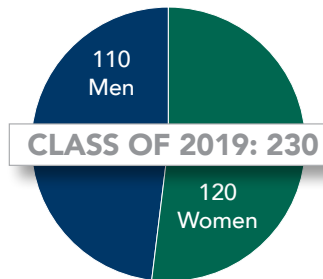
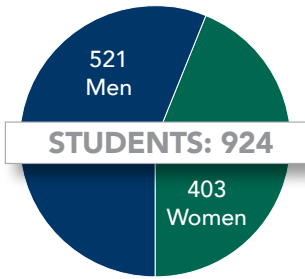


In 2013, MCG launched an 18-month, fast-paced, comprehensive strategic planning process. The result, the college's *Strategic Plan 2015-2020, Our 186-year Legacy and Future: People Make the Place*, provides a five-year roadmap that strengthens MCG's core teaching mission, as well as parallel missions of research and clinical care.

Read more at augusta.edu/mcg/plan

Students

Ninety-five percent of MCG students are Georgia residents, representing widely diverse cultural, socioeconomic and academic backgrounds. The state's medical school is committed to ensuring each class is diverse and reflective of the state it serves.



Students will log more than 9,000 hours of volunteer work, collectively, over their first and second years of medical school. They volunteer in the community and beyond, including staffing an after-hours health care clinic for Augusta's homeless and underinsured, tutoring disadvantaged youth, and running a farmer's market that offers produce and ideas on healthy eating to people in the inner city. They also regularly volunteer at programs for students of all ages aimed at inspiring the next generation of physicians.

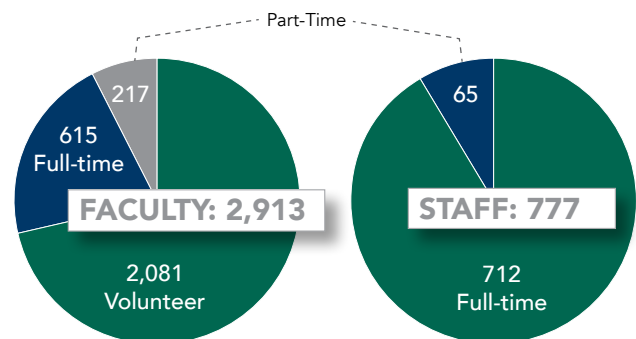
- **30** MD/PhD students
- **117** PhD students
- **9th** largest in total enrollment
- **3,092** applicants
- **13.4 to 1** acceptance ratio
- **200 percent** increase in class diversity from 2010-15
- **3.72** overall GPA, above national average
- **30.7** mean MCAT, at national average
- First-time taker pass rate and mean scores for Step 1 and 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination consistently at or above the national average
- **60** percent participation in research among MCG students

Statewide Impact

The educational experience is anchored by MCG's main campus in Augusta, as well as regional clinical campuses and a four-year campus in Athens in partnership with the University of Georgia. As the state's only public medical school, statewide growth of medical education is a priority at MCG. Expanding partnerships with physicians and hospitals throughout Georgia ensures that students experience the full spectrum of medicine, from urban hospitals to small-town solo practices, with a focus on primary care and providing health care to medically underserved areas.

- **Main Campus**, Augusta, 190 students per class
- **Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership**, Athens, 40 students per class
- **Southeast Campus**, Savannah and Brunswick
40 third- and fourth-year students
- **Southwest Campus**, Albany, 22 third- and fourth-year students
- **Northwest Campus**, Rome, 17 third- and fourth-year students

Workforce



- **534** residents and fellows training in **45** programs
- **144** postdoctoral research fellows



Research & Rankings

- **\$99 million** in total grants and contracts in FY2015
- **Nearly \$51 million** in National Institutes of Health Funding – representing a 16 percent increase at a time when many medical schools' NIH funding has remained flat or decreased
- **70th** nationally in NIH grants according to the Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research
- **48 percent** increase in funding from all sources, over the last 10 years
- **20th** in research productivity among 58 medical schools surveyed by the Association of American Medical Colleges
- **73rd** in *US News & World Report's* Best Medical Schools for Research, up from 76th



Research at the medical college receives programmatic support from the Georgia Research Alliance, an internationally acclaimed model for bringing business, research universities and state government together to create and sustain a vibrant, technology-driven economy. Seven GRA Eminent Scholars lead extraordinary research and development programs at MCG.

Areas of emphasis include:

- **Cardiovascular biology and disease**
- **Cancer**
- **Neuroscience and behavioral science**
- **Public and preventive health**
- **Regenerative and reparative medicine**
- **Personalized medicine and genomics**

MCG's strong commitment to research is built on a proud tradition that boasts achievements such as laying the groundwork for fertility treatments and beta-blocking drugs for cardiac arrhythmias, which won Dr. Raymond Ahlquist MCG's first Albert Lasker Award for Clinical Medical Research. Another early MCG scientist, Dr. Virgil Sydenstricker, was nominated for a Nobel Prize for his research on the use of nicotinic acid in pellagra therapy.

The Dean

Dr. Peter F. Buckley, a psychiatrist and clinical researcher whose expertise includes leadership development and planning, was named 26th dean in 2011.

Class of 2016

- All **223** Class of 2016 graduates matched among **24** specialties in **34** states.

Students matched at top training programs across the nation, such as Johns Hopkins, Mount Sinai and Harvard. Twenty-eight percent of our students will be doing their residency in Georgia, and a little more than half of those will train at MCG and AU Health's residency programs. Almost half of our students matched in primary care - internal medicine, pediatrics and family medicine - and other top specialties included emergency medicine, anesthesiology and general surgery.

Alumni

- MCG has more than **11,000** living/located alumni with **5,203** living in Georgia.
- **1 in 5** Georgia physicians graduated from MCG and/or completed their residency at MCG and AU Health.
- More than **51 percent** of graduates remain in the state to practice, well above the national average, with **30-40** percent practicing primary care.

Philanthropy

Philanthropy remains a top priority for medical college leadership. Gifts to the state's public medical school help pay for building projects such as the J. Harold Harrison, M.D., Education Commons; fund scholarships that help recruit the best and brightest students; establish endowed chairs; and provide financial support for faculty and students.

- MCG has **56** endowed chairs, an all-time high.
- The current endowment for the medical school at the MCG Foundation is approximately **\$200 million**, an all-time high.
- **10** endowed chairs and **48** scholarships will be established over the next five years, funded by the transformative \$66 million gift from 1948 graduate Dr. J. Harold Harrison and his wife, Sue.





AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

- One of four state public comprehensive research institutions
- Nine colleges and schools
- Nearly 9,000 students
- 1,000 full-time faculty
- 7,000 staff
- 125 educational programs
- Georgia's only dental school
- An aligned and integrated health system
- A growing intercollegiate athletics program



- **478-bed** adult hospital
- **154-bed** children's hospital
- **Only** Level 1 adult & pediatric trauma center serving 13 surrounding counties
- Medical Office Building, with more than 80 outpatient practice sites in one building
- Digestive Health Center
- Georgia Cancer Center
- World-renowned for patient- and family-centered care
- Alliances across the state, including an affiliation with Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation as well as innovative collaborations with Philips and Cerner

In FY2015:

- 19,000 admissions
- 365,400 outpatient visits
- 89,415 emergency room visits
- \$58 million in charity care for Georgians

Augusta University Medical Associates

is the centralized faculty practice plan for the Medical College of Georgia that provides all revenue-related activities for the clinical providers in the AU Health System and oversees the management of ambulatory operations, both on and off campus. Medical Associates had a total revenue of \$157 million in FY15. MCG faculty practice in Medical Associates clinics across the state.

Augusta, the third largest city in Georgia, is located on the south bank of the Savannah River and recently ranked the second most favorable place to live in the state. The city is home of the world-famous Augusta National Golf Club, which hosts the annual Masters Tournament, as well as the U.S. Army's Fort Gordon and Cyber Command.

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