

# 2010

## Alumni Award Recipients



**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA



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Congratulations on receiving a 2010 USC School of Medicine Alumni Award! Based on your significant contributions as an alumni and medical professional, this award is richly deserved. We are fortunate to have a distinguished graduate of your caliber as a representative of the School of Medicine in Columbia, in the state, and across the country.

It is evident by your stellar accomplishments that you are committed to continuing the legacy of excellence in medicine that has been the cornerstone of our mission for more than 30 years. Your fellow alumni and the entire School of Medicine applaud your commitment and dedication to the medical profession. You are an outstanding example of the true essence of medicine's role in the health and well-being of humanity.

As you continue to serve patients, students, residents, and your community as a leader in medicine, please know that your alma mater is very proud to count you as a graduate. We wish you continued happiness and success in the future.

Regards,

Richard A. Hoppmann, MD

Dean

## Distinguished Physician Alumni Award

### Robert C. Holleman Jr., MD, FAAP

1990/Pediatrics



- Director, Division of Pediatric Nephrology, USC School of Medicine, 2008–Present; Director, Pediatric Residency Program, Palmetto Health/USC School of Medicine, 2007–Present; clinical associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 2007–Present; clinical assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 2004–2007; director, Section of Pediatric Nephrology and Hypertension, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Tacoma, Wash., 1996–2004; clinical assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Washington/Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, Seattle, Wash., 1997–2004; medical director, Outpatient Clinics, Mary Bridge Children's Health Center, Tacoma, Wash., 1999–2000
- B.S., College of Charleston, 1986; M.D., University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 1990; pediatric internship and residency, Children's Hospital at Richland Memorial, Columbia, S.C., 1993; pediatric nephrology fellowship, Children's Hospital and Medical Center, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Wash., 1996
- Board certification: National Board of Medical Examiners, 1991; American Board of Pediatrics, 1993 (recertification 2001); American Board of Pediatrics—Pediatric Nephrology, 2000 (recertification 2006)
- Medical licensure, State of Washington, 1993–2004; State of South Carolina, 2004–Present
- Honors and Awards: Outstanding Medical Student in Emergency Medicine, 1990; Frank P. Bowyer, MD, Faculty Teaching Award, presented by the graduating resident class of 2007
- Society Memberships: American Society of Nephrology, International Pediatric Nephrology Association, American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, American Academy of Pediatrics, S.C. Chapter, fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics, Association of Pediatric Program Directors
- Multiple publications, abstracts presented/published, and invited lectures/presentations

## Distinguished Young Physician Alumni Award

### Natasha M. Ruth, MD, MS

2000/Pediatrics



- Currently resides in Charleston, S.C., with her adorable black lab, Jacob
- Assistant professor of pediatrics, Medical University of South Carolina and University of South Carolina School of Medicine; assistant professor of medicine, Medical University of South Carolina
- Education: BA, Davidson College, 1994; BS, University of South Carolina, 1995; MD, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 2000; residency in pediatrics, Palmetto Health Richland/University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 2003; fellowship in pediatric rheumatology, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, 2006; master's in clinical research, University of Cincinnati, 2006
- Certification: American Board of Pediatrics and Pediatric Rheumatology
- Memberships in the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, South Carolina Medical Association, American College of Rheumatology, Childhood Arthritis Rheumatology Research Alliance (active member of Neurocognitive Lupus Subgroup), Pediatric Rheumatology Collaborative Group, and Charleston Medical Society; active member of the Medical University of South Carolina Lupus Erythematosus Research Group (MUSCLE); physician member of the JA Alliance National Leadership Group
- Teaching Honors and Awards: Distinguished Young Physician Alumni Award, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 2010; Mentor of the Year Award, Medical University of South Carolina, 2009; Subspecialty Annual Teaching Award, Medical University of South Carolina, 2008; Extramural Grants: Randomized Placebo Phase Study of Riloncept in the Treatment of Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (RAPPORT), Site PI, NIH (NIAMS), 2008–2010; Enhanced Drug Safety Surveillance Project in JIA, Site PI, Pfizer, 2008–2010; SINCERE JIA Registry Study, Site PI, Pfizer, 2009
- Publications: Lovell, D.J., and Ruth, Natasha M., "Pediatric Clinical Research," *Current Opinion in Rheumatology*, 2005; 17:265–270; Brunner, H.I., Ruth, Natasha M., Ris, Douglas, "Initial Validation of the Pediatric Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics for Childhood-Onset Systemic Lupus Erythematosus," *Arthritis Care and Research*. 2007 Cot 15; 57(7):1174–82

## Humanitarian Alumni Award

### Kerry Kennedy Sease, MD, MPH

1998/Pediatrics



- Currently resides in Greenville, S.C., with husband, W. Franklin Sease Jr. (USCSOM 1998), and two children, Ryan (7) and Abigail (3)
- 2003, returned to the Greenville Hospital System as faculty with the Department of Pediatrics
- Served as associate program director for the pediatric training program from 2005 to 2006; took over as program director 2006
- Education: BS, Clemson University, 1994; MD, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 1998; pediatrics residency, Greenville Hospital System, 2001; general academic pediatric fellowship, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, 2003; MPH, University of Pittsburgh, 2003
- Received the outstanding faculty teaching award first year on faculty
- Currently serves on the state Pediatric Advisory Committee and the Greenville County Obesity Coalition (Healthy Kids Healthy Greenville) and has developed an advocacy curriculum for the pediatric residency training program in Greenville, S.C.; also encourages and facilitates community outreach within the pediatric training program
- Academic interests include resident education, advocacy, and obesity

## Distinguished Doctorate Alumni Award

### **Darrell R. Borger, Ph.D.**

**2001/Biomedical Science**



- Currently resides in Boston, Mass., with wife, Kimberly, and daughter, Megan
- Codirector, Translational Research Laboratory, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.; developing and implementing a new personalized medicine program at the Cancer Center that incorporates personalized

genomic testing to tailor treatment options to the individual cancer patient and to increase therapeutic efficacy of molecularly targeted drugs in clinical trial

- Education: BS, Springfield College; MS, University of South Carolina, 1997; Ph.D., University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 2001
- Assistant in biology, Medicine Service, Massachusetts General Hospital
- Instructor in medicine, Department of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.
- Research fellow, Medical Oncology (basic cancer mechanisms research), Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Mass., 2001–2007
- Honors and Awards: Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Young Investigator Award; American Association for Cancer Research; Research Award, FASEB; Dean C. Barnhart Graduate Memorial Award, University of South Carolina School of Medicine; Dean's Award for Distinguished Graduate Endeavors, University of South Carolina; W. Morgan Newton Graduate Student Research Award, University of South Carolina School of Medicine

## Distinguished Master's Alumni Award

### **Richard P. Wilson, CRNA, MNA**

**2006/Nurse Anesthesia**



- Currently resides in Pendleton, S.C., with wife, Jody, and daughter, Addison
- Assistant program director and assistant professor for USC/PRMH Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia, Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center

- Education: BS in Biology, Clemson University, 1998; AD in Nursing, Midlands Technical College, 2001; MNA, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 2006
- Member, Program Evaluation Committee, USC/PRMH Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia; member, Interview and Admissions Committee, USC/PRMH Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia

**Distinguished Master's in Genetic  
Counseling Alumni Award:**

**Jennifer Anne Sullivan, MS CGC**

**1996/Genetic Counseling**



- Currently resides in Durham, N.C., with husband, Aaron Saarela, and daughter, Penelope
- Senior genetic counselor, Duke University Medical Center
- Duke Metabolic/Biochemical Genetics Clinic/Lysosomal Storage Disease Center—coordinator/Genetic Counselor
- Managing editor, *Journal of Genetic Counseling*, 2002–2009
- Education: BS, Biomedical Engineering, Northwestern University 1994; MS, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 1996
- Board-certified genetic counselor, American Board of Genetic Counseling, 1999
- Publications include 20+ papers published in peer-reviewed journals, including pivotal papers related to the treatment of Pompe disease and two book chapters about genetic counseling
- National Society of Genetic Counselors: National Board of Directors, director at large, 2009–2010; communications chair, 2008; Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders and Genetic Diseases in Newborns and Children, appointed liaison, 2004–2007; Annual Education Conference—Short Course: Expanding Opportunities in Research Planning Committee, 2004; Annual Education Conference—Short Course: Counseling and Management of Metabolic Disorders, 2001
- Regular speaker at genetic counseling programs, newborn screening coordinator training, and professional meetings with emphasis on the genetic counseling roles in clinical trials, and as part of the care team in inborn errors of metabolism
- Capstone project director and thesis committee member for the University of South Carolina and University of North Carolina-Greensboro genetic counseling programs
- North Carolina Medical Genetics Association; scientific advisory committee for the Association of Glycogen Storage Disease, Triangle Down syndrome Network Board of Directors
- Honors and Awards: University of South Carolina School of Medicine, S. Robert Young Outstanding Genetic Counselor, 1996

**Honorary Life Membership Award**

**David L. Keisler, MD**



- Clinical associate professor, Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, University of South Carolina School of Medicine
- Education: MD, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C., 1972; residency, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Ga., 1975
- Board Certification: American Board of Family Medicine, 1975 (recertification 2008); American Academy of Family Physicians, 1979
- Dedicated more than three decades to medical education; faculty member at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine since 1978: associate professor, acting chair, chair, and director of education of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine from 1993 through 2003; prior position included nine years as director of the Family Practice Residency; prior to his appointment with the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine: faculty of the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Ga.; private practice in Lexington, S.C.; previously served as medical director for Tri-County Home Health, Columbia, S.C.; South Carolina Episcopal Home at Still Hopes, Cayce, S.C.; and Rikard Nursing Home, Lexington, S.C.
- Currently serves as vice president of the Diabetes Initiative of South Carolina and on Physician Advisory Panels of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina and Blue Choice Health Plan
- President, South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, 1999–2000
- Lt. Colonel with the South Carolina Army National Guard from 1987 until 1998 and served as a preventive medical officer and a state credentialing officer
- Honored with various awards over the course of his career, including four-time winner of the Family Practice Residency's Outstanding Faculty Award; Teacher of the Year Award, USC School of Medicine; Dean's Award for service to the School of Medicine; 2010 School of Medicine Alumni Association Honorary Life Member Award
- Special Interests: academic family medicine, hypertension, diabetes, geriatrics, and resident and medical student education

## USC School of Medicine Previous Alumni Award Recipients

### Distinguished Physician Alumni Award:

- 2009—R. Ian McCaslin, MD,  
MPH; Class of 1983, Pediatric  
Emergency Medicine
- 2008—D. Jeffrey Newport, MD,  
MS, M.Div.; Class of 1995,  
Psychiatry
- 2007—Judith T. Burgis, MD;  
Class of 1989, OB/GYN
- 2006—Elizabeth G. Baxley, MD;  
Class of 1984, Family Medicine
- 2005—William M. Moore Jr. MD;  
Class of 1983, Surgery
- 2005—Franklin O. Smith III, MD;  
Class of 1984, Pediatric  
Hematology/Oncology
- 2004—R. Caughman Taylor, MD;  
Class of 1983, Pediatrics
- 2004—Virginia A. Eddy, MD;  
Class of 1984, Surgery
- 2002–2003 (Clinical)—  
Dexter L. Cook Jr., MD;  
Class of 1983, Pediatrics
- 2002–2003 (Administrative)—  
Patrick McBride MD;  
Residency Class of 1984,  
Family Medicine
- 2001—Raymond P. Bynoe, MD;  
Residency Class of 1984,  
Surgery
- 2000—Jim C. Chow, MD;  
Class of 1985, Dermatology

### Distinguished Young Physician Alumni Award:

- 2009—B. James McCallum,  
MD; Class of 2001, Internal  
Medicine
- 2008—Charles J. Carter Jr., MD;  
Class of 1999, Family and  
Preventive Medicine
- 2007—Nioaka N. Campbell, MD;  
Class of 2000, Psychiatry
- 2006—Noel A. Brownlee, MD;  
Class of 2002, Anatomic and  
Clinical Pathology
- 2005—John P. Batson III, MD;  
Class of 1999, Pediatrics,  
Sports Medicine
- 2004—M. Todd Crump, MD;  
Class of 1998, Emergency  
Medicine

- 2002–2003—John Markowitz,  
MD; Class of 1995, Pediatric  
Gastroenterology
- 2001—C. Todd Walter, MD;  
Class of 1993, Family Medicine

### Humanitarian Alumni Award:

- 2009—George H. Helmrich, MD;  
Class of 1990, OB/GYN
- 2007—Cassandra D. Youmans,  
MD, MPH, MS-HCM, FAAP;  
Class of 1987, Internal  
Medicine, Pediatrics
- 2006—James F. Riddle, MD;  
Class of 1986, Psychiatry
- 2005—G. Grattan Correll, MD;  
Class of 1994, Family Medicine
- 2004—Katherine A. Close, MD;  
Class of 1988, Family Medicine
- 2002–2003—Miriam R. Wheeler,  
MD; Class of 1985, Family  
Medicine
- 2001—Elizabeth Lynne Gibbs,  
MD; Class of 1986, Pediatrics
- 2000—Paul V. DeMarco, MD;  
Class of 1989, Internal  
Medicine

### Distinguished Doctorate Alumni Award:

- 2009—Naveed K. Shams, MD,  
Ph.D.; Class of 1989
- 2008—Amy Baldwin, Ph.D.;  
Class of 2003
- 2006—Jian M. Ding, MD, Ph.D.;  
Class of 1992
- 2005—Richard A. Rabin, Ph.D.;  
Class of 1979
- 2004—Aniruddha Choudhury,  
Ph.D.; Class of 1994
- 2002–2003—Randolph M.  
Johnson, Ph.D.; Class of 1984
- 2000—Alvin F. Wells, MD, Ph.D.;  
Class of 1988

### Distinguished Master's Alumni Award:

- 2009—Kenneth Hergenrather,  
Ph.D., CRC; Class of 1997,  
Rehabilitation Counseling
- 2008—William M. Luce,  
CRNA; Class of 1998,  
Nurse Anesthesia
- 2007—Ralph Russell Britain,  
CRNA; Class of 2002, Nurse  
Anesthesia

- 2006—Edward Middleton;  
Class of 1999, Rehabilitation  
Counseling
- 2005—Herbert O. Poole; Class  
of 1997, Nurse Anesthesia
- 2004—Kimberly Heriot Newell;  
Class of 1996, Nurse  
Anesthesia
- 2002–2003—Jill Marie Fischer,  
MS, CGC; Class of 1993,  
Genetic Counseling
- 2001—Campbell K. Brasington,  
MS, CGC; Class of 1988,  
Genetic Counseling

### Distinguished Master's in Genetic Counseling Alumni Award:

- 2009—Melissa K. Bennett, MS,  
CGC; Class of 1997
- 2008—Courtney E. Rowell,  
MS, CGC; Class of 2000
- 2007—Holly Landrum Peay,  
MS, CGC; Class of 1997
- 2006—Sonja R. Eubanks,  
MS, CGC; Class of 1995
- 2005—Victoria A. Vincent,  
MS, CGC; Class of 1987
- 2004—Christine E. Miller,  
MS, CGC; Class of 1989

### Alumni Association Honorary Life Membership:

- 2009—G. Paul Eleazer, MD,  
FACP, AGSF; Director, Division  
of Geriatrics
- 2008—C. Warren Derrick, MD;  
Distinguished Professor  
Emeritus, Pediatrics; Chair of  
Pediatrics, 1977–2006
- 2007—Larry R. Faulkner, MD;  
USC School of Medicine  
Dean, 1994–2006
- 2006—James R. Stallworth, MD;  
Associate Professor, Pediatrics
- 2005—O'Neill Barrett Jr., MD;  
Distinguished Professor  
Emeritus, Internal Medicine
- 2004—Donald E. Saunders Jr.,  
MD; Distinguished Professor  
Emeritus, Internal Medicine,  
Cardiology
- 2002–2003—Paul V. Catalana,  
MD, MPH; GHS Director of  
Student Services and Associate  
Professor of Pediatrics
- 2002–2003—James A. Hightower,  
Ph.D.; Professor Emeritus, Cell  
Biology and Neuroscience

- 2001—Roderick Macdonald Jr.,  
MD; Distinguished Professor  
Emeritus, Ophthalmology,  
and Dean Emeritus
- 2001—J. O'Neal Humphries,  
MD; Distinguished Professor  
Emeritus, Internal Medicine,  
and Dean Emeritus
- 2000—Robert F. Sabalis, Ph.D.;  
Associate Dean for Medical  
Education and Academic  
Affairs

## University of South Carolina Alumni Award Recipients\*

### Outstanding Young Alumni Award

- 2008—Nioaka N. Campbell;  
Class of 2000, Psychiatry
- 2006—Noel Brownlee, MD;  
Class of 2002, Anatomic and  
Clinical Pathology

### Outstanding Black Alumni Award

- 2007—Cassandra D. Youmans,  
MD; Class of 1987, Internal  
Medicine

### Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award

- 2006—Katherine A. Close, MD;  
Class of 1988, Family Medicine

### Honorary Life Membership

- 2004—Larry R. Faulkner, MD;  
Vice President of Medical  
Affairs and Dean of the  
USC School of Medicine
- 2004—Donald E. Saunders Jr.,  
MD; USC Class of 1951;  
Distinguished Professor  
Emeritus, Internal Medicine,  
Division of Cardiology
- 2003—Roderick Macdonald Jr.,  
MD; Distinguished Professor  
Emeritus, Ophthalmology, and  
Dean Emeritus
- 1991—J. O'Neal Humphries, MD;  
Distinguished Professor  
Emeritus, Internal Medicine,  
and Dean Emeritus

\*Only USC School of Medicine alumni listed



## **University of South Carolina School of Medicine Alumni Association**

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine Alumni Association affords graduates the opportunity to forge or further social and professional relationships with other alumni while representing the School of Medicine and supporting its commitment to academic excellence and exceptional health care delivery. The Alumni Association also provides direct support to students at the USC School of Medicine through the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

As we guide students through medical school, the ultimate goal is to teach students to become skilled and compassionate stewards of health for our community and beyond. Our alumni are the most important testament of that guidance and teaching. The School of Medicine nurtures the desire of students to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Similarly, the administration encourages all graduates to make a difference in the growth and progression of the School of Medicine to ensure that the tradition of excellence in medicine continues.



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