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Welcome to the inaugural issue of Catalyst, a publication dedicated to our alumni. We are excited about this means of sharing stories and communicating with you.

In introducing this new publication, I am reminded of the importance of education. The commitment to training leaders in medicine and the biomedical sciences is one characteristic that distinguishes academic medical centers like ours. One way that we advance our mission is to attract the most talented students and then provide an innovative education that prepares them for successful careers helping others.

As educators, our role is to inspire students and impact their lives—to be agents of change. As health-care providers and researchers, our alumni touch the lives of countless individuals. We take our responsibility as teachers seriously; it is a privilege to watch our students grow and to be part of a formative time in their lives. We delight in the success and accomplishments of our students and alumni.

Catalyst is designed as a vehicle to communicate the vibrancy of our school and its faculty. More important, it’s a forum to recount the incredible stories of our students and you, our treasured alumni. As our dean, Edward Abraham, MD, shares his thoughts in this space in future issues, my hope is that Catalyst will help you reconnect and stay in touch—with us and with each other.

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The Gray Legacy: The Gift That Launched a New Era for a Medical School

Relocation Triggered a Period of Growth for the School of Medicine, Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem

In the late 1800s, a debate played out over the future of tiny Wake Forest College, founded in 1834 and nestled in the small town of Wake Forest just north of Raleigh, N.C. Would the school, operating under the auspices of the state’s Baptist ministers, remain a smaller institution catering to the education of the ministry? Or would it try to expand to more national prominence?

Slowly, Wake Forest began to add programs that would lead it toward the modern-day institution it was destined to become. First came a law school and then, in 1902, a school of medicine, which opened with 13 students and a dean, Dr. Fred Cooke, who had been a surgeon in the U.S. Army and was a graduate of Tulane Medical School.

The first murmurs about moving the medical school surfaced in 1929, when the N.C. Baptist State Convention met in Shelby, N.C. Dr. Thurman Kitchin, who was president of Wake Forest College, and Dr. Coy C. Carpenter, who would become dean of the medical school in 1936, represented the Wake Forest church.

They discussed the idea of interested Winston-Salem leaders in moving the medical school 110 miles from the Wake Forest College campus and affiliating it with the 88-bed N.C. Baptist Hospital, which had opened in 1923.

Carpenter, whose book "The Story of Medicine at Wake Forest University" was published in 1970, writes that the idea was greeted positively, but no money could be found amid the Great Depression.

The idea died.

A Winston-Salem icon dies

In 1935, the Association of American Medical Colleges began to speak out against two-year medical colleges, eventually proposing that they be eliminated. Graduates of the two-year schools received training in basic medical sciences, and then had to attend another four-year school to complete their final two years of education, which were devoted to clinical training.

In North Carolina, the association’s edict would have spelled the end for Wake Forest’s medical school as well as the state medical school at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. At that time, only Duke University had a four-year medical school.

Although the association eventually dropped its recommendation because of strong opposition by the two-year schools, the financial problems of the smaller schools made it clear that things had to change. North Carolina began to consider whether it should create a four-year state medical school, establishing a commission that was to make recommendations before the 1939 session of the legislature.

That same year, in 1935, Winston-Salem lost one of its major figures. Bowman Gray Sr., 61, suffered a fatal heart attack, the second in just a few days, while on a five-week cruise in the North Atlantic with his wife, Nathalie, and sons Bowman Jr. and Gordon.

It was a difficult and sudden blow for one of Winston-Salem’s most prominent families.
In his will, Bowman Gray Sr. left a trust fund with a value of $750,000 and one stipulation: the money had to be used to help a charitable endeavor in Winston-Salem.
Who was Bowman Gray?

Bowman Gray Sr. was the son of James Alexander Gray, the co-founder of Wachovia Bank. How he wound up first as president and then chairman of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company is a story that his grandson, former state Rep. Lyons Gray, enjoys recounting.

“Bowman Gray was a teller at the Wachovia Bank in 1895, and Mr. (R.J.) Reynolds would apparently walk in and make his deposits with this young man,” says Lyons Gray, who currently serves as senior advisor to the president of the University of North Carolina.

Bowman Sr. had dropped out of UNC Chapel Hill after a year, but R.J. Reynolds took a liking to him and asked him to be a salesman and open up the “northern territories.” So Bowman Sr. moved to Baltimore, where he met and married the former Nathalie Fontaine Lyons. Their two sons were born there.

Every day, Bowman Sr. “started out with a 40-pound bag of smoking and chewing tobacco—there weren’t any manufactured cigarettes as you know today—and he wasn’t allowed to come back until all 40 pounds had been sold,” recounts Lyons Gray.

In 1912, R.J. Reynolds invited Bowman Sr. back to Winston-Salem to take over accounting at the tobacco company.

“In the early days, Mr. Reynolds said to Bowman Sr., ‘I can’t pay you anything, but I can give you some stock. It’s not worth much.’”

As Bowman Sr.’s stature at Reynolds grew, so did his stock. He became president of the company in 1924 and chairman in 1931. His brother James also joined Reynolds, and he, too, would eventually serve as president, from 1936-45, and as chairman from 1949-51.

It was the death of Bowman Sr., however, that set in motion the events that would land Winston-Salem a medical school.

Origins of relocation

Lyons Gray credits a woman he knew as “Aunt Polly” with steering the generosity of his grandfather.

“When Bowman Gray Sr. was alive, his first cousin, Alice Shelton Gray, was a trained nurse who had worked during the First World War … and she kept pushing Bowman Sr. to institute medical help and aid for the workers at the Reynolds Tobacco Company.

“Through her efforts … they created an internal medical program at the Reynolds Tobacco Company, the first of its kind of any major manufacturer, at least at that time, anywhere in the Southeast.”
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The vague wording of his stipulation became the subject of discussion among the people Bowman Sr. entrusted to make the spending decision—his brother James, his wife and his sons.

“They sat and thought and believed that for the future of the community as well as the manufacturing operations here, a medical school would be the best way to employ those funds that Bowman Gray Sr. had left in his will,” Lyons Gray explains.

“The issue was how to do this, because there was no medical school here. And also … that the medical school, if here, would have to stay on top of the emerging issues in the field of medicine so that the people who lived in the northwestern part of the state would have access to the finest medical care available.”

Meanwhile, the commission on establishing a four-year state medical school at UNC Chapel Hill became aware of an unnamed trust that was willing to donate money to establish a four-year school, provided that it be located in the home city of the donor. The commission members were unaware that the trust fund to pay for this was from Bowman Sr., who had attended UNC. Nor did they know that James, Gordon and Bowman Jr. were all graduates of Chapel Hill.

But the dean of the UNC medical school flatly objected to consideration of moving the school. Once the dean's stance became clear, Carpenter asked Shelby attorney Odus Mull, a six-term state legislator and Speaker of the House who served with Carpenter on the commission, to assist in getting the fund for Wake Forest’s medical school.

A series of meetings began soon after and culminated on Aug. 3, 1939, when the fund was officially offered to Wake Forest.

In September 1941, a total of 75 students—45 in their first year and 30 starting their second year—helped inaugurate what Wake Forest College’s trustees decided (the family had not requested or stipulated it) would be called the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was excerpted from a longer article that highlights the history of the Gray family and the impact they have made on the growth of the School of Medicine and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. The full article will be available this spring on the Wake Forest Baptist website, wakehealth.edu, along with photos and videos featuring comments and recollections from members of the Gray family.

Bowman Gray’s First Graduates

In 1943, the Bowman Gray School of Medicine graduated the first class of students who studied for four years primarily at the school’s new location in Winston-Salem.

The class included Victor Cresenzo Sr., MD ’43 (third row, third from right), who met and later married the former Frances Southard, RN ’43, who was attending the School of Nursing at N.C. Baptist Hospital.

Wake Forest became a significant part of the Cresenzo family. Their sons, Vic and Bill, each received undergraduate degrees from the university. A third son, Randy, attended law school at Wake Forest. A fourth son, Mark Cresenzo, MD ’81, not only followed their father into medicine, he practices internal medicine in Reidsville, N.C., as his father did.

The elder Cresenzo practiced in the largely rural community around Reidsville until his health declined. He and his wife died in April 2011, within one week of each other.

The photo and family background were shared courtesy of Randy Cresenzo. Surviving members from the class of ’43 are Paul M. Abernethy, MD; John R. Ausband, MD; John B. Reinhart, MD; and David C. Smith, MD.
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Edward Abraham, MD
Edward Abraham Brings an Appreciation for Philosophy and Sports to Academic Duties

Academics was a familiar territory for Edward Abraham, MD, but he did not turn toward medicine until one summer when he worked as an orderly in a hospital.

“It really happened when I was at college,” says Abraham, who is in his first year as dean of the Wake Forest School of Medicine. “I started off as a math major and realized it was too hard.” He laughs.

“So I switched to philosophy. I always enjoyed writing and liked the balance of philosophy and science. I had a cousin who was a radiologist. He was nice enough to get me a summer job as an orderly in a hospital, where I was exposed to all areas of medicine. Then the science courses really clicked, and I ended up taking all of the premed courses.”

As an undergrad and medical student at Stanford University, Abraham worked—and played—side by side with impressive mentors. He conducted research in the Department of Biochemistry with Ronald W. Davis, who directs the Stanford Genome Technology Center. He played tennis with Paul Berg, co-winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry (1980) for his work on recombinant DNA.

“It was very interesting to watch a Nobel Prize winner struggle with his backhand,” Abraham recalls with a smile.

Academic medicine and sports have been part of his life ever since, along with his two daughters, one a senior at Stanford and the other a sophomore at Dartmouth College, and his wife of 21 years, Norma-May Isakow, whom he met at a football game. Isakow is a lawyer and recently joined Wake Forest University as associate director of the Institute for Public Engagement.

Abraham grew up in Arizona, where his father was chairman of the Department of Special Education at Arizona State University and his mother was a social worker and later a successful real estate agent.

After Stanford, Abraham trained in internal and critical care medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), was a Fulbright Scholar at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, and spent 13 years at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center before he became the chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

His successes at UAB included building a strong culture within the department, increasing the department’s research funding by 25 percent, increasing the size and diversity of faculty, developing multiple new clinical programs and creating a physician-scientist track training program. As the new dean here, Abraham wants to build on the many successes he has seen at the medical school.

“We are working in a very interesting environment now with health-care reform and advances in biomedical research,” Abraham said. “We are totally poised to take advantage of these changes and ready to take off. Growing our research activity, making sure the education program continues to be innovative and giving the best possible care—these are all priorities. This is already a fabulous place with the potential to become an even better one.”
Making new connections

Edward Abraham, MD, and his wife, Norma-May Isakow, discovered they had an indirect connection to the School of Medicine long before they arrived at Wake Forest in August 2011. Isakow went to high school in Johannesburg, South Africa, with a sister of Steve Block, MB, BCh, senior associate dean and professor of pediatrics.

Isakow, the new associate director of the Wake Forest University Institute for Public Engagement, graduated from law school in South Africa and from the London School of Economics in England. In Cape Town, she practiced law, taught at the University of Cape Town, and supervised students in legal aid clinics before moving to the United States.

Most recently, she was the founding director of the Office for Service Learning at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), where she received a diversity award from the UAB president.

Isakow’s role as associate director includes integrating academic learning, civic learning and meaningful service to the community, as well as collaborating with colleagues and campus-wide faculty to promote the common good and to set a standard of university-wide excellence in public engagement.

“In the Wake Forest spirit of Pro Humanitate,” she said, “I hope to promote engaged teaching and scholarship, build community and support services that meet identified needs.”

Plan for Growth

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Abraham said two-way communication is another priority. “I think it’s very important to meet with faculty and staff on a regular basis, get out of my office, and see them in their labs, clinics and the hospital.”

Outside of work, Abraham has always been a runner and participates in half marathons.

“I’ve connected with the local running club and have been on some group runs,” he said.

Currently he has little time for any outside activities other than running and enjoying his family. During the summer of 2011, he and his wife spent as much time as possible with their daughters until they returned to college.

“We have been able to have great family time, hiking at a state park and visiting vineyards,” he said. “This is a great place, and we’re having fun.”

Edward Abraham, MD, dean of the Wake Forest School of Medicine, wants to connect with alumni who have questions or thoughts to share about the medical school. Contact him at dean@wakehealth.edu, and take advantage of this opportunity to correspond directly with the dean.

Research Goals

- Coalesce research strengths into two highly defined, visible areas of clear opportunity for preeminence
- Build on these areas of focus that cut across many departments and disease states
- As these areas elevate the institution to first or second in the country, they will elevate other areas

Key Areas of Opportunity

- Metabolism and Cognition
  - Diabetes and Obesity
  - Alzheimer’s Disease
- Cell Development and Therapy
  - Cancer
  - Regenerative Medicine
Curriculum Goals

To create a highly innovative, transformational and supportive medical school experience that develops outstanding physicians who:

- Have a strong base in biomedical science
- Set the standard for compassionate, collaborative care
- Lead the way in socially responsible health care locally, nationally and globally
- Learn, discover and apply innovative state-of-the-art knowledge and skills

Curriculum Review Steering Committee

- Chaired by Senior Associate Dean Steve Block, MB, BCh
- Includes faculty from School of Medicine and Wake Forest University, key staff and medical student representatives
- Charged with developing a technologically advanced educational structure that ensures students are prepared for medicine today and have the tools for lifelong learning necessary in our rapidly changing health-care environment
- Timeline: New curriculum initiated in July 2012, and fully in place by July 2014
One evening last summer, Anne Eller Pardue, RN ’50, was not feeling well and needed a doctor. With her regular physician out of town, she and her husband Dwight had to find an alternative for treatment.

It was the July Fourth holiday weekend. An emergency room visit was not their first choice, but it was their best option. Once in the exam room, they met Lisa Evans-Taylor, MD, who treated Anne and then prepared to pass along discharge instructions to her.

Then Evans-Taylor and the Pardues realized something.

“Where did you go to medical school?” Dwight Pardue asked.

“Wake Forest,” replied Evans-Taylor, a 2008 graduate of the School of Medicine and an emergency medicine physician at Wilkes Regional Medical Center. Then she asked, “Did you by any chance create a scholarship at Wake Forest?”

This wasn’t just a happenstance meeting of individuals whose paths had crossed at some earlier point in time. As it turned out, the Pardues had helped shape Evans-Taylor’s career—she had attended medical school as an Anne Eller Pardue Scholar.

“It was such a great feeling to realize that I had gone from being a student accepting a scholarship to being a physician providing care,” Evans-Taylor recalls. “It was a wonderful illustration of the long journey I had taken and the many people who had helped along the way. I felt truly blessed.”

Giving to Make a Difference

Evans-Taylor is in good company. Through 2010-11, the Pardue Scholarship has been awarded to 77 Wake Forest medical students, including several current students. The Pardues, lifelong residents of Wilkesboro, N.C., endowed the fund with an initial gift to the school in 1998, and the first recipients were named in 1999. Their subsequent gifts have raised the fund’s value to more than $2 million.

Dwight, a skilled businessman, banker and investor, joined Lowe’s Companies in 1956, worked there for 34 years and retired as senior executive vice president of real estate. Anne worked as a nurse for a surgeon before devoting time to raising the couple’s two sons.

Through some 60 years of marriage, their commitment to philanthropy has extended beyond Wake Forest Baptist and the School of Medicine and into the wider community.

Dwight worked as a volunteer firefighter for many years, and the library at Wilkes Community College bears their name. The Pardues have supported Mars Hill College, from which Anne graduated before attending the School of Nursing at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. In honor of their support of greenway initiatives in Wilkes County, a pedestrian bridge over the Yadkin River is named after them.

At Wake Forest Baptist, they provided a major gift to the Comprehensive Cancer Center in 2005, and in spring 2011, they gave $1 million to the current Cancer Center expansion, set for completion in 2014.
Ripple effects

The positive impact of those gifts and their scholarship fund continues to resonate across the lives and careers of the individuals they have touched.

“I was thrilled to be accepted to Wake Forest School of Medicine, but had no idea how I was going to pay for it,” says Evans-Taylor, a self-described non-traditional student. After graduating from Notre Dame with a degree in aerospace engineering, she worked for 12 years before starting medical school.

“It was such an honor to be the recipient of the Pardue Scholarship. I was able to meet Mr. and Mrs. Pardue at a lunch they held in 2006.”

They did not meet again until that night last summer, when the Pardues’ generous foresight came back to them full circle.

“The Pardues impact so many students through the medical school with their own personal giving,” says Clint Beaver, MD ’07, a former Pardue Scholar now practicing family medicine at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C. “In turn, those students graduate and create an impact on others in their communities. It’s an exponential effect on so many people’s lives.”

“It was such a great feeling to realize that I had gone from being a student accepting a scholarship to being a physician providing care.”

Lisa Evans-Taylor, MD ’08
**Researchers Discover Protein That May Represent New Target for Treating Type 1 Diabetes**

Researchers at Wake Forest Baptist’s Institute for Regenerative Medicine and colleagues have discovered a protein that may represent a new target for treating type 1 diabetes.

“Much more research is needed to understand exactly how the protein functions, but its discovery opens a new door to better understand and hopefully develop new treatments for this currently incurable disease,” said Bryon E. Petersen, PhD, professor of regenerative medicine and senior author.

The protein, which the scientists have named Islet Homeostasis Protein (IHoP), has so far been isolated in the pancreas of both humans and rodents. It is located in the glucagon-producing cells of pancreatic islets, clusters of cells that secrete the hormones insulin and glucagon, which work together to regulate blood sugar. In both humans and mice that haven’t yet developed diabetes, the researchers found high levels of IHoP. But after the onset of diabetes, there was no expression of IHoP, suggesting that the protein may work to regulate blood sugar levels by regulating the balance between insulin and glucagon.

When the researchers inhibited production of the protein in rodents, there was loss of glucagon expression, which caused a chain of events that led to decreased insulin, increased levels of glucagon and death of insulin-producing cells.

“In a nutshell, IHoP appears to keep blood sugar regulation in check,” said lead author Seh-Hoon Oh, PhD, an instructor of regenerative medicine. “When IHoP isn’t present, it throws the pancreas into a critical state and starts the process that results in type 1 diabetes.”

Findings are reported in the current issue of *Pancreas*.

**Novel Brain Tumor Vaccine Acts Like Bloodhound to Locate Cancer Cells**

Wake Forest Baptist is helping to test the safety and efficacy of a novel vaccine for brain tumors called ICT-107. A total of 20 sites across the country are participating in the randomized, placebo-controlled phase II national clinical trial in patients who have newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme (GBM), the most aggressive and highest-grade malignant glioma.

“We’ve been asked to participate based on our reputation as an outstanding brain tumor center and the expertise our center has with bringing novel therapies and novel therapeutics to patients,” said Glenn Lesser, MD, a professor of internal medicine, hematology-oncology and principal investigator for the study.

The approach with this particular vaccine is unique, Lesser added, because it is targeting the antigens or proteins that are present on glioma stem cells and are responsible for keeping the tumor alive and dividing, whereas other treatment approaches mostly target differentiated tumor cells.

According to the biotechnology company that is conducting the trial, the Phase I clinical study of ICT-107 in GBM involved 16 newly diagnosed patients who received the vaccine in addition to standard therapy. Those patients demonstrated a one-year overall survival of 100 percent and a two-year survival of 80 percent. Although only a small number of patients were treated, these results compare favorably with historical 61 percent one-year and 26 percent two-year survival rates with standard care alone.

**Researchers Identify New Genes That Determine Breast Cancer Prognosis**

Researchers at Wake Forest Baptist have identified 16 genes, or proteins, that may one day help doctors to more accurately predict whether their patients’ breast cancer will return.

Some of the same researchers published a prior study last summer, showing that women who had high levels of a protein called ferroportin – the only known protein to eliminate iron from cells – and low levels of another protein called hepcidin had the best prognosis, or chance of survival without recurrence. Low levels of ferroportin and high levels of hepcidin were found to be associated with the most aggressive and recurring cancers.

The most recent study evaluated other proteins involved in iron metabolism, and researchers determined that these also provide prognostic value for breast cancer patients.
"Many of these genes have been discovered because they have something to do with body iron management, but they haven’t really been studied in tumor development, and we know that tumors are iron consumers. There’s a lot still left to understand about the function of these genes in breast tissue, but we’re finding out that iron, and how it’s metabolized, has a whole lot to do with cancer," said senior investigator Frank Torti, MD, MPH, director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Wake Forest Baptist.

The study, supported by the National Institutes of Health, was made available online in Cancer Research.

Study: Chantix Unsuitable for First-Line Smoking Cessation Use

The poor safety profile of the smoking-cessation drug varenicline (Chantix™) makes it unsuitable for first-line use, according to a study published in the Nov. 2 edition of the journal PLoS One, an online publication of the Public Library of Science.

Researchers at Wake Forest Baptist, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, Harvard Medical School and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine found that that 90 percent of all reported suicides related to smoking-cessation drugs since 1998 implicated varenicline, even though it was on the market only four years in the nearly 13-year study period. They also found that varenicline, which already carries a “black box warning” from the FDA, was eight times more likely to result in a reported case of suicidal behavior or depression than nicotine replacement products.

“Our study contradicts the implications of a recent review by the FDA showing no difference in psychiatric hospitalizations between varenicline and nicotine replacement patches,” said Curt D. Furberg, MD, PhD, professor of public health sciences at Wake Forest Baptist and co-author of the study. “The FDA hospitalization studies were flawed because they could not capture most of the serious psychiatric side effects, including suicide, depression, aggression and assaults. These can be catastrophic events but do not normally result in hospitalization.

“We found that Chantix is associated with more suicidal behavior reports than any other smoking-cessation drug on the U.S. market. The risks simply outweigh the benefits. We strongly recommend that the FDA should revise the ‘black box warning’ to say what this study and the FDA’s own data show – that varenicline has higher risks for suicidal behavior and depression than other smoking-cessation treatments,” Furberg said.

New Therapy Shows Promise for Treating Cardiovascular Disease

A new therapy being studied in non-human primates by researchers at Wake Forest Baptist and colleagues is demonstrating promise as a potential tool for combating cardiovascular disease by increasing good cholesterol and lowering triglycerides in the blood.

Supported by the National Institutes of Health and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the preclinical findings were published in October 2011 in the journal Nature.

“There is a very strong inverse correlation between the amount of HDL (good cholesterol) and heart disease,” said co-principal investigator Ryan Temel, PhD, assistant professor of pathology and lipid sciences at Wake Forest Baptist. “Currently, however, there are few therapies that significantly raise HDL. Even if you take a statin or some other therapy to lower your LDL, the risk of having coronary heart disease is still around 50 percent. There’s clearly a lot of room left for improvement.”

Temel and colleagues from New York University Langone Medical Center and Regulus Therapeutics Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, are studying a new drug that targets microRNA-33 (miR-33). MiR-33 is a small RNA molecule that reduces HDL and increases triglyceride production. In previous studies in mice, the drug has been effective in promoting atherosclerotic plaque regression and increasing HDL.

School Researchers Among Those Honored for Work with Toyota

Toyota Motor Corp. and two of its research partners were recognized in December by the Brain Trauma Foundation for their studies on head injuries that occur in car crashes as well as on the football field. As part of the effort funded by Toyota, researchers from Virginia Tech and the Wake Forest School of Medicine collected data from accelerometers attached to the helmets of football players that led to the first safety ratings for helmets. Toyota also is using data from the research to improve its virtual human crash-test dummies and to develop safety technologies aimed at reducing head injuries.

Toyota and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center raised awareness of their collaboration through a 30-second national TV advertisement.
Alumni Commit More Than $10.5 Million, Issue Challenge

Seventeen current and past Medical Alumni Association (MAA) leaders and their families have committed more than $10.5 million to the School of Medicine. The group has challenged the other members of the MAA Board of Directors to cumulatively match or exceed the gift with commitments of their own during 2012.

The MAA Legacy Leadership Challenge gift was announced during the MAA Board’s fall meeting on Nov. 4. The money will be directed based on each donor’s individual interests. Approximately 60 percent of the total is designated for student scholarship support and approximately 40 percent for innovation in research and teaching. The gift was made in advance of a capital fundraising campaign being planned for Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Former MAA president Merrill Hunter, MD ’78 said, “We can give back to humanity by being good doctors, but also by being good philanthropists and giving to worthy causes. This is a worthy cause.”

Research Park Debuts New Addition

Wake Forest Biotech Place, a state-of-the-art, world-class biotechnology research and innovation center designed to allow more growth for Wake Forest Baptist’s many renowned research departments, opened Feb. 21 in downtown Winston-Salem.

The 242,000-square-foot addition creates incubator space to promote start-up companies generated by researchers’ discoveries and space for established biomedical research companies. It will house the School of Medicine departments of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Immunology, Physiology and Pharmacology, and Biomedical Engineering, as well as a distance-learning program between the Department of Biomedical Engineering and Virginia Tech’s School of Engineering.

The property, comprised of two restored former tobacco facilities once owned by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., was completed by Baltimore-based Wexford Science & Technology, LLC.

It is Wake Forest Baptist’s sixth building in the growing Piedmont Triad Research Park, which, according to the independent research and development organization Battelle Memorial Institute, is generating an economic impact of $339.1 million in North Carolina and is responsible for the creation of 2,795 jobs.

Wells Fargo Foundation Funds Faculty Scholars Program

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and Wake Forest University have received a $2.5 million multi-year grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation to create the Wells Fargo Faculty Scholars Program.

The program will fund the recruitment of faculty whose research shows the promise of generating significant intellectual property and regionally based commercialization efforts as either start-up or spin-off companies. This research is expected to produce job-creating ventures within the Piedmont Triad Research Park (PTRP) and attract more biotech research companies to the PTRP.
School Remains Ranked Among Nation’s Best

Wake Forest School of Medicine has again been recognized by U.S. News & World Report for its high-quality medical education, training and research programs. The school placed 19th among the nation’s top medical schools in primary care and 42nd among research programs in the annual list of America’s “Best Graduate Schools.”

The 2013 edition of “Best Graduate Schools” surveyed 149 accredited medical schools and programs across the country last fall. Three assessment peer surveys were conducted last fall. School rankings were based on statistical data in the two highest enrollment areas of primary care and research as well as expert assessment from faculty, deans or program directors.

Time Names Research Among Best of 2011

Research led by Wake Forest Baptist’s Institute for Regenerative Medicine was named one of the top 10 medical breakthroughs of 2011 by Time magazine. The research team was the first in the world to use patients’ own cells to build tailor-made urinary tubes in the lab and successfully replace damaged tissue in five boys.

The research is No. 5 on Time’s list of medical breakthroughs. The magazine called the breakthrough “a promising step toward a new world of regenerative medicine where creating healthy body tissues to replace diseased ones isn’t such a mad idea.”

Wake Forest Baptist First in N.C. to Implant Heart Device

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center was the first hospital in North Carolina to implant a next-generation defibrillator that provides more treatment options and will likely reduce readmissions for patients with heart failure.

The implantation of this new cardiac resynchronization therapy system was performed Dec. 2 on an 84-year-old male patient by Glenn Brammer, MD, assistant professor of cardiology, and assisted by Sidharth A. Shah, MD, an electrophysiology fellow. The device had received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval only three days earlier.

Faculty Notes

David E. Manthey, MD, professor and vice chair of education in the Department of Emergency Medicine, has been named associate dean for medical education. He oversees the curriculum as well as assessment and grading of students and courses. Manthey has a record of developing new organizations and new curricula at the local and national level, and has received numerous teaching awards.

Christopher J. Godshall, MD, associate professor of vascular and endovascular surgery, has been named associate dean for graduate medical education. He succeeded Patricia H. Petrozza, MD, who stepped down after 10 years in that role. In 2009, he received the Brooks Scholarship in Academic Medicine, funded by Taylor and Jean Bailey Brooks, MD ’44, to develop a disease-based longitudinal curriculum using distance education techniques.

Kevin High, MD, has been named associate dean for clinical research at the school. He adds this role to his continuing duties as program director of the Clinical Research Resources Program within the Translational Science Institute, section chief of infectious diseases and professor of internal medicine.

Pamela Duncan, PhD, professor of neurology, has been selected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to serve on its Innovation Advisors Program. She is one of 73 health-care and allied-health professionals chosen from 920 applicants to lead pioneering work that will test new models of care for those who are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program.

Thomas H. Irving, MD, who served as chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology from 1970-82, died Nov. 26, 2011, in Lima, Ohio, after a long battle with Parkinson’s disease. Under his leadership, the department became independent when it separated from the Department of Surgery in 1970. He is credited with recruiting a strong core of faculty who built the department’s reputation in patient care and teaching.

Charles Remy, PhD, emeritus professor of biochemistry whose career at Wake Forest Baptist began in 1962 and spanned 32 years, died Jan. 26 in Winston-Salem.
When Kevin Gurysh applied for medical school, he knew that hard work and determination would help him overcome the greatest challenge of his young life—completing his medical education. What he did not know was that someone out there already believed in his dream.

The result of that belief was an anonymous gift of $35,000 a year to attend the Wake Forest School of Medicine as a Medical Alumni Association (MAA) Scholar.

The scholarship gift was anonymous, yet not. The MAA Scholarship Fund is supported by some 2,500 medical school alumni who have experienced firsthand the same enormous challenges that Kevin faced—not only achieving in medical school but also paying for it.
His Path to Wake Forest

From an early age, Kevin was interested in medicine; his mother worked in the vascular lab at Wake Forest Baptist. His real interest, though, was piqued when he volunteered at the hospital as a teenager. The experience inspired him to pursue a nursing assistant certification. He also worked long hours in the Emergency Department throughout college and became acquainted with several physicians who encouraged him to pursue medicine.

When it came time to choose a medical school, Wake Forest was a clear first choice.

“What sets Wake apart from everybody else is that it maintains such a high standard of excellence and it is recognized at the national and global level, yet it never sacrifices its intimate environment and the relationships one can forge here,” he says.

Kevin says he was speechless when he first learned he was an MAA Scholar, but he now says, “I feel extremely honored and fortunate to have this scholarship, which will open up so many opportunities for my career, since I won’t be bound by financial limitations in choosing my future specialty.

“Almost equally important to me is the realization that people have vested their trust in my hard work and my drive, which is something that I take great pride in and recognize as a great responsibility.”

Kevin says his first two years at Wake Forest have been tremendously exciting. When he graduates, he plans to pursue a career in emergency medicine.

About the MAA Scholars Program

Since 1999, the Medical Alumni Association has awarded more than $900,000 in scholarships to talented future physicians through gifts to the MAA Annual Fund. Each year, 8 percent of the annual fund is designated for the Scholarship Endowment. With the generous contributions of alumni and friends, the endowment has grown to more than $3.2 million.
“My main concern is to have a scholarship program that will significantly reduce the amount of student debt and also attract the very best students.”
Hamp Lefler, MD ’63 and Katty Lefler

Hamp Lefler, MD ’63, wants to help young graduates just beginning their careers in medicine. The retired Hickory, N.C., ophthalmologist says the need for a robust scholarship fund is twofold: (1) to reduce the sometimes punishing debt burden many graduates face; and (2) to attract the best students to Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Hamp knows how recent medical school graduates struggle to make ends meet. Since his days as a thrifty medical intern, he and his wife, Katty, have understood the value of being resourceful. Today, through generous contributions and active involvement, they’ve become a valuable resource for the School of Medicine.

When Hamp was completing his internship at the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Katty helped cover their expenses by getting on game shows—and winning. Thanks to Katty’s appearances on “The Price is Right” and “Concentration,” the Leflers’ small apartment had prizes everywhere—household appliances and other furnishings.

No one who knows them is surprised by this revelation. As one friend comments, they are both “loaded with personality and good humor.”

After his internship at NewYork-Presbyterian, Hamp spent two years as a captain in the medical corps in the U.S. Army. He completed his residency at Duke University Medical Center and practiced ophthalmology in Hickory from 1969 until he retired in 2002.

He has been an enthusiastic and active member and leader of the Medical Alumni Association, serving as president in 1993. In 1995, the MAA honored him with the Distinguished Service Award. He has served not only his alma mater and his home community, but has operated clinics and performed cataract surgeries in Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Since retirement he and Katty have made multiple mission trips to Zambia and Mexico.

Giving Back Through Scholarships

The Leflers have long shown an interest in supporting scholarships at the school. Last fall Hamp signed on as one of 17 charter contributors to the MAA Legacy Leadership Challenge, which raised more than $10.5 million.

“If you give somebody a scholarship—even a partial—it’s a huge help,” said Katty.

Hamp added, “I was debt-free when I was graduated and would have gone to the University of North Carolina, with the lower tuition of a public institution, had I not been honored with the Reynolds Scholarship.

“I know for a fact that a number of my classmates who were also Reynolds Scholars would have gone elsewhere if it had not been for the scholarship assistance.”

He credits his lifelong career to the strong education he received here, but he also has colorful memories of life as a medical student at Wake Forest—playing Demon Docs softball in the city league and enjoying student events like an annual Pirate Party. And he says his first real conversation with Katty came during a student picnic at Tanglewood—an auspicious beginning for a couple who just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their connections to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center include one of their daughters, Kirsten Ririe, a member of the Amos Cottage board, and their son-in-law, Doug Ririe, MD, PhD, who is associate professor of pediatric anesthesiology at the medical center. Their granddaughter Katherine Ririe is an undergraduate at Wake Forest University.

Charitable Planning Spotlight
A Family of Caregivers

My professional career began in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1979. That year, the Pittsburgh Pirates, led by the legendary Willie Stargell, won the World Series with a slogan (borrowed from the popular song), “We Are Family.”

It was amazing. That slogan truly became the core of how we related to each other as Pittsburghers. There is, to this day, a strong sense of “We Are Family” in that great city. That feeling of being part of a family has allowed Pittsburgh to weather many challenges during the last 30 years.

As I reflect on my six years of association with our School of Medicine, I see the same foundational belief among many of our alumni, students, faculty and staff. While the underlying science and technology of medicine has changed a great deal since this school opened, there remains one constant: we are a family that believes in taking care of the patient. Because of this belief, we strive to provide the best training for medical professionals and innovative research to find new solutions to health-care challenges. Throughout that process, we never lose sight of who we are—a family—and why we chose to enter this profession.

Roy Alson, PhD ’82, MD ’85, associate professor of surgery who specializes in emergency medicine here at Wake Forest Baptist, recently talked to me about his experience as a student. When speaking about his classmates and their relationship with the faculty, he said, “We were like a family, and that influenced the type of doctor I became.”

A family takes care of its members, celebrates successes, mourns losses and works hard to develop its next generation. I see so many daily examples of this at our medical school:

- The commitment of the MD Class of 2014 and medical student Katie Hoge to adopt William L. Perry, MD ’36, as an honorary class member in celebration of his 100th birthday this past January.
- The 17 alumni who pledged $10.5 million to provide medical student scholarships and to fund other priorities as a commitment to the school’s future and its mission.
- Medical students like Jimmy Lindsey, Kevin Gurysh and Evan Ritter who live the values of those who came before them and carry those forward for the next generation.
- And, a faculty committed to strong personal relationships with our students so that these aspiring physicians not only understand the science and technology of medicine, but how to relate to their patients as people.

So, please allow me to say, “We Are Family.” As we launch the inaugural issue of Catalyst, I hope that you will continue to see examples of what makes our School of Medicine so very special.

Thank you for your commitment and support of the mission, vision and values of your Wake Forest School of Medicine!

Norman D. Potter
Vice President of Development
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Greetings to all alumni and a hearty welcome to our inaugural issue of Catalyst!

We are so pleased to offer this new alumni magazine as your conduit for staying in the know about your classmates and friends.

We look forward to publishing news and milestones from each of you. We’d like to remind you that “alumni affairs” means all alumni—MDs, PhDs and MS graduates, former House Officers, PAs, CRNAs, MedTechs, alumni from our former School of Nursing as well as those who trained in our Pastoral Care Program. Please use the return card below for sending information, or get in touch with us online at the AlumNotes section of wakehealth.edu/alumnianngifts.

No matter from which medical education program you graduated, you can help further the special quality of the education you received. Just make a gift to the annual fund associated with your program at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. If you have already made a contribution, thank you! If not, we hope you will choose to give when you receive a phone call with an update about your program.

We welcome your support at any time, and we welcome gifts beyond those made through our annual funds. If you are considering a gift, we encourage you to do so by June 30—the end of our fiscal year. Every gift will benefit medical education and the lives of the young medical professionals who entrust their training to Wake Forest Baptist.

Once again, please don’t be shy about sending us your news or sharing your thoughts via email at alumni@wakehealth.edu. We are proud of all our alumni, and we hope you are proud of your connection with Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center!

Warmest regards,

Fred Robinette
Senior Director
Alumni Affairs and Special Gifts Development
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

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We look forward to including your news in future issues of Catalyst magazine.

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- Physician Assistant
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Class Yearbooks Available Online

The yearbooks of Wake Forest School of Medicine (formerly Bowman Gray School of Medicine) and the former School of Nursing are now available electronically thanks to the N.C. Digital Heritage Center.

Yearbooks that have been digitized by the center include:

- Gray and White Matter (Medical and Nursing schools combined), 1945-69
- The Lamp (Nursing), 1943-44
- White Matter (Nursing), 1970-74
- Gray Matter (Medical), 1970-present

To view the yearbooks in the collections online, visit www.digitalnc.org/collections, scroll down to find North Carolina College and University Yearbooks, find Wake Forest School of Medicine under “Participating Schools” and peruse the available listings.

To see the yearbooks and experience more Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center history, come by the Coy C. Carpenter Library Archives weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
MAA Honors Applegate, Jonas, Jorizzo

During a ceremony at the Dean’s Leadership Circle dinner in November, the Medical Alumni Association presented its annual awards to former Dean William B. Applegate, MD, MPH, MACP, Wayne B. Jonas, MD ’81, and Joseph L. Jorizzo, MD.

Applegate received the Distinguished Service Award, Jonas the Distinguished Achievement Award and Jorizzo the Distinguished Faculty Award.

William Applegate

Applegate joined the Wake Forest School of Medicine in 1999 as chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, was appointed dean in 2002 and was later named president of Wake Forest University Health Sciences while continuing his role as dean. He guided the school during a strong period of growth, with significant administrative advancements, curriculum innovation and substantial increases in faculty size in key clinical and scientific areas.

He has written or co-written 25 books and book chapters and nearly 170 journal articles, served as editor in chief of the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society and an editorial board member of the American Journal of Medicine and the American Journal of Clinical Hypertension. He is a master of the American College of Physicians, past chair of its Board of Regents and past president of the American Geriatrics Society.

Wayne Jonas

Jonas is director of the Samueli Institute for Information Biology in Alexandria, Va., and an internationally known leader in the field of complementary and alternative medicine. His professional service has included work on the scientific advisory board with the Department of Alternative and Complementary Medicine in Paris; and as a member of the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy.

He was the first director of the Office of Alternative Medicine with the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health. He has directed the Medical Research Fellowship Program in the Division of Medicine at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research; served as commander of the 130th General Hospital in Dexheim, West Germany; and worked as staff officer and consultant to the Office of the Surgeon General.

Joseph Jorizzo

Jorizzo is professor and founding chair of the Department of Dermatology at the School of Medicine and director of the school’s Dermatology Residency Program. He is nationally known as an outstanding clinician and teacher, and is vice president of the American Academy of Dermatology.

He has served as consultant to the VA Clinic in Winston-Salem and in Salisbury, N.C., and to Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem; and as an adjunct professor in the Department of Dermatology at Cornell University, and at the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College in New York, N.Y.

Jorizzo’s work includes more than 100 grants, four books and more than 250 journal contributions. He serves as a reviewer on numerous professional journals, including the Archives of Dermatology and Journal of the American Medical Association.
1940s

D.E. Ward, MD ‘45, Lumberton, N.C., is now retired after working 57 years as a surgeon.

Thomas A. Will, MD ‘48, Dallas, N.C., received the State of North Carolina Award in 2010 for his dedication and service to the people of Dallas, N.C.

1950s

Robert H. Holzworth, MD ‘50, Fraser, Colo., reports that he—now in his 90s—and his family are settled and “very happy” in Granby, Colo.

William R. Hudson, MD ‘51, Durham, N.C., has enjoyed golf, tennis, the beach, the lake and fishing since retiring from Duke University in 1995. He has six grandchildren and one great grandchild, and he has moved into The Forest at Duke retirement community.

Spencer P. Thornton, MD ‘54, Nashville, Tenn., is president of Biosyntrx, Inc. and past president of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

Louis B. Daniel Jr., MD ‘56, New Bern, N.C., received the Order of The Longleaf Pine, presented at retirement in 1997 in honor of 30 years of service to the state. That service included three decades of work attending a disabled children’s clinic. “I thought I was just doing my job,” he wrote. He said he was embarrassed to report this sooner but does not mind “tooting his own horn” now that he’s getting older. He credits his background at Bowman Gray for his success.

Phillip Sellers, MD ‘57, FHO ‘63, Hendersonville, N.C., was honored by the N.C. Medical Society with its E. Harvey Estes Jr. Physician Community Service Award in October 2011. The award recognized his “outstanding leadership in medicine and compassionate care for the people of his community and North Carolina.” Sellers, who is board certified in internal medicine, has actively supported the health-care needs of underserved patients throughout his career.

1960s

Gary B. Copeland, MD ‘60, Fayetteville, N.C., retired from practicing ophthalmology after 44 years. He is enjoying traveling and staying at the coast in Beaufort, N.C., as well as being involved in medical missions with two recent trips to Kenya and Armenia.

John M. Tew Jr., MD ‘61, Cincinnati, Ohio, was named a Great Living Cincinnatian, an honor bestowed on only 126 individuals since 1967.

Caryl J. Guth, MD ‘62, Advance, N.C., received the Wake Forest University Deacon Club Member of the Year Award in October 2010. She led the effort to honor former Wake Forest women’s golf coach Dianne Dailey for her 22 years of coaching and developing a championship women’s golf program. The state-of-the-art Dianne Dailey Learning Center, part of the 18-acre Wake Forest University golf complex, commemorates Dailey’s professionalism and dedication to the university.

Sara T. Jones, MD ‘62, Asheville, N.C., left sunny Florida to return to Asheville in summer 2010 to be near her children and grandchildren.

Donald E. Johnson, MD ‘63, Aventura, Fla., is enjoying playing golf, watching dolphins, cruising and flying.

William J. Wortman Jr., MD ‘64, Statesville, N.C., wrote and self-published the 2010 book, “The Shimmering Bubble,” a fictional account of a physician coping with his wife’s untimely death and struggling with his own long-kept secrets. He shared that several individuals from his medical school experience and career in medicine served as the inspiration for certain characters in the book. He also has written food, wine and travel articles that have been published in magazines and featured in the Culinary Archives and Museum at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI. He is retired from his Ob/Gyn practice.

Robert W. Meldrum, MD ‘67, Bloomsburg, Pa., is still working full time in his family practice. His wife Phyllis has managed the practice for more than 32 years.

Robert H. LeGrand Jr., MD ‘68, San Angelo, Texas, works full time in a neurosurgical practice. Robert and his wife Jean Ann received Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from Angelo State University in May 2009. They have six children and three grandchildren.

Karl Sanzenbacher, MD ‘68, Bangor, Maine, stepped down as medical director of Neurophysiology Laboratory at Eastern Maine Medical Center in late 2008, but he continues to run the Intraoperative Neurophysiology Monitoring Program and the Critical Care Neurophysiology Monitoring Program.
1970s

Lovett P. Reddick, MD ’70, FHO ’75, Kingsport, Tenn., continues to work part time in plastic surgery private practice. He is enjoying spending time with his young granddaughter. His son Evan received his PhD in biochemistry and is doing post-doctoral work in Dallas, Texas, and his daughter Polly is working while raising a daughter.

James H. DeWeerd Jr., MD ’72, Stevens Point, Wisc., was a venue physician for skiing events during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and also at the 2002 games in Salt Lake City. James also served as the venue physician for the FIS world cup aerial freestyle skiing competitions from 2001-10 and has more than 40 years service with the National Ski Patrol.

Ken Humphrey, MD ’73, Spartanburg, S.C., is an emergency room physician at the South Carolina Trauma Center.

Richard L. McCoy, MD ’75, Rock Hill, S.C., retired from pediatric practice in 2001. He received an MBA from Winthrop University and now teaches at the Charlotte campus of Pfeiffer University, in its Master’s in Health Administration program. Richard and his wife, Jan Shaw, MD, FHO ’77 (pediatrics), continue to contribute to community projects while finding time to return to their favorite travel destination, Italy.

Jon Abramson, MD ’76, Winston-Salem, N.C., wrote the book “Inside the 2009 Influenza Pandemic,” published in fall 2010 by World Scientific Publishing. He is internationally recognized for his expertise in pediatric infectious diseases, and he has advised the Centers for Disease Control, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization, among others, on pandemic influenza planning.

Peter S. Heyl, MD ’76, Atlanta, Ga., is the chief of service for gynecology and obstetrics at Emory University Hospitals – Midtown.

Carl Robert Nordstrom, MD ’76, Marion, N.C., relocated from Albemarle, N.C., and started a new family practice affiliated with McDowell Hospital. He wrote that he has enjoyed becoming reacquainted with Tom Atkinson, MD ’77, who has a family practice office in Marion.

William L. Bell, MD ’77, Arlington, Va., moved to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., in January 2010 after 17 years on the faculty of the Wake Forest School of Medicine. He is professor of neurology and director of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at Georgetown University Hospital.

Martin Ira Perlmutter, MD ’77, Franklin, Tenn., married Elizabeth Tumminello in November 2007.

50th Reunion, Class of ’61

Members of the MD class of 1961 celebrated their 50th reunion during Alumni Weekend festivities Nov. 4-6: (front row, from left) Rafael Gomez, Bill Biggers, Daisy Lee Cheung, Clement DeMasi, Gloria Graham, Joe Currin, Frank Medford (back row, from left) Bill Spencer, Murphy Townsend, Dick Simpson, Sam Bickley, David Nelson, Larry Peace and Charles McCall.

40th Reunion, Class of ’71

Members of the MD class of 1971, pictured as they marked their 40th anniversary during Alumni Weekend, Nov. 4-6: (from left) Steve Pierson, Allen Van Dyke, Joe Whisnant, Ron Dennis, Joe Overby, Bill Atkins, Ken Hauswald, Terry Estes, Tom Hunt, Richard Litman and Reed Freidinger. Class members who attended reunion activities but were not pictured: Fran Baird and Warner Burch Jr.

40th Reunion, Class of ’71
Philip O. Katz, MD ’78, Blue Bell, Pa., has been named one of 20 great physicians practicing in Pennsylvania by Becker’s ASC Review. Katz is chair of gastroenterology and associate program director for the internal medicine residency program at Albert Einstein Medical Center, and clinical professor of medicine at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He is an authority on esophageal disease, and is the immediate past president of the American College of Gastroenterology.

Stephen Mark Sachs, MD ’78, Hagerstown, Md., went on a nine-day medical missionary trip to Nicaragua in January 2010.

Gregory W. Taylor, MD ’79, MSHA, FACPE, FACHE, Jamestown, N.C., has been promoted to chief operating officer of High Point Regional Health System. Previously, Taylor had been the health system’s chief medical officer for the past seven years. He is responsible for all aspects of inpatient care with a focus on quality, service and an engaged workforce. Taylor is a former board member of the American College of Physician Executives and has served as a senior examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige Performance Excellence Program.

1980s

Marguerite DeWitt, MD ’80, Harlingen, Texas, retired as a medical examiner in 2010 and is now a professor at the University of Texas Brownsville teaching criminal procedure and evidence as well as medical legal death investigation.

T. Arthur Edgerton, MD ’81, Pinehurst, N.C., relocated to Pinehurst to work with First Health Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

David Morris, MD ’81, Wheaton, Ill., was named to U.S. News & World Report’s Top Doctors list by peer physicians.

Paula E. Szympko, MD ’81, Jackson Hole, Wyo., has retired. She and her husband built a home and report enjoying hiking and cycling in the Tetons.

Charles D. Harr, MD ’83, Charlotte, N.C., was promoted to rear admiral, lower half, in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

B. Sharon Murray, MD ’83, Montgomery, Ala., has moved from Clinton, S.C., to Montgomery to work at the Institute of Advanced Wound Care.

Janelle A. Rhyne, MD ’83, Wilmington, N.C., has been chosen president-elect of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Reece E. Thompson, MD ’85, Jefferson City, Mo., is vice president of Jefferson City Medical Group, a large multispecialty clinic that he joined in 1997, and also is a practicing otolaryngologist. He has three grown children—Junia, Senia and Soph.

Hope McArn Weeks, MD ’85, Crane Hill, Ala., works in ambulatory pediatrics four days a week with no call or hospital duties. “I recommend it,” she wrote.

Strick J. Woods, MD ’85, Trumbull, Conn., received the St. Vincent de Paul Mission Award for 2009 as the Physician of the Year for St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn. He practices with Gastroenterology Associates of Fairfield County, Conn.

James T. McDeavitt, MD ’86, Charlotte, N.C., was named a director of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Michael Kerry Kimbro, MD ’87, Boone, N.C., recently returned from Peru, where he and his family have been involved in Christian ministry outreach. Visit www.thekimbrodawntreader.com/ to learn more about their efforts. 

Roger D. Cole, MD ’88, Winston-Salem, N.C., completed a fellowship in clinical medical ethics at the University of Chicago in May 2011.

1990s

Joseph William Cunningham Jr., MD ’90, Norfolk, Va., is chief of staff at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center in Chesapeake, Va.

Jon C. Hinson, MD ’90, Lexington, N.C., married Kris Manzano from Charlotte, N.C., in September 2010. They are now busy in their respective medical and law practices and raising their five children.
W. Scott Purdy, MD ‘90, Waxhaw, N.C., left clinical medicine in 2004, and built and sold MedData, a health-care informatics company, at the end of 2009. At last count, he wrote that he was working on career number three.

David B. Simonds, MD ‘90, Greensboro, N.C., is director of eLink Critical Care.

John M. Whitley, MD ‘90, PhD ‘83, MBA, Fairmont, N.C., completed his MBA at the University Tennessee in 2010.

Karen M. Smith, MD ‘91, Gainesville, Fla., is on the Board of Trustees of Mars Hill College.

Mary C. Bledsoe, MD ‘92, Avon, Colo., recently became the medical director of Roundup River Ranch, a provisional member of the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps being built in Colorado. The camps will serve children with serious and life-threatening illnesses.

Douglas R. Crisp, MD ‘92, Anaconda, Mont., retired to Montana in July 2010.

James P. Greelish, MD ‘92, Charlotte, N.C., assumed the role of assistant professor at Columbia fall 2011. He also is director of cardiothoracic surgery with CaroMont Health in Gastonia, N.C.

Marnie S. Marlette, MD ‘92, Winston-Salem, N.C., is enjoying water skiing, shooting skeet, taking Tae Kwon Do and working, as always.

Albert F. Gilman, MD ‘93, Decatur, Ill., is doing fine in general surgery practice in Decatar, Ill. At home, he is busy with four children.

David S. Reid IV, MD ‘93, Belleville, Ill., was promoted to the rank of captain in U.S. Navy Reserves in 2007.

Robert S. Renouard, MD ‘94, Edmond, Okla., served as the 2010 president of the Oklahoma State Urologic Association.

Michelle C. DeCecco-Warren MD ‘96, Fort Myers, Fla., married William Warren, president and chief executive officer of Warren Oil Co., located in Dunn, N.C. She will be the company physician overseeing several on-site clinics throughout the United States.

Lee E. Herman, MD ‘97, Johns Creek, Ga., was recognized as a newly elected Fellow of the American College of Physicians in an awards ceremony during Internal Medicine 2011, the ACP’s annual scientific meeting, held April 7-9, 2011, in San Diego.


Steve Dorsey, MD ‘98, Cave Creek, Ariz., is in need of a women’s health care provider to help him establish a women’s health care program at a rural clinic he helps operate in the Dominican Republic. He wrote that anyone who may be interested in helping can contact him at sjdorsey@delcorazon.org.

Lance Potter, MD ‘98, Martinez, Ga., completed his fellowship at Medical College of Georgia in allergy-immunology.

Turner Takes Leadership Role with American College of Surgeons

Patricia L. Turner, MD ‘96, of Washington, D.C., assumed duties as director of the American College of Surgeons, Division of Member Services in December 2011.

The ACS member services division is responsible for the evaluation process that ensures a surgeon’s education and training, professional qualifications, surgical competence and ethical conduct are consistent with the standards established for Fellowship in the ACS. The division also administers the application process for surgery residents, medical students and allied health-care professionals who seek ACS membership.

Turner was promoted to associate professor of surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in July 2011. She remains the surgery residency program director there, and continues her work in outcomes research and medical media as well.

She has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1996 and served as an instructor in the department of surgery at Weill-Cornell School of Medicine in New York City before moving to Maryland.

Her honors include the National Institutes of Health Fellows Award for Research Excellence, the Association of Women Surgeons Outstanding Woman Resident Award and the State of Maryland’s Henry Welcome Award.
Scot C. Schultz, MD ’98, Naples, Fla., is chief of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at NCH Healthcare System as well as director of the cardiovascular unit. He serves on multiple hospital committees and is a member of the health system’s Board of Trustees. He moved to Naples after completing a fellowship in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in 1998. He has several interests in the field of thoracic and adult cardiovascular surgery including coronary artery bypass grafting, mitral valve surgery, aortic valve surgery, the surgical treatment of atrial fibrillation, lung cancer surgery and the treatment of hyperhidrosis. He is considered among his peers to be one of the pioneers and leaders in the area of off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting.


Roger E. Smith Jr., MD ’99, Oklahoma City, Okla., has moved to the city and reported in spring 2011 that he and his family were enjoying Oklahoma so far.

2000s

John C. Flanagan, MD ’00, Jacksonville, Fla., and wife Tricia celebrated the birth of their first child, John “Christopher” Flanagan Jr., in June 2010. John is a partner with North Florida Anesthesia Consultants in Jacksonville.

Peter J. DeWeerd, MD ’01, Salt Lake City, Utah, was continuing his work in the emergency room when he wrote in fall 2009. He and his wife Diana have one son, Drake.

Roger Narayan, MD ’01, Raleigh, N.C., received the 2011 Richard M. Fulrath Award from the American Ceramic Society. He will be honored for his pioneering contributions to nanobiomaterials and nanomedicine in October at the society’s 113th annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Jessica Ann Kent Ange, MD ’02, Dillsboro, N.C., separated from the U.S. Air Force in June 2008 and joined Sylva Family Practice in August 2009. In March 2009, she and her husband Allan had their first son, Eason. She said they were happy to be back in North Carolina.

Ashley Ford Blurton, MD ’02, Charlottesville, Va., is working from home doing teleradiology for National Radiology. She wrote in spring 2011 that she and her family hoped to visit Wake Forest soon.

Gregory A. Erickson, MD ’02, Bellevue, Neb., married Stephanie Werner, MD, on Nov. 11, 2011.

Phillip S. Moore, MD ’02, Winston-Salem, N.C., finished his vascular surgery fellowship in June 2010 and joined Salem Surgical Associates.

Granada S. Neil, MD ’02, Winston-Salem, N.C., reports she is enjoying post-residency life, working as medical director of a local mental health agency. In addition, she and her husband have a mental health practice providing therapy and medication management services.

Amy Elmore Strachan, MD ’02, Harmony, Calif., gave birth to a second son, Cal Spitfire, in January 2011. In May, she and her family moved to a ranch in Harmony, which has a population of 18. She maintains a private practice in child and adult psychiatry in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Shirley Rose Ramiscal Domingo, MD ’03, Honolulu, Hawaii, wrote in fall 2009 to share news of her marriage to Hieu Hoang in Calistoga, Calif.

Benjamin Hollis James Gordon, MD ’03, Sandy, Utah, adopted a daughter, Margaret, a native of Taiwan, on July 4, 2011, and joined Mountain Medical Physician Specialists in August.

Anna Rose Ibele, MD ’03, Louisville, Ky., and Mike, her husband of 12 years, recently had a new baby, Davin Thomas Risley. Anna started a pediatric surgery fellowship at Kosair Children’s Hospital in Louisville in July and will finish her training in July 2013.

Betsy Merrell, MD ’03, Hendersonville, N.C., and her husband, Joshua Merrell, MD, welcomed Sophia Grace Merrell on Feb. 27, 2011.

Taylor Gentry Austin, MD ’04, Winston-Salem, N.C., and his wife were expecting their second child in summer 2011 as he continued his residency in anesthesiology at Wake Forest Baptist.

Mary W. Bull, MD ’04, Tustin, Calif., reported the birth of son Austin in November 2010. “He is a true blessing to our lives,” she wrote.

Ellen Chance Sanders, MD ’04, and David Melville Sanders, MD ’04, Greenwood, Va. Ellen is working at Blue Ridge Ophthalmology and “loves it,” and David joined the faculty at the University of Virginia as a cardiac anesthesiologist.
Chad Martin Wagner, MD ’04, Rome, Ga., moved to the city in November 2010 and joined Harbin Clinic Orthopedics to practice sports medicine.

Win Boon, MD ’05, Fort Wayne, Ind., recently married “the love of my life,” Kristen Boon. Win is now practicing neonatology at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Frank A. Killian, MD ’05, Franklin, N.C., joined Asheville Eye Associates in 2010.

Dino P. Massoglia, PhD ’03, MD ’05, Daniel Island, S.C., and his family have recently relocated to Charleston, S.C. He completed a fellowship in neuroradiology at Duke University and accepted the position of neuroradiologist and director of magnetic resonance imaging at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center.

Binit Bipin Shah, MD ’05, Toronto, Canada, was completing a movement disorders fellowship at the University of Toronto when he wrote in spring 2010.

Kevin B. Shute, MD ’05, Franklin, Tenn., and wife Emily welcomed a son, Everette Anderson, in March 2010, who joined big sister Addison in the Shute family.

Meghan B. Gannon, MD ’06, Spring Hill, Tenn., and husband Eric moved into a new house in 2010 and “love it.” She reported that Eric’s business was flourishing and her practice, at Spring Hill Family Health Group, was growing. “Please come visit if you are near Nashville!” she wrote.

Lauren Kenney Garabelli, MD ’06, Oklahoma City, Okla., and her husband, Paul, relocated to Oklahoma City with their baby girl to be close to family. Paul started his cardiology fellowship at the University of Oklahoma in summer 2010, and Lauren was working part time as a pediatrician.

Travis Edward Harrell, MD ’06, San Diego, Calif., married Wake Forest University alumna Roopa Nimmagadda, BS ’04, in November 2009.

Katherine Nicole Neal, MD ’06, Raleigh, N.C., started work as a hospitalist at Duke University Medical Center in September 2009 and moved back to North Carolina.

Douglas F. Powell, MD ’06, Colorado Springs, Colo., started a critical care medicine fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in July 2011 after being deployed in Afghanistan as brigade surgeon with 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division.

MAA Honors Perry, MD ’36, as Oldest Living Alumnus

In November, the Medical Alumni Association (MAA) honored the School of Medicine’s oldest living alumnus, William Louis Perry, MD ’36, for his lifetime of service and leadership in his hometown of Chesterfield, S.C.

Perry, who celebrated his 100th birthday on Jan. 4, practiced as a family physician for 47 years, and he and his brother, Jeremiah B. Perry, MD, founded the Perry Clinic in their hometown.

The MAA Board passed a formal resolution honoring Perry’s achievements during its fall meeting on Nov. 4, and the Class of 2014 named him an honorary member of their class. The students presented Perry with a white coat embroidered with his name.

“The MAA Board, on behalf of our entire alumni family, extends its appreciation to Dr. Perry for serving as an exemplary representative of the values and mission of the Wake Forest School of Medicine,” said MAA President Joseph J. Estwanik, MD ’73.

In accepting the resolution, Perry summarized his life’s work, saying, “There is nothing I have enjoyed more nor wanted to do in life than to get up every day, go to work and help care for people.”
Kevin L. Taylor, MD ‘06, Norfolk, Va., took a new position as clinical affiliate in emergency medicine for Emergency Physicians of Tidewater in Virginia Beach.

Brett Francis Bechtel, MD ‘07, Chesapeake, Va., served as Vanderbilt’s chief resident in emergency medicine in 2010. At last report, he was on active duty with the U.S. Navy and on staff at Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va.

Shannon F. Rosati, MD ‘09, Rockville, Md., is pursuing a three-year fellowship in surgical oncology and immune therapy at the National Cancer Institute, part of National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

Derek A. Rapp, MD ‘08, Grand Rapids, Mich., bought a new house and married Jaya Neal in August 2010.

Steven Miller Heffner, MD ‘09, Winston-Salem, N.C., married Ashley Lewis in March 2010. The couple met in college, and Ashley completed an internship in school psychology and earned her PhD in summer 2009.


Colleen Walsh Cardella, MD ‘10, Charlotte, N.C., married Marc Cardella in June 2010 in Spring Lake, N.J. “I loved being able to celebrate with our family and friends, especially our friends from the Wake Forest School of Medicine who made the trip to celebrate with us!”

Devin C. Odom, MD ‘10, Saint Louis, Mo., married Elizabeth Hunt, MD ‘11 in September 2011.

Michelle A. Ramos, MD ‘11, Alexandria, Va., reported her marriage on April 10, 2011.

In Remembrance

Arthur C. Broughton Jr., MD ‘35
Raleigh, N.C., Jan. 25, 2011

Franklin B. Wilkins, MD ‘35
Harrisonburg, Va., June 27, 2010

Vernon W. Taylor Jr., MD ‘36
Elkin, N.C., Aug. 6, 2010

George L. Brown, MD ‘38
Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 23, 2008

William J. Senter, MD ‘40
Raleigh, N.C., May 28, 2011

J. Douglas McNair, MD ‘41
West Covina, Calif., Dec. 8, 2006

Julia S. Witten, MD ‘41
Littleton, Colo., May 3, 2009

James T. Wright Sr., MD ‘41
Raleigh, N.C., Oct. 12, 2009

Victor M. Cresenzo, MD ‘43
Reidsville, N.C., April 30, 2011

Thomas Daniel, MD ‘43
Bennington, Vt., June 16, 2009

George W. Fisher Jr., MD ‘43
Laurinburg, N.C., March 15, 2010

William M. Fowlkes, MD ‘44
Raleigh, N.C., Jan. 9, 2011

John M. Cheek, MD ‘45
Durham, N.C., March 30, 2011
Clarence Bridger, MD ’46  
(March graduate)  
Albany, Ga., March 17, 2007

James S. Clarke, MD ’46  
Eden Prairie, Minn., Nov. 27, 2011

Clarence M. McMurray, MD ’46  
(December graduate)  
Shelby, N.C., March 15, 2010

Cameron E. Miller, MD ’46  
(December graduate)  
West Jefferson, N.C., May 12, 2011

James F. Hammett, Jr., MD ’47  
Asheville, N.C., Dec. 11, 2009

Elisha T. Marshburn Jr., MD ’47  
Wilmington, N.C., March 28, 2011

Pressley R. Rankin, MD ’47  
Ellerbe, N.C., Oct. 9, 2010

Manly Y. Brunt Jr., MD ’48  
Newton Square, Pa., Aug. 4, 2010

Etna Little Palmer McCullough, MD ’48  
Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 19, 2010

James V. Sharp, MD ’48  

Ira Gordon Early Sr., MD ’50  
Winston-Salem, N.C., April 4, 2011

Bernard Joseph Christian, MD ’51  
Greensboro, N.C., June 29, 2011

John D. Herman, MD ’51  
Rockville, Md., March 11, 2011

Loutrelle Stribling, MD ’51  
Carthage, Miss., June 17, 2010

William R. Taylor, MD ’51  
Aberdeen, S.D., April 22, 2010

George C. Barrett, MD ’52  
Charlotte, N.C., July 17, 2011

Posey E. Downs Jr., MD ’52  
Matthews, N.C., Feb. 21, 2011

Clarence Ganttt, MD ’52  
Barrington, Ill., Feb. 26, 2010

Lea B. Givens, MD ’52  
Sumter, S.C., June 1, 2011

William T. Grimsley, MD ’52  
Green Valley, Ariz., July 20, 2011

Lewis B. Hardison, MD ’52  
Fayetteville, N.C., Oct. 22, 2009

Garfield Miller, MD ’52  
West Union, Iowa, Oct. 18, 2010

Edwin Pierce, MD ’52  
Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 25, 2009

Charles M. Robinson, MD ’52  
Iowa City, Iowa, June 27, 2010

Robert A. Team, MD ’52  

John W. Ledbetter, MD ’53  
Asheville, N.C., March 3, 2011

Lawrence J. Lewis, MD ’53  

Thomas Bryan Jr., MD ’54  
North Wilkesboro, N.C., Sept. 7, 2011

William W. Uthlaut, MD ’54  
Apopka, Fla., March 12, 2010

Albert N. Corpening Jr., MD ’55  
Youngsville, N.C., Feb. 9, 2010

Mildred C. Newton, MD ’55  
Macon, Ga., Aug. 2, 2010

Patrick H. Sasser, MD ’55  
Goldsboro, N.C., June 5, 2010

C. Lide Williams, MD ’55  
Georgetown, S.C., Oct. 3, 2010

Benjamin E. Newman, MD ’56  
Lansdale, Pa., March 27, 2010

Bobby M. Foster, MD ’57  
Pinehurst, N.C., Oct. 13, 2010

Vernon M. Mustian, MD ’58  
Lexington, S.C., March 14, 2010

Hurschell F. Mathews, MD ’60  
Sylva, N.C., Jan. 29, 2011

John H. Gray III, MD ’61  
Winston-Salem, N.C., March 5, 2011

James S. Forrester, MD ’62  
Mount Holly, N.C., Oct. 31, 2011

David H. Buss, MD ’66  
Winston-Salem, N.C., Aug. 26, 2010

Jack L. Nylund, MD ’66  
Dallas, Texas, Aug. 12, 2011

Gerald P. Briggs, MD ’68  
Lexington, N.C., May 10, 2011

J. Edwin (James) Byrum Jr., MD ’68  
Winston-Salem, N.C., Aug. 21, 2011

Charles H. Chambers, MD ’70  
Milwaukee, Wisc., April 26, 2010

Douglas L. Rogney, MD ’70  
Wytheville, Va., March 26, 2011

Carl L. Sturgeon, MD ’71  
Redwood City, Calif., Dec. 21, 2009

Elliot John Rampulla, MD ’72  
Mobile, Ala., Sept. 8, 2010

Leslie J. Nyman, MD ’73  
Arcadia, Calif., June 12, 2010

George W. Schweitzer, MD ’73  
Ellicott City, Md., July 31, 2011

Charles Wilson Bruton Jr., MD ’74  
Oak Ridge, Tenn., Oct. 24, 2010

Linda B. Cohen, MD ’74  
Fremont, Calif., July 29, 2010

Lynn H. Orr Jr., MD ’74  
Greenville, N.C., Aug. 17, 2010

Henry S. Cochran, MD ’75  
Moulton, Ala., Sept. 4, 2011

Mark E. Ellis, MD ’77  
Williamsburg, Va., April 3, 2010

Robert J. Schiess III, MD ’78  
Lees Summit, Mo., Jan. 24, 2011

Andrew S. Griffin, MD ’83  
Lewisville, N.C., April 3, 2010

Joseph G. Daddabbo, MD ’87  
Hamilton, Ohio, Jan. 3, 2010

Stephen J. Hatch, MD ’90  
Fort Wayne, Ind., June 24, 2011

Steven P. Key, MD ’90  
Bent Mountain, Va., March 22, 2011

L. Ashley Stroud, MD ’90  

Susan E. Knowles, MD ’91  
Modesto, Calif., Jan. 6, 2011

Caitlin G. Schmidt, MD ’96  
Columbia, S.C., April 8, 2010
There are some things you do not learn about someone until after he dies.

“I really miss him, Dr. Spangler,” Mrs. G. told me tearfully.

“It was quite a shock. I don’t think I’ll get over it,” Mr. C. told me the first time I saw him.

“He was so kind, Dr. Spangler. He reached out and touched my hand as he gently told me I have Parkinson’s disease,” Mrs. V. added one afternoon in clinic. “He said very kindly, ‘I am sorry to tell you that this disease will continue to get worse, and you may die from it. But there are medications we can use, and I will be here to help you through it all.’”

Mr. W. had seen him twice—for two consecutive annual physical examinations. “I just can’t believe it. Right when you think you’ve got the perfect doctor, something like this happens.”

“I trusted that boy!” Mr. D., who is 90 years old, declared emphatically.

And an untold number of his former patients have called me for medication refills or labs or x-rays or tests that he ordered before he died—all with the same refrain: What a tragedy. I am going to miss him. Who will be my doctor now? I had so much trust in him. He was the perfect doctor. He spent time with me. He explained things. He was so caring.

Our hometown paper opened its obituary with these words: “A Winston-Salem doctor, described as a rising star in geriatric medicine, died Friday morning when the bicycle he was riding crashed into a car during a race in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.”

The obituary, however, could not begin to explain the legacy he left behind nor the patients who admired and trusted him. I know, because I took over the care of his former patients.

Wow.

It has been powerful.

Erik O. Lie-Nielsen, MD, FHO ’06, was 35 when he died on a summer Friday morning during a bike race near Grandfather Mountain in the wooded Appalachians two hours west of here. The day before his death I happened to be supervising family medicine residents in clinic with him. Medicare rules stipulate that an attending physician can supervise (“precept”) no more than four residents during a clinic, and there were seven residents that day, so I pitched in. I usually precept residents on Monday mornings, with perhaps two or three house officers each time. That Thursday, since there were more residents in clinic than one attending could supervise, I was assigned to help out.

In our facility, attending physicians sit in a common precepting room, as residents come in and out to ask us questions. Erik and I were both in there, and what I witnessed was the pure art of teaching medicine. His concern for each resident’s questions was nearly palpable. His depth of knowledge on specific and sometimes esoteric diseases, medications, or laboratory tests inspired me, like spurring me on to keep current, to use evidence-based resources, to remember or to relearn what I was taught in medical school and residency. I feel very fortunate to have had that last view of him doing what he did so well.

Erik had been one of our family medicine residents a half-dozen years ago. The year after residency, he completed a fellowship in geriatrics here at our medical center. One of my friends was his supervisor. When I saw my friend after the bike crash, he was visibly shaken. “I’ve never had a geriatrics fellow like him. I don’t know if I will again.”

After his fellowship, he worked two years in an outpatient VA clinic, but longed to get back into teaching and hospital care.

His death stunned all of us, as if it really had not happened. Physicians wept. Nurses cried.

And his patients—now my patients—lamented.
We are taught, hopefully, the human aspects of our profession in medical school. We learn open-ended questioning, active listening, reflection and summarization, empathy. We are taught cultural sensitivity to patients of all ages and backgrounds. As physician role models, we hope we are also instilling these values into the learners we instruct. We embrace these ideals. We try to live them out with our patients, students, and residents.

And that is all well and good, and that is how it should be. You might get a nice note from a patient thanking you for a kind act you performed. There are sometimes birthday cakes, unending zucchini from summer gardens. Apples. Figs. One patient gave me a painting of his. Another shared a book of poetry she wrote. In the humanistic side of our vocation, much of the time we are at least partially successful.

I would say Erik was uncommonly successful. The residents elected him to receive the resident teaching award, a high honor for an academic clinician. Stories circulated of his acts of kindness. He received many awards from patients who called our institution simply to say how wonderful he had been to them.

And he loved his young twins.

So while I am monitoring Mr. D.’s and Mr. C.’s INR and warfarin, I think of him and of the care he gave these patients, a part of himself, his attention to detail and to soul.

There is probably no higher accolade a physician can give a peer than to say, “I trust him enough to be my own doctor.”

Some of these things you do not learn about someone until he or she dies. Some things you can’t learn in medical school. Some things you can only emulate.

But these things stick with you, and your patients notice. His patients did.

My patients did.

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AMA Honors Meredith with Distinguished Service Award

Jesse Meredith, MD, FHO ’58, professor emeritus at the School of Medicine, received the 2011 Distinguished Service Award from the American Medical Association in November, for his “meritorious service in the science and art of medicine.” He was honored during the AMA’s semi-annual policy-making meeting in New Orleans.

Meredith was the first surgeon in the western world to successfully re-attach a severed hand, and he designed the first intensive care unit in the country. He started the organ transplant program at Wake Forest Baptist; founded and served as the first director of the School of Medicine’s Biomedical Engineering department; was a charter member of the Southeastern Organ Procurement Foundation, which set national standards for organ transplantation; and became the director of the first burn unit and tissue bank in North Carolina.
Former House Officers

James V. Blazek, MD, FHO ’63, Marysville, Ohio, retired and is enjoying farming, gardening and beekeeping.

Halford S. Whitaker, MD, FHO ’64, Lydia, S.C., reported joining Dr. Richard Janeway and his former residents at Wake Forest Baptist in attending the tribute honoring Dr. James Toole’s years of service to Wake Forest.

Sharon D. Martin, MD, FHO ’82, Maggie Valley, N.C., retired in 2008 and is living in the mountains of western North Carolina.

Lawrence X. Webb, MD, FHO ’83, Macon, Ga., is chief of orthopaedic trauma at the Georgia Orthopaedic Trauma Institute. He serves as a professor at the Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, Ga.

Doyce G. Payne, MD, FHO ’82, Chattanooga, Tenn., shared that he has three wonderful grandchildren. He is doing medical volunteer work in his local community and cross-cultural, health-related mission work overseas.

Bruce Toby, MD, FHO ’86, Overland Park, Kan., was named team physician for the Kansas City Royals major league baseball team.

Bruce C. Kennedy, MD, FHO ’88, Baytown, Texas, became chief medical officer of San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in 2005 after almost 17 years of successful private practice. It is one of five facilities forming the Methodist Hospital System, which includes the Methodist Hospital in the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

Joseph D. Forbes, MD, FHO ’93, Nashville, Tenn., was named president of the American Holistic Medical Association.

Anand P. Lalaji, MD, FHO ’04, and Tejal A. Lalaji, MD, FHO ’04, Atlanta, Ga., are executives with the Radiology Group LLC. Anand is chairman and chief executive officer of the group, and his expertise has been featured in numerous media publications that focus on radiology and imaging. Tejal is chief medical officer.

Dittana Phoncharoensri, MD, FHO ’04, Clarksdale, Miss., and his wife Daracha welcomed a son, Siwat Arti Phoncharoensri, in August 2009. Dittana is practicing neurology with special interests in stroke and sleep medicine.

Manav Singla, MD, FHO ’04, Clarksville, Md., is clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Steven J. Zanders, MD, FHO ’04, Winston-Salem, N.C., was serving on a national committee with the American Thoracic Society to develop consensus and credentialing guidelines for hypothermic therapy. He was given the task of writing the protocol for control of shivering and guidelines for ventilator management during therapeutic cooling.

Jeffrey S. Rose, MD, FHO ’05, Columbus, Ohio, was named assistant professor at Ohio State University with an interest in gastro-esophageal and hepatocellular malignancy.

Kristen A. Zeller, MD, FHO ’07, Winston-Salem, N.C., has joined the faculty of Wake Forest in general surgery as a pediatric surgeon. “We are happy to be back in Winston-Salem!” she wrote.

Melanie P. Caserta, MD, FHO ’09, Winston-Salem, N.C., welcomed her second daughter, Claire Elizabeth Caserta, born Sept. 16, 2010. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Cynthia L. Emory, MD, FHO ’09, Winston-Salem, N.C., joined the orthopaedic surgery faculty at Wake Forest Baptist.

Rasheed A. Onafuye, MD, FHO ’09, Broken Arrow, Okla., completed his fellowship in sleep disorders medicine, and now works as a sleep specialist and psychiatrist for a multi-specialty group in Tulsa, Okla.

AGS Recognizes Noel as Clinician of the Year

Margaret “Peggy” Noel, MD, FHO ’86, of Asheville, N.C., was named 2011 Clinician of the Year by the American Geriatrics Society (AGS). She also has joined the national board of directors of the Alzheimer’s Association.

Noel is founder and director emeritus of MemoryCare, an N.C.-based clinic established in 2000 to meet the growing need for appropriate assessment, treatment and support for memory-impaired individuals and their families. It includes a multidisciplinary team of doctors, physician assistants, nurses and social workers. It serves more than 900 patients and 2,600 caregivers annually and has received national recognition for its high standards of quality and care.

Noel received the honor at the AGS Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, D.C., on May 13, 2011.

“In my opinion, few physicians have impacted the geriatrics profession as profoundly as Dr. Noel,” said Sharon Brangman, MD, president of AGS. “She is exceptional in all that she does and has devoted her life and career to the care of older adults.”
Matthew E. Ravish, DO, FHO ’09, Winston-Salem, N.C., completed a fellowship in non-operative pediatric orthopaedics and joined the orthopaedics department at Wake Forest Baptist in August 2010.

James Beckman, MD, FHO ’10, Greensboro, N.C., joined Greensboro Medical Associates and started his rheumatology practice there.

Jeffrey J. Brewer, MD, FHO ’10, Clarence, N.Y., has accepted a teaching position in trauma and general surgery at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine.

Alex C. Johnson, MD, FHO ’10, Boise, Idaho, has joined Idaho Heart Care at St. Alphonsus in Boise.

James E. Jones, MD, FHO ’10, Charlotte, N.C., is a faculty member in neonatology at Carolinas Medical Center.

Jian Shen, MD, PhD, FHO ’10, Loudonville, N.Y., is a specialist in MIS spine surgery and performed the first endoscopic cervical spine surgery in the Northeast in August 2011.

In Remembrance

Robert W. Taylor Jr., MD, FHO ’46
Victor, N.Y., May 15, 2010

John H. Fitzgerald Jr., MD, FHO ’47
Indian Trail, N.C., Nov. 27, 2008

William R. Deloache, MD, FHO ’48
Greenville, S.C., March 4, 2009

James William Dickey Jr., MD, FHO ’49
Carmel, Calif., Oct. 5, 2010

Henry M. Yonge, MD, FHO ’50
Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 24, 2009

Duncan M. McKee, MD, FHO ’52
Gainesville, Fla., Jan. 18, 2010

George W. Statham, MD, FHO ’52
Clarkston, Ga., July 22, 2004

Dan Espay Jr., MD, FHO ’55
Hickory, N.C., Oct. 19, 2009

June White Aycock Foley, MD, FHO ’57
Huntsville, Ala., April 18, 2011

Franklin G. Norris, MD, FHO ’57
Orlando, Fla., Aug. 26, 2009

Harry F. Hoke Jr., MD, FHO ’59
Vero Beach, Fla., Oct. 31, 2009

Juanita McBeath, MD, FHO ’59
Shreveport, La., Feb. 24, 2008

Stephen Gilbert, MD, FHO ’60
Brooklyn, N.Y., July 12, 2007

Robert C. McLane, MD, FHO ’61
Greenville, S.C., Dec. 13, 2009

Gordon Hollins, MD, FHO ’62
Harlan, Ky., Dec. 12, 2008

Louis Max Kent, MD, FHO ’65
Clemson, S.C., April 18, 2010

Elizabeth Mayrand, MD, FHO ’68
Salisbury, N.C., Oct. 2, 2010

Walter H. Traub, MD, FHO ’72
San Rafael, Calif., Aug. 4, 2009

David Kogut, MD, FHO ’77
Hilton Head, S.C., April 30, 2009

Gerald Neri, MD, FHO ’78
Chester, N.Y., May 22, 2009

Robert J. Waller, MD, FHO ’78
Asheville, N.C., Dec. 9, 2010

Michael E. King, MD, FHO ’79

George Petrus Petrides, MD, FHO ’79
Augusta, Ga., June 13, 2010

Jose L. Prendes, MD, FHO ’79
Omaha, Neb., July 9, 2009

Herbert A. Haupt, MD, FHO ’80
St. Louis, Mo., April 7, 2010

Ronald E. Breininger Jr., MD, FHO ’95
Cocoa, Fla., Aug. 18, 2009

David R. Burrus, MD, FHO ’95
Laguna Beach, Calif., Sept. 2, 2009

Erik Lie-Nielsen, MD, FHO ’06
Winston-Salem, N.C., July 8, 2011

Branch Named Among 100 Best

Charles L. Branch, MD, FHO ’87, chair and professor of neurosurgery at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, has been named to the 100 Best Spine Surgeons and Specialists in America list by Becker’s Orthopedic & Spine’s Annual Review.

Physicians named to the list were selected for their leadership in prestigious spine organizations, their immense procedural and technological contributions to the field and other notable accomplishments pertaining to spine surgery.

Branch, a renowned international lecturer, has published 20 book chapters and 33 journal articles. In 2003, he co-founded the Brain Tumor Center of Excellence of Wake Forest Baptist to further develop a major research initiative to cure brain cancer. He is also a pioneer in the development of spinal fusion techniques that are recognized and used by spinal surgeons worldwide.
Physician Assistant

1970s

David Lawson, PA-C ’72, Florence, Ala., retired in December 2009 from the University of Alabama Hospital, and was practicing emergency medicine in Decatur, Ala.

Gail Ann E. Holt, PA-C ’73, Makawalo, Hawaii, retired in June 2007 after more than 26 years with Kaiser Permanente Maui Clinic. She planned to spend more time with her children, grandchildren, and her mother and mother-in-law; volunteer at her church and in the community; and travel.

Col. Frank Piper, PA-C ’75, Kansas City, Kan., retired from the U.S. Army Reserve after serving for 28 years. His last assignment was as the senior physician assistant consultant for the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard. He was continuing to work in the Department of Veteran Affairs as the Network 15 (covering Kansas, Missouri and southern Illinois) coordinator for homeless veteran services.

Portia Schultz Tomilinson, PA-C ’79, Roanoke, Va., served as president of the Virginia Academy of PAs from 2007-10. Her daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from the Physician Assistant program at Wake Forest Baptist in December 2010.

1980s

Gregory Broyles, PA-C ’84, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc., was working with Infinity Healthcare at the Riverview Emergency Department.

Jeffrey A. Chance, PA-C ’88, Locust, N.C., is serving a third term as chair of the Stanly County Board of Education and was appointed to the N.C. School Board Association’s Board of Directors in 2010.

1990s

James T. Ferguson, PA-C ’90, Newberg, Ore., completed his MPH at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and reported enjoying his job as an academic faculty member at Pacific University School of PA Studies in Hillsboro, Ore.

Veronica P. Valencourt, PA-C ’91, Jacksonville, Ark., retired and moved to Arkansas to write a book about her varied life experiences as a PA.

Michael Stanton Everhart, PA-C ’95, Lewisville, N.C., spent 2009 in Ramadi, Iraq, with the 2nd battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 6, and detached from the 1st Marine Division in December 2009 after completing his fourth deployment to Iraq. His son Paul turns 13 in March.

Molly Jordan, PA-C ’95, Winston-Salem, N.C., moved to Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo when her husband, Wesley, took a position as chief financial officer for the new Opportunity International Bank in Congo. Molly wrote that she was managing the home front and volunteering at her son Phillip’s school. Once settled and adjusted, she expected to find work opportunities. She was involved in an international church and starting a small Bible study group.

Wooten, PA-C ’81, Leads AAPA

Robert Wooten, PA-C ’81, began his term as president of the American Academy of Physician Assistants in June 2011 following a year-long term as president-elect. As president, he is the chief spokesperson for the PA profession and represents AAPA’s interests.

Wooten has worked as a PA for 29 years and is the physician assistant director at the Forsyth Medical Center emergency department. Founded in 1968, the AAPA has more than 43,000 members worldwide and represents PAs in all areas of medicine.

2000s

Brian K. Rojas, PA-C ’00, Glen Allen, Va., is proprietor and president of Mid-Atlantic Physician Assistant Services, PC, founded 2004.

Anna Kathryn Calhoun, PA-C, ’02, Pfafftown, N.C., announced the birth of their baby girl, Isabella Kathryn Calhoun, in June 2010.

DeAnna Michelle G. Young, PA-C ’05, Browns Summit, N.C., was working with Carolina Kidney Associates. She and her husband Billy have three children, Austin, Brey and Jack, whom they adopted in 2007.


Tiffany Beal Hiatt, PA-C ’07, Kernersville, N.C., was working as a physician assistant with Mint Hill Family Practice in Charlotte, N.C. before joining the faculty in the Physician Assistant program at Wake Forest Baptist.

Lauren Gregg Lyerly, PA-C ’07, Salisbury, N.C., and her husband, Dr. Luther John Lyerly, welcomed their first son, Luther John Jr., in December 2010. He weighed 8 pounds.


Justin Michael Brewer, PA-C ’09, Bridgeport, W.Va., recently moved to Bridgeport to work at United Hospital Center in the orthopaedic surgery department.

Margarita Tobar, PA-C ’10, Ashburn, Va., works in the emergency department of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

In Remembrance

Carolyn C. Ingle, PA-C ’73
Lewisville, N.C., Sept. 3, 2010

Michael D. Walker, PA-C ’73
Advance, N.C., June 18, 2011

Charles Gardiner Huntington III, PA ’76
West Simsbury, Conn., Dec. 27, 2009

Terrence P. O’Rourke, PA-C ’81
Boonville, N.Y., April 20, 2010

Katherine Michelle “Micki” H. Faucon, PA-C ’82
Houma, La., Feb. 20, 2011

Mark A. Sizemore, PA-C ’89
Advance, N.C., May 13, 2010

Cynthia N. Bostic, PA-C ’90
Galax, Va., April 28, 2010

Elizabeth D. Green, PA-C ’95

Troy A. Kassab, PA-C ’05
Nakina, N.C., Aug. 30, 2011

Alumni Assume Leadership Positions

Brian Peacock, PA-C ’10, is the new president of the Wake Forest Physician Assistant Alumni Association. Peacock works in general surgery at Wake Forest Baptist.

Samantha D. Rogers, PA-C ’10, MMS, is president of the Piedmont Association of Physician Assistants for 2012. Rogers is an instructor in the PA program and works in internal medicine-gerontology at Wake Forest Baptist’s J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging.
Graduate School

1990s

Elizabeth A.P. Salada, PhD ’93, Escondido, Calif., is in solo practice in San Diego. She has three beautiful children, all under the age of 14.

2000s


Tennille S. Leak Johnson, PhD ’07, Chicago, Ill., was married on Jan. 16, 2011.

Latoya Michelle Mitchell, PhD ’09, Glenside, Pa., started a new position in July 2011 as a medical writer with Wolters Kluwer in Yardley, Pa., after completing a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Alabama Birmingham.

Amber Rath, PhD ’09, Winston-Salem, N.C., and her husband, Matthew Stern, welcomed their first child, Ryne Jeffrey Stern, on March 24, 2010.

Aksana Vasilyeva, PhD ’10, Memphis, Tenn., wrote that she was a post-doc at St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital working on involvement of Hsf1 (heat shock factor 1) in tumorigenesis.

Medical Laboratory Science (Medical Technology)

1970s

Alison Derse ’73, Rockville, Md., graduated from an American Red Cross program and is a specialist in blood bank technology and transfusion medicine for the Southern California Region, and is certified at MT (ASCP) SSB and DQM/EO (ASQ). After 12 years out West in California and Arizona, she relocated back to East Coast.

Constance (Connie) P. Saunders ’78, is working as a senior consultant in health-care organizations throughout the United States on employee work climate, patient satisfaction and physician satisfaction surveys and leadership development. She is a speaker for the SHRM national strategic conference, “Employee Engagement: What Works.”

2000s

Holly Faith Morrison ’03, Dubuque, Iowa, was married in August 2010 and returned to Winston-Salem for the ceremony.

Jessica Jennings Morris Nguyen ’03, Gastonia, N.C., was married to Chris on April 18, 2009, in Belmont, N.C., and gave birth to a son, Vaughn, in February 2011.

Jessica DeVon Dolloff ’08, Charlotte, N.C., and five others climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise money for ovarian cancer research in September 2010.

In Remembrance

Phyllis Lane, MS ’74
Seattle, Wash., July 1, 2011

In Remembrance

Hazel Hartsoe ’43
Springfield, Va., Nov. 28, 2009

Wilhelmina Boesser Ferguson ’47
Southport, N.C., July 13, 2009

Kathryn Hayes ’49
Pfafftown, N.C., July 9, 2011

Elfreda Loretta Kiser Swindler ’51
Winston-Salem, N.C., May 9, 2010

Verona “Ronnie” Swaim ’59
Midlothian, Va., Feb. 11, 2010

Patricia Littleton Hall ’60
Monroe, N.C., Dec. 31, 2009

Beverly F. Bumgarner ’68
Winston-Salem, N.C., Oct. 18, 2010

Kathryn Crutchfield Stein ’68
Horse Shoe, N.C., Feb. 14, 2007

Mary Alice Lapish ’81
Mocksville, N.C., Feb. 5, 2011
1940s

Elwanda M. Fields ‘43, Karatina, Kenya, East Africa, and her husband David have served in various countries in Africa. Most recently, they were teaching in a Bible school located in Kenya and at the first church they started, Antioch Independent Baptist Church in Karatina. “I am thankful for my alma mater,” she wrote. She has four children: Stephen, Paul, Barbie and Sandy. She appreciated the alumni notes news about Altha Satterwhite Gallagher, who adopted her as her “little sister” and was so helpful when she entered N.C. Baptist Hospital for nurse training in 1940.

Sara Cathey Phillips ‘47, Mills River, N.C., has three grandsons, one who has served in Afghanistan, and one who served two tours in Iraq and one who has served at Fort Hood, Texas. She has one granddaughter who is teaching in South Korea.

Mildred Gilbert Thompson ‘47, Franklinton, N.C., lost her husband of 62 years, Sherman Gorrell Thompson, who died Feb. 1, 2011 at age 87. She has nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Jean Isley Brupbacher ‘48, Longwood, Fla., served as president of the Florida Association of Quality Assurance Professionals for a year, reviewing admissions and treatment of patients at two large hospitals in Ft. Myers and Cape Coral, Fla.

1950s


Louel Heggie Rose ‘52, Winston-Salem, N.C., has six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She is enjoying living at Homestead Retirement Community.

Rachel Parker Hill ‘53, Mount Airy, N.C., retired as director of education at Granville Medical Center in Oxford, N.C. She volunteers with many community projects and is volunteer coordinator for Blue Ridge Carenet Counseling Center for N.C. Baptist Hospital. Her husband is pastor at Dover Baptist Church in Mount Airy, and she teaches Sunday school, sings in the choir and is an active member in the women’s organization. She is past president of volunteers at Northern Hospital in Surry County, a lifetime member and past president of the Modern Gardeners Garden Club and a crisis volunteer with the local American Red Cross office.

Heinzerling Award Winner: Lynn Priddy

Lynn M. Priddy, RN, BSN, RN-BC, is the 2011 winner of the Edna L. Heinzerling Award for Nursing Excellence.

Priddy joined North Carolina Baptist Hospital in 1986 as a surgical technologist in the Inpatient Operating Room and now works as a telehealth nurse at Wake Forest Baptist. She serves as chair of the Professional Development Council and began working with Physician & Community Health Access (PCHA) and the Physician Access Line in 2005-06.

At PCHA, she has served as co-chair and chair for the UBSG Council, and as member of the Aspire, Model of Care and RN Scheduling committees. She serves as Magnet Ambassador and Model of Care Member representing PCHA at housewide councils.

Priddy was honored with the Nurse Excellence Award in 1999 and again in 2009. She is using the funds from the Heinzerling Award to attend the Watson Caring Science Institute Caritas Coach Education Program Cohort 7. The program began in October 2011 in Galveston, Texas, and ends in April 2012 in Boulder, Colo. She is studying the Theory of Human Caring under Jean Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, founder of the institute.
Sarah W. Edmundson ’55, Hendersonville, N.C., in June 2010 moved to a big retirement center, called Carolina Village, in her hometown. “I made my kids happy, as this has a medical complex and independent living section should I need it. I am very happy here – lots to do – I still drive (just not on the interstate).” She wrote that she is an 18-year survivor of colon cancer.

Ann Johnson Linthicum ’55, High Point, N.C., had knee replacement surgery and no longer goes on Red Cross disaster efforts or overseas mission trips, but misses doing both. Church activities and volunteer work take most of her time. She especially enjoys volunteering in the emergency department at High Point Regional Health System and at High Point University. Her sister, Patricia Johnson Garrison ’53, died Aug. 9, 2010.

Edith L. Cunningham ’56, Morganton, N.C., lives at Grace Ridge Retirement Community since her husband died on Feb. 3, 2003. “It is very large and a good place to be!” she wrote. She is proud of the nursing skills taught by N.C. Baptist Hospital staff. “Many wonderful memories still float around in my head.”

Carolyn H. Myers ’58, Winston-Salem, N.C., has raised money for multiple sclerosis for more than 10 years by riding in the Tour to Tanglewood. She has been number one fundraiser for most of those years.

1960s

Linda H. Rodriguez ’63, Chapel Hill, N.C., relocated to be near her adult children after her husband retired. “It is good to be back in North Carolina,” she wrote.

Annette Funderburk Hodges Warner ’64, Matthews, N.C., married Bruce Warner on July 18, 2009, after seven years of being single. As a couple, they do volunteer work twice a week at Levine Senior Center in Matthews. She has two grandchildren, Erin and Zach, both teenagers, who are “a joy.” Her former husband, Conrad, died of brain cancer. She loves to read and take care of her flowers in her spare time. She retired from Surry County Home Health at age 58 after 20½ years of service.

Judy Kelly Jones ’65, Memphis, Tenn., retired Feb. 1, 2010. She said she would like to reconnect with her “big sister” Annette Hall ’64 and “little sister” Myra Sparks ’66.

Patsy Lee Robertson Davis Cuthbertson ’66, Indian Trail, N.C., retired Nov. 30, 2009, but continues to work as PRN. She said her employers call a lot, but it’s nice to be able to control her time and work schedule. The highlight and enjoyment of her life comes with spending more time with her granddaughter, Eleni, who turns 4 in June and calls her “Yia Yia” by her own choosing. Her most recent endeavor was setting up a scholarship in memory of her husband, John Cuthbertson, for the continuing education of nurses and CAN’s at her work place, the Jesse Helms Nursing Home. “I am grateful to God, John and nursing for the good life I have,” she wrote.

Delores C. Snow ’66, Winston-Salem, N.C., moved back to Winston-Salem due to her husband Larry’s declining health. Both are retired and their son, Mike, who is disabled from military service, lives with them. Their daughter, Leslie, lives in Pennsylvania.

Meribeth G. Coleman ’67, Kernersville, N.C., has just moved back to Kernersville after being away for 24 years, primarily in Florida. Her husband Rick has retired, and they are involved in volunteerism and plan to travel intermittently.

Marilyn Moe Malcolm ’67, Pawleys Island, S.C., retired and is doing consulting work with recovering addicts in spiritual formation with Pavilion Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center in Lake Lure, N.C.

Dorene C. Caudill ’69, Sparta, N.C. Her daughter, Christy Klein, has two children and has been working in the intensive care unit at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in the float pool. Her son Chad lives in Sparta and has one daughter. Her daughter Lynn also lives in Sparta, with one daughter and one that was on the way at last report.

1970s

Phyllis Sawyers White ’70, Fries, Va., became disabled in June 2008 due to complications of diabetes, but was doing well at last report. Her daughter, Jennifer Marie Wall, got married June 28, 2008.

Ann Stanley Smith ’73, Greenwood, S.C., retired in June 2010 after a 34-year career as a public health nurse.

Kathie S. Aiken ’74, Brevard, N.C., was serving as a missionary in the coalfields of Appalachia. All her children are married and living throughout North Carolina, and she has six grandchildren.
Janie Trogdon Best '74, Matthews, N.C., completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in July 2010 and was promoted to assistant professor of nursing at Queens University in Charlotte, where she has been teaching for the past several years. She and husband Martin have two adult children and two grandchildren, and are staying busy with family, church and work responsibilities. She looks forward to attending the nursing school reunions.

Jacqueline Ann Hill Stuart '74, Emerald Isle, N.C., moved back home to coastal North Carolina and opened a paint-your-own pottery studio with her younger sister Daisy Spell. She is currently not working as an emergency room nurse.

Candace Cornatzer Waters '74, Beech Island, S.C., is a nurse practitioner in medical services. Her husband Darren is director of diabetes services at Aiken Regional Medical Centers in Aiken, S.C. Her daughter Ann married Rob Campbell-Kelly and is living in England, where she is marketing director for the Directory of Social Change in London.

In Remembrance

Josephine Adams Enright Pierce '33
Boise, Idaho, Dec. 28, 2010

Mary Maynard '35
Paducah, Ky., May 1, 2001

Ruth A. Gwyn '40
Winston-Salem, N.C., Feb. 19, 2010

Katherine M. Brown '41
Mount Airy, N.C., Sept. 8, 2011

Martha H. Rauenhorst '41
Portland, Ore., Feb. 4, 2011

Annie Lee Casstevens '42
Hamptonville, N.C., May 22, 2011

Mozelle Brewer Vinsant '42
Albuquerque, N.M., March 6, 2007

Frances “Fran” Southard Cresenzo ’43
Reidsville, N.C., April 23, 2011

Sara Maxine Williams Felder ‘44
Yadkinville, N.C., July 15, 2011

Bonita Fizer Swangin ’45
Newport, N.C., Oct. 21, 2010

Marian B. Duggins ’46
Wilmington, N.C., April 4, 2010

Virginia N. Frye ’46
Virginia Beach, Va., Jan. 14, 2011

Audrey F. Stapleton ’46
Greensboro, N.C., May 4, 2010

Ruby W. Podber ’47
Lakewood, Colo., April 20, 2010

Helen Anderson Raper ’47
Pleasant Garden, N.C., Jan. 11, 2010

Norma Strosocio ’47
Whiteville, N.C., Sept. 3, 2011

Mildred “Millie” S. James ’48
Summerfield, N.C., Feb. 17, 2010

Violet Rodgers Ward ’48
Greensboro, N.C., July 30, 2011

Mary Emma Rhodes Wingert ’48
Winston-Salem, N.C., March 20, 2011

Dorothy D. Bryant ’50
King, N.C., Aug. 14, 2010

Nancy B. Dobbins ’50
Boonville, N.C., June 30, 2010

Willene L. Hendrick ’50
Urbana, Ill., July 26, 2010

Martha Ann Gay Hayworth ’51
Jamestown, N.C., May 14, 2011

Helen A. Lingle ’51
Colfax, N.C., Feb. 23, 2010

Louise P. McLaulin ’51
Elizabeth City, N.C., Nov. 26, 2010

Marilyn C. Burton, ’52
Reidsville, N.C., Oct. 19, 2010

Maggie Southwell Byrd ’52
Kernersville, N.C., March 16, 2010

Elain C. Caudill ’52
Jefferson, N.C., Dec. 20, 2010

Rebecca P. Mode ’52
Annandale, Va., March 29, 2009

Dorothy Q. Underdal ’52
Winston-Salem, N.C., Feb. 20, 2011

Barbara D. Whisenhunt ’52
Round Rock, Texas, Aug. 12, 2009

Patricia J. Garrison ’53
Statesville, N.C., Aug. 9, 2010

Mozelle Liner ’53
Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 7, 2010

Nancy Mitchell Wheless ’53
Spartanburg, S.C., July 10, 2010

Doris Ray Hauser Brown Fulmer ’54
Clarks Hills, S.C., Dec. 21, 2005

Carolyn B. Everidge ’55
Jonesville, N.C., Sept. 15, 2010

Lillie S. Bedsaul ’56
Shelby, N.C., Jan. 14, 2011

Cozette D. Duncan ’56
Shreveport, La., Nov. 8, 2010

Sybil D. Mack ’57
Pinehurst, N.C., June 5, 2010

Patsy G. Snyder ’57
Winston-Salem, N.C., April 13, 2010

Mary Ruth Van Poole ’57
Winston-Salem, N.C., April 26, 2011

Mary Dell Fisher Foltz ’61

Barbara J. Martin ’61
Gaffney, S.C., Feb. 3, 2010

Barbara E. Hales ’62
St. Petersburg, Fla., Jan. 27, 2010

Wilma A. Taylor Davis ’63
Raleigh, N.C., June 1, 2005

Gloria Hartle (Beck) Boehm ’64
Advance, N.C., Sept. 19, 2011

Ann Kearns Strickland ’64
Port Orange, Fla., Dec. 15, 2009

Elizabeth Ann Warlick Jackson ’67
Pilot Mountain, N.C., Oct. 3, 2010

Pamela R. Hedrick ’68
Robbinsville, N.C., April 3, 2010

Martha H. Raper ’69
Salisbury, N.C., Feb. 6, 2008

Cathy S. Motley ’73
Pfafftown, N.C., Aug. 31, 2011
Nurse Anesthesia

1950

Mabel K. Mintz McIntyre ‘54, Mocksville, N.C., and her husband enjoy traveling and have ventured to Niagara Falls, Alaska and eastern Canada, and toured Chattanooga, Tenn., via a Christian tour bus. She turned 90 in June 2011.

1970

Carolyn C. Knoop ‘77, Raleigh, N.C., before moving back to North Carolina, worked as an anesthetist, while she and her husband, Doug (FHO ’78), lived in Kentucky. She has been a nurse anesthetist at the Duke University Ambulatory Surgery Center in Durham for more than 14 years.

1990

Mary J. Bernheim ’90, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., is on active duty as a CRNA with the U.S. Air Force. She completed a six-month deployment to Honduras, serving as chief nurse anesthetist and promoting joint training with U.S. Army and Navy CRNAs to better serve wounded warriors and their families.

Robert Juran Ray ’90, Douglas, Ga., has nearly 20 years of solo practice, with the past decade at a small but busy hospital in “God’s Country,” near his hometown of Douglas. He wrote that he was interested in catching up with his former instructors and classmates of 1990.

2000

Eric L. Butler ’05, Meridian, Miss., is practicing anesthesia as a staff CRNA at Rush Foundation Hospital and the Meridian Surgery Center. He and his wife Jaycee have been married for more than 10 years, and they have two young children, Grant and Lila.

Hilda Forcadela ’06, Colfax, N.C., reported a new addition to her family, Adrian Carlo Forcadela, born March 5, 2010.

Tashina Hartley ’07, Pfafftown, N.C., welcomed her family’s second son, James Willard Hartley, born March 7, 2010. She also lectures at the Nurse Anesthesia program at Wake Forest Baptist.

Seventh at 70

Wake Forest Baptist’s Nurse Anesthesia Program enters its 70th year in 2012 ranked seventh in the nation among 101 programs by U.S. News & World Report.

Alumni Fill Leadership Roles

Alumni Janice Izlar ’76 and Sharon Pearce ‘92 are serving in national leadership positions with the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA).

After serving as president-elect, Izlar is association president for 2012. Pearce was elected Region 2 director and is serving on the AANA board of directors.

Nancy Bruton-Maree ’86 is serving as vice chair of the North Carolina Board of Nursing. She is the first CRNA ever elected to the position.

In Remembrance

Marie Brendle ’45
Statesville, N.C., Dec. 26, 2009

Rachel P. Helton ’59
Advance, N.C., Dec. 11, 2009

Martha B. Nettles, ’64
Elizabethtown, N.C., Nov. 3, 2010

Sharon Pearce ’92, Lexington, N.C., was elected as Region 2 director on the Board of Directors of the AANA. She continues to work for Carolina Anesthesia and Associates. She shared that her oldest son, Brett, still worked for NASA, Michelle was to begin law school, Danielle was soon to finish her degree at Peace College and Pearce remained busy despite the housing market.

Kim L. Kennedy ’98, Orangevale, Calif., noted that her mother passed away in October 2009. She has three grandchildren: Henry, Ella and Ruby, and a fourth was on the way.

Rachel S. Ortiz ’99, Charlotte, N.C., gave birth to a son in January 2010. In 2009, she traveled to Peru (Machu Picchu, Lima, Lake Titicaca) with more than 30 work colleagues and friends, and later traveled to Clinque, Terre, Florence and Parifino in Italy, and the Dominican Republic.
Pastoral Care

1950s

Allie C. Kilpatrick ’56, Milledgeville, Ga., retired after 25 years and became professor emeritus at the University of Georgia’s School of Social Work. She worked with the American Red Cross in disaster mental health for five years before becoming a chaplain with Hospice and being ordained. She is also heavily involved with ministry at First Baptist Church in Milledgeville. Her husband, Rev. Bill Kilpatrick ’56, died in 2001.

Richard L. Stevens, Raleigh, N.C., after graduating from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, helped build a pastoral care library. He started Stevens Book Shop in 1957 and sold it in 2008. Most recently, he has been helping his daughter Pam with books in her Stevens Gallery and Framing Store.

1960s

James S. (Jack) Hinson ’65, Waynesville, N.C., wrote a book, “Laughter Was God’s Idea,” and is currently writing a supplementary Reader’s Guide. He wrote that this was a “wonderful realized opportunity to live out the vision” he received at the N.C. Baptist Hospital as a seminary student. He wrote that the Pastoral Care Department has expanded to Swain County Hospital and Haywood County Medical Center with Ron Allen as chaplain.

Robert and Lydia Burton ’66, Muncie, Ind. Robert has retired as a hospital chaplain, most recently serving as director of pastoral care at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. He remains active in ministry as pastor of Riverside Avenue Baptist Church and minister of pastoral care at First Baptist, both in Muncie. Lydia works as an RN in the Family Medicine Residency Clinic at Ball Memorial Hospital.

Rev. Latta B. Terry ’66, Hurt, Va., retired in April 2010, having served the Monte Vista Baptist Church in Hurt for 44 years. He and his wife, Priscilla, have four children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys gardening, swimming and spending time with the grandchildren.

Milton Wayne Brown ’69, Myrtle Beach, S.C., having served churches in South Carolina, North Carolina and New Jersey, is now based in Myrtle Beach, where he founded Diversified Ministries, which he describes as a BRIDGE—Building Relationships Individually, Domestically, Globally and Evangelistically with short-term mission trips locally, nationally and internationally, seeking to motivate churches “from the pews to the peoples in the world.” He wrote: “I enjoyed and appreciated Pastoral Care tremendously! I often have referred to principles, theories and lessons learned about human behavior from the summer school experiences and classes, as well as the Pastoral Care courses offered at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., with Dr. Young and Dr. Moore. The lessons were important and helped me in ministry to people throughout the years!” He and his wife, Joy, have two daughters, Meri Beth and Molly, and four grandchildren, Ty, Mazi, Grace, and Bronson.

1970s

Eldon King ’70, Dalton, Ohio, retired at age 80 after serving as a pastor in overseas and chaplain ministry.

1980s

Darrah Degnan ’80, Philadelphia, Pa., since doing CPE the summer of 1980, she completed her master’s in divinity at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and CPE residency at the Medical College of Virginia. This training enriched her life and work for 14 years as a research project manager for community-based health science research at the University of North Carolina’s medical and public health schools, and for six years as a reference librarian at the Durham and Chapel Hill public libraries. More recently, she served as director of Peace Hermitage retreat ministry at Medical Mission Sisters in Philadelphia. Now retired, she volunteers at the Philadelphia Protestant Home. She continues to be active in Sunday worship liturgy at Medical Mission Sisters.

Rev. Joseph V. Mulligan ’80, Charlotte, N.C, is pastor in Charlotte and in Blowing Rock at the Church of Epiphany. He still has strong fond memories of life within the Pastoral Care Department during his two tours, “forever grateful.”

R. John “Jack” Huber ’83, Raleigh, N.C., is professor of psychology at Meredith College, where he has taught since 1974, in Raleigh and has completed a translation of a best-selling self-help book from German into English. The book, “Encouragement Makes Good Things Happen,” published by Routledge Press in December 2010, focuses on the effects of negativity, and teaches readers to encourage themselves and others by focusing on the positive.

1990s

Susannah Crolius ’98, Dexter, Mich., was named new faith leader at Webster’s United Church of Christ.

Dewey W. Smith ’98, Clarksville, Tenn., is serving as a mobilized chaplain at Fort Campbell, the U.S. Army post in Kentucky, and continuing to work with families and deployed soldiers.
2000s

Will Eads, MDiv ’07, King, N.C., is pursuing a DMin in marriage and family therapy at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, N.C. As of July 2010, he had been serving the congregation at First Baptist Church Pilot Mountain as associate pastor/youth minister for six years.

Jay Brooks Johnson ’10, Winston-Salem, N.C., was attending Virginia Theological Seminary earning a certificate in American studies as he continued his journey toward Episcopal ordination.

Neisha B. Yates ’10, Greensboro, N.C., was pursuing her PhD at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

In Remembrance

Carroll J. Wright ’51
New Market, Va.

Reverend E. C. Watson ’53
Elgin, S.C., Sept. 14, 2009

Rev. Harry Anderson Goble ’55
Clemmons, N.C., Jan. 13, 2010

Rev. Alfred L. Miller ’57
Gastonia, N.C., June 8, 2008

Rev. Robert D. Caldwell ’58
Charlotte, N.C., May 19, 2008

Chaplain Connell Osborne ’74
Grambling, La., Jan. 23, 2009

Rev. Kermit M. Bailey
Greensboro, N.C., May 28, 2010

John Linder Barber Sr.
Winston-Salem, N.C., March 13, 2011

Chaplain William G. Boggs
China Grove, N.C., Feb. 25, 2010

Rev. H. D. (Horace) Chastain
Pendleton, S.C., June 27, 2007

Rev. Calvin C. Craig
Raleigh, N.C., Aug. 14, 2010

Philip F. Ernst III
Abingdon, Va., Feb. 9, 2009

William T. Garrett Jr.
Clover, S.C., May 1, 2009

Rev. John C. Gill Jr.
Raleigh, N.C., Feb. 12, 2008

Dr. William H. Griffith
Richmond, Va., Dec. 2, 2009

Rev. Charles F. Jones
Pineville, Ky., Oct. 26, 2006

Rev. Ralph E. McCormack
Danville, Va., March 20, 2009

Rev. David B. McGugan
Red Springs, N.C., June 15, 2010

Rev. Carson M. Moyer
New Dundee, Canada, Feb. 14, 2008

Timothy H. Nichols
Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 4, 2009

Dr. Vestal W. Parrish
Macon, Ga., Jan. 8, 1998

Dr. Jack G. Partain
Boiling Springs, N.C., Aug. 3, 2010

Rev. William F. Patrick
Stone Mountain, Ga., July 18, 2007

Rev. Glenn Peters
Belton, Mo., Dec. 11, 2008

Rev. John W. Phillips
Henderson, N.C., Dec. 9, 2000

Rev. Thomas L. Reece
Winston-Salem, N.C., June 28, 2010

Rev. L.L. Schwemer
Roanoke, Va., May 24, 2009

Dr. Howard M. Sorrell
Cockeysville Hunt Valley, Md., April 13, 2010

Rev. Mack M. Summey
Kennesaw, Ga., Oct. 24, 2009

Rev. Charles R. Tucker
Cary, N.C., Nov. 27, 2008

Rev. Thomas A. Waddill
Wake Forest, N.C., Sept. 21, 2010

Rev. Dr. Harry Suttle Walker
Shelby, N.C., March 13, 2011

Rev. Joseph V. Watterson
Broadway, N.C., April 3, 2010

Rev. John Wickens
Williamsburg, Va., May 24, 2008

Rev. W. Paul Williams
Lawndale, N.C., July 3, 2009

Rev. Camille Yorkey
Raleigh, N.C., June 13, 2010
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