



NEWSLETTER

Welcoming the class of 2015...
Summer again, and ten new interns join our program!



GRADUATION 2012

On June 15, 2012 the Palmetto Health Richland Emergency Medicine program graduated its senior class in addition to two ultrasound fellows. Graduation was held at the Columbia Convention Center with over 120 family, friends, and colleagues.

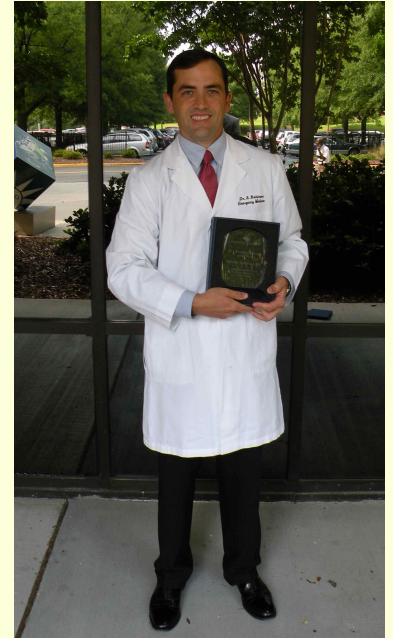
Since the first class matriculated at Palmetto Health in 1978 (previously Richland Memorial Hospital), a total of 230 physicians have



graduated from the emergency medicine residency. In addition, eleven physicians have now completed fellowship training in emergency ultrasound, seven of which have gone on to academic institutions to become emergency ultrasound directors.

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Resident of the Year



Spencer Robinson, DO, was selected as the “Resident of the Year” not only by the department’s faculty, but also received recognition as “Resident of the Year” for the entire Palmetto Health system.

This is the 3rd time one of the residents from our program has won this prestigious award since

The other members of the class of 2012 and the locations of the positions they have accepted are as follows:

Graduated Residents

Richard Brooksbank, MD
Greenwood, SC

Ryan Brown, MD
Greenville, SC

Melissa Busken, MD, CPT,
USAF– San Antonio, TX

Lori Cibik, MD –
Jacksonville, FL

Brett Derrevere, MD –
Portland, OR

Kelly Lewis, MD –
Chattanooga, TN

Baron Mullis, MD, CPT, USAF
– Eglin AFB, FL

Greg Swartzentruber, MD –
Columbia, SC (will begin
Toxicology Fellowship in 2013
at location TBA)

Jon Virkler, MD –
West Palm Beach, FL

FELLOWS

Matthew Flannigan, DO –
Grand Rapids, MI

Brad Presley, MD –
MUSC, Charleston, SC

This group of residents &
fellows did a fantastic job, and

we will miss them all very much. We are excited for them as we were with all our graduates, and we look forward to the day when they will return to an alumni event to let us see how they are doing.

HAIL AND FAREWELL 2012!

In the week following graduation all graduates and the new 2015 interns with the class of attended the annual “Hail & Farewell” party at Tom Cook’s home on Lake Murray. All in attendance had a blast and mark your calendar for June 22 next year!!



REUNION RECAP 2012

The 3rd annual Palmetto Health Residency Alumni Association Reunion was held in Columbia from March 23-25, 2012, and was a huge success. About 30 alumni from all over the country attended the event, as well as about a dozen faculty members and several current residents. The weekend was kicked off with a cocktail party at C2 on Friday night. Alumni spent the day on Saturday taking a tour of the ER and of the hospital, visiting the zoo with the kids, and watching the NCAA basketball tournament back



2007 (the others being Joey Campbell and Danielle Davis). Spencer will become the first fellow in the new EMS Fellowship for the department with Bill Gerard acting as program director. Congratulations Spencer!!

GOING TO ACEP IN OCTOBER??



If you’re
joining the
crowd in

Denver this fall, then be sure not to miss the annual Carolina Care Dinner hosted by your emergency medicine residency attendings. Date is **Sunday, October 7th**. Time and place is TBA but stay tuned to www.emergencyresident.com for the final word. See you there!

PALMETTO EM ALUMNI MEMBER BENEFITS! HELP US HELP YOU!!



The Alumni Association has lined up some fantastic CME discounts for you as a contributing member of the Alumni Association. Check the website for the *fine* details, but here's the overview!

EMRAP - <http://emrap.org> The monthly audio and video series heard by over 10,000 of your colleagues. It's filled with superb educational content, lectures, in-studio presentations, reviews and perspectives all in a fun filled, tongue-in-cheek format. Use the promotion code pal12 when subscribing online. The discount will remain in effect from 12/15/11-12/15/12.

Emergency Medical Abstracts - <http://ccme.org/EMA/> - monthly audio publication that, since 1977, has been providing its 5000+ subscribers with searchable abstracts and authoritative audio commentary

based on key articles selected from the 600+ journals surveyed monthly. EMA has given us a 20% discount. In order to receive this all you have to do is download their discount form from the benefits section of the Alumni website and send it in via email or snail mail with your renewal or new membership application. Ends September 2012.

Emergency Medicine Reports - <http://www.ahcmedia.com/emreports/> - Each issue gives you a practical, problem-solving, comprehensive review of a common clinical entity, packed with updated techniques you can apply immediately. PHRAA members will get considerable discounts depending on the number of subscribers we have, please contact Preston Wendell if you are a current subscriber or interested in becoming one. Check the website for more information!



Above: *Marvelous Mel* **Below:** *Famous Rick Bukata, and Jerry Hoffman*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MARCH 28-30 2014

THE BIG BIG BIG RESIDENCY REUNION AT THE GROVE PARK INN

Catch up with old residency friends!

Enjoy the splendor of nearby Asheville.

Relax in the award-winning spa and put cucumbers on your eyes.



Grab some buds and take a hike!

Shop till you drop.

Swing away stress on the majestic 18 hole links.



TREASURERS CORNER...

The Palmetto EM Alumni Association had our best financial year yet in 2011. As previously announced, we received a massive \$25,000 endowment from Carolina Care that was invested as seed money for future endeavors. The graduating class also won a video contest prize totaling \$3,000 that was added to our coffers for financial support of the residency. Additionally, donations from



alumni skyrocketed from 2010 to 2011. Monies from alumni totaled over \$14,400! These donations are imperative as we continue to support both the residency and alumni in educational and social events. For example, we were able to give more than \$3000 this year to residency-related items such as the Senior Retreat and graduation. After expenses in 2011, we currently have a total of \$7,600 in our account in addition to the invested endowment. Please keep the alumni association in mind for tax-deductible donations so that we can continue to support these important activities.

We would like to highlight Kenny Harper, who was especially generous with a donation of \$2,500! Awesome, Kenny! Many thanks go to all our donors from 2011 who have made this possible:

Bronze Level (\$25 - \$499)

- Jennifer Adair, Class of 2008
- Abigail Adams, Class of 2010
- Danielle Bernth, Class of 2008
- Eric Brittain, Class of 2010
- Anc Clarkson, Class of 2005
- Cale Davis, Class of 2011
- Melissa Downing, Class of 2011
- David Ford, Faculty
- Dan Gowder, Class of 2007
- Tripp Jennings, Class of 2006
- Zach Kiker, Class of 2011
- Rob Kosciusko, Class of 2010
- John McMahon, Class of 1982
- Mac Nowell, Class of 2004
- Tim Osbon, Class of 2005
- Jeremiah Ostmeyer, Class of 2009
- Mary Catherine Philbeck,
Class of 2001

- Angie Qualio, Class of 2009
- John Robinson, Class of 2006
- Steve Shelton, Class of 1994
- Scott Wagner, Class of 2002
- Mike Wade, Class of 1991
- Preston Wendell, Class of 2008
- Derick Wenning, Class of 2011
- Hunter G. Louis, Class of 2006

Silver Level (\$500 - \$999)

- Thomas Cook, Faculty
- Bill Gerard, Class of 1993
- Brent Mullis, Class of 2004
- Lindsay Stewart, Class of 2010
- Jay Taylor, Class of 1991
- John Wood, Class of 2007

Gold Level (\$1000+)

- Kenny Harper, Class of 2009

- Pat Hunt, Class of 1999
- Mike Pallaci, Class of 2001
- John Stewart, Class of 1984
- Carolina Care

WHERE DO I GO
to harness CME bennies again??
Go to http://www.emergencyresident.com/alumni_benefits.php to capture killer deals!!



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT!

Beginning this issue we will attempt to include a focus article from our alumni. This year we're fortunate to hear from Dr. John McMahan, one of four residency graduates in 1982. Dr. McMahan notes:

"I remember seeing LOTS of trauma the first 6 months of my second year...we averaged 3 GSW's or stabbings a day for that 6 months, great for training. I remember an asthma patient who trained everybody for over 2 decades on how to do nasal intubations on a conscious patient. She would come in pointing to her nose and unable to speak. This went on 1 - 3 times a month from 1979 through 1988 when I left to return home to Alabama. I also remember having a lioness from the zoo brought in through the ER to X-ray her broken hip, sustained during a mating attempt by her much larger male mate. She was sedated at the zoo, transported by Richland county EMS, and entered the hospital via the ambulance entrance, then directly attached to the lobby. Everybody there saw the stretcher roll by with the body covered by a sheet; but with the tail dragging on the floor.

Diane and I returned to Columbia in 1983 after a brief time working in Knoxville. I was on faculty and when I moved back closer to home was the associate director of the department., working directly under Dr. Raymond. In April of 1988 we moved to Mobile to be closer to

home and both of our families. I have worked at Springhill Medical Center now for over 24 years. We are the only EM residency trained group in the southern part of the state. I still have the same interest in EMS that I had in Columbia. I am the medical director for the Mobile Fire Rescue Department. I represent our state ACEP chapter on the state EMS medical control committee, and I have been on the board of our chapter for over 20 years, serving as president several years ago. Lastly I teach PA students and occasional med students from the University of South Alabama. I've re-certified my boards in 1993, 2003, and recently early in 2010.

When off, I get completely away by going backpacking in the northwest, western / northern Canada, but mostly in Alaska. Our most recent trip was last summer to Katmai National Park. Home to the largest salmon run in the world, the largest concentration of grizzlies on the planet, and the largest volcanic eruption of modern times. One hundred years ago Mount Katmai erupted moving 9 square mile of earth, 30 times more than Mt St. Helen's.

I also still enjoy going to see the Tide play, lots of fun since Saban arrived. The training at Richland was superb. I continue to enjoy being in the "pit" most of the time. Always remember, if you like what you do, it's not work!"

John McMahan, MD, FACEP

HEATHER BROWN, MD,
WEDDING IN CEDAR
MOUNTAIN, NC!

The entire class of 2011 gathered together for the wedding of Heather Brown. Heather and Hiram Lyon were wed in Cedar Mountain, NC on



August 17th in a beautiful ceremony with a breathtaking scenic backdrop. It was the first time the entire class had come back together since graduating, with one resident flying back California and another recently back from working in Ethiopia. Heather is in her second year of an International Medicine Fellowship in Washington DC.



INTERNATIONAL
MEDICINE

*Medicine On the Other
Side of the World*

For the first time ever this year, the Palmetto EM Alumni Association has been able to offer an exciting new opportunity to our



residents.

Using funds collected from YOUR donation dollars, we have made available several scholarships for current residents who would like to participate in International Medicine electives. After



submission of a statement



detailing the trip, the Association Board reviews and accepts

applicants for the stipend. So far this year, we have awarded four \$500 scholarships and we look forward to sharing the details of these resident trips with you in future alumni correspondence. Be sure to check out

[http://](http://www.emergencyresident.com)

www.emergencyresident.com for blogs detailing these fabulous experiences!

Recent recipients include:

Zubair Chao, China

Peyton Hassinger, Samoa

Joe Kim, Korea

Josh Skaggs, Samoa

Calendar

October 8-11,
Scientific Assembly, Denver, CO

Carolina Care dinner at ACEP Oct 7th

SKI UTAH!

Feb 3-5th, The Canyons, Park City, UT

HAWAII ANYONE?

Hapuna Beach Prince Resort, Big Island, HI, first week in April 2013

March 15, 2013

Match Day for residents

June 14, 2013

Class 2013 Graduation

June 22, 2013

Hail and Farewell Party, Columbia, SC

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