UF medical alumni ambassadors help increase the value of a UF College of Medicine education and expand our influence on health care.
The University of Florida is extraordinarily proud of the thousands of students who have earned their medical degree and/or completed postgraduate training at the UF College of Medicine, including the School of Physician Assistant Studies, master’s and PhD programs. The College of Medicine’s alumni network is strong and flourishing, and we are eager to continue to grow the ranks of alumni who support their alma mater through volunteer service, mentorship and philanthropy. Please consider the many ways you can help build the college’s reputation and legacy of exceptional medical education, breakthrough research and compassionate patient care.
EXPERTISE
We take the time to share our experience and knowledge with students.
ALUMNI AMBASSADOR NETWORK

The Alumni Ambassador Network consists of proud, successful UF College of Medicine alumni who serve as ambassadors to prospective students, families and friends across The Gator Nation. Created by the Medical Alumni Association, or MAA, it allows alumni to reconnect with each other and the college while supporting the needs of students and education. Our alumni offer insight into the college’s MD, resident, PA, PhD and master’s programs.

What do Alumni Ambassadors do? There are a variety of ways you can be involved:

- Assist admissions by calling accepted students, attending regional recruitment events and hosting gatherings for accepted students.
- Host regional accepted student receptions so that accepted students, their families and local alumni can meet before school begins.
- Offer preceptorships or shadow sites to serve as a teacher and role model. Preceptorships are one of the most popular courses among students because they have the chance to learn and practice their skills in your office. MDs supervise first- or second-year medical students working on their clinical skills one to two weeks per year. PAs supervise PA students over a four-week period.
- Extend a welcome to new graduates from the College of Medicine who are beginning their residencies in your area. Whether you meet for coffee or enjoy a meal together, a warm welcome and a UF connection can make a critical difference to a resident who is beginning “real” practice.
- Serve as a volunteer for our HOST program, which matches students with alumni volunteers who provide them with a free place to stay during interview trips.
- Become part of the mentor and networking community where students can search for alumni who opt in, based on name, location or specialty.
- Host a Gainesville or Jacksonville Supper Club event. You can host dinner for six to 10 current students in your home or at a local restaurant. Share your wisdom and experiences to our future Gator health care providers.

If you are looking for a meaningful way to volunteer your time and have an impact on future physicians, physician assistants and researchers, the Alumni Ambassador Network is for you.

Please visit drgator.ufl.edu/ambassador to sign up today.
INFLUENCE
We aim to expand our impact on health care by advancing medical education.
MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The MAA Board of Directors works to bring alumni together with a common goal: to advance medical education and support the needs of medical students. The board comprises master’s, PhD and housestaff alumni, School of Physician Assistant Studies alumni, faculty and current students. The board meets twice a year, and members are elected to a four-year term beginning in the spring.

The mission of the UF MAA Board of Directors is to:
• advance the causes of medical education
• support the needs of UF College of Medicine students and residents
• promote an interest in the UF College of Medicine
• further relationships with physicians for the advancement of medicine in the state of Florida
• foster a spirit of cordiality and good fellowship among the members of the association
• promote the general welfare of UF as an educational institution

How are board members involved?
• Student engagement — speak at events on campus, serve as HOST participants, attend events such as Orientation, White Coat, Match Day and Graduation
• Alumni engagement — help organize Alumni Weekend, host Conversation with the Dean events, attend Gator Gatherings
• Philanthropy — engage in a spirit of giving with members who support development and advancement of the college

To find out more on how you can get involved:
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RECOGNIZE
We honor our distinguished alumni for their service and achievements as they provide a model for others to emulate.
Alumni Awards
Since 1960, the UF College of Medicine Alumni Association has carried on the cherished tradition of honoring alumni who have distinguished themselves as outstanding professional and personal achievers in their fields and who have loyally dedicated their time and service to UF.

The UF College of Medicine Awards Program honors alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the college for their service and achievements. The MAA is proud to honor these recipients in the presence of UF faculty, administrators and friends at annual awards celebrations.

We are always seeking nominations for the following awards:

UFAA Outstanding Young Alumnus
This award recognizes up to two alumni per year who have completed their degree within the past 10 years or those who are 35 years old and younger. The recipient must have made a significant impact on their industry and a significant professional accomplishment on the state, national or international level. Nominations can come from faculty, staff and UF College of Medicine alumni (including housestaff).

Wall of Fame
The Wall of Fame Award and Recognition Ceremony recognizes outstanding alumni of the College of Medicine who have made contributions to medicine, government, education and the community. A UF College of Medicine alumna or alumnus is selected to receive the Wall of Fame honor and presented with the award during Alumni Weekend. Those honored are pictured in a display in the Founders Gallery of the Academic Research Building.

UFAA Honorary Alumnus
The UF College of Medicine Honorary Alumnus Award is presented by the UF Alumni Association to non-alumni physicians and scientists who have made significant contributions to the college in its missions of teaching, research and patient care. Criteria for consideration: Individuals honored cannot be graduates of the UF College of Medicine, must have served a minimum of 10 years at the College of Medicine and must have provided significant contributions to the missions of the college. The recognition can be a posthumous honor.

Nominate someone today at drgator.ufl.edu/nomination.
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Executive Board

James “Jim” Duke, MD ’85 (President)
Dr. Duke is an orthopaedic surgeon living in Ocala, Florida. He not only earned his undergraduate and medical degrees from UF but also stayed in Gainesville for his residency training. In addition to private practice, Dr. Duke has faculty privileges at UF Health Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Institute.

Wendie Moore, MD ’92 (President-elect)
Dr. Moore retired from radiology practice in Ocala, Florida. She earned her undergraduate degree from UF, completed her physician assistant degree in 1982, and, after several years of practice, returned to UF to complete her medical degree in 1992. She completed her internship and residency in 1996, then a musculoskeletal fellowship at UF in 1997.

Mark Michels, MD ’85 (Secretary)
Dr. Michels is an ophthalmologist practicing in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. He earned his medical degree in 1985 and completed training at Emory University. Dr. Michels served as visiting assistant professor at the UCLA Jules Stein Eye Institute and completed his two-year vitreo-retinal diseases and surgery fellowship as a Heed and Abe Meyer Fellow.

Gina M. Sevigny, MD ’94 (Immediate Past President)
Dr. Sevigny is a dermatologist in Ormond Beach, Florida. She earned her undergraduate degree from UF, participated in the Junior Honors Medical Program, earned her medical degree in 1994 and completed her residency at UF.

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Contribute to the education of our future physician assistants by hosting a student for a four-week clinical rotation, providing the following guidance and education:

• Review the specialty-specific educational objectives for the student during the rotation, including:
  – Physical examination skills
  – Critical thinking (e.g., differential diagnosis, appropriate use of diagnostic studies and testing)
  – Increasing the student’s medical knowledge base
  – Professional development
• Develop a work schedule for the student, which may include weekends, evenings and on-call shifts
• Provide a hands-on clinical experience for students with clinical assignments consistent with those of a PA
• Evaluate students mid-rotation and suggest opportunities for further enhancement
• Complete a final evaluation of the student and submit it to the UF School of Physician Assistant Studies

For full details about the preceptor program, your requirements as a preceptor and student guidelines, please contact David Indarawis at 352.265.7955 or david.indarawis@pap.ufl.edu.