2011
Alumni Award Recipients
Congratulations on receiving a 2011 USC School of Medicine Alumni Award. Based on your significant contributions as an alumnus 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
Lifelong resident of Columbia, S.C.; family includes four practicing physicians

Member of the 1981 inaugural class of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine

Education: MD, USC School of Medicine, 1981; resident/child fellow in psychiatry, William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, S.C., 1986


Clinical professor, Department of Neuropsychiatry, USC School of Medicine; previous USC School of Medicine appointments: associate instructor, 1984 (while chief resident); instructor (1986–1989); assistant professor (1989–1998); associate professor (1998–2009)

Clinical associate professor, Department of Clinical Education, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa., 2008–2009

Dedicated career to serving the state of South Carolina through direct patient care to underserved, as well as teaching and mentoring medical students, general/child psychiatry residents, and family practice residents; also served in multiple leadership positions at William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute, including but not limited to interim director of the Child and Adolescent Division; director, Diagnostic Outpatient Clinic, 2002–2006; medical director, Adolescent Dually Diagnosed Substance Abuse Unit 2002–2009; chair, Child and Adolescent Division, USC School of Medicine, 1989–1992

Professional memberships: APA, AACAP, AMA, Columbia Medical Society

Honors and Awards: 2008 Chairman’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to the USC School of Medicine Child and Adolescent Residency Training Program 2008 South Carolina Individual Psychiatrists Award; “Heroes in the Fight” Mental Health America; 2003 Distinguished Fellow, APA

Outreach: member, Habitat for Humanity International Partner’s Council and World Vision Ambassador Division; Child Reach Sponsor
Caroline Keller Powell, MD
Class of 2001/Internal Medicine

- Currently resides in Blythewood, S.C., with husband, T. Brian Powell (USCSOM 2001), and three children, Sidney, Jack, and Kelvey
- Education: BS, University of South Carolina, 1997; MD, USC School of Medicine, 2001; residency in internal medicine, Emory University, 2004; academic generalist fellowship, Medical University of South Carolina, 2007; Master of Science in Clinical Research, Medical University of South Carolina, 2006
- Assistant professor of internal medicine, University of South Carolina School of Medicine; serves as M3 internal medicine clerkship director and associate residency program director
- Professional memberships: American College of Physicians fellow; Society of General Internal Medicine
- Honors and Awards: Chairman’s Award, USC School of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine, 2010; Faculty Teaching Award, USC School of Medicine/Palmetto Health Internal Medicine Residency, 2008; Fellow of the Year, Medical University of South Carolina, 2007; Medical Clinic Award, Best PGY-2 Resident, 2003; AOA 2000
- Multiple publications, abstracts presented/published, and invited lectures/presentations
- Academic interests include resident and medical student education and medicine and the media
Humanitarian Alumni Award/Posthumously

Luke D. (Buddy) Baxley, MD
(1951–2010)
Class of 1982/Family Medicine

Education: BS, Clemson University, 1973; Bachelor of Science and Pharmacy, University of South Carolina School of Pharmacy, 1977; MD, USC School of Medicine, 1982; residency in family practice, McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence, S.C., 1985

Began working in Hartsville, S.C., in 1983 during his residency; began his full-time family practice in Hartsville in 1985; he and his wife opened a private practice, Prestwood Medical Associates, Hartsville, in 1988, where he worked until retirement in 2004

Distinguished service contributions at the local and state level with an emphasis on health and welfare

Involved with the initial formation of the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County and began volunteering to see patients the first night it opened in 2000; volunteered until 2005; patients lovingly referred to him as “the preacher doc”

Member, Lakeview Baptist Church; loved spending time with his family, participating in outdoor activities, and caring for his patients and their families; strongest qualities were his dry sense of humor and his incredible bedside manner

Diagnosed in 2004 with hereditary genetic disorder Gersmann Straussler Scheinker (GSS), a neurodegenerative prion disease; his family has been very involved in ongoing research and awareness efforts in order to find a cure

Married Kathy Coker of Hartsville in 1975; three children: Holly B. Ridgeway (Shane), Effingham, S.C. (two grandsons, Evan and Truett); Dr. Luke D. Baxley Jr. MD, Baton Rouge, La.; and Amanda B. Kalinsky (Dr. Bradley), Nashville, Tenn.
Currently resides in Kiev, Ukraine, with her husband, Scott, and their three children, Nathan, Amina, and Diana

Education: BS, chemistry, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., 1985; MD, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 1990; residency in family practice, Palmetto Richland/USC School of Medicine, 1993; MPH, USC School of Public Health, 1996

Board certification: American Boards of Family Practice 1993, 2000, 2007; member, American Academy of Family Practice

Several overseas mission trips as a fourth-year student, including three months in Niger, Africa, and a month in Pakistan as a family practice resident; after graduation served as a family practice physician in Eastover, S.C., and Palmetto Senior Care; yearly trips to Mexico or El Salvador to provide intensive medical service

Significant service contributions at the international level with an emphasis on human health and welfare; 20 years of outstanding achievement, compassion, and humanitarianism in the provision of unselfish service to her husband, children, patients, and the people of Moscow, Russia; Almaty, Kazakhstan; and Kiev, Ukraine

Spent two and one half years in Moscow, Russia, with husband, Scott, working with the World Witness Saturation Church Planting Team providing theological education and discipleship for Russian pastors, 2001–2002

Victoria and Scott began a term of service in Almaty, Kazakhstan, through the Central Asia Leadership Development; worked to develop churches through intentional evangelism; while there, they adopted two native Kazakhstan girls, 2004–2007

Victoria and Scott transitioned to Kiev, Ukraine, where they are World Witness missionaries and continue to partner with the Mission to the World Church Planting Team and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ukraine, 2007

Member, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S.C.
Currently resides in Fort Mill, S.C., with husband, Matthew, and son, Evan

Education: BS, Vanderbilt University, 1999; Ph.D., University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Department of Cell, Developmental Biology, and Anatomy, Dr. Richard L. Goodwin, mentor, 2004

Assistant professor of biology, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, S.C.

Postdoctoral fellowship in molecular cardiology, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Research Center, Dr. Katherine E. Yutzey, mentor, 2004–2007

Honors and Awards: best poster award, Weinstein Cardiovascular Development Conference, 2002; Ruska Award for best student paper, Southeastern Microscopy Society, 2003; W. Morgan Newton Graduate Research Award, USC, 2004; Training grant in teratology, Institutional National Research Service Award, 2004; NIH Loan Repayment Program recipient in pediatrics, 2006; American Heart Association Postdoctoral Fellowship Award, 2006; Outstanding platform presentation, Weinstein Cardiovascular Development Conference, 2007; Elected Target faculty member of South Carolina IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence Program, 2008; NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award R15, 2010

Has studied cardiac myocyte proliferation since she was an undergraduate in the lab of Dr. David Bader and has used multiple approaches to try to elucidate the molecular mechanisms regulating cardiac myocyte proliferation, including an in vitro, 3D primary cardiac myocyte culture system, primary avian cardiac myocyte cultures, generation of transgenic mice, and most recently the myocardium of the primitive chordate Ciona intestinalis as a model system for her studies
Currently resides in Boston, Mass., with husband, Kevin, and son, Mason

Education: BS, psychology, Furman University 1998; MS, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 2000

Board certification: American Board of Genetic Counseling, 2002

Licensed genetic counselor: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 2008–present

Founder and director, Master of Science in Genetic Counseling Program, Boston University School of Medicine; assistant professor of pediatrics; serves as curriculum director, clinical supervisor, and capstone project advisor, 2003–present; prenatal genetic counselor, Perinatal Palliative Care Program coordinator; Fetal Board Committee member, Boston Medical Center, 2003–present; prenatal genetic counselor, Greenwood Genetic Center, 2000–2003


Honors and Awards: USC School of Medicine Outstanding Genetic Counselor Award, 2000

Continuing education in Spanish, bereavement, and teaching

Current research includes the effects of methadone use on maternal serum screening

Multiple abstracts, publications, and invited lectures/presentations
Greg L. Dahl, MRC
Class of 2004/Rehabilitation Counseling

Born: Tacoma, Wash.; raised in the Seattle-Tacoma area, as well as cities in Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, and California; father was a commercial airline pilot captain and flew 747s; frequently relocated the family; family includes four blessings, daughters Sasha and Destiny, son, Justin, and partner of nine+ years, Lynnie

Education: BS, business management/administration, Limestone College, magna cum laude, 1995; MS, rehabilitation counseling, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, 2004

Credentials: certified rehabilitation counselor, certified addiction counselor, licensed professional counselor

Vocation: United States Navy Airman, 1982–1985

Currently: mental health clinician, Lexington Community Mental Health Center; developed and facilitating a unique program in South Carolina (Leaphart Place), providing psychiatric services to a 20-unit apartment community for 18–28 year-olds with Axis I mental health diagnoses

United States Postal Service; developed and facilitated a labor relations forum with the Cayce-West Columbia post office, bringing management and craft employees together

Instructor/counselor for first of its kind telecommunications customer service program, South Carolina Commission for the Blind, helping individuals with visual impairment or blindness obtain gainful employment in the auto rental sector

Education/employment coordinator, USC School of Medicine Case Management Services, developing a new program through counseling/guidance of individuals with HIV/AIDS and homeless-related issues

Developed and implemented various counseling programs in the for-profit community, including a pretrial intervention program, working with first-time offenders, a batterer's intervention treatment program, and working with perpetrators of domestic violence and their families

Actively involved with spiritual family, sharing time and talents with St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church; leader in neighborhood’s Crime Watch and block captain functions
Retired May 2010, associate dean for clinical research and special projects, University of South Carolina School of Medicine

Education: BA, zoology and chemistry, Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., cum laude; Ph.D., cell biology, The Rockefeller University, New York, N.Y.

Dedicated 28 years of service to the USC School of Medicine, during which time he helped to secure millions of dollars in support of projects, including NIH funding; made a significant impact on rural health care delivery

Principal architect of the USC Rural Primary Care Education Project, securing funding of more than $3 million for the three locations: Winnsboro, Kershaw, and Bennettsville

First to introduce telemedicine to South Carolina, a joint project of the USC School of Medicine and Palmetto Health; championed having the laws changed in South Carolina to allow reimbursement for telemedicine

Played a major role in organizing and developing the South Carolina Cancer Center; Clinical Neuroscience Center; video corridor connecting Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville; and Ultrasound Institute

Served as the University of South Carolina’s interim vice provost for research and executive director of the research foundation, South Carolina Research Institute, 1999–2000

Taught pathology course in inflammation and blood vessel diseases since joining the medical school faculty in 1982

Scientific achievements: discovered lipolytic digestive activities of lysosomes, identified origin of foam cells in atherosclerosis, explored molecular organization of intracellular membranes

Honors and Awards: Helen Hay Whitney Foundation Fellow; NIH Special Fellow; established investigator, American Heart Association; Faculty Research Award, USC School of Medicine; and Dean’s Medal for Administration Excellence

Multiple publications, abstracts presented/published, and invited lectures/presentations

Honorary Life Membership Award

Stanley Fowler, Ph.D.
USC School of Medicine Faculty Member 1982–2010
USC School of Medicine
Previous Alumni Award Recipients

Distinguished Physician Alumni Award:
2010—Robert C. Holleman Jr., MD; Class of 1990, Pediatric Nephrology
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
2003 (Clinical)—Dexter L. Cook Jr., MD; Class of 1983, Pediatrics
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:
2010—Natasha M. Ruth, MD; Class of 2000, Pediatric Rheumatology
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
2003—John Markowitz, MD; Class of 1995, Pediatric Gastroenterology
2001—C. Todd Walter, MD; Class of 1993, Family Medicine

Humanitarian Alumni Award:
2010—Kerry K. Sease, MD; Class of 1998, Pediatrics
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
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:
2010—Darrell R. Borger, Ph.D.; Class of 2001
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
2003—Randolph M. Johnson, Ph.D.; Class of 1984
2000—Alvin F. Wells, MD, Ph.D.; Class of 1988

Distinguished Master’s in Genetic Counseling Alumni Award:
2010—Jennifer Anne Sullivan, MS, CGC; Class of 1996
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

Distinguished Master’s Alumni Award:
2010—Richard P. Wilson, CRNA, MNA; Class of 2006, Nurse Anesthesia
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
2003—Jill Marie Fischer, MS, CGC; Class of 1993, Genetic Counseling
2001—Campbell K. Brassington, MS, CGC; Class of 1988, Genetic Counseling

Alumni Association Honorary Life Membership:
2010—David L. Kesler, MD; Chair of Family Medicine, 1993–2003
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; Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of the USC School of Medicine, 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
2003—Paul V. Catalana, MD, MPH; GHS Director of Student Services and Associate Professor of Pediatrics
2002—James A. Hightower, Ph.D.; Professor Emeritus, Cell Biology and Neuroscience

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Outstanding Young Alumni Award
2008—Nioaka N. Campbell; Class of 2000, Psychiatry
2006—Noël 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
2010—Jim C. Chow, MD; Class of 1985, Dermatologic and Mohs Micrographic Surgery
2006—Katherine A. Close, MD; Class of 1988, Family Medicine

Honorary Life Membership
2004—Larry R. Faulkner, MD; Vice President for 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
The Distinguished Physician Alumni Award is presented annually to an alumnus or alumna who has exemplified professionalism, commitment, and dedication to the medical profession.

The Distinguished Young Physician Alumni Award is presented annually to an alumnus or alumna who has exhibited excellence and leadership as a physician and practiced medicine 10 years or less.

The Humanitarian Alumni Award is presented annually to an alumnus or alumna for distinguished human service contributions at the local, state, or national level with an emphasis on health and welfare.

The Distinguished Doctorate Alumni Award is presented annually to an alumnus or alumna for significant accomplishments in research and teaching.

The Distinguished Master's in Genetic Counseling Alumni Award is presented to an alumnus or alumna for significant leadership and accomplishments as a genetic counselor.

The Distinguished Master's Alumni Award is presented annually to an alumnus or alumna for significant accomplishments in his or her chosen field.

The Honorary Life Member Award is presented annually to non-alumni who support and serve the USC School of Medicine.
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.