Fall is a favorite time of year for me. Although our September heat wave delayed transition to temperatures we typically experience in fall, our academic routines confirm that we indeed are well into the 2019-2020 Fall Semester.

We concluded last year with the commencement of 149 medical students and 61 graduate students in the class of 2019. We are especially gratified with the match rate of this class of new professionals as they enter residency. UofL had 147 participants in the match with a 95.2 percent initial match rate and a final rate of 96.6 percent, exceeding the national match rate of 95 percent! On July 28, we welcomed 162 new students in the class of 2023!

It is always a pleasure to see former students return and reconnect with UofL. During our Alumni Event in late September, we were delighted to see members of the Golden Alumni Class of 1969.

Preparation for our next LCME accreditation review is under way. Our LCME Continuous Quality Improvement Committee (CQIC), led by Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education Ann Shaw, M.D., already has reviewed and drafted content for 99 percent of the 12 LCME Standards and 93 Elements in preparation for our April 2021 LCME site visit.

Our clinical enterprise is undergoing dynamic changes thanks to a tremendous effort by President Bendapudi and our team within UofL and UofL Health to finalize an agreement to acquire the Louisville-based KentuckyOne Health assets, including Jewish Hospital and the Frazier Rehab Institute.

— Dean Toni Ganzel, M.D., M.B.A.
Glasgow faculty member shares knowledge in India

Steven A. House, M.D., recently traveled to India with a team of physicians from the United States to share knowledge on palliative care with local physicians and caregivers. House was a panelist and lecturer with both U.S. and Indian physicians in an effort to provide education on how best to deliver compassionate and patient-centered care to those in need.

Laser vision correction taught to UofL ophthalmology residents

The UofL Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences is one of only a few ophthalmology residency programs to certify residents in laser vision correction. Under the guidance of Richard Eiferman, M.D., and Frank Burns, M.D., residents at UofL are being instructed in laser vision correction as part of their residency training through a partnership with Johnson & Johnson Vision.

To assist these residents in their training, the program is offering more affordable eye surgery to UofL faculty, staff, students and alumni. Resident procedures, staffed by Eiferman, Burns and Mark Cassol, MD, range from $495 to $795 per eye for custom LASik. LEARN MORE.

Leadership and Innovation in Academic Medicine

The 2019-2020 class of Leadership and Innovation in Academic Medicine (LIAM) will be the largest and most diverse group yet with 26 faculty members. This is the first year that we are including faculty from other HSC schools as well as Belknap Campus. We will welcome 15 faculty from the School of Medicine, 3 from the School of Nursing and 3 from the School of Dentistry. In addition, this year we have 5 faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences as part of a pilot program to introduce leadership training to Belknap Campus. We are eager to see how this diverse mix of faculty interacts with each other and the foundational leadership skills we introduce to them. SEE MORE.

Patient-centered care

For more than 200 years, we have been providing patient care to our community, but this past year has seen tremendous evolution and positive growth for the UofL School of Medicine’s clinical enterprise.

In January 2019, Tom Miller was named CEO of UofL Health. Tom has more than 30 years of experience in both not-for-profit and investor-owned hospitals and a successful track record in developing multi-hospital networks. UofL Health is under development as the parent company for the entire clinical enterprise and will be the foundation for ongoing collaboration between the hospitals and physicians group.

After many months of negotiations, UofL President Neeli Bendapudi and a team of leaders within UofL and UofL Health have successfully finalized an agreement to acquire the Louisville based KentuckyOne Health assets, including Jewish Hospital, Frazier Rehab Institute, the physician groups affiliated with KentuckyOne Health, and others. SEE MORE

Class of 2023

Students: 162
Kentucky residents: 120
Female 46%
Male 54%
Underrepresented 12%
Nontraditional (age range 27-35) 10%
Average age 22
Average cumulative GPA 3.68
MCAT Average total score 508

SMART Program

The next SMART Program is October 29, 2019, on the topic of Upstander Training. Register HERE.

SMART is exploring issues related to campus safety and welcomes input from staff on ideas and specific areas of concern. Visit the SMART page for more information or email SOMSolve@louisville.edu.

Faculty Excellence Awards

The UofL School of Medicine has developed “Celebration of Faculty Excellence” to honor faculty members who have distinguished themselves among their peers and in their professions. The inaugural event will be Feb. 18, 2020. NOMINATIONS will be accepted from faculty colleagues and department chairs for exceptional contributions in the areas of teaching, research, service and diversity. Nominations due Nov. 1.

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