

A group of seven graduates in black and gold regalia with green stoles are posing for a selfie in front of a modern building. One graduate in the center is holding a smartphone up to take the photo. They are all smiling.

PARENT CONNECTION

M.D. Parent & Family Council

2019-20



Welcome to the UCF College of Medicine M.D. Parent and Family Council. We hope you will enjoy these updates, highlighting our students and faculty in Orlando's emerging medical city.

Our medical school is growing and excelling, thanks to the support of so many people across our community and nation. We will always do more together than we can do alone. Our development of a research-focused medical school – and now a teaching hospital, cancer center and UCF Academic Health Sciences Center – are a testament to the power of partnership.

I hope you will consider joining us in this effort. Your support will help us continue to grow our medical research and attract the best and brightest students. I know first-hand the impact of such philanthropy. I was the first in my Italian immigrant family to attend college and earned a full scholarship to Harvard Medical School. That generosity gave me the opportunity to achieve my dream of becoming a physician, and it inspires me to always try to pay it forward.

Thank you for choosing the UCF College of Medicine. Together, we can help transform medicine.

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DEAR MEDICAL PARENTS,



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**M.D. Parent
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Welcome to the Fall edition of the Parents Connection. The 2019-2020 academic year has begun with a burst of activity for the College of Medicine and the entire UCF Academic Health Sciences community. You'll be able to share in some of the remarkable activities, both academic and extra-curricular, in which our students are actively involved. What a talented and multifaceted group of individuals this student body is!

The academic year has seen the incorporation of curriculum changes as the College of Medicine continues to update and enhance the educational experience of our students in the classroom and in the clinical arena. The faculty and staff are committed to our students, who they regard as the best of the best — and we're certain you would agree. These busy future doctors still manage to carve out time to engage in artistic, musical, literary, and athletic activities, as well as reaching out to the community to take part in a wide array of charitable projects, some of which you will discover in the pages that follow.

The primary mission of the M.D. Parent and Family Council is to support our students by improving their medical education experience and quality of life on a daily basis. Through financial gifts and generous contributions of time and talent, you are making a difference for each and every student.

With warmest regards,

Rachael A. Bacchus, Esq. '08

Assistant Director of Development

IMPORTANT DATES

M.D. Parent & Family Council

UPCOMING

September 28, 2019 12-3:00PM

UCF 2019 Family Weekend Tailgate

UCF VS. UCONN - UCF IOA PLAZA, MAIN CAMPUS (WEB REGISTRATION)

December 2019

UCF Parent & Family Philanthropy Council **Holiday Party**

UCF CANCER CENTER, LAKE NONA, FL

Coming in 2020

Dean's Society Winter Event

Match Day 2020

M.D. Family Weekend & Mini Med School

White Coat 2020

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

Class of 2023*

October 4, 2019 - HB1 - Final Exam (M1)

February 7, 2020 - HB 2 - Final Exam (M1)

February 20 - 21, 2010- FIRE Conference

March 23 - 27, 2020- Spring Break

April 3, 2020 - EPI/BioStat Final Exam

April 24, 2020 - HB3 Final Exam

May 4 - May 13, 2020 - Clinical Skills & Simulation
Final Exams

May 21, 2020 - S1 Final Exam

May 22, 2020 - C1 Final Exam & Modules End

Class of 2022*

September 27, 2019 - S3 Final Exam

November 8, 2019 - S2 Final Exam

December 20, 2020 - S4 Final Exam

January 27, 2020 - S5 Final Exam

March 19, 2020 - S6 Final Exam

March 23 - 27, 2020 - Clinical Skills & Simulation Final
Exams

March 30 - May 8, 2020 - NMBE Perpetration Begins

May 11 - 15, 2020 - Third Year Orientation

May 18, 2020 - Clerkships Begin

*All dates subject to change

STUDENT SUCCESS



- Our College of Medicine is unique nationally because it includes more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students in the Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences
- M.D. students score in the top 25% nationally on all major indicators of performance
- Research On FIRE (Focused Inquiry and Research Experience): Each M.D. student completes a two-year scientific research project to advance medicine
- UCF's 25 new residency programs are helping ease Florida's physician shortage in specialties like psychiatry, primary care and surgery
- UCF's KNIGHTS Clinic brings together more than 200 healthcare students to serve Orlando's uninsured residents.





Kevin Petersen

Class of 2022



Investing In The Future of Healthcare

M.D. Class of 2021 President Kevin Petersen says his scholarship from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation is a key part of his support system. “My message to potential donors is that your generosity not only helps one student, but impacts the countless future patients and loved ones that the student will care for as a physician,” he said.

Petersen, a South Florida native, trained as a professional dancer before setting his sights on medical school. He explains “Dance taught me lessons and values in team work, dedication, and the shared experience of humanism...all of which have helped me in the past two years of medical school, and I expect, my future practice as a physician.”

He has played a major leadership role since coming to UCF’s new medical school in 2017. As class president, Petersen spoke at the October 2018 groundbreaking for the new UCF Lake Nona Medical Center, set to open in late 2020. He helped organize



a “White Coats Against Gun Violence” event after the 2018 shooting of 17 students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. And he organized a Make-A-Wish Foundation visit to the med school for an 18-year-old girl who suffers from life-threatening allergic reactions and dreamed of being a UCF medical student for a day.

The Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation’s mission is to promote the welfare of mankind. Petersen says that spirit makes their scholarship even more meaningful. “I am so grateful for my scholarship donors,” he said. “They have been an essential part of my journey so far, and I hope I can make them proud by being the best physician I can be.”



Apopka Farmworkers Clinic



Helping Families In Need

A village of future healthcare providers and their teachers are caring for some of Central Florida's neediest families, helping Apopka-area farmworkers with medical, nursing, physical therapy, social work and pharmacy services.

Students and faculty from UCF's medical, nursing, physical therapy and social work schools and the University of Florida's pharmacy school provided the free care in internal medicine, pediatrics, OB-GYN, dermatology and ophthalmology each quarter.

The self-proclaimed "indoor foliage capital of the world," Apopka is home to many farmworkers who work in the greenhouses and fields that grow the houseplants and ornamentals that decorate homes, landscaping and offices around the country. Most of the farmworkers live in poverty and face other challenges in getting healthcare – including lack of transportation, language barriers and fear of bias due to their immigration status.



Dr. Judy Simms-Cendan, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the College of Medicine, is co-organizer of the farmworker clinics.

"This clinic is one of the few places you see this kind of collective, collaborative care," she said. "As faculty, we approach the patients' care from our own professional understanding, but through these teams, we are gaining first-hand perspective on what each discipline brings to the table. For the students to get this so early in their careers is truly unique and an incredible benefit to both the students and the patients they will treat throughout their careers."

M.D. Parent & Family Council

We are thrilled to have you as members of our College of Medicine Knight Family!

We hope you will consider supporting the College by joining the College of Medicine M.D. Parent and Family Council. The purpose of the Council is to support M.D. student initiatives and projects while keeping you informed about what is happening at the College of Medicine and engaged through annual parent and student programming. These include the Parent Welcome Reception, Annual Meeting, Mini Med School, UCF Family weekend and tailgate, and holiday party.

The Council is not just for parents – we encourage spouses, grandparents, siblings and other family members to join us for events and to become involved in showing their support to students.

We want to provide opportunities that allow you to have a better understanding of our students' experience in the classroom, in the research lab, and in patient care. We hope you will join us in this exclusive opportunity for our Knight family to come together and make a difference, for our students and their future patients.



Join Us

Your annual membership of \$1,000 will include access to an exclusive network of M.D. parents, VIP seating at all College of Medicine events, private invitations to the Dean's Society Holiday Party and UCF Family Weekend tailgate, as well as complimentary admission to the College of Medicine Mini Med School and M.D. Family Weekend events.

Much of your annual membership dues will directly benefit the College of Medicine Student Affairs efforts, providing M.D. student access to more programming, more conferences, and more student-led extra curricular activities.

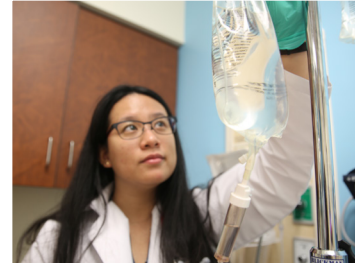
Annual Membership Directly Benefits:

Student Wellness Activities – on topics such as exercise as medicine, depression and stress

Support for annual student events, including the Medical School Gala, Match KNIGHT celebrations and MedWars

Student organizations and special interest groups– such as the Pediatric Interest Group, Health Policy Interest Group

Student attendance at national conferences to present research, advance studies

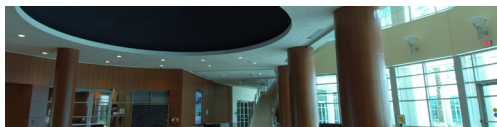


For more information or to join the M.D. Parent & Family Council please contact Rachael Bacchus at rachael.bacchus@ucf.edu or 407.266.1043.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Be Part of the UCF Legacy

Our students need their community and rely on their generosity to make an important commitment to fund scholarships and research. Your support of the College of Medicine has a direct impact on the success of our students and of the College itself. You can choose to support a specific area at the UCF College of Medicine, or you can make an unrestricted contribution that will support our most urgent priorities in research, patient care, and medical education.



Legacy Gifts

Making a planned gift is a wonderful way to show your support and appreciation for the University of Central Florida College of Medicine and its mission while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate-planning, and philanthropic goals. With smart planning, you may actually increase the size of your estate and/or reduce the tax burden on your heirs. Just as important, you will know that you have made a meaningful contribution to the future of medicine and patient care.



Legacy Chair Campaign

The Legacy Chair Campaign is an opportunity to help a future doctor receive the quality education they need to make a positive impact on Central Florida. Naming a chair in UCF's Lewis Auditorium is a unique and fitting way to have a permanent legacy within the College of Medicine or to honor or memorialize a loved one. Giving for a legacy chair at \$2,000 adds to the College's Scholarship endowment providing needed scholarship funds indefinitely.



Piazza Bricks

You can place a brick in our beautiful walkway with an inscription of your choice and leave your imprint on the UCF Academic Health Sciences Campus at Lake Nona.

Three brick sizes are available: "4x8" (\$75)*, "8x8" (\$150)*, and "12x12" (\$375)*

*This is an exclusive half price offer available to members of the M.D. Parent and Family Council

For more information on any of these giving opportunities, or for more ways to get involved at the College of Medicine, please visit med.ucf.edu/giving or contact us at comdevelopment@ucf.edu

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Alumni

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At the UCF College of Medicine, our mission of educating young doctors and scientists to improve the health and well-being of all does not end with graduation. Rather, we strive to be a continued resource to our alumni, forever enhancing the value of their degree. Staying connected with the College following graduation is key as we work to connect our alumni with the College and with each other.

Our Advancement office offers continued engagement and learning opportunities through MEDTalk events, mentorship opportunities, alumni reunions, and various volunteer opportunities. Best of all, our students can begin to utilize us as a resource right away – no need to wait for graduation!

For more information, please visit <https://med.ucf.edu/giving/alumni-2>. If ever I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting and working with your future doctor.

Best regards,
Erin Turner, MBA




UCF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE STUDENTS STUDY CULINARY MEDICINE.





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