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Daniel Knight, M.D. '85, Takes Helm of Family Medicine



A passion for teaching led 1985 graduate Dr. Daniel Knight to join the faculty 10 years ago. At left, he discusses a clinical issue with second-year resident Kenneth Suh in the Family Medical Center.

As the new Chair of the College of Medicine's Department of Family and Preventive Medicine, **Daniel Knight, M.D. '85**, is leading efforts to expand services for patients, train more family doctors, and work with physicians and others across the state to enhance primary care for Arkansans.

"I am extremely excited to work with our many constituencies to enhance family medicine and improve health care in Arkansas," said Dr. Knight, who became chair on July 1 after serving as a full-time faculty member and educational leader for a decade. He served as acting chairman in 2006-2007 and during the past year.

Dr. Knight completed his residency in the department and served as chief resident in 1987-1988. For the next decade he was a volunteer faculty

member while working in private practice as a family physician and emergency physician in central Arkansas. He joined the faculty full time and began directing the Family Medicine Residency in 1999. He served as director of education until 2004, and in 2007 he was appointed vice chair of the department. He stepped down as residency director last month after recruiting a new physician to the post.

"Teaching is my first love, and I truly enjoy mentoring students," Dr. Knight said. "I wanted to make a difference not only for my own patients, but for medical care in the state and region."

His achievements as an educator have garnered many awards, including the College of Medicine's Residency Educator Award, Red Sash awards from students, and national honors such as

the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors' 2007 Program Director Silver Recognition Award.

The department is recruiting new clinical faculty as part of an initiative to increase primary care services at UAMS. In addition, Dr. Knight plans to develop a "Patient-Centered Medical Home" for patients of the Family Medical Center. Following an emerging national model in primary care, the program will provide more comprehensive coordination of care for patients in the clinic and beyond.

"When our patients need to see a specialist or have surgery, we will help them throughout the medical system," he said. "We'll provide more education and more follow-up."

The department also has recruited a sports medicine physician and begun a new Sports Medicine Clinic. Eventually, the program could lead to a new fellowship, which could help to attract more physicians to practice family medicine in Arkansas, Dr. Knight said.

Plans also call for enhancing the department's continuing medical education programs. "We'll maintain our popular courses such as the yearly Intensive Review Course and our Family Medicine Update, and we will add some new, exciting courses in chronic care and other areas," he said.

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A Note from the Dean, Debra H. Fiser, M.D.

In the space of three weeks this summer, UAMS and the College of Medicine celebrated two wonderful developments that will benefit Arkansans for many years to come.

On July 14 came news that UAMS has been awarded a prestigious \$19.9 million Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The grant is our largest ever research award from the NIH, and it will transform how clinical and translational research is conducted in Arkansas.

The grant will help support the UAMS Center for Clinical and Translational Research (CCTR), providing comprehensive support for collaborative clinical and translational research by investigators in the campus' five colleges and Graduate School, the Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) and several partner institutions. CTSA's are designed to speed the translation of scientific discoveries so that improvements in medical care reach the bedside faster.

With the CTSA award, UAMS joins an elite consortium of research institutions. It will open up many additional funding opportunities. Community-based research is an important component of the program, and it's worth noting that we'll be able to partner more with many of you on research into problems of special concern to Arkansans.



Over 100 UAMS faculty members have been involved in the more than three-year planning effort and will continue to be active in the CCTR. It is an enormous team endeavor, and we are very excited.

On August 4, we celebrated the grand opening of the UAMS Genetics Clinic, which will provide much-needed, comprehensive services for adults with Down syndrome. Lisenne Rockefeller, the widow of the philanthropist and former Lieutenant Governor Winthrop Paul Rockefeller, established an endowment in her husband's name that made it possible to establish the clinic. The endowment also funds the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Chair in Clinical Genetics, which was presented to **Kent McKelvey, M.D. '96**, in May.

As part of the Division of Genetics, which we established last year, the clinic eventually will become a hub for development of personalized medicine. Division Director G. Bradley Schaefer, M.D., explained his far-reaching goals during the ribbon-cutting. "The ultimate vision is that there won't be a person in Arkansas who doesn't have access to state-of-the-art services in genetics," he said.

Debra H. Fiser, M.D.

Here's to the future!

A Note from the Director, Judith McClain



A new school year is under way, and I'm happy to report that some of our sophomores will be spending some valuable time this year with several of you. The Medical Alumni Association is working with Introduction to Clinical Medicine II Director **Sara Tariq, M.D. '98**, on a new preceptor program for sophomores. (We're also excited to let you know that Dr. Tariq has been promoted to Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Clinical Education!)

ICM II introduces sophomores to real-world history and physical exam skills. In the new preceptor program, volunteer physicians will host students in their own practices for three sessions per semester. A typical session takes a few hours, during which a student will see one or two patients and orally present the case to the physician. Students will write formal H&P reports for evaluation.

Dr. Tariq and I would especially like to thank our initial group of alumni volunteers: **Stephen Greer, M.D. '81**;

Jason Hammack, M.D. '01; **John C. Jones, M.D. '71**; **Deborah Quade, M.D. '94**; and **Gregory Wood, M.D. '95**. Your dedication to the College of Medicine is greatly appreciated.

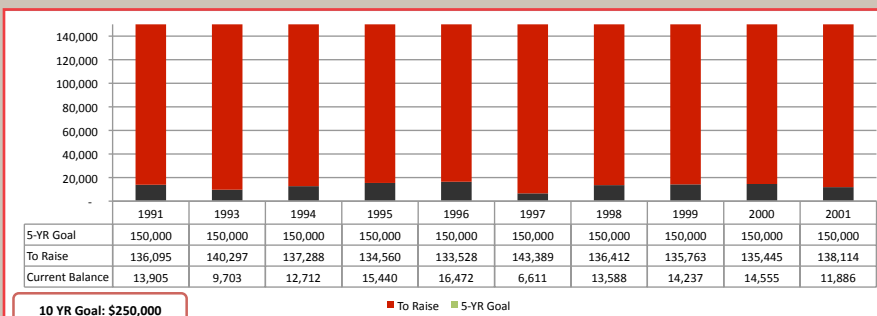
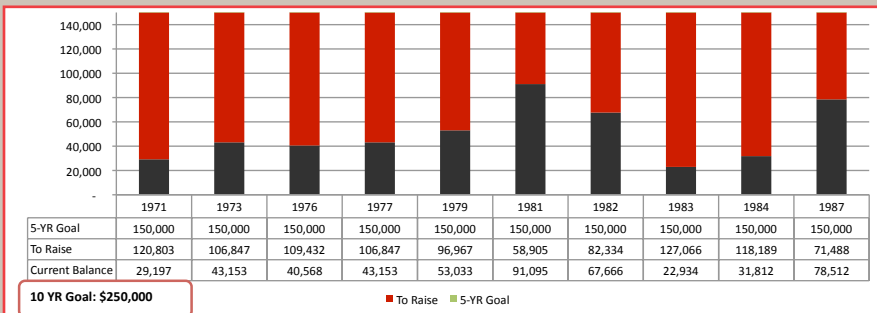
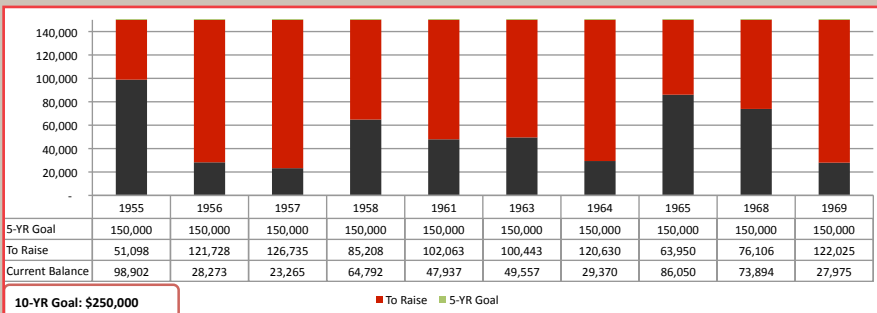
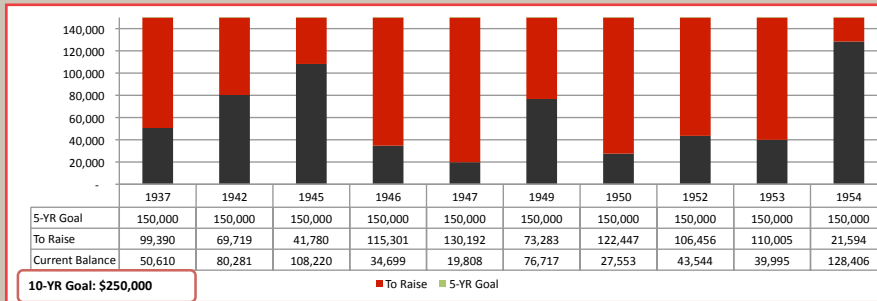
Students tell us all the time how helpful it is to have preceptors and mentors from the private practice community. Meanwhile, many of you have said that you'd like to volunteer your time with students. Let me put you in touch with this important program. Call me at (501) 526-4330 for more information.

Switching gears, I'd like to point out a couple of services that are now available to you through UAMS and the Alumni Association. You can read about DynaMed, a point-of-care clinical information source coordinated through the UAMS Library, on page 7 of this newsletter and online at www.uams.edu/com/alumni. We also have a new link on our Web site for you to find information about continuing medical education opportunities available through the College of Medicine Office of CME. These are some great resources!

Judith McClain

CLASS SCHOLARSHIP BALANCES

August 2009



CALLING All Classes! Your Support for Scholarships Will Make a Difference

Will your Class Scholarship Fund reach \$150,000 in five years? Or \$250,000 in ten years? The goals for our multiyear campaign to strengthen scholarship funds may be challenging, but the results will be transformative. Every class with a \$250,000 endowment could provide a College of Medicine student with a \$10,000 annual scholarship.

That is enough relative to the UAMS COM tuition to encourage the best Arkansas students to remain in Arkansas for medical school. Those who are educated and trained here are more likely to stay in Arkansas to practice. And reducing the debt burden of our students frees them to make decisions about career paths unencumbered by the weight of educational debt, hopefully making primary care and rural practice settings more feasible.

The charts on this page show the progress of each class toward the first \$150,000. (Many other classes have funds that are dedicated to projects other than scholarships. Please visit www.uams.edu/com/alumni for more information.)

It's easy to contribute to scholarship funds with online giving. Choose the link on the Alumni Web page, or visit www.uamshealth.com/giving.





The Saturday evening reception at the Arkansas Arts Center was a great new venue for alumni spanning six decades. At left, members of the Class of 1959 reminisced about medical school memories from 50 years ago. Pictured clockwise from left are: Jan and Dr. Carl Slaughter, of Morrilton; Dr. William R. Eddington and his wife, Charlotte, of Paragould; and Pat and Dr. Jim Kolb, of Russellville. Meanwhile, Katherine Newland Barton, M.D. '99, and her husband, Steve, (below) traveled from Rogers to celebrate Katherine's first Alumni reunion.



Doris and John R. Williams, M.D. '59, of Scranton, Ark., danced to jazz tunes played by the Bob Boyd Sounds band.



Mike Tedder, M.D. '74, of Jonesboro (standing), visits with George Ackerman, M.D. '54, and his wife, Peggy, of Little Rock.

More than 70 alumni toured the new UAMS hospital on Saturday, Aug. 29, learning about the 540,000-square-foot facility's outstanding clinical features and how architectural elements in the lobby (shown here) and other areas drew inspiration from Arkansas' natural beauty. Like the tour, overall attendance for Alumni Weekend was an all-time high, with almost 350 guests.



The Golden Graduates of 1959, along with alumni from '54 and '49, were guests of honor at the reunion. The top photo at right shows Porter Rodgers, M.D. '59, of Little Rock, getting a little help with his nametag from his wife, Carol. Fellow 1949 classmates and Wynne residents Vance Crain, M.D., and Kenneth Beaton, M.D., pored over memorabilia (middle photo). A trivia game (bottom) at the Golden Graduates reception recalled key events of 1959.

Two Outstanding Alumni, Faculty Icon Are Honored



*Pictured from left are: Distinguished Alumnus Award winner **David Brent Polk, M.D. '84**; Dean **Debra H. Fiser, M.D. '77**, Elizabeth Andreoli, widow of the late **Thomas E. Andreoli**, a former chair of Internal Medicine who was inducted into the College of Medicine Hall of Fame; and **B. Lawrence Riggs, M.D. '55**, who also was inducted into the Hall of Fame.*

A renowned pediatric gastroenterologist, a legend in osteoporosis research and a towering figure in American medicine were honored at the Alumni Weekend Awards Luncheon.

Distinguished Alumnus Award **David Brent Polk, M.D. '84**

Dr. Polk has served as chief of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at Vanderbilt University since 2001 and has held the Vanderbilt Dean's Chair since 2004. He served as interim chairman of the Department of Pediatrics in 2007-2008. In honor of his leadership and many contributions, last summer Vanderbilt renamed Dr. Polk's division in his honor. A highly regarded gastroenteric researcher, Dr. Polk currently chairs the American Gastroenterological Association Institute Council. He co-chairs the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America Research Initiatives Committee and is the incoming chair of the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases committee that selects career development awards and training grants.

COM Hall of Fame Inductee **B. Lawrence Riggs, M.D. '55**

For over four decades beginning in 1962, Dr. Riggs built the Mayo Clinic into a world-renowned center for bone and osteoporosis research and care. He is considered the preeminent world authority in the clinical investigation, epidemiology, pathogenesis and treatment of osteoporosis. Dr. Riggs and colleagues developed the first instruments used to measure bone density in osteoporosis and conducted the first clinical studies to evaluate the efficacy of most of the major osteoporosis treatments used today. In May, the National Osteoporosis Foundation presented Dr. Riggs with the Legends of Osteoporosis Award. He retired to Little Rock in 2006 but remains a professor emeritus at Mayo.

COM Hall of Fame Inductee **Thomas E. Andreoli, M.D.**

When Dr. Andreoli died this past April, as many as two-thirds of the audience of 400 at his memorial service at UAMS were former students and trainees of the former Nolan Chair of Internal Medicine. But his legacy is felt worldwide. Earlier in his career he established the Division of Nephrology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and led it to national prominence. He made landmark observations about the mechanics of water transport in the kidney. Dr. Andreoli served as president of the American Society of Nephrology and the International Society of Nephrology. He also lent his expertise to seminal publications, including "Andreoli and Carpenter's Cecil Essentials of Medicine."

Read more about these award winners on the Alumni Web page: www.uams.edu/com/alumni.

Retire? That's Not in Dr. Lowell Ozment's Vocabulary



Lowell Ozment, M.D. '49, received the Faculty Key at his UAMS graduation. Dr. Ozment (pictured with Medical Alumni Association Executive Director Judith McClain) celebrated the 60th anniversary of his graduation during Alumni Weekend in August.

Lowell Ozment, M.D. '49, was ready to call it quits soon after starting his freshman year at UAMS. The Illinois native had been out of college for a decade, and the transition was rough. "That first month was very difficult, especially Anatomy," Dr. Ozment recalled. "I was depressed and sure I couldn't make it."

Fortunately a classmate told Anatomy Professor Jeff Banks about the situation. "Dr. Banks called me in and said I should keep going," Dr. Ozment said. "He said, 'You've got what it takes to be a good doctor.'"

The now legendary professor was right. Dr. Ozment finished medical school with flying colors. And ever since 1951, he has cared for generations of families in Camden. Today, at the age of 95, he is the oldest practicing physician in Arkansas.

The Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School opened in Houston in August, named in honor of the late **Edward Roberson, M.D. '52**. Classmates may be interested to know that the math, science and fine arts academy's mascot is a Razorback. Dr. Roberson, who died in 2005, was a pillar of the Houston medical community and a founder of the Houston Northwest Medical Center, where the Heart Center was named in his honor in 2007.

Johnnie Honeycutt Jr., M.D. '94, a pediatric neurosurgeon in Fort Worth, Texas, was on a team of

"I simply love to practice medicine," said Dr. Ozment, who works four days a week and takes great pride in his diagnostic abilities. "I enjoy getting up every morning and facing new problems."

Dr. Ozment had always been interested in medicine, but after graduating from the University of Illinois he went on to various jobs instead. As World War II was drawing to an end, he was married and had two boys. He was drafted and about to be called to service when President Roosevelt issued an edict not to draft married men with children. That turn of events spurred his decision to go to medical school after all. "I am a great believer in fate," he said.

Dr. Ozment's oldest son, Steven, has taught history at Harvard for over 25 years. His other son, Kerry Ozment, M.D. '66, retired from bariatric surgery practice a few years ago. His daughter, Carolyn Womack, is a registered nurse at UAMS. About 23 years ago, he married his current wife, Katherine, a retired banker.

Dr. Ozment helped start Camden's first coronary intensive care unit. He also started a program for patients with recurrent heart failure and brought in new diagnostic tests. His contributions and devotion to medicine have garnered him community honors and the 2006 Asklepion Award from the Arkansas Medical Society.

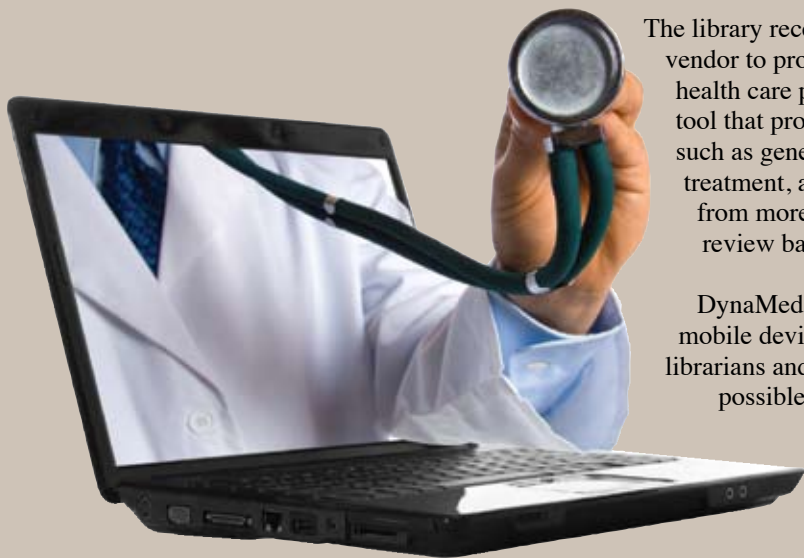
Dr. Ozment has no plans to retire, but he hopes that longevity in practice isn't his greatest achievement. "I don't want to be remembered just as an elderly doctor," he said. "I want to be remembered for kindness and for taking the time to sit down with my patients and listen to them, and most of all, for giving the very best possible care."



physicians featured on NBC Dateline in April for the innovative treatment they provided for a 12-year-old boy battling a rare brain disorder. Dystonia was causing the boy's brain to send incorrect signals to the muscles in his foot, causing debilitating spasms and contractions. Dr. Honeycutt and colleagues at Cook Children's Medical Center successfully used deep brain stimulation to alleviate the condition. The story can be read and viewed online. Visit the "Dateline" link at msnbc.com, and enter Dr. Honeycutt's name in the search field.

Clinical Reference Tool, Other Resources Available to Alumni

College of Medicine alumni and other health professionals in Arkansas can now have online access to the latest information on more than 3,000 clinical topics – everything from hypertension to H1N1 – thanks to the UAMS Library and the Area Health Education Centers (AHECs).



The library recently negotiated a licensing agreement with the DynaMed vendor to provide point-of-care access to any licensed or certified health care professional in the state. DynaMed is a clinical reference tool that provides clinical topic summaries organized into categories such as general information, causes and risk factors, diagnosis, treatment, and many others. Information is updated daily, drawing from more than 500 medical journals and systematic evidence review bases.

DynaMed is available online or downloadable to a PDA or other mobile device. UAMS Library staff are working with the AHEC librarians and local hospitals and clinics to arrange IP access whenever possible. Health professionals also can obtain an access password and assistance from the AHEC librarian serving their county. For more information about DynaMed and many other online resources, visit www.uams.edu/com/alumni and click on the DynaMed/Online Library Resources link.

Class Notes is Now Online!

We've started an online version of Class Notes with even more news about your classmates. Check it out by clicking on the Class Notes link on our Web page: www.uams.edu/com/alumni. The page features short news items, links to articles in other publications that have featured our alumni, and much more. There's even a "Mailbag" link where you can post your news in your own words.

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Update your information/mailbag: <http://uams.edu/com/alumni/mailbag.asp>.

Class Rosters are available online: www.uams.edu/com/alumni.

AMDPA Gift Honors Raymond Miller



The late Raymond P. Miller, M.D. '63

A final \$50,000 payment in August from the Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association (AMDPA) has fulfilled the organization's generous pledge toward the **Raymond P. Miller Scholarship Endowment**. The endowment honors the late, much-loved physician, civic leader and 1963 alumnus and was created to benefit underrepresented minority medical students.

AMDPA's pledge was in response to a \$100,000 challenge grant from **Tom Bruce, M.D. '55**. The Arkansas Minority Health Commission also accepted the challenge last year, joining with other contributors. We'd like to thank AMDPA President **Billy Thomas, M.D. '80**, for coordinating the organization's gift.

About \$280,000 in pledges and cash contributions has been raised for the endowment, which will fund an annual scholarship. Among the latest contributions is a memoriam from the College of Medicine Dean's Office in honor of **M. Delmar Edwards, M.D. '57**, who died September 11. One of UAMS' earliest African-American graduates, Dr. Edwards went on to a long and distinguished career as a surgeon, medical educator and civic leader in Georgia.

In Memoriam

1930s

Ernest E. "Cotton" Holt, M.D. '39, of Fort Worth, Texas, died May 29, 2009.

1940s

P.R. Anderson, M.D. '40, of Arkadelphia, died August 26, 2009.

Peter Owen Thomas, M.D. '42, of Little Rock, died March 20, 2009.

Bruce B. Barnhill, M.D. '44, of Tallahassee, Fla., died July 11, 2009.

James Shuffield, M.D. '48, of Beaumont, Texas, died June 29, 2009.

1950s

Henry H. Good, M.D. '52, of Little Rock, died June 19, 2009.

Wayne Plummer Jones, M.D. '53, of Berryville, died January 7, 2009.

Berry L. Moore Jr., M.D. '54, of El Dorado, died August 7, 2009.

M. Delmar Edwards, M.D. '57, of Columbus Ga., died September 11, 2009.

1960s

Dwayne D. Jones, M.D. '62, of Fayetteville, died April 15, 2009.

James F. Thomas, M.D. '68, of Benton, Tenn., died March 17, 2009.

Walter Duke Harris, M.D. '68, of Fayetteville, died April 11, 2009.

Richard H. Ahrens Jr., M.D. '69, of Yellville, died July 28, 2009.

1970s

William H. Flanagan, M.D. '70, of Memphis, Tenn., died August 27, 2009.

Mark Your Calendar:

ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

Hot Springs – Spring 2010

Mountain Home/Harrison – Spring 2010

(Watch for more info!)

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Dean's Society Luncheon – October 16

Founders Society Dinner – February 20, 2010

Alumni Advisory Board – February 20, 2010

Pack Your Bags!

We're cruising into 2010 with three exciting voyages planned for you and your classmates. Whether Scandinavia or the Mediterranean is more to your liking, exotic ports of call are waiting for you to explore.

Scandinavian & Russian Splendors

June 15-30, 2010

(Sweden, Estonia, Russia, Denmark and more)

Alaska

August 25 – September 1, 2010

(Hubbard Glacier, Ketchikan, Skagway, Juneau, Sitka)

Jewels of the Mediterranean & Greek Isles

October 23-November 3, 2010

(Turkey, Greece, Corsica, Italy)

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