MAGNIFY | 2021 Alumni Awards Recipients
The Alumni Awards are annual honors established by the 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 2021 Alumni Awards. Biographical sketches of the recipients will soon be available on the School of Medicine Columbia website.

**Distinguished Young Alumni Award**  
Christopher Gainey, MD – ’12

**Distinguished Master’s Alumni Award**  
Jeffrey S. Boswell, DNAP, MNA, CRNA – ’04

**Distinguished Genetic Counseling Alumni Award**  
Ginger Hocutt, MS, CGC – ’13

**Distinguished Doctorate Alumni Award**  
Sadiye Amcaoglu Rieder, PhD – ’11

**Distinguished Physician Alumni Award**
Mary Beth Poston, MD – ’99

Alumni Association Honorary Life Membership Award
Tan J. Platt, MD

Please save the date of Thursday, October 21, 2021 for a virtual ceremony recognizing the Alumni and Dean’s Distinguished Service Awards recipients via YouTube. All alumni are invited to tune in; more information will be sent at a later date.

FOCUS | White Coat Sponsorship

The School of Medicine Columbia welcomed the MD class of 2025 this month, and they’ve already encountered challenges because of COVID-19, including the need to alter the format of October’s White Coat Ceremony. As members of our loyal alumni family, we invite you to play a key role in our students’ entry into the medical profession – that of a benefactor. This year, 100 medical students will follow the path many of you walked once before, carrying your legacy forward and joining you as future colleagues.

For just $40, you can sponsor a first-year medical student’s white coat and write a brief note of welcome or encouragement, which will be placed in the coat pocket.
of your sponsored student. Please email your note to Holly Jefferson if you have already made a donation.

We launched this effort on August 19th, and you have already funded 88% of the $4,000 goal with 28 days left in the campaign! We are blown away from your generosity thus far.

Help fully fund the class of 2025 and leave your legacy TODAY!

Sponsor a White Coat

REGROUP | Greater Atlanta Regional Chapter

The Greater Atlanta Regional Chapter hosted an alumni meet and greet on Saturday, August 7th at Lake Arrowhead Yacht & Country Club. Please email Nedra Jackson, MD if you'd like to get more information about the chapter and live in the Metro Atlanta area in the following counties: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale.
SOMC alumni are invited to visit Dr. Nedra Jackson's **tailgating spot at the first home UofSC football game** on **Saturday, September 4th from 4-6pm** in the blue section of the SC Fairgrounds (Row 4, Space 12). Game starts at 7:30pm, and tickets may be available for purchase through Gamecock Athletics. Dr. Jackson is also **raffling off one Carolina vs. Clemson football ticket** to benefit the white coat sponsorship and other student efforts. Raffle tickets can be **directly purchased from her for $20**.

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**DISCOVER** | Opportunities for Engagement

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1981 CLASS VOTED TO POSTPONE TILL SPRING 2022

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Celebrating a major milestone by honoring

THE FIRST GRADUATING MD CLASS
SAVE THE DATE!

UofSC SOMC Movie Night at Segra Park
Friday, October 1st at 7:15pm
Doors open at 6:45pm
Sponsored by the Office of Development & Alumni Relations and the SOMC Midlands Alumni Chapter

SAVE THE DATE

2021 Alumni & Dean's Virtual Awards Ceremony
Thursday, October 21 | 6:00-7:30pm
WEBLINK INFO WILL BE SENT AT A LATER DATE
POSTPONED TILL SPRING 2022

TIME TO LAY IT ALL OUT ON THE TABLE

Looking for HOSTS from ALL DISCIPLINES working in the following areas:

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ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MED

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Give the gift of your time.

Our students are looking for shadowing opportunities.

CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER
Where on EARTH are you now?

Click here to update your contact information

DID YOU KNOW...

When you graduate from the UofSC School of Medicine, you are automatically a member of the SOM Alumni Association?

Please contact Paige Stiles at paige.stiles@uscmed.sc.edu to learn ways you can get involved!

REVERE | Class Kudos
Dennis Holwerda, MD (‘84) retired from practicing pediatrics after 34 years in Albany, GA. Dennis and his wife, Debbie, bought a home in Rockledge, Florida on the Indian River, and are looking forward to devoting more time and energy to family and travel.

Johanna Innes, MD, NRP, FACEP, FAEMS (‘12) became the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Fellowship Program at Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Science in Buffalo, NY last year during COVID.

Elizabeth Ramsey, MD (‘19) was married to Will Maclnnis on August 14th in Columbia, SC. They currently reside in the Columbia area while she finishes her Internal Medicine residency at Prisma Health Richland, where she also serves as a Chief Resident.

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