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Dear Fellow MSM Alum:

I am honored to serve as the incoming President of the Morehouse School of Medicine National Alumni Association (MSM NAA). As a proud member of the Class of 1993, I have been fortunate to see our beloved Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) grow to become not only an international force in the health and science arena but also a trusted partner in the state of Georgia's quest to address our pressing primary care physician shortage.

I accept the torch passed to me by my predecessor Dr. Roger Morales. Dr. Morales deserves all of our thanks for his tireless effort in furthering the mission of MSM through its alumni.

I have set many goals for my two year term as President. My two top priorities are to get more alumni engaged in supporting MSM financially and through alumni participation (student mentoring, event attendance, etc.).

We have some exciting new initiatives that we will be kicking off this year that will make supporting your alma mater fun and rewarding! It is important that as our Institutional Advancement team goes out into the broader community soliciting gifts for MSM that we support their efforts with great alumni participation.

To that end, we will be implementing aggressive campaigns for increasing our alumni donations with a 50% participation goal for alumni. We will be kicking off a class gift competition, a spirited revival of a call to return to campus for alumni during "Reunion 2013" for classes 1988, 1993 (my class), 1998, 2003, and 2008 and there will be a year-long series of activities leading to our grand return to MSM during commencement weekend, May 2013.

I have a very talented group of alumni board members who will be working with me over the next two years, but it will take all of our efforts collectively to move our institution towards even greater strength and prominence.

Thank you for the privilege to serve you and MSM. Let's have a great year!

Sincerely,
Edward K. Bass, III, M.D. (MSM Class of 1993)

Congratulations to the MSMNAA newly elected 2012 – 2014 officers!

MSMNAA 2012-2014 Officers

Edward K. Bass, III, M.D., '93
President

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Treasurer/Development

Augustus Stephens, M.D., '91
Assistant Treasurer/Development

Donor Recognition



Gulshan Harjee, M.D.
Class of 1980

In 2000 Dr. Harjee received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from Morehouse School of Medicine and was presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2009.

Dr. Gulshan Harjee, an MSM alum and member of the charter class of Morehouse School of Medicine, has established the Gulshan Harjee Endowed Scholarship to support MD students.

Dr. Harjee is CEO and President of First Medical Care, a primary care facility delivering comprehensive care and diagnostic testing to the citizens of Decatur.

"Dr. Harjee as a little girl growing up in remote east Africa, dreamed of being a doctor. Her village at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro was more than two hours away from the nearest medical facility — a fact that became a critical issue when her grandmother became ill. "She practically died in the car," recalled Harjee. "My mother said that was the point when I announced that I would be a doctor and not let this sort of thing happen again. I carried that idea with me, even though I was 7 when it happened." Harjee's journey to medical school was a difficult one, often detoured by events beyond her control. At a British school in Pakistan, she earned her degree and a scholarship offer to attend medical school in Iran. The decision to move there was solidified when war broke out between India and Pakistan. "I also thought Iran was an exotic place, where I could meet a new culture and learn a new language," she said.

Harjee had only been in the medical program for a short time when the Shah went into exile. "I lost my scholarship — another bump in my career," she said wistfully.

But an attorney friend who had moved to Atlanta encouraged her to follow him. She arrived here in 1979 and quickly found few medical schools would accept her past work. She finally was welcomed at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Within two years, she transferred to Emory University and graduated in 1982, at the age of 30.

"I have worked very hard in my life; my parents took great pride in a strong work ethic and giving back," she said. "We were a modest family, but my dad always taught us to give of our time and talent. And I am grateful that I have been given the opportunity in this country to continue my education and serve my community." . "I just want to give back something. I don't regret one day of my career and I'm passionate about my patients. I've been very blessed."



Roger L. Morales, M.D.
Class of 1996

Dr. Morales, a member of the 1996 class of Morehouse School of Medicine, has established the Roger Morales Scholarship.

Dr. Morales graduated from Morehouse College in 1992 and Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) in 1996. He is a member of MSM Board of Trustees and outgoing President of the MSM National Alumni Association.

His specialty training in pediatrics was completed at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City, which is regarded as one of the top 10 pediatric specialty centers in the country. Dr. Morales worked as an attending pediatrician while teaching medical students and residents at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, New York from 1999 until June 2005. In August of that same year, Excellent Pediatrics opened for business in Monroe, Georgia.

"As I reach mid-career, I have discovered that being a physician has given me vast opportunities in life not only to help myself and individual patients, but the larger community as a whole. I urge all alumni to use your time and talents, not just for personal gain, but to uplift your communities. Please use your financial power to support your community service organizations and schools. Morehouse gave us all the ability and means to generate a comfortable income, use it wisely and BE GENEROUS!"



Alan Todd Turner, M.D.
Class of 1986

Dr. Turner, a member of the 1986 class of Morehouse School of Medicine, has recently established the Alan T. Turner Scholarship to support MD students.

Dr. Turner graduated from University of Southern California and Morehouse School of Medicine. He has 22 years of experience and specializes in the areas of Diagnostic and Neuro-radiology. He currently practices in Los Angeles, Fountain Valley, and Inglewood, California. Dr. Turner is affiliated with 21 area hospitals and is fluent in Spanish and Russian.

He is married to Michèle G. Turner with two sons who are recent graduates. The Turners reside in Los Angeles, California.

Alumni in the Community: The Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi



The Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. held their first “Breast Cancer Awareness Forum” on Saturday, June 30, 2012, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Morehouse School of Medicine, National Center for Primary Care Auditorium. Dr. Harold Moore, Jr., Kappa Alpha Psi member, completed his first two years of Medical School at Morehouse School of Medicine and received his M.D. Degree from Howard University coordinated the event which nearly 100 individuals participated.

Dr. Ragsbert F. Phillips-Reed, Breast Cancer Specialist & Founder of Sisters by Choice, Inc. was the keynote speaker. The panelist discussion also occurred including Dr. Phillips-Reed, Dr. Brian Organ, Dr. Shirley Carmack, Dr. Reginald Jackson and Mr. Eric Dunlap. Dr. Harold E. Moore, Jr., served as the moderator.

“It was important for people to come out because our community needs to be educated and made aware of the impact of breast cancer on the African-American community. We have the highest death rate,” says Dr. Moore. “As African-Americans, we need to start playing an active role in our health and become educated and informed of the disease processes we encounter in our everyday lives.”

Although breast cancer affects mostly women, a small percentage of men suffer with this disease. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States. It is also one of the leading causes of cancer death among women of all races and Hispanic origin populations. Breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women, and is found in one in eight women in the United States. Men can also get breast cancer, but it is not very common. For every 100 cases of breast cancer, less than 1 is in men according to CDC. Twice as many African-American women who have breast cancer die from it as white women, although fewer African-American women get the disease.

Dr. Moore says men should do their breast exams, too. They have breast tissue, too. Mammograms are not required for men but when you go in for a physical exam your physician should examine the breast area. “We lost a brother to breast cancer two years ago and our organization felt the need to address this issue because men get breast cancer, too,” says Dr. Moore.

Participating sponsors included Kappa Alpha Psi, Sisters...By Choice, American Cancer Society, and AARP.

News & Notes

Ronald M. Wyatt, MD, MHA, MSM Class of 1983 has been promoted to Director of the Patient Safety Analysis Center in the Office of the Chief Medical Officer under the Assistant Secretary of Defense Health Affairs

Dr. Nicole Franks, MSM Class of 1993 has accepted the position of Chief Quality Officer at Emory University Hospital Midtown

Angela D. Aina, MPH, MSM Class of 2011 has been selected for the incoming 2012 Public Health Prevention Service Fellowship Class

Aysha Khoury, MD, MSM Class of 2005 has been elected a Fellowship in the American College of Physicians

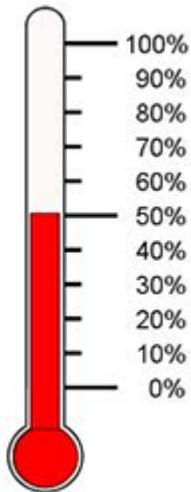
Bruce L. Mitchell, MD, MSM Class of 1987 has been appointed to Director of Emory University Hospital Midtown

Bonzo K. Reddick, MD, MSM Class of 2002 has been awarded the Clinical Preceptor Excellence in Teaching Award for off-campus faculty and the 30th annual Citron Award. Reddick works as a physician and faculty member with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Wendell Fortson, Ph.D., MSM Class of 2009 graduated from Law School at the North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC.

Deaths:

The MSM Community mourns the loss of Mary Kathryn Easterling, MD, who completed her first two years of Medical School at Morehouse School of Medicine and received her M.D. Degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham, AL



President's Challenge

This year Ed Bass, M.D., President of MSMNAA, issues a challenge to all Alumni. Help us to reach a goal of 50% alumni involvement. Morehouse School of Medicine is on a mission and we need your help.



Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Alumni Meeting

August 14, 2012 | 7PM – 8PM

Louis W. Sullivan National Center for Primary Care
Room 406

Welcome Picnic

August 26, 2012 | 4PM – 7PM

The House of Gulshan Harjee
655 Fair Oaks
Atlanta, GA 30327

Alumni Meeting

September 11, 2012 | 7PM – 8PM

Louis W. Sullivan National Center for Primary Care
Room 406

Convocation & White Coat Ceremony

September 21, 2012 | 9AM – 12PM

Louis W. Sullivan National Center for Primary Care
Ginger Sullivan Auditorium

Alumni Meeting

October 9, 2012 | 7PM – 8PM

Louis W. Sullivan National Center for Primary Care
Room 406

Alumni Meeting

November 13, 2012 | 7PM – 8PM

Louis W. Sullivan National Center for Primary Care
Room 406

Holiday Breakfast & Alumni Meeting

December 1, 2012 | 9AM - 11AM

Louis W. Sullivan National Center for Primary Care
E. Ginger Sullivan Atrium

Photo Gallery



2012 Commencement



11th Annual Hank & Billye Aaron
Celebrity Golf & Tennis Tournament



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