

# THE NEWSLETTER

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## OUT WITH THE OLD...IN WITH THE NEW!

### GRADUATION & HAIL & FAREWELL

by John Wood



As I watched the seniors graduate it felt like yesterday I was sitting in their place...saying goodbye to the friends I worked with everyday for three years. Believe me when I say that the program has this ceremony down to an art! The graduates families gathered for a wonderful dinner and drinks at the Columbia Convention Center. Along with a montage of pictures and videos of the past three years, each graduate had a personalized slideshow full of embarrassing baby & awkward teen photos. After the goodbyes and heartfelt gratitudes towards the program director, attendings, and office staff, there was not a dry eye in the house! The party didn't stop there...

After recovering from the post-graduation party at Liberty Tap Room, the graduates and their families along with the new interns, gathered at Tom Cook's house for the Hail & Farewell party. BBQ, Beer, & Boats! It was a great weekend and I was thankful to witness the graduates saying goodbye and the interns nervously starting the best three years of their lives!



*"We would like to thank the Alumni Association for their donations to the senior retreat and graduation. They were incredible experiences that we will never forget."*  
Class of 2010



**WOW!!!**

**CLASS OF 2010 GRADUATE, NEAL ANDREWS, SCORED THE 2ND HIGHEST IN THE NATION (OUT OF 4819 RESIDENTS) ON THE IN-SERVICE EXAM. AS USUAL, THE PROGRAM'S AVERAGE SCORE IS STILL IN THE TOP 20TH PERCENTILE.**

### 2nd Alumni Reunion!!!

We've narrowed the choices to:  
**COLUMBIA or CHARLESTON**  
Let us know which one is your favorite!

[palmettoem@mc.com](mailto:palmettoem@mc.com)

**EMAIL US NOW!!!**

### The Senior Retreat!

In keeping with a great tradition, the class of 2010 traveled to the Grove Park Inn this fall for the annual senior retreat. Focused on educating seniors for their career and financial future, an exceptional panel of lecturers was assembled. Guest speakers included certified financial planner Bill Hardwood, retirement specialist/attending Jay Taylor, columnist/physician Ed Leap, and attorney Karen Rabenau.

A tour of the Biltmore mansion and a wine tasting at the Biltmore vineyard rounded out a packed weekend of meetings and merriment. The class expressed their sincere appreciation to the alumni association for its financial support in making the retreat a success.

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## SHOW ME THE MONEY!

Although the Alumni Association did not reach our initial goal of raising \$20,000 in the first year, we did receive a sufficient amount of money to support several causes. We contributed to the following endeavors:

- \$2500 - Senior Retreat
- \$350 - Association Logo
- \$1000 - Graduation & Gifts
- \$2000 - Alumni Reunion 09

After paying these expenses, we currently have approximately \$3500 in our coffers. We need about \$10,000 over the next year to contribute to the following causes:

- \$5000 - Senior Retreat
- \$1000 - Alumni Reunion
- \$1000 - Graduation & Senior Gifts
- \$1000 - Website

This is only the beginning of what we hope to do!

Please consider contributing to your alumni association, and then join us at the next reunion in Spring 2011 to see your money at work. You may donate by logging onto the Association Website and clicking on the "PayPal" link or sending a check to the following:

Palmetto EM Alumni Association  
c/o Danielle Bernth  
Palmetto Health Richland  
Five Medical Park, Suite 350  
Columbia, 29203

Thanks for your consideration!

### Dr. Pallaci Level (\$500+)

- Kenny Harper - Class of 2009
- Danielle (Davis) Bernth - Class of 2008
- John Wood - Class of 2007

### Dr. McHugh Level (\$201-\$499)

### Dr. Stewart Level (Up to \$200)

- Hunter Louis - Class of 2006
- Tom Cook - Residency Director
- Lisa Stoneking - Class of 2008



Stewart Level - Mug  
McHugh Level - Shirt  
Pallaci Level - Both



Coming in the next Newsletter...Meet the Interns!



John & Danielle join Tom Cook to welcome the grads to the Alumni Association.

## The New Graduates Coming soon to a hospital near you...

- Abby Adams - Bert Fish Medical Ctr New Smyrna, FL
- Neal Andrews - Carolinas Medical Ctr Union, NC
- Amanda Cain - St. Johns Hospital Tulsa, OK
- Josh Davis - Northside Hospital-Cherokee Canton, GA
- Lindsay Gould - Roper Hospital Charleston, SC
- Erin Heritage - EMS fellow, Morristown Memorial Summit, NJ
- Bri Hoover - Lexington Medical Ctr Columbia, SC
- Rob Koz - Lexington Medical Ctr Columbia, SC
- Jason Landry - Baptist Medical Ctr Jacksonville, FL
- Jenna Telmont - Coosa Valley Medical Ctr Sylacauga, AL



Congrats to the Wendells!  
Houston Taylor Wendell  
6/14/10  
(Preston Wendell  
Class of '08)

### Web Corner

We are proud to announce that the Alumni Association has developed its own section of the Palmetto Health Emergency Medicine site for your use! The section features general information about the alumni association, a map of where graduates have landed, a Paypal donation section, and the ability for you to enter your own information and demographics. You will have access to the other 200+ graduates' information to help you keep in touch and find that perfect job. Check it out at [www.emergencyresident.com](http://www.emergencyresident.com) If you have suggestions for other desired functionality within the alumni section please contact us at [hglouis@gmail.com](mailto:hglouis@gmail.com).