



How quickly time passes! It seems just yesterday we were celebrating commencement, yet now here we are already in the full pace of a new academic

year. The White Coat Ceremony in July signaled the start of medical training for our incoming class of 160 new medical students.

Over the past two years, our leadership team has worked diligently to reform our preclinical curriculum from a discipline-based model to an integrated model with more active learning and engaged pedagogies. We have transformed our governance and organizational structure, completed a major renovation of our instructional building, and implemented new educational technologies. On Wednesday, October 14, I received verbal confirmation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education

(LCME) that the Committee has voted to lift our probationary status and our school is in compliance with all LCME accreditation standards! We anticipate written confirmation within the coming weeks. This is the outcome on which we have focused considerable effort and we are very pleased with this news. We continue our efforts to assure that we consistently meet accreditation standards.

I recently attended the Kentucky Medical Association's Annual Meeting and was glad to see a significant number of UofL School of Medicine graduates among the attendees. A highlight of the meeting was the recognition of our own Ann Shaw, M.D., M.A., who received the [2015 Kentucky Medical Association Educational Achievement Award](#).

September 16–20 the School of Medicine served as the sponsoring institution for the 40th Anniversary annual meeting of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators

(NAMME), which hosted its 2015 conference in Louisville featuring keynote speaker Donna Brazile. September 23 and 24 we hosted a reunion for the “5’s and 10’s” medical school classes of 1955 to 2005, with more than 300 graduates attending. I truly enjoyed catching up on the lives of many graduates I worked with as an ENT faculty member and as student affairs dean. For those faculty who are graduates of UofL School of Medicine who are interested in participating in our alumni advisory board, please contact [Laura Brock](#).

Finally, we are continuing to implement the new strategic plan linking the individual goals of SOM leadership with the SOM strategic priorities, the provost’s 21st Century University initiatives and the president’s scorecard. I truly appreciate your contributions to making our school a success.

—Dean Toni Ganzel

EDUCATION

In late July, members of the Class of 2019 officially entered the School of Medicine at the White Coat Ceremony. The faculty and medical community formally welcomed 160 first-year medical students by presenting them with white coats. The students then recited the Declaration of Geneva, promising to serve humanity and honor the traditions of the medical profession. These students began their medical school journey with the start of classes the first week of August.

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RESEARCH

UofL researchers are at the forefront of groundbreaking discoveries that lead to understanding how diseases cause deficits in the body. Martha Bickford, Ph.D., and her colleagues have proposed a new concept on how the brain interprets visual information that allows people to respond to the movement of objects around them. This work, published in *The Journal of Neuroscience*, may lead to better understanding of sensory deficits that occur in disorders of movement and spatial and visual attention.

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PATIENT CARE

The clinical faculty at UofL Physicians are dedicated to providing excellent care for patients. Louisville Magazine recently recognized 53 UofL Physicians representing 27 medical specialties in the annual “Top Docs” feature. In addition, Newsweek magazine highlighted Donald Miller, M.D., Ph.D. and William Tse, M.D. of the James Graham Brown Cancer Center among its “Top Cancer Doctors 2015” for the United States.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

By engaging outstanding high school students in our community, UofL creates an opportunity for those students to excel and for the university to retain top talent from our own area. In 2015, 14 high school students from Greater Louisville participated in the Summer Research Intern Program, working in a UofL research lab and learning how to conduct scientific research under the guidance of research faculty members.

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Faculty in the national spotlight

Aruni Bhatnagar, Ph.D., will serve as chair of the Clinical and Integrative Cardiovascular Science Study Section of the National Institutes of Health’s Center for Scientific Review.

Jeffrey P. Callen, M.D., is president-elect of Association of Professors of Dermatology. He also is associate editor of *JAMA Dermatology* and editor of the Dermatology section of *UpToDate*.

Mary Fallat, M.D., is serving as president of the American Pediatric Surgical Association.

Diane Harper, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., chair of the Department of Family and Geriatric Medicine, was selected as a member of the 2015-2016 class of the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program.

Sandra Herr, M.D., was elected to the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Emergency Medicine.

In Kim, M.D., is chair-elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Emergency Medicine, Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Directors Committee.

Charles Woods, M.D., was elected secretary-treasurer of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society.

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Class Stats	
	Class of 2019
Male	58%
Female	42%
Minority	6%
Generalist (Ky)	16%
From PEPP Counties*	19%
Rural (Non-PEPP)	5%
Jefferson County	29%
Non-traditional	14%
Average MCAT	9.76
Average Total GPA	3.66
Average BCPM GPA	3.58

* Professional Education Preparation Program

SMART Program news

The SMART program launched its inaugural **Mentoring Matters** program with a kick-off luncheon on September 9. Gaetane Jean-Marie, Ph.D.,



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professor and chair of Educational Leadership, Foundations and Human Resource Education in the College of Education and Human Development, provided guidance to the 35 participants with her presentation on “Facilitating Effective Mentoring Relationships.” Mentor-mentee pairs meet monthly, with Dr. Jean-Marie returning for a mid-point

session in January and for a wrap-up session in June.

The October SMART program will focus on discovering your most valuable traits. Join us for **Strengths Finder** on October 28, 12 - 1 p.m. in the Kornhauser Library Auditorium.

Watch your email box for more information on nominating staff members for monthly, quarterly and annual recognition awards.

Four staff members in the School of Medicine have completed the Provost’s Leadership Academy: Nesela Kulenovic, Blair Cade, Shannon Martin and Jacqueline Mason.

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John Pierce Wise and Sandra Wise join faculty

John Pierce Wise Sr., Ph.D., and Sandra S. Wise, Ph.D., recently joined the Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology. The couple previously led an expedition to study the impact of the 2010



Deepwater horizon oil rig explosion on wildlife in the Gulf of Mexico. John Wise is a leading authority on metal-induced carcinogenesis and has led cutting edge work on the mechanisms of chromosome instability and its impact on cellular and molecular

responses to environmental contaminants. He also is pioneering a new area focused on the concept of One Environmental Health, which recognizes human interconnectedness with the ecosystems in which they live. John’s research at UofL will be dedicated to cellular and molecular mechanisms in cancer biology. Sandra will focus on the mechanisms of heavy metal carcinogenesis in collaboration with John.

Read more about the [Wises](#) and their work, and see a list of the 55 new [faculty appointments](#) in July and August.

Faculty Mentoring Program

The Office of Faculty Affairs has launched a mentoring program that allows junior faculty to tap into the expertise of our “Community of Mentors.” Protégés can search the mentor database of more than 50 senior faculty mentors and contact individuals based on their areas of expertise. For details or to register as a protégé or as a mentor, visit the [Faculty Affairs website](#).

Faculty Forward Survey

The Office of Faculty Affairs participated in the 2014 AAMC Faculty Forward survey to evaluate faculty satisfaction for the School of Medicine.

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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The stories included here were selected from the information submitted by the departments. Content for the next issue of the newsletter should be directed to

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