MAGNIFY | 2022 Alumni Award Recipients
The Alumni Awards are annual honors established by the SOMC Alumni Association to recognize our most dedicated and qualified alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievements or service to the school.

We are honored to announce the recipients of the 2022 Alumni Awards. Biographical sketches of the recipients will soon be available on the School of Medicine Columbia website.

**Distinguished Young Alumni Award**

David C. Giovannini, MD, FACP
2014

**Distinguished Young Alumni Award**

Andrew D. Vaughan, MD
2015

**Distinguished Master’s Alumni Award**

**Distinguished Genetic Counseling Alumni Award**
Marc R. Bentz, DNAP, CRNA
2013

Andrea A. Sellers, MS, CGC
2005

Distinguished Physician Alumni Award

John D. Patrick, MD
1987

L. Brannon Traxler, MD, MPH
2008

Distinguished Humanitarian Alumni Award

Moeen A. Saleem, MD
1985

Alumni Association Honorary Life Membership Award

Susan C. Butler
Please save the date of **Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** for the **Alumni and Dean’s Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony and Dinner** at **City Market Place**, located in the Vista of downtown Columbia. It will be a special evening celebrating our esteemed faculty, staff and alumni recipients. A more formal invitation with event registration information will be sent later this fall.

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**FOCUS | SOMC Family Night with the Columbia Fireflies**

Last Thursday, August 25th was UofSC night at Segra Park, home of the Columbia Fireflies baseball team, and they welcomed the School of Medicine Columbia family by giving us our very own section! Over 150 students, faculty and staff members, and alumni purchased exclusive tickets and gathered to show pride for the SOMC and the university as a whole. In addition to the Fireflies co-branding a UofSC ball cap for ticket buyers, SOMC affiliates received a branded T-shirt to wear out into the community and bring awareness to the school. Check out this [highlight reel from the main UofSC account](https://t.e2ma.net/message/smuksf/gl1b5m) so you can feel that electric Gamecock energy!
**INVEST | White Coat Sponsorship Funded**

Nothing to do or purchase - we just wanted to brag on the alumni family! In three days, our annual White Coat Sponsorship program was fully funded (and then some!) to provide white coats to the MD Class of 2026. This surpasses our previous record of nine days in 2021 - y'all showed up big time!

If you gave this year, be on the look out for a message from Holly on how to submit your note of encouragement for your sponsored student(s). We are so grateful for your participation.

PA Alumni - your opportunity is next! We'll keep you posted on launching a PA White Coat Sponsorship early next year!

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**RESOURCES | Student Debt Relief Plan Info**
With the recent announcement of the Biden-Harris Administration's Student Debt Relief Plan, the Office of Student Affairs and Financial Aid has asked for this link to be distributed to our alumni, as some of our younger graduates may very well benefit from loan forgiveness.

**The Biden-Harris Administrations Student Debt Relief Plan Explained (studentaid.gov)**

Please direct all questions to Jerel Arceneaux, the SOMC Senior Financial Aid Officer, at jerel.arceneaux@uscmed.sc.edu.
JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

We have FIVE positions to fill this fall!

APPLY NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 16

Click here to email Paige Stiles for more information

FINALLY!

(Kinda late to the party, but we made it!)

Follow us on Instagram @UofSCSOMC
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City Market Place in The Vista

FORMAL INVITATION WILL BE SENT AT A LATER DATE

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NOVEMBER 17, 2022
REMINDER

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Today at 07:15 AM

SOMC Phone App Launch 😥
Coming soon in 2022

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There are many ways to get involved with FoodShare by giving of your time, energy and talents. Helping pack boxes, delivering food boxes to those without transportation, and coordinating ordering and pick-up sites all help us grow the program to meet the needs of our community.

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Join the SOMC Alumni Private Group

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Did you know that communities where more people vote have better access to healthcare?

REVERE | Class Kudos
Tyler Hammett, MD ('17) completed his diagnostic radiology residency at San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium (SAUSHEC) in San Antonio, Texas, and has relocated to Houston to begin his fellowship in interventional radiology at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Congratulations on this achievement!

Austin Worden, PhD, MS ('22) and his wife, Meg, were married on Saturday, May 21, weeks after he completed his PhD from the Biomedical Sciences program and she finished law school at Wake Forest University. They reside in Atlanta, Georgia, where Dr. Worden began his new position as a Junior Scientist at RayBiotech on June 1. Congratulations to the Wordens!

Click Here to Contact Holly Jefferson

Deadline to submit Class Kudos is September 19.