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Thank You!

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Sincerely,

The MUtation Staff

Sakshi Mathur, James Hart, Hirsch Srivastava, Dharmik Patel and Samantha Hartnett



Letter From the Dean

Class of 2017,

Congratulations to each of you for completing a momentous step in your medical career. With 98 percent of the class receiving a residency program match, it is clear that the knowledge and skills you possess are in high demand. It also speaks to the excellent medical education you received. I'm immensely proud of you and the faculty for this achievement. You now face the challenge of residencies, fellowships and the continuous education required by our industry.

As you proceed on your professional journey, I encourage you to remember your formative years at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

Remember the dedicated teachers who guided you through patient-based learning, lectures and clinical rotations. Their timeless lessons will help you overcome many obstacles.

Remember the fellow students who shared your curiosity, excitement and anxiety. They, along with your teachers, will remain some of your most cherished friends.

And remember your first patients. By learning to care for them, you gained the ability and the confidence to care for others. The well-being of patients will always be your greatest reward.

Medicine has never had so much to offer patients, and the best is yet to come. The opportunity to help and to heal is unsurpassed in human history. As doctors of medicine, it is your privilege and responsibility to embrace this opportunity and lead others in health care to do the same. I know you will leave lasting legacies of compassionate care across Missouri, the country and the world.

On behalf of the faculty and your fellow alumni, I offer you the never-ending support of the MU School of Medicine. We wish you the very best both personally and professionally.



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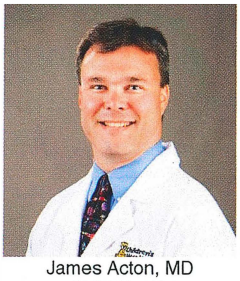
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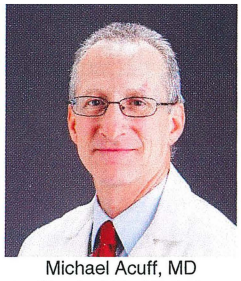
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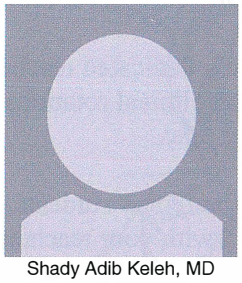
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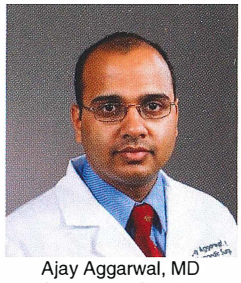
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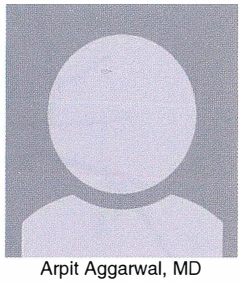
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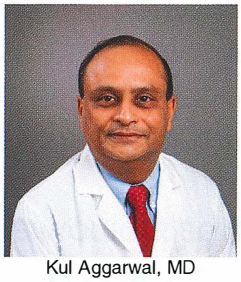
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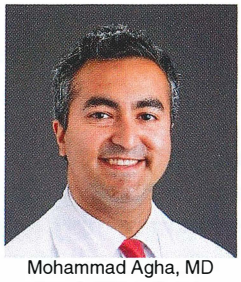
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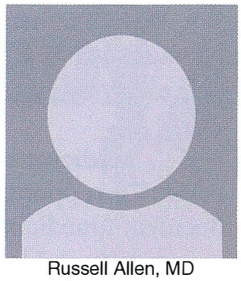
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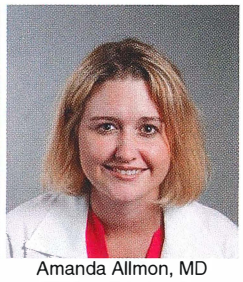
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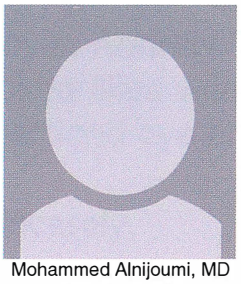
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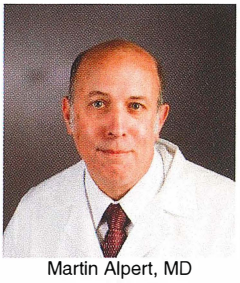
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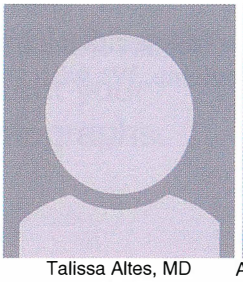
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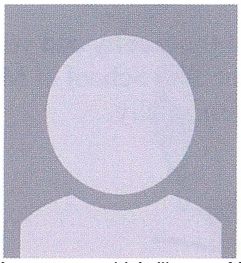
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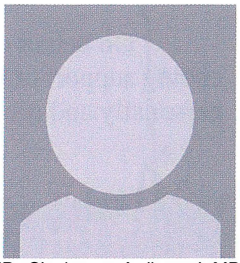
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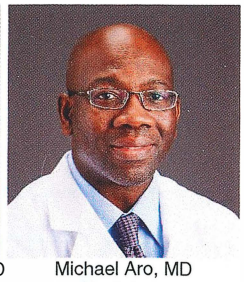
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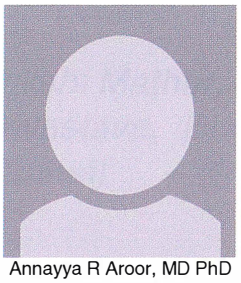
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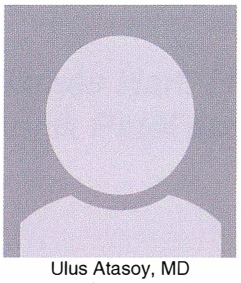
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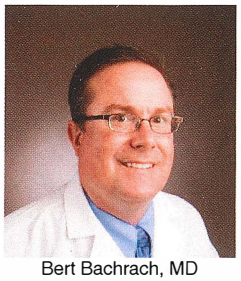
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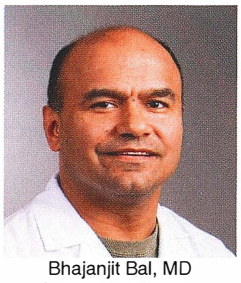
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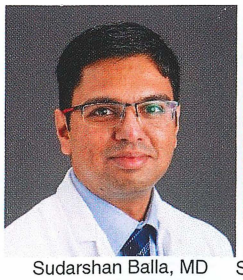
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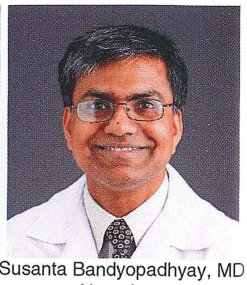
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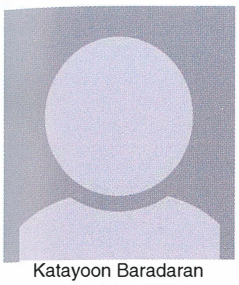

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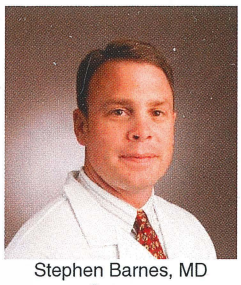

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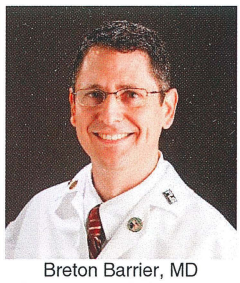

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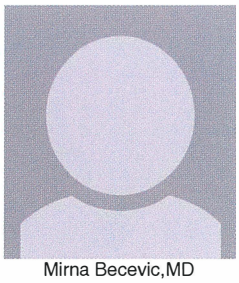

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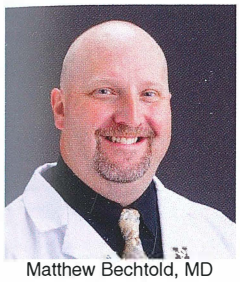

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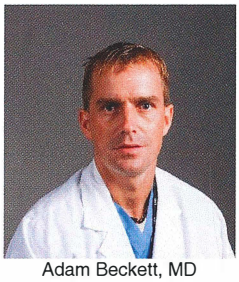

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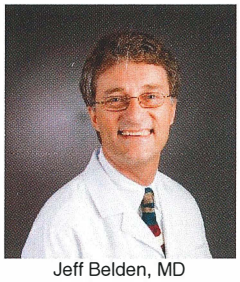

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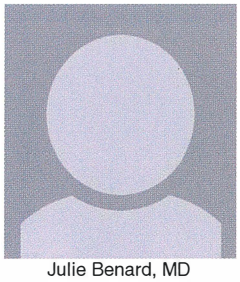

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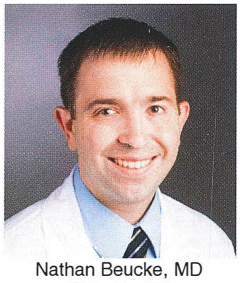

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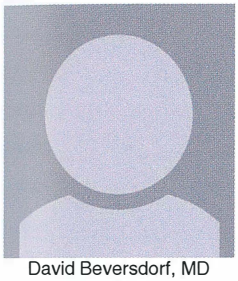

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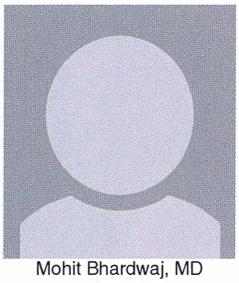

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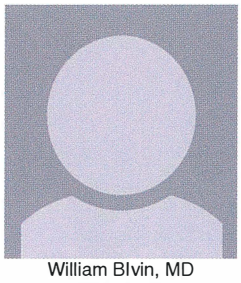

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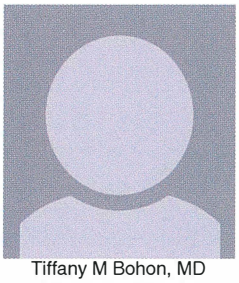

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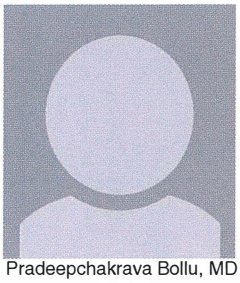

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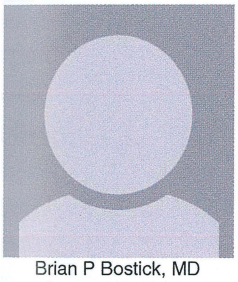

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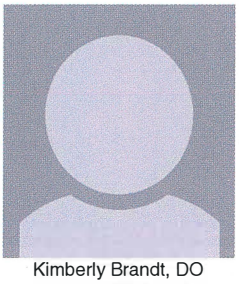

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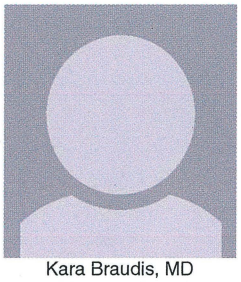

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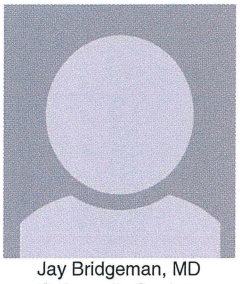

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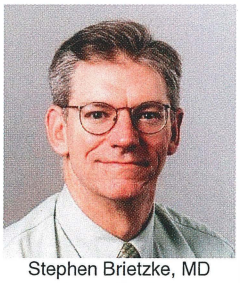

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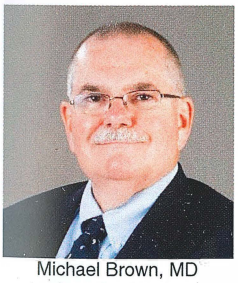

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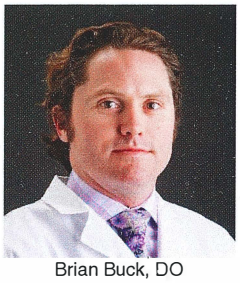

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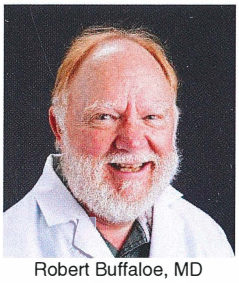

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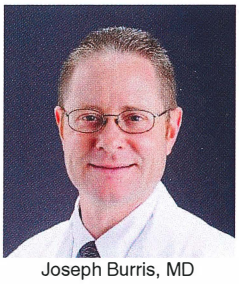

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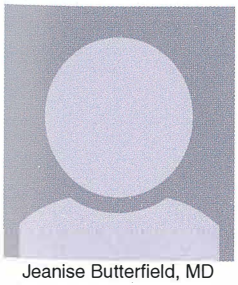

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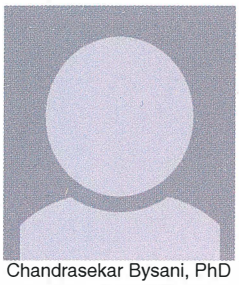

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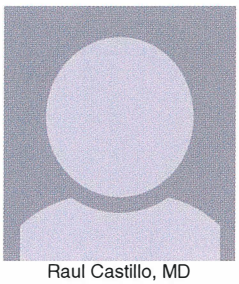

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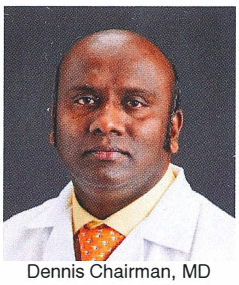

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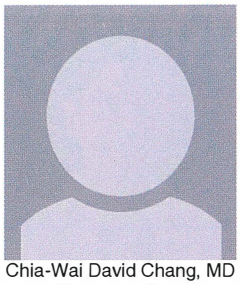

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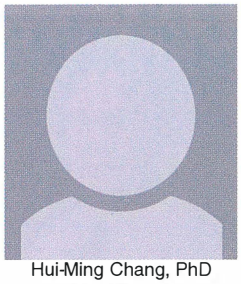

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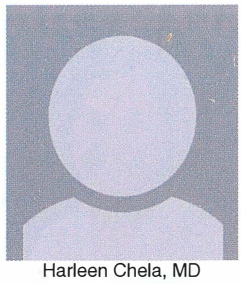

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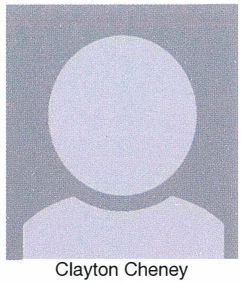

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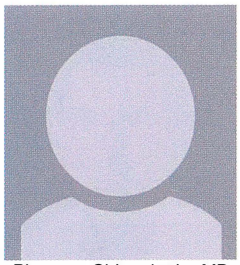

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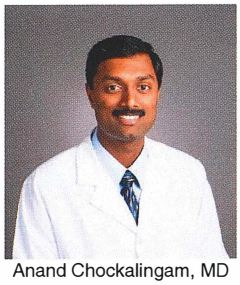

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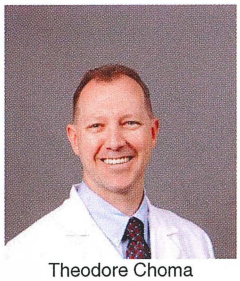

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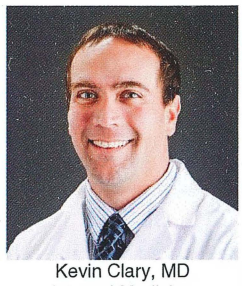

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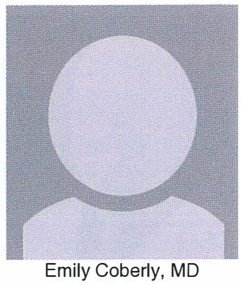

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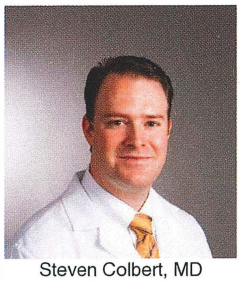

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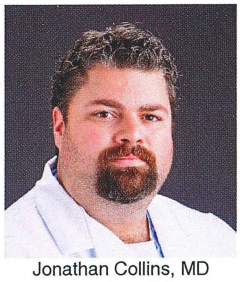

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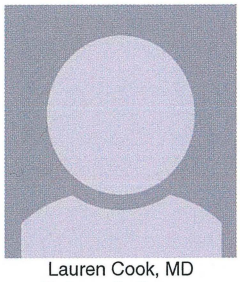

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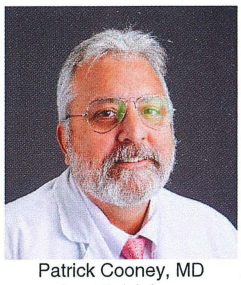

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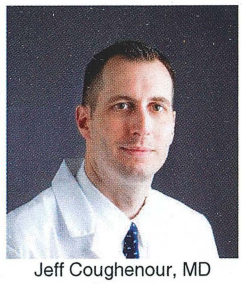

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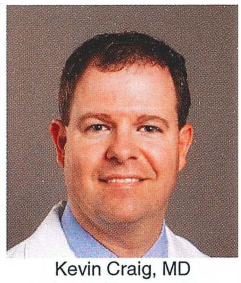

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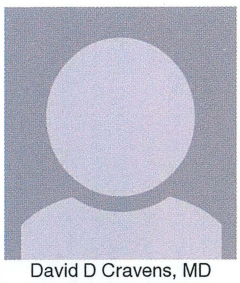

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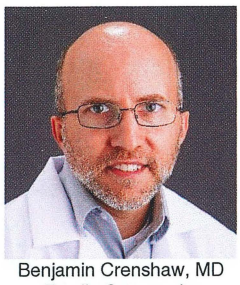

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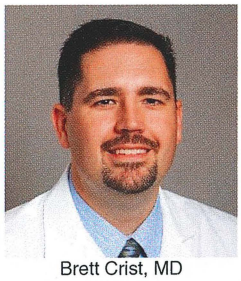

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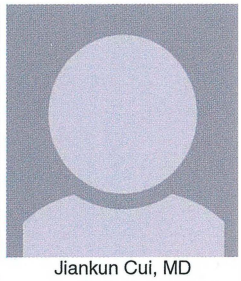

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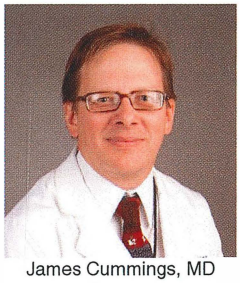

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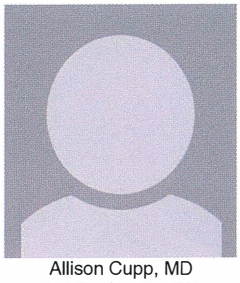

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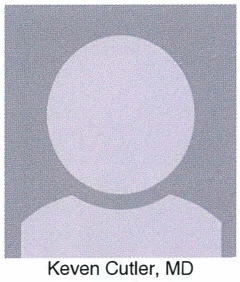

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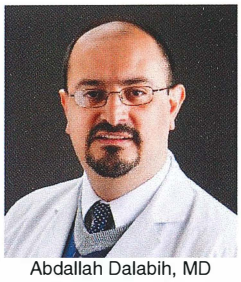

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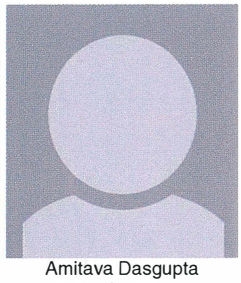

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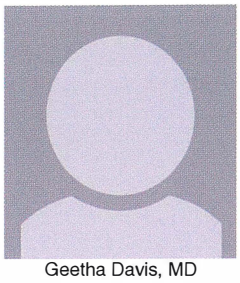

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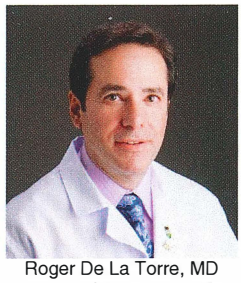

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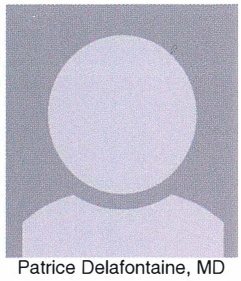

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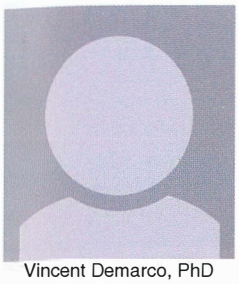

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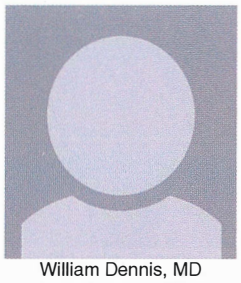

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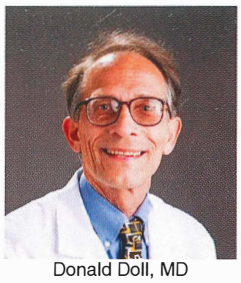

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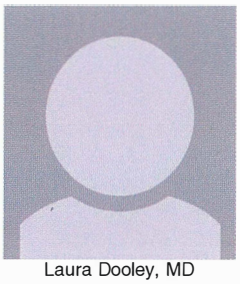

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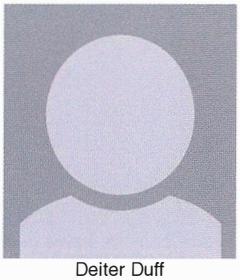

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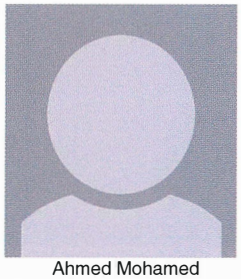

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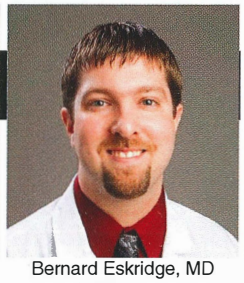

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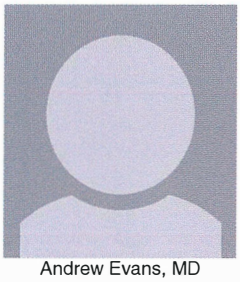

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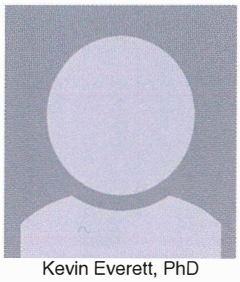

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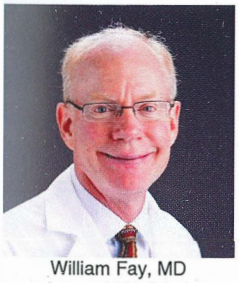

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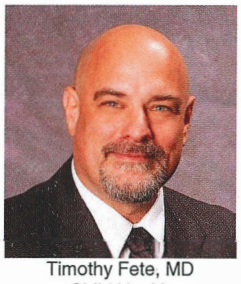

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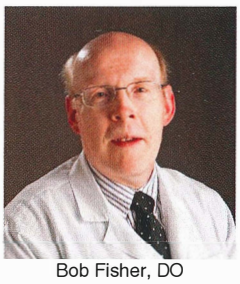

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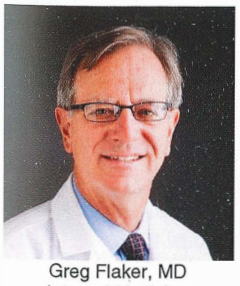

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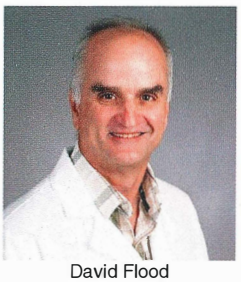

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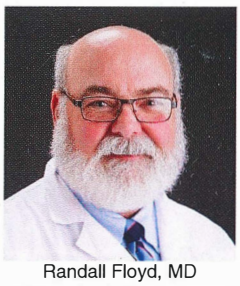

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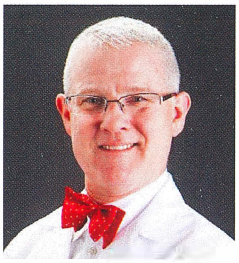

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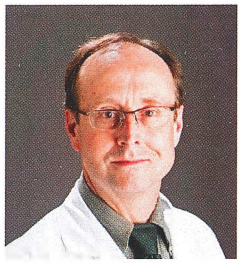

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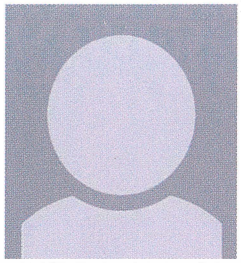

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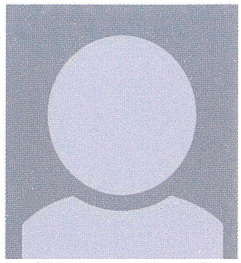

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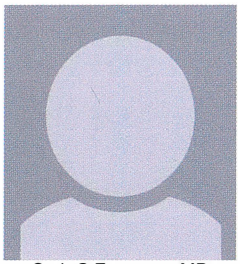

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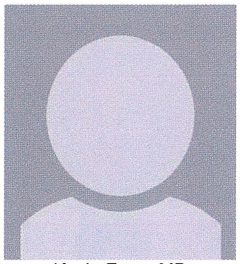

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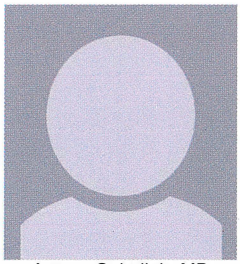

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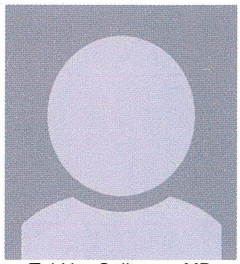

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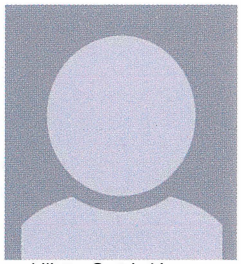

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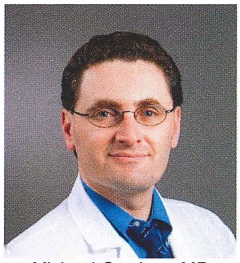

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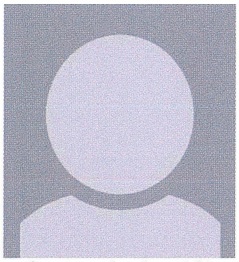

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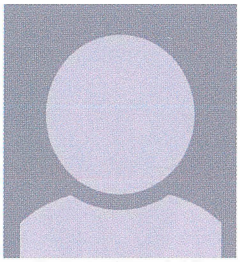

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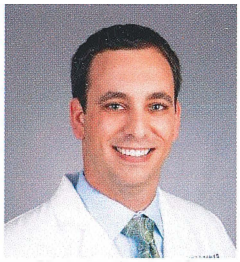

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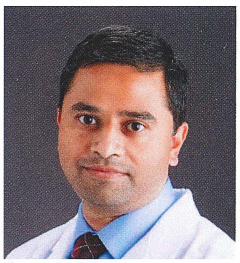

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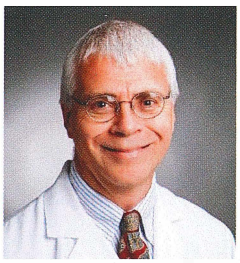

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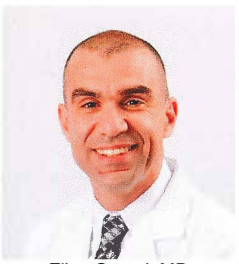

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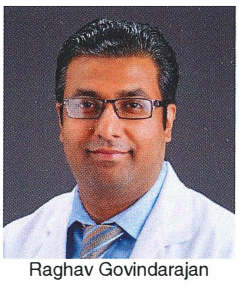

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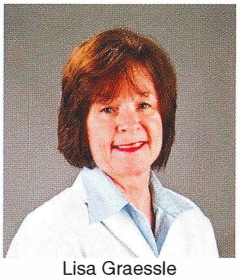

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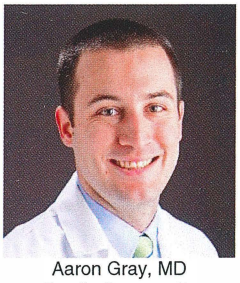

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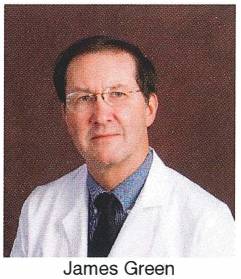

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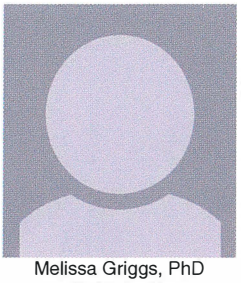

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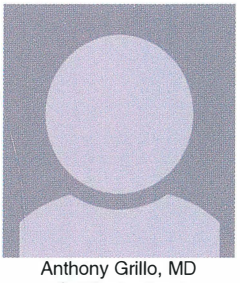

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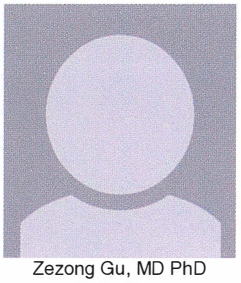

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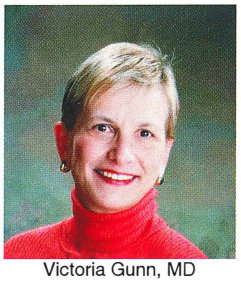

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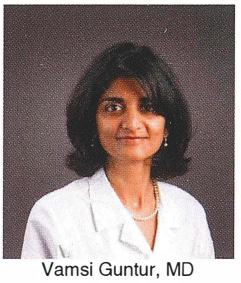

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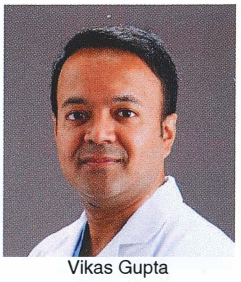

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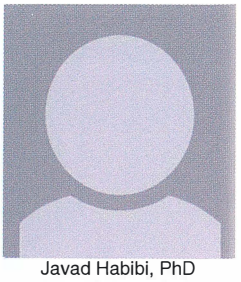

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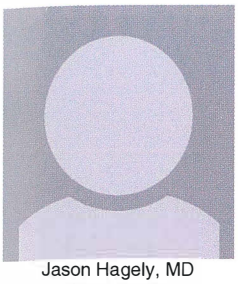

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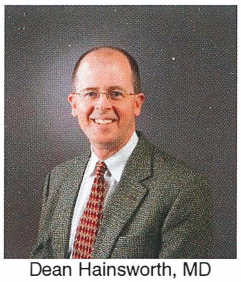

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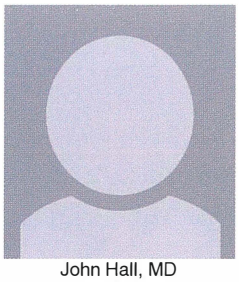

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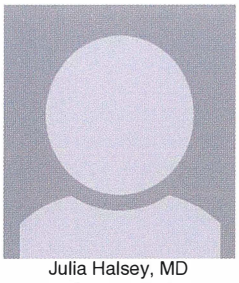

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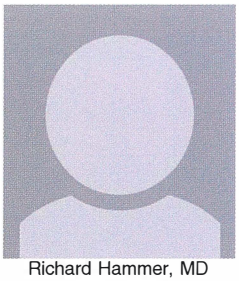

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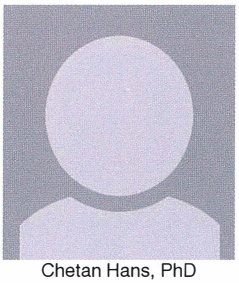

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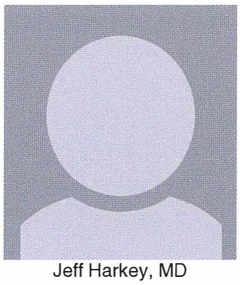

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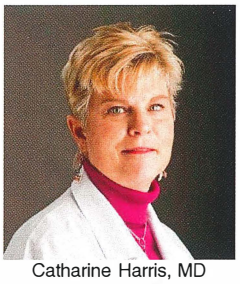

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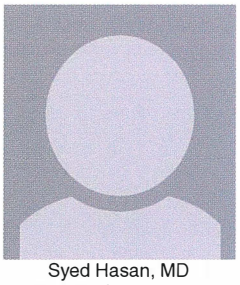

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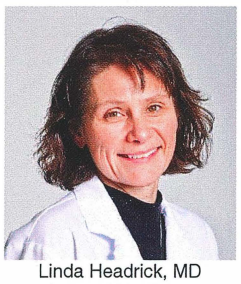

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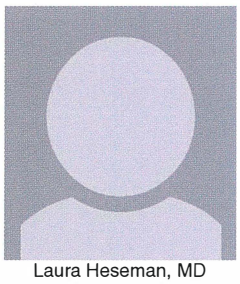

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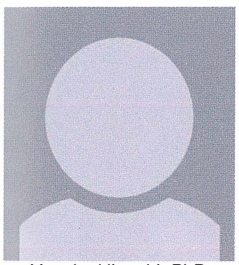

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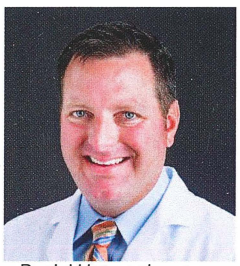

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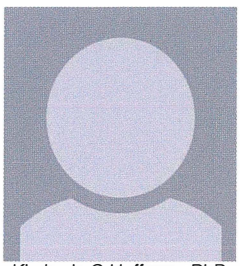

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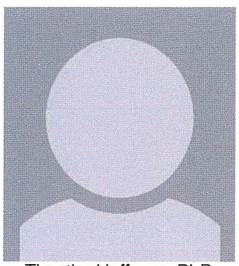

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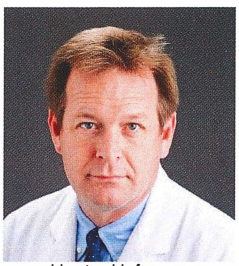

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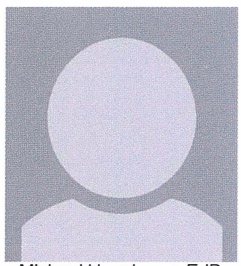

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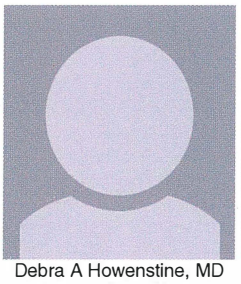

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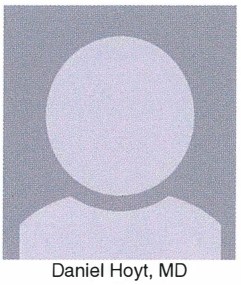

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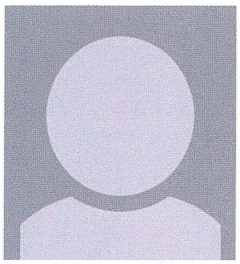

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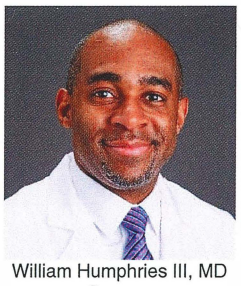

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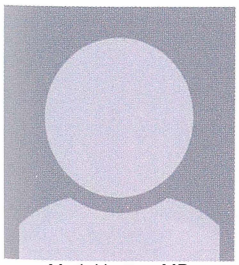

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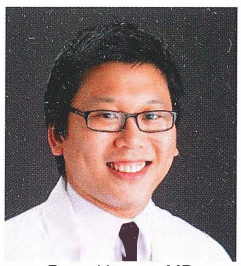

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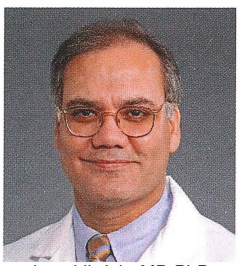

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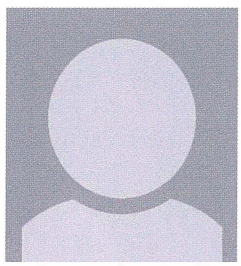

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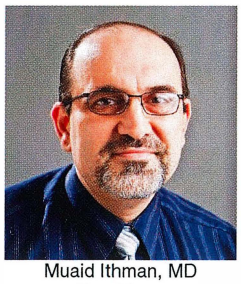

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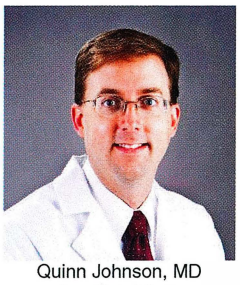

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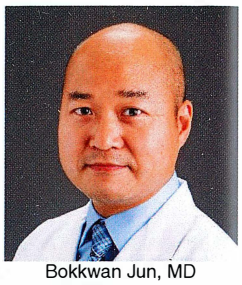

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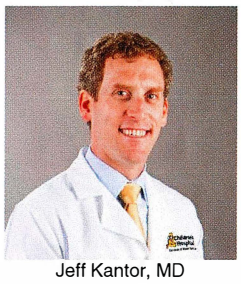

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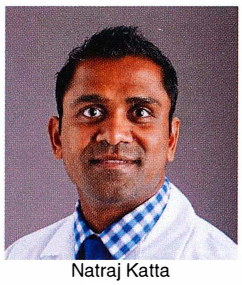

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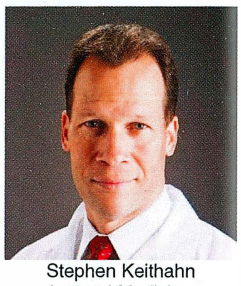

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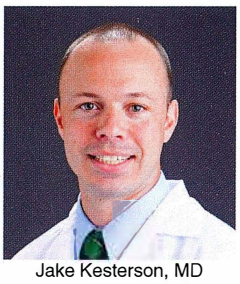

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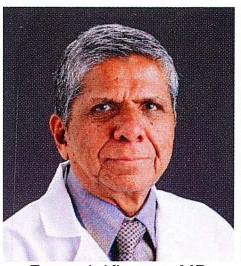

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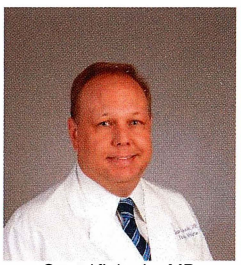

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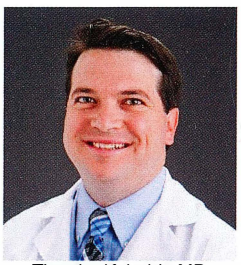

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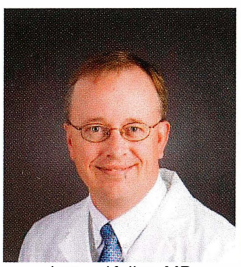

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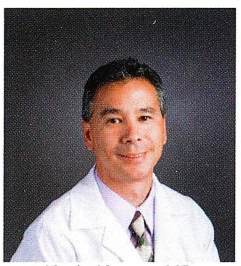

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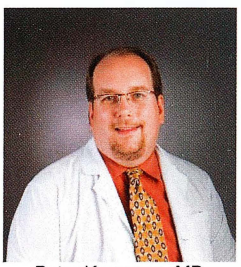

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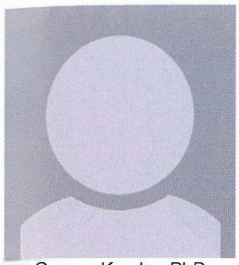

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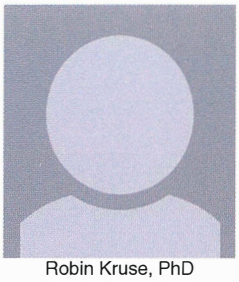

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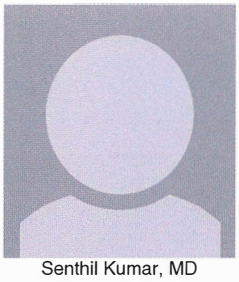

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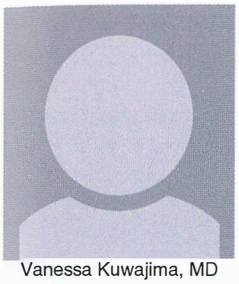

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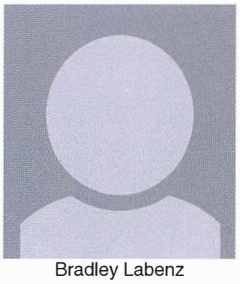

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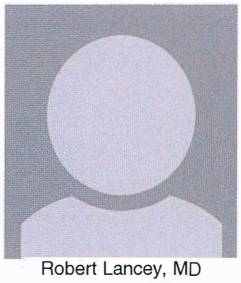

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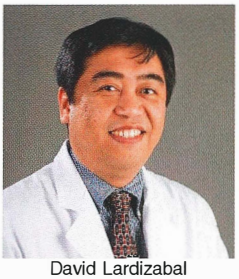

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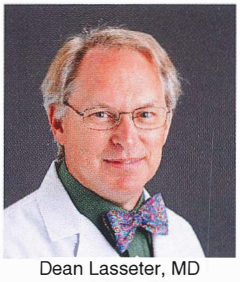

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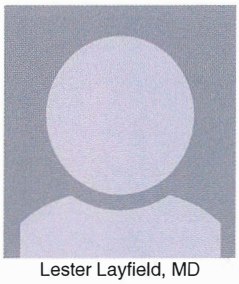

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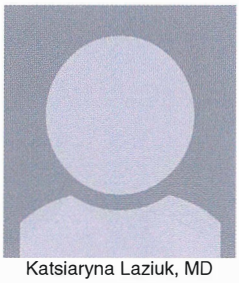

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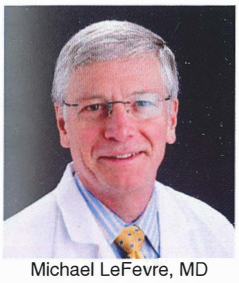

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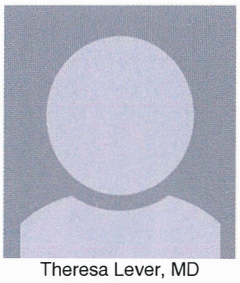

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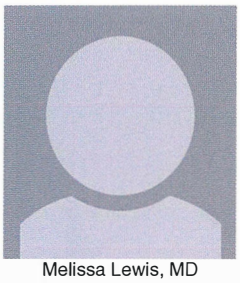

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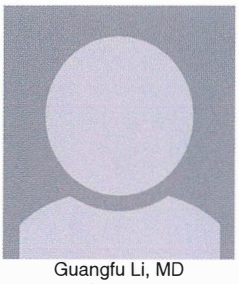

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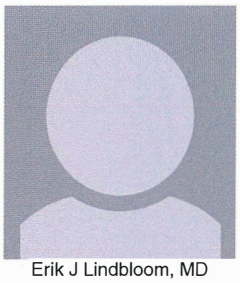

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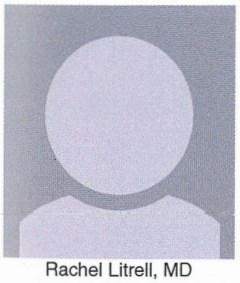

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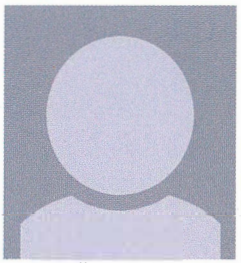

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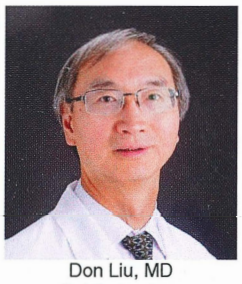

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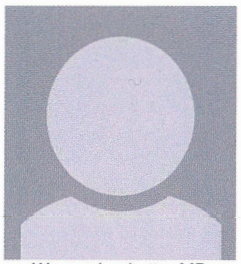

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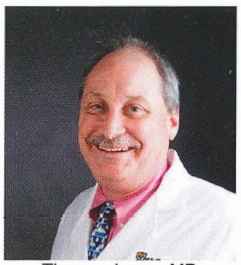

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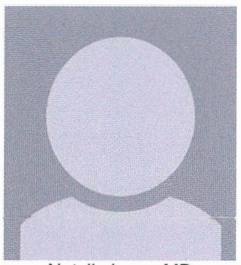

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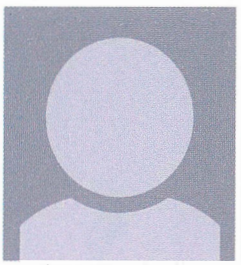

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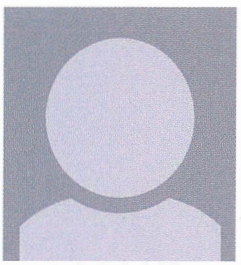

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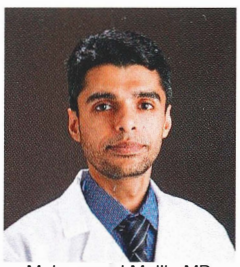

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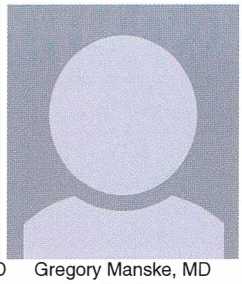

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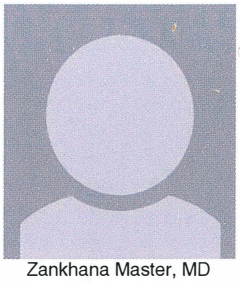

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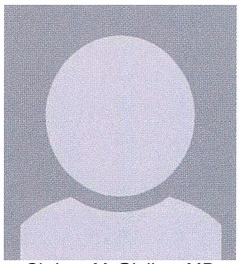

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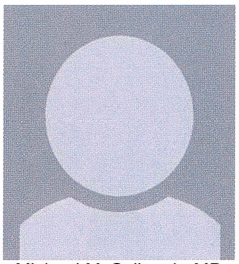

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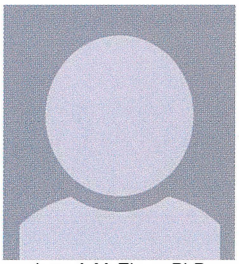

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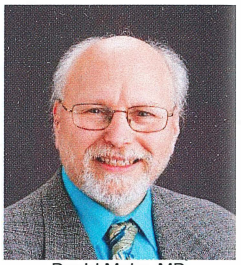

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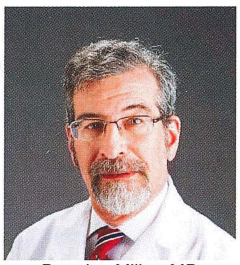

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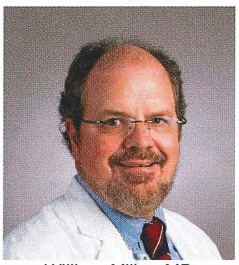

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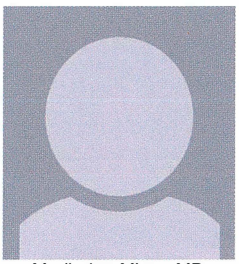

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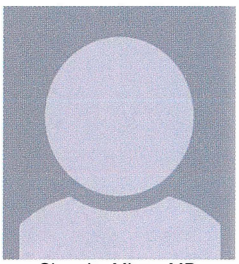

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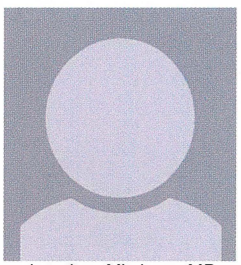

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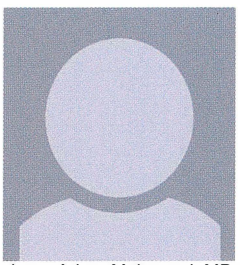

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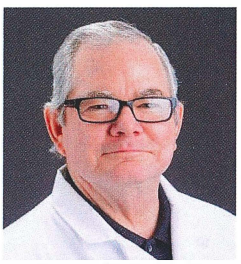

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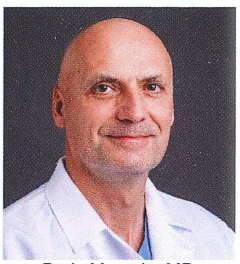

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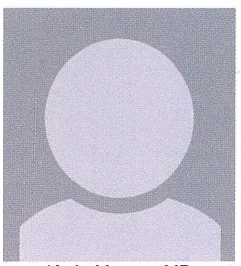

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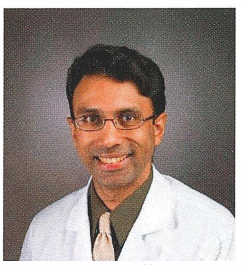

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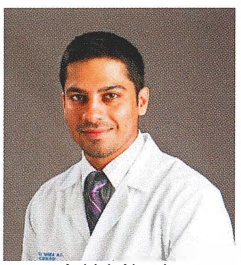

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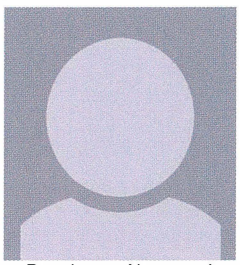

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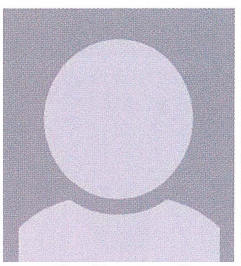

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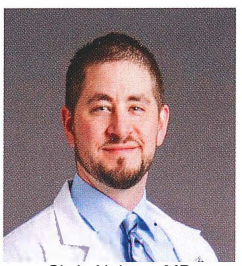

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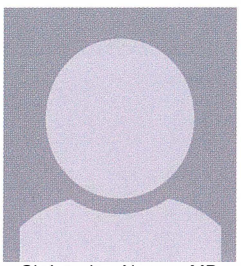

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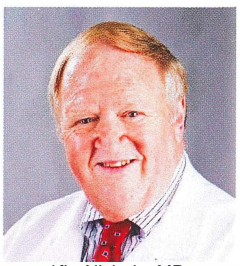

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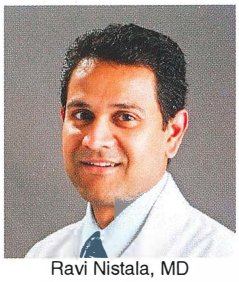

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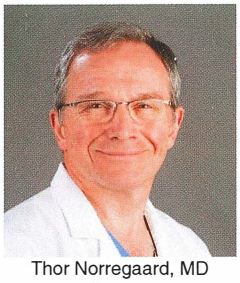

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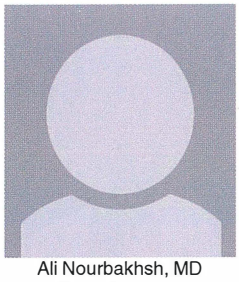

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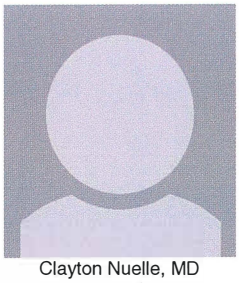

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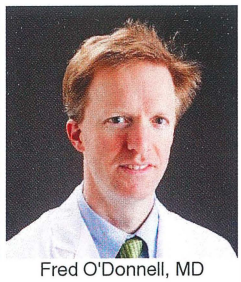

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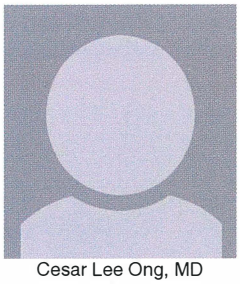

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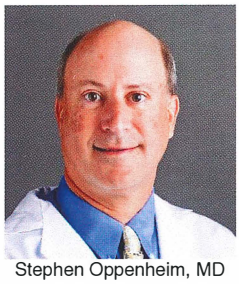

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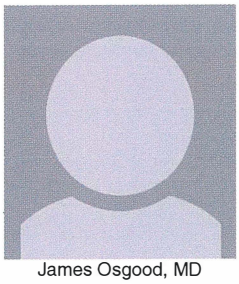

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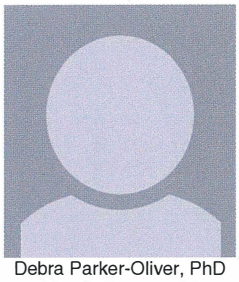

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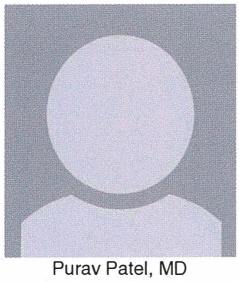

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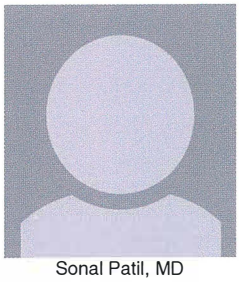

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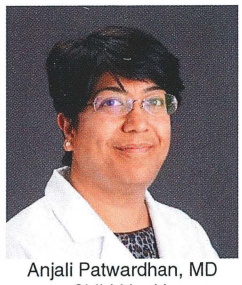

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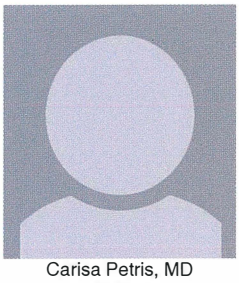

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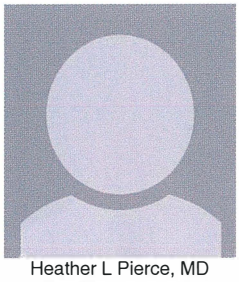

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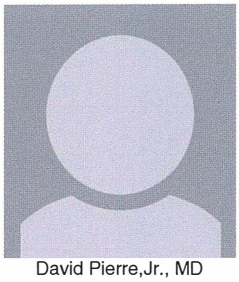

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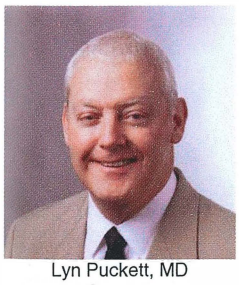

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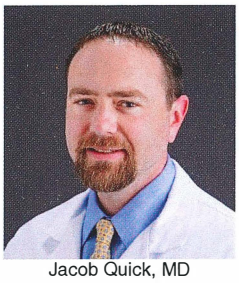

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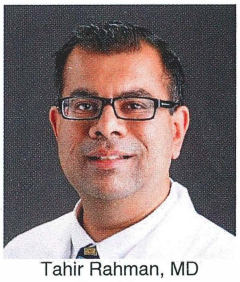

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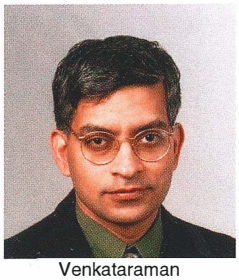

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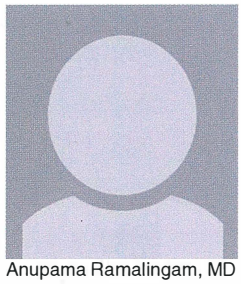

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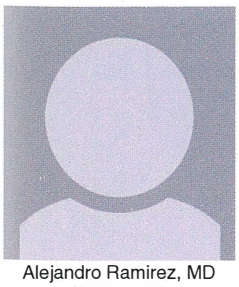

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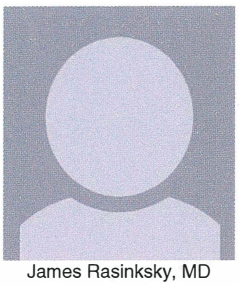

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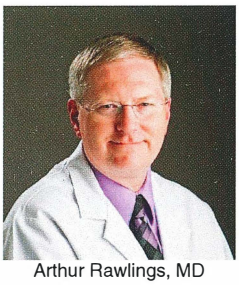

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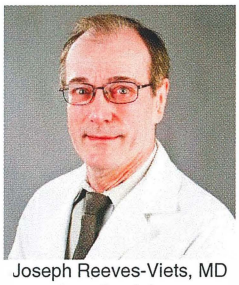

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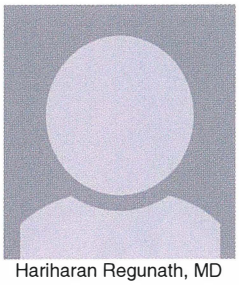

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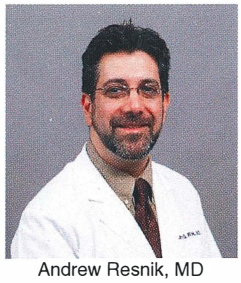

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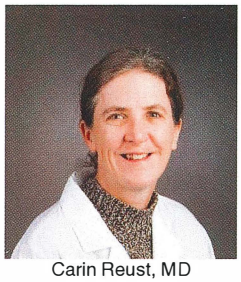

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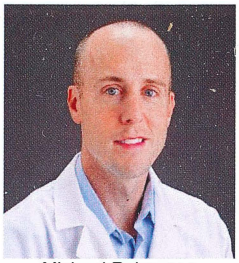

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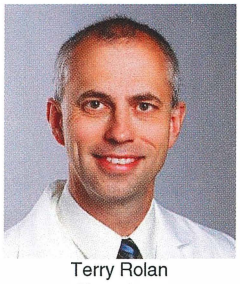

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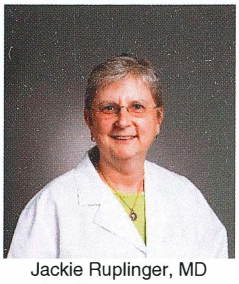

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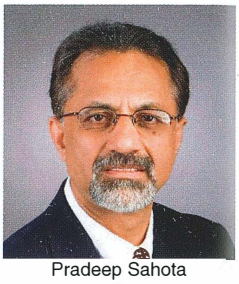

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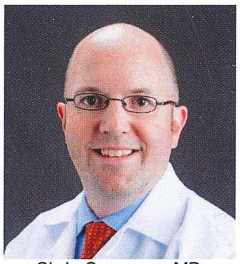

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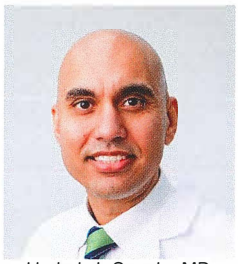

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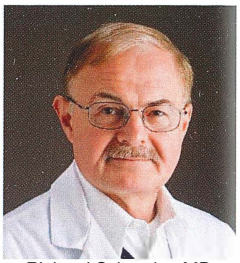

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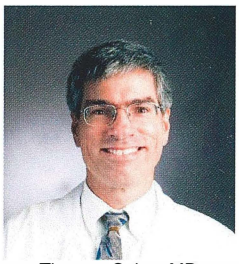

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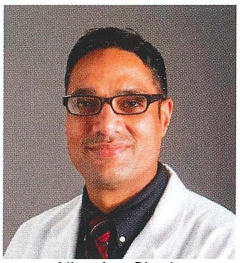

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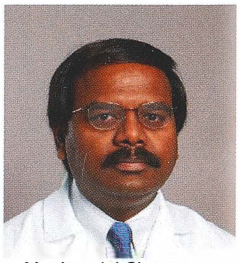

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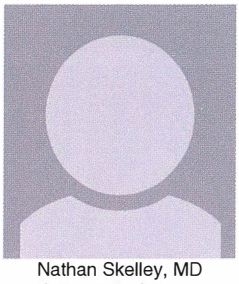

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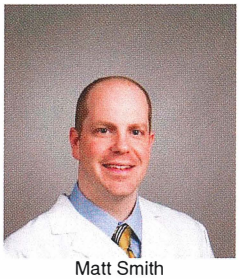

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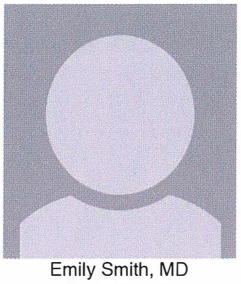

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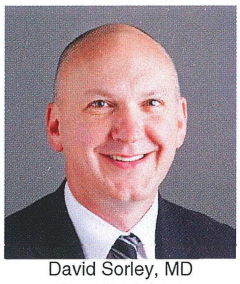

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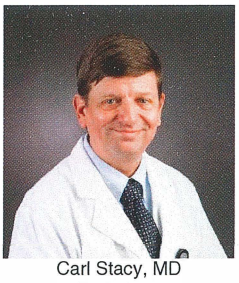

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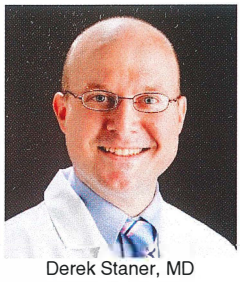

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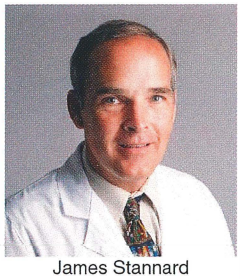

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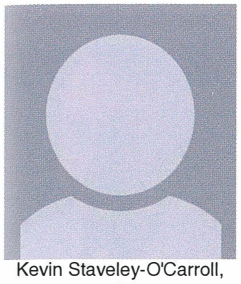

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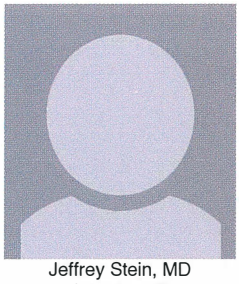

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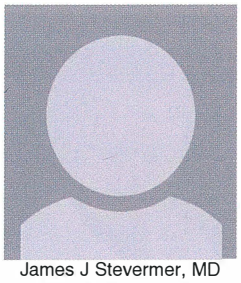

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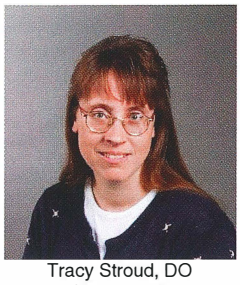

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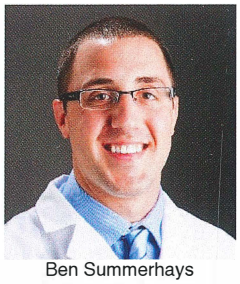

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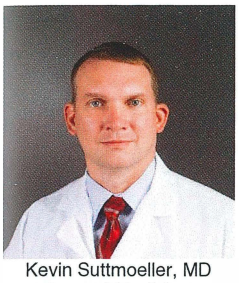

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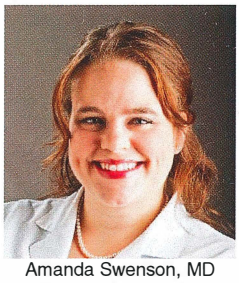

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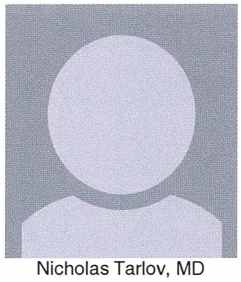

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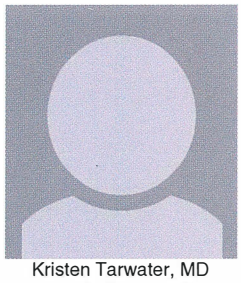

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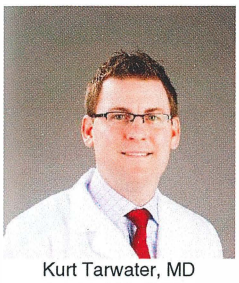

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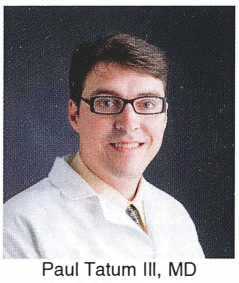

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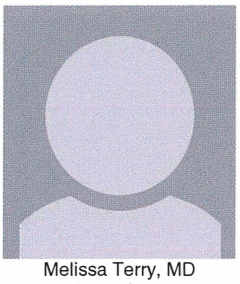

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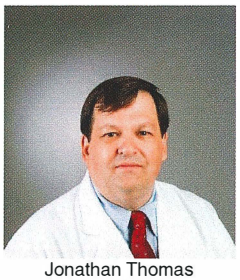

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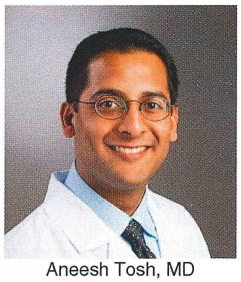

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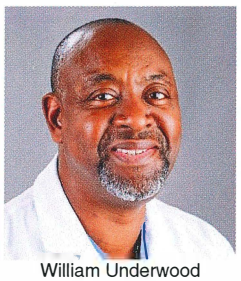

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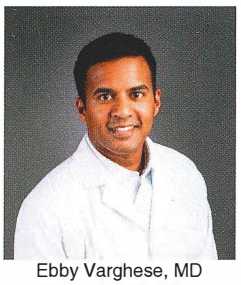

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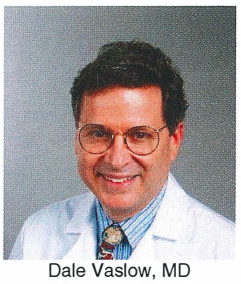

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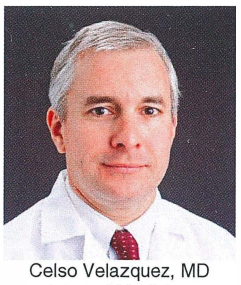

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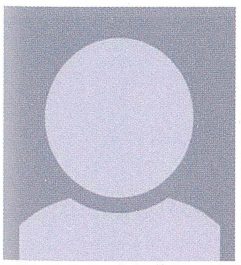

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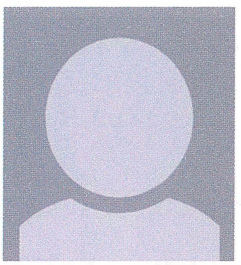

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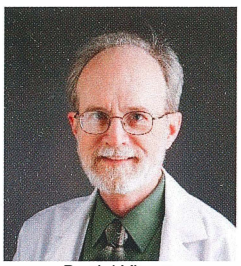

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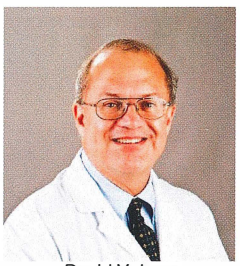

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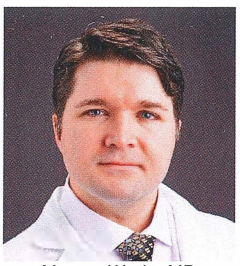

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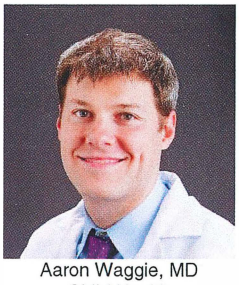

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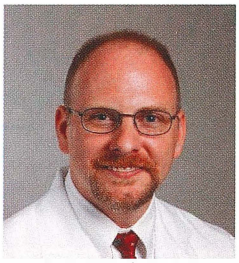

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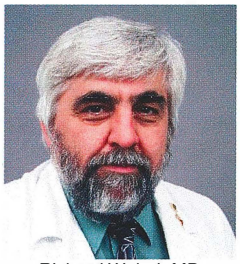

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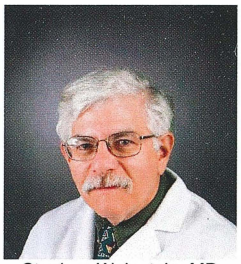

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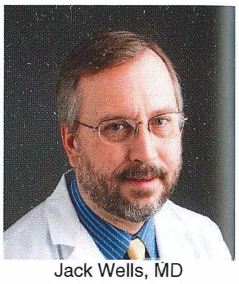

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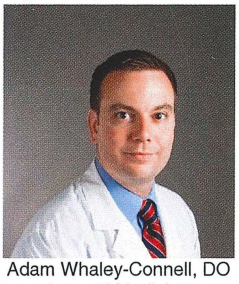

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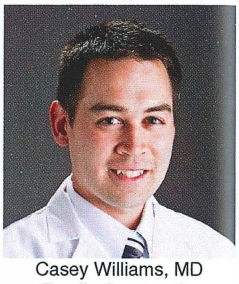

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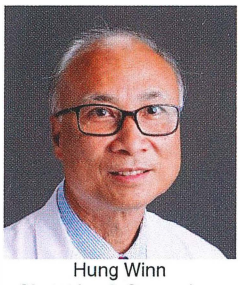

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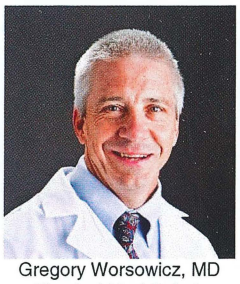

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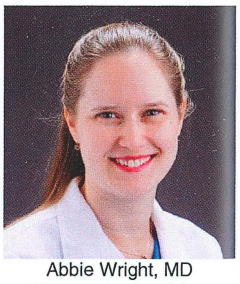

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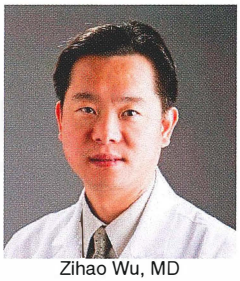

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Sherry Yang
Internal Medicine

Edward T.H. Yeh, MD
Internal Medicine



Prethi Yerram, MD
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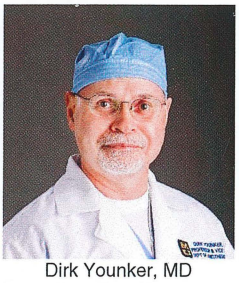

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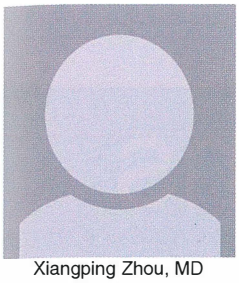

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Robert Zitsch, MD
Otolaryngology



Susan Zurowski, MD
Dermatology



Steven Zweig, MD
Family Community

We are so incredibly grateful for the countless hours our mentors have spent teaching us how to perform physical exams, interpret lab findings and remain passionate about patient care. Your guidance has laid a strong foundation for us, as we begin our journey in medicine.

Student Organizations

Alpha Omega Alpha

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society is a professional honors medical organization founded in 1902 that recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the profession of medicine. Students are elected into AOA based on academic excellence, leadership, character, community service, and professionalism. Please join us in congratulating the graduating members of the Gamma chapter of AOA at Mizzou!



American Medical Association

Mizzou Medical society is the Tiger's chapter of the American Medical Association. Over 3/4 of the school are members of the AMA and MSMA. This year was the last Terrortoma with DJ Dr. Beard. Additionally, AMA leaders Dr. Barbe came and spoke to our members, they supported tort reform at the Missouri capitol, and Mizzou Med was well represented at the annual State convention.

Club Officers

President: Nick Arnold
VP: Matthew Faubon
Treasurer: Angela Hulsey
Community Service Chair: Sonia Boodram; Meghna Srinath; Collyn Schafer
MSAC Rep: Collyn Schafer

American Medical Woman's Association

Club Officers

President: Stephanie Tosh & Kayla Matzek
VP: Mollie Wasserman and Angela Hulsey
Treasurer: Audra Stallard
Secretary: Emma Frank

The American Women's Association is an organization dedicated to advancing women in medicine and improving women's health. Founded in 1915, AMWA continues to be the vision and voice for women physicians and functions at a local, national, and international level.



Association of Student Internists

The Association of Student Internists (A.S.I.) is the University of Missouri School of Medicine's Internal Medicine Interest Group (I.M.I.G.). A.S.I. is a student group that meets regularly to learn about the specialty of internal medicine. A.S.I. holds an event each block of the academic year and includes meetings such as an introductory "What is internal medicine?" meeting at Shakespeare's Pizza, a private practice panel discussion and social event featuring non-UMHC physicians from Columbia and surrounding communities, an internal medicine sub-specialty dinner and panel at Shakepeare's Pizza and an internal medicine match panel featuring M4s. A.S.I. also sponsors Simulation Center events twice a year which includes intubation, central line placement and chest tube placement.

Club Officers

President: Jeff Swarz
VP: Caleb Smith
Treasurer: Ben Schmidt
Secretary: Angie Richmond
MSAC rep: Nick Epstein

Association of Women Surgeons

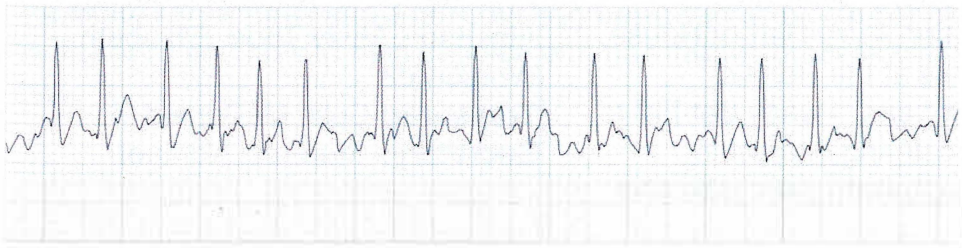
The Association of Women Surgeons' mission is to inspire, encourage, and enable women surgeons to realize their professional and personal goals.This group was created by its club officers to provide a support system for women and men interested in pursuing a career in surgery.

Club Officers

President: Claire Spradling
VP: Megan Prunty
Treasurer: Marwa Taranissi
Secretary: Katherine Caldwell
MSAC rep: Tina Chen

Cardiovascular Medicine Interest Group

The Cardiovascular Medicine Interest Group explores matters of the heart together.



Club Officers

President: James Clevenger
Vice President: Mitch Padkins
Treasurer: Morgan Carlile
Secretary: Drew Braet
MSAC rep: Dennis Fong

Christian Medical and Dental Association

Christian Medical Dental Association (CMDA) is an organization that works to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and build His kingdom through lives transformed within and through medicine. We unite students and physicians alike in worship, prayer, fellowship and community service. We promote the development and maturation of Christian physicians through Bible studies, volunteer opportunities, lectures, and discussions.

Club Officers

President: Simon Martin, Ashley Sweeney
VP: Brett Neil
Treasurer: Whitney Ficker
Secretary: Rachel Plate

Dermatology Student Interest Group

The Dermatology Interest Group (DIG) is an organization for those interested in dermatology as a specialty and those interested in exploring aspects of dermatology across multiple specialties. One of the main goals of DIG is to educate others about sun protection and skin cancer prevention through our community outreach programs.

Club Officers

President: Alison Huber and Amy Johnson
Treasurer: Catherine Bridges
Secretary: Jack Duong
MSAC rep; Rebecca Talley

Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group

The purpose of EMIG is to promote interest in Emergency Medicine as a career, provide an avenue of educational outreach and experience in Emergency Medicine and Healthcare in general, foster professional growth among members and assist students interested in Emergency Medicine in their pursuit of a residency position.

Club Officers

President: John Schneider
VP: Colin Schuster
Treasurer: Lauren Tucker
Secretary: Megan Prunty
MSAC rep: Jiang Li

Family Medicine Student Interest Group

FMIG is an active student run organization that strives to get students involved in various service projects that benefit our community. Some of our activities include: organizing community health screenings at Salvation Army Harbor House, planning and hosting dinners for families at the Ronald McDonald House, promoting "Tar Wars" and "Ready Set Fit" to local elementary school children and fostering interest in Family and Community Medicine by organizing skills labs and lectures pertaining to primary care.

Club Officers

President: Kayla Matzek, Ashley Albertson, Misty Todd, Elizabeth Worsowicz
Treasurer: Colin McDonald
Secretary: Meredith Norfleet

Golden Humanism Honors Society

The mission of the Gold Humanism Honors Society is to recognize those students, who in the eyes of their classmates and faculty are exemplars of humanistic patient care and who can serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine.

Greatest Gift

The mission of the Greatest Gift at Mizzou is to educate individuals about the process of organ and tissue donation so that they can make an informed decision about whether to enroll in the donor registry. We accomplish this through a variety of education outreach projects in the community.

Club Officers

President: Mitch Tarka
VP: Rachel Plate

Geriatric Student Interest Group

The Geriatric Interest Group provides medical students the opportunity to learn how to better care for the elderly generation, regardless of their future specialty. Topics discussed at GIG meetings includes the medical interview and building relationships with elder patients.

Club Officers

President: Emily Wein
VP: Mary Beth Shenk
Treasurer: Elan Krojanker
Secretary: Evan Clark
MSAC rep: Matthew Culbert

Heme/Onc Student Interest Group

This group provides an avenue for medical students interested in hematology and oncology to learn more about career paths in this field by providing information about away rotations, residency and fellowship options, and practice options. We hope to create opportunities for interaction between medical students and hematology/ oncology faculty members and to foster mentoring relationships.

Club Officers

President: Alex Tunsgivik
VP: Rob Cristel
Treasurer; Theresa Long
Secretary: Kelsea Schreiber

Infectious Disease Interest Group

The Infectious Disease Interest Group discussed clinical and basic science papers with students and faculty. We also put on a round of microbiology lectures and a lab covering basic microbiologic principles for the M1s and M2s to help supplement the infallible process that is PBL.

Club Officers

President: Jana Binkley
Treasurer: Catherine Bridges
Secretary: Marina Nemetalla
MSAC rep: Marina Nemetalla

MU Jewish Medical Association

The MU Jewish Medical Association provides a sense of community and a means of learning about the Jewish faith.

Club Officers

President: Hal Lewis and David Rosenfeld
Treasurer: Hannah Webber
Secretary: Elan Krojanker
MSAC rep: Hannah Webber

Med-Peds Student Interest Group

Med-Peds is one of the most interesting fields in medicine! Every year students seem to struggle between kids and adults, and we say...why not both! Our student interest group is active in promoting this field and we hope to see interest remain high.

Club Officers

President: John Underwood
VP: Ariel Carpenter
Treasurer: Katie Hocker
Secretary: Danielle Severns
MSAC rep: Ashley Daniel

MedZou

MedZou is a student-run free health clinic created in 2008 that seeks to serve the estimated 20,000 uninsured residents of central Missouri. The clinic holds regular clinic nights each Thursday as well as three specialty nights (MSK, Diabetes, Dern(each month and functions through volunteers including nursing students, pharmacy students, social work masters students, undergraduate students, MHA and MPH students, and physician volunteers. We provide free radiology, lab work, and medications for many of our patients.

Club Officers

Directors: Natalie Kukulka, Rachel Honig, Aundria Eoff, Savannah Davis,

Military Medical Association

The Military Medical Association is a group of students who are also military officers committed to serving in the Armed Forces upon completion of medical school. We guide one another through the unique path toward active duty, as well as assisting undergraduates interest in military medicine.

Club Officers

President:
VP:

Medical Student Affairs Council

The Medical Student Affairs Council (MSAC) advocates for our students in a variety of ways. We represent the student body in discussions about important medical school decisions and changes, we guide individual students and groups through issues that they encounter, and we help student groups find funding for activities they want to perform. We serve as a liaison between the student body and our faculty and administrators. We also facilitate several social and academic events throughout the year.

Club Officers

President: Alison Huber
Treasurer: Alex Heck
Secretary: Andreas Plackis

Mizzou Med Pride

MizzouMed Pride, a group for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) and ally medical students. We organize both social and educational events, and help facilitate collaboration with the medical community regarding the unique healthcare issues facing LGBTQ patients and providers.

Club Officers

President: Alan Keller
VP: Kelsea Schreiber
MSAC Rep: Drennen Mirtsching

OB/GYN Student Interest Group

The OB/GYN Student Interest Group serves to increase awareness and networking for students interested in Obstetrics and Gynecology. The club holds meetings each year that provide opportunities for medical students to meet physicians and residents in the filed.

Club Officers

President: Stacey Schneider
VP: Marlana McDowell
Treasurer: Maddy Bruck
Secretary: Emma Frank
MSAC rep: Collyn Schaefer

Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery

The ENT Interest Group has a goal of exposing medical students to the field of otolaryngology. This involves meetings with current otolaryngologists and otolaryngology residents. Otolaryngology is a relatively hidden specialty in medical student training, so early exposure is a key goal of the interest group. This year, members of the interest group participated in a meet-and-greet with attendings and residents, head and neck anatomy review on a cadaver, and skills lab (e.g. laryngoscopy).

Club Officers

President: Max Newby
VP: David Lesko
Treasurer: Alex McDonald
Secretary: Joe Sinott
MSAC Rep: Zach Hanson

Ophthalmology Student Interest Group

The purpose of the Ophthalmology Interest Group is to bring the filed of ophthalmology to the medical students at the University of Missouri through meetings and lectures between ophthalmology faculty, residents, and students.

Club Officers

President: Shizuka Tomatsu
VP: Bri Heriott
Secretary: Katie Smith
MSAC Rep: Katie Smith

Orthopaedic Surgery Student Interest Group

The goal of the Orthopaedics Interest Group is to foster medical student interest in orthopedics by providing opportunities to participate in clinical, research, and educational activities in orthopedics.

Club Officers

President: Brad Spence
Treasurer: Tim Foreman
Secretary: Derek Stokes
MSAC rep: Dane Paneitz

Pathology Student Interest Group

The purpose of the pathology interest group is to expand awareness and interest among students about the filed of pathology and encourage more students to consider pathology as a career. The group also allows students to make contact with faculty and residents and raises awareness among students about the crucial role pathology plays in modern medical practice.

PM&R Student Interest Group

The PM&R Interest Group holds many events each year exploring the vastness of the filed. These include medical support at Mizzou Wheelchair Basketball games, helping with Adapted Gymnastics, collaborating with MedZou's MSK night to learn about musculoskeletal needs of the uninsured in Columbia, having hands-on clinics such as practicing ultrasound skills in the Sim Center, working with EMGs, and attending residents' workshops at Rusk Rehab Center.

Pediatric Student Interest Group

The group for all things pediatrics! Our year included reverse trick-or-treating at Women's and Children's hospital, great lectures, a month-long fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network, and helping fundraise for Reach Out and Read. We also had some members attend the annual Child Advocacy Day at the Capitol Building in Jefferson City. Another great year for those going into Pediatrics!

Club Officers

President: Lauren Massey
VP: Kelsey Clay
Treasurer: Jimmy Rudloff
Secretary: Sara Howe
MSAC Rep: Lauren Massey

Psychiatry Student Interest Group

The Psychiatry Student Interest Group provides a means for medical students to network with faculty, residents and students with similar interests.

Club Officers

President: Meryl Brune
VP: Vera Prisacari
Treasurer: Hirsch Srivastava
Secretary: Roshni Rawlani
MSAC Rep: Mamdouh Hanna

Public Health Interest Group

The purpose of PHIG will be the following: a. To provide information about the field of Public Health to the student body at the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Medicine. b. To foster a community of individuals who show interest in Public Health by facilitating relationship and networking. c. To build connections with all fields relating to Public Health. d. To inform students about academic and career opportunities in Public Health. e. To provide events or activities to the university about various topics involving Public Health. f. To maintain a resource list on Public Health opportunities for medical students. g. To expand upon topics of Public Health already included within the School of Medicine curriculum and identify further areas that can be addressed by this group. h. To help the School of Medicine pursue creating a MD/MPH program and serve in the future as a tool for this program; whether in the setting of a networking opportunity or a source for further discussion and topic exploration.

Club Officers

President: Julie Duncan
VP: Patty Yang, Arshan Dehbozorgi
Treasurer: Jesse Day
Secretary: Colin McDonald

Radiology Student Interest Group

The Radiology Student Interest Group aims to reach out to students who are considering Radiology as a career and provide opportunities to network with faculty and residents.

Club Officers

President: Cory Gooch
VP: Arshan Dehbozorgi
Treasurer: Ashley Sweeney, Katie Hocker
Secretary: Son Vo, Joe Zimmer
MSAC rep: Junaid Yasin

Rural Medicine Student Interest Group

RMIG- promotes awareness of opportunities, issues and challenges regarding rural medicine, serves the community, and encourages interprofessional communication. This year we had meetings regarding the art of practicing rural medicine and with various physicians who practice in surrounding rural areas.

Club Officers

President: Allison Williams
VP: Kayla Matzek
Treasurer: Jessica Snyder
Secretary: Shelby Emmett
MSAC rep: Misty Todd

Sports Medicine Interest Group

Sports Medicine Interest Group is a new medical student group with the purpose of making students aware of common sports-related injuries and management and making students cognizant of the vast number of career fields available for those interested in sports medicine. Events we held this year included teaching proper physical examination of the knee, learning about musculoskeletal injections, learning how to wrap ankles and splints, and volunteering at MOI for Sports Physicals Day. Out last event of the year was a Sports Medicine Social, which included 5 physicians in family medicine, PM&R and Orthopedic Surgery who answered many questions students had about their jobs and sports medicine.

Club Officers

President: Lauren Tucker
VP: John Worley
Treasurer: Rachel Honig
Secretary: Collyn Schaffer

Students Interested in Anesthesiology

The purpose of SIA is to, in collaboration with a designated faculty mentor from the Department of Anesthesiology, strive to collect and disseminate information regarding practical topics pertinent to medical students interested in gaining experiences or pursuing a career in Anesthesiology. We arrange informational sessions and organize activities for medical students interested in obtaining skills required by physicians in general, but those interested in Anesthesiology in particular. We also serve to facilitate useful contacts among current students, alumni, faculty, the Department of Anesthesiology.

Club Officers

President: Simon Martin
VP: Stephanie Nill, Elan Krojanker
Treasurer: Vikram Ponnusamy
Secretary: Scott Miller
MSAC Rep: Ashley Daniels

Student Interested in Global Health Tomorrow

The student-run global health group at the School of Medicine which aims to prepare future physicians at Missouri in the best practices of international health work. S.I.G.H.T. has continued its efforts this year with a 5-part lecture series, a medical Spanish class for students, and increased support for M4's traveling abroad. S.I.G.H.T. also began a brand new M1 trip to a medical school in Nicaragua.

Club Officers

Co-Directors: Alyssa Ovaitt, Audra Stallard
VP: Ashley Sweeney
Treasurer: Cara Watson, Jen Woodard
Secretary: Rebecca Ringling

Student Interest Group in Neurology

SIGN is a network of more than 150 chapters in medical schools across the United States and Canada. SIGN fosters medical student interest in neurology by providing opportunities to participate in clinical, research, and service activities in neurology, increasing the student's neurologic knowledge, and creating an interest in the AAN.

Club Officers

President: Amal Al-Lozi & Angie Richmond
VP: Ross Smith
Treasurer: Rohit Gummi
Secretary: Llz Ellis

Stethotones

The Stethotones is a service-oriented music interest group that was created for medical students. The group was created in the Spring of 2012, officially approved by ORG and MSAC in Spring of 2013, and is continuing to grow. The musicians and music-enthusiasts of the group enjoy community service through outreach programs, as well as the fellowship and creative outlet of producing music with their medical student peers. Stethotones has performed for Women's and Children's Hospital, Lenoir Nursing Home, TRYPS Community Theatre, fundraised for MedZou with Singing Valentines, and provided "inter-shave" entertainment at St. Baldrick's. The group is consistently growing to meet the needs of their audience, and to fit the talents of its members!

Student National Medical Association

Student National Medical Association has been hard at work this year! We are striving toward improving diversity in medicine and the cultural climate of our medical school and providing mentorship, education, and service to underserved people here and abroad. This year, we continued our annual events educating young minds with the CALEB science club, hosted high school students as they took on our PBL-style curriculum complete with powerpoint presentations as well as volunteering at True North, a women's shelter. We also hosted many diversity panels as well as bringing in a speaker from the University of Iowa to talk about the power of microaggressions! It was a busy year and we cannot wait to keep up the energy next year!

Club Officers

President: Samait Agunbiade, Farrah Malik
Treasurer: Sakshi Mathur
Secretary: Emily Wein
MSAC rep: Jumah Ahmad
Education and Community Service: Helena Lam
MAPS Liaison: Rebecca Ringling and Hirsch Srivastava

Surgery Club

The purpose of the Surgery Club is to acquaint medical students with all aspects of modern day surgery. Some of the goals are to provide information concerning: surgical procedure and technique; surgical specialties, residencies, and fellowships; preparation for students pursuing a surgical residency; the current state of surgical practice and trends, especially with respect to academic vs. private practice, technological development and incorporation into surgery, and work hours, lifestyle, and compensation.

Club Officers

President: Emily Naclerio, Jackie Ross
VP: Andrew Osborn

Urology Student Interest Group

The Urology Interest Group is focused on exposing students to the field of urology and providing advice for students who choose to pursue the specialty of urology so that they can be completely prepared for fourth years schedules, away rotations, and the early match. We believe urology offers a unique blend of clinic and operating time, with the option to become a general urologist or pursue the many subspecialties including urologic oncology, stones treatment, infertility, incontinence and pelvic floor, reconstruction, and pediatric urology, to name a few. It is our goal that students will gain an interest in urology and be competitive to match into the field.

Wilderness Medical Society

Wilderness Medical Society offers a unique way for students to combine their love of outdoor activities with their passion for medicine. Meetings cover a wide variety of topics ranging from mountain medicine to orthopedic wilderness emergencies. Activities include camping trips with wilderness first responder scenarios and volunteering at local outdoor events.

Medical Student Affairs Council

The Medical Student Affairs Council (MSAC) represents Mizzou Med's interests as part of the Graduate Professional Council. We thank them for all their hard work, overseeing all of the student groups!

Club Officers

President: Alison Huber
Treasurer: Alex Heck
Secretary: Andreas Plackis
Other: Danielle Severns

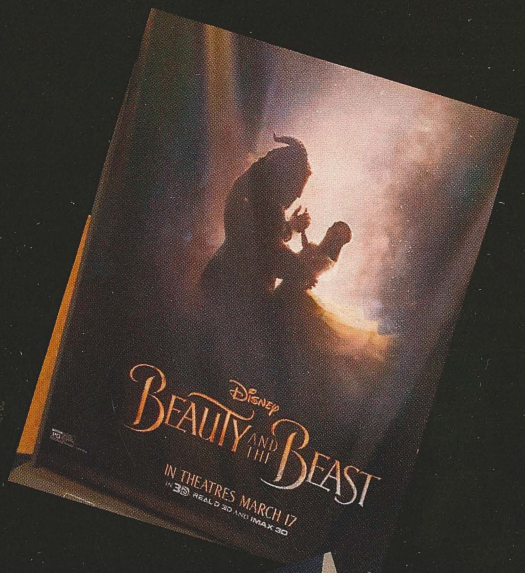
"Don't Take Life too Serious....



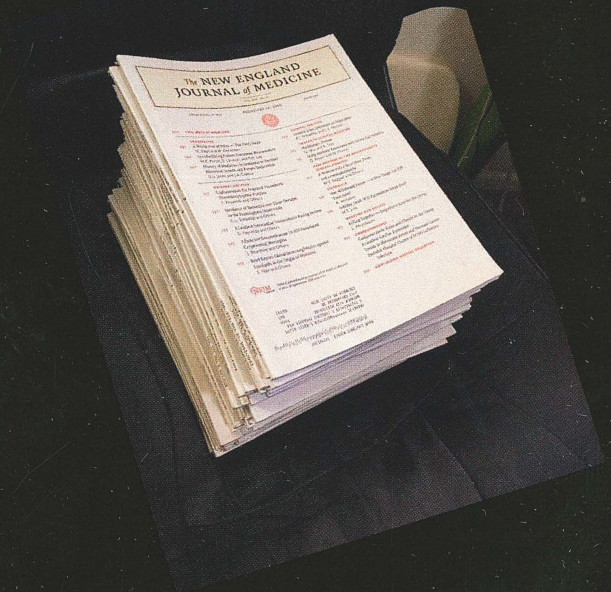
...You'll Never Get Out Alive."

Student Life









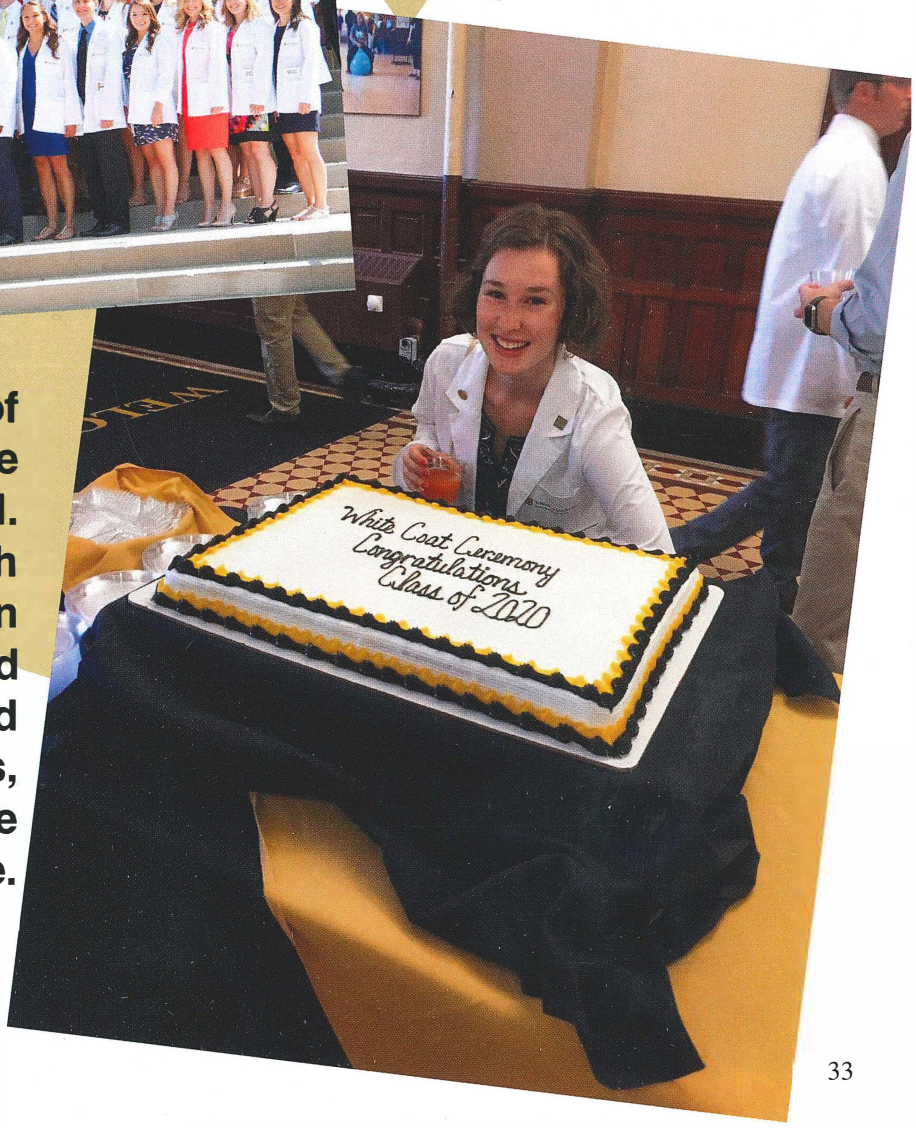
White Coat Ceremony



Class of 2020

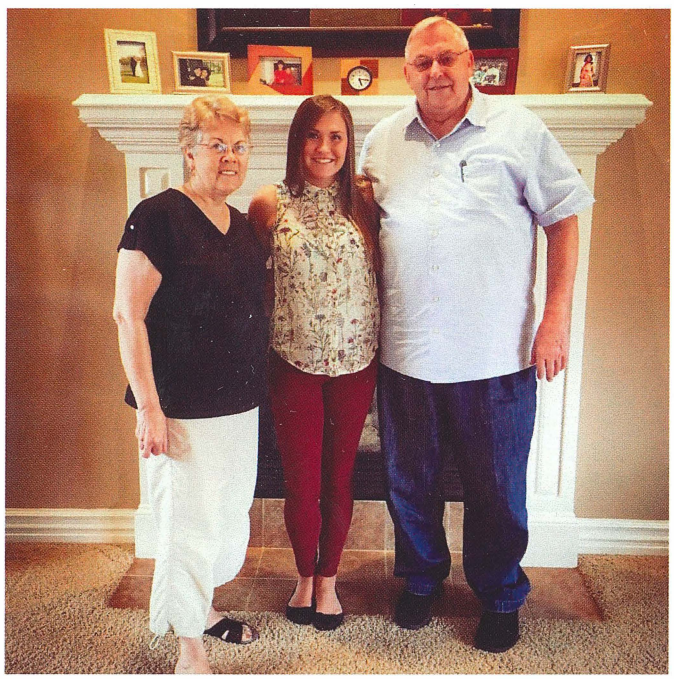


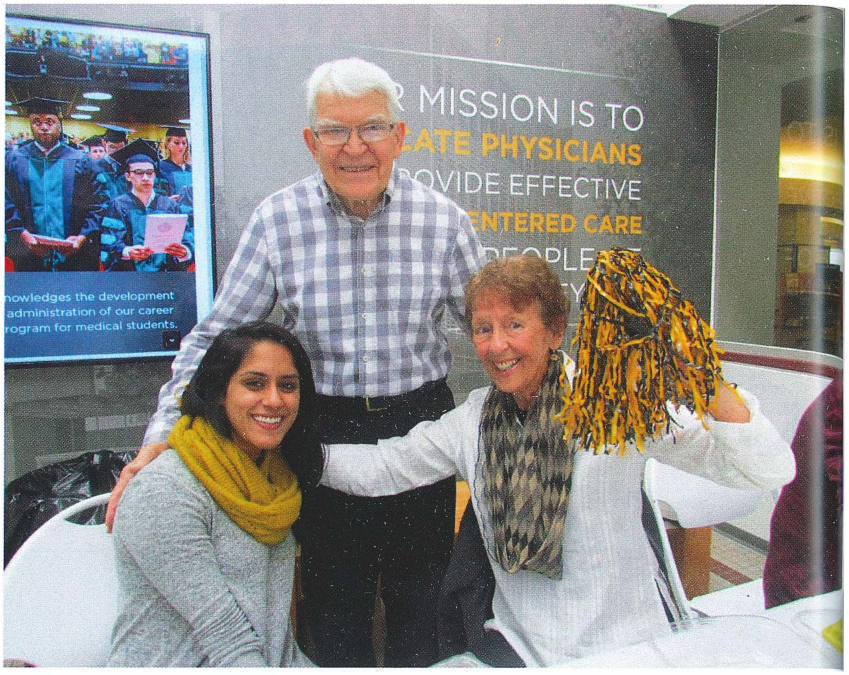




On Friday, July 29, the class of 2020 received their white coats within Jesse Hall. During this ceremony, each student vowed to maintain professional attitudes and behaviors in work and relationships with classmates, teachers, patients and the community at large.

Off to anatomy!







STEP connects older members of our community with first-year medical students to help the students learn firsthand about the needs of older adults



Pictures by Justin Kelley

STEP

Senior Teacher Educator Partnership





Legacy







At Mizzou, the Legacy Teachers program is a way for third year medical students to honor the patients that have made a lasting impact on their training, a way to say thank you for the lessons on what truly inspires us all--caring for those who need it most.



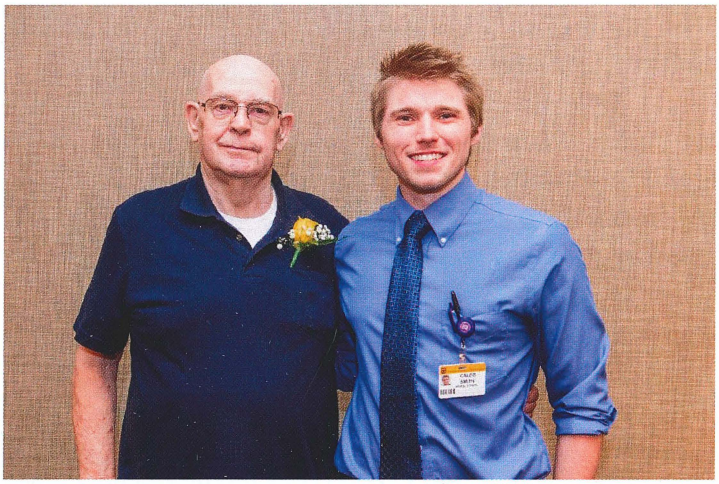


Our greatest teachers are not our attendings, our professors or our textbooks...

Teachers



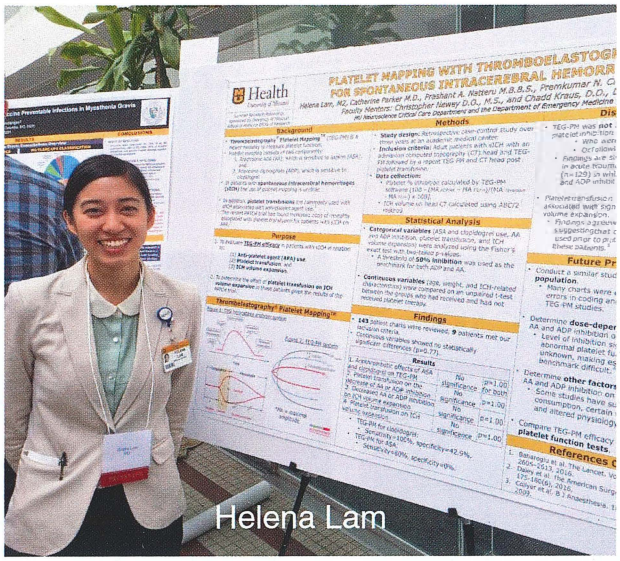






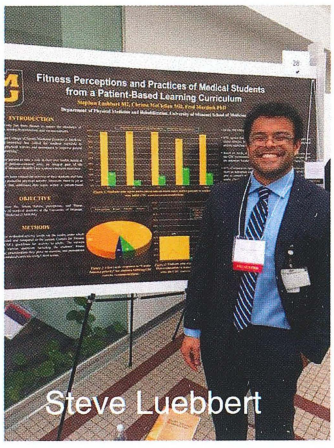


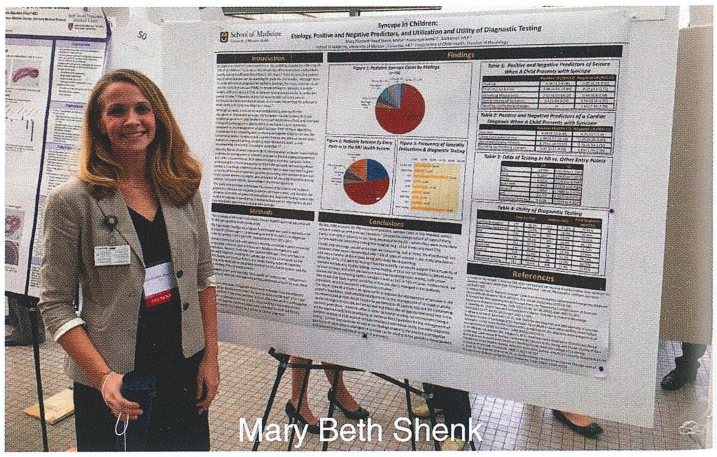
...our greatest teachers are our patients and the stories they have to tell.



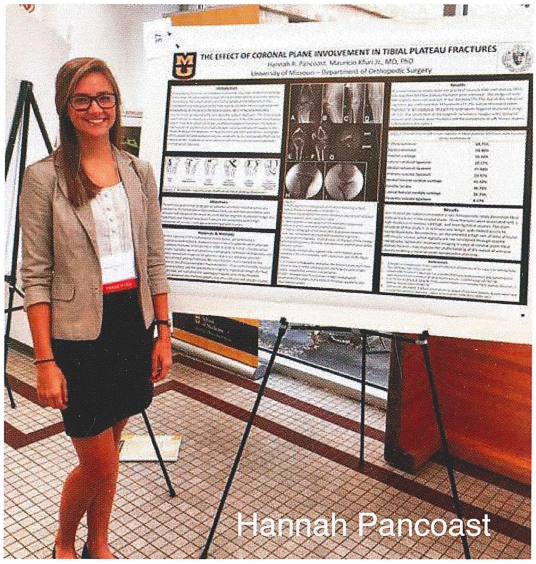
2nd place in poster presentation in clinical science - "Platelet Mapping With Thromboelastography for Intracerebral Hemorrhage"



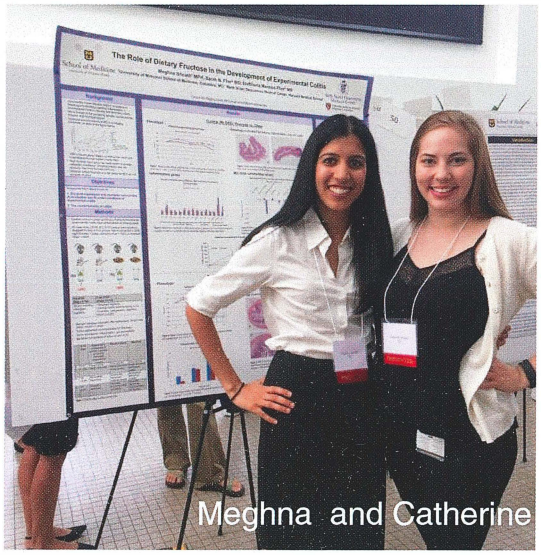




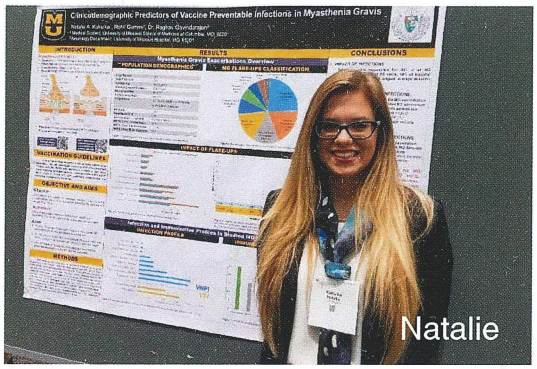
HEALTH SCIENCES RESEARCH DAY



Hannah Pancoast



Meghna and Catherine



Natalie

University of Missouri Health Sciences Research Day

The University of Missouri's Health Sciences Research Day, held November 17, 2016, provides a forum for original research and educational innovations by undergraduate, medical, nursing, and health professions students, as well as predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees working with faculty in the schools of medicine, nursing, and health professions. Students are encouraged to present the results of their research at Health Sciences Research Day, held each fall at MU's medical school. This day-long symposium is filled with poster presentations by undergraduate, graduate and professional students, with prizes awarded to the three best presentations in each student category. In addition, special Deans' Awards will be presented for the most outstanding research conducted by trainees from the schools of nursing, health professions and medicine. Health Sciences Research Day is organized and sponsored by the MU Institute for Clinical and Translational Science in partnership with the MU School of Medicine, MU Sinclair School of Nursing, MU School of Health Professions and Truman Veterans Hospital.

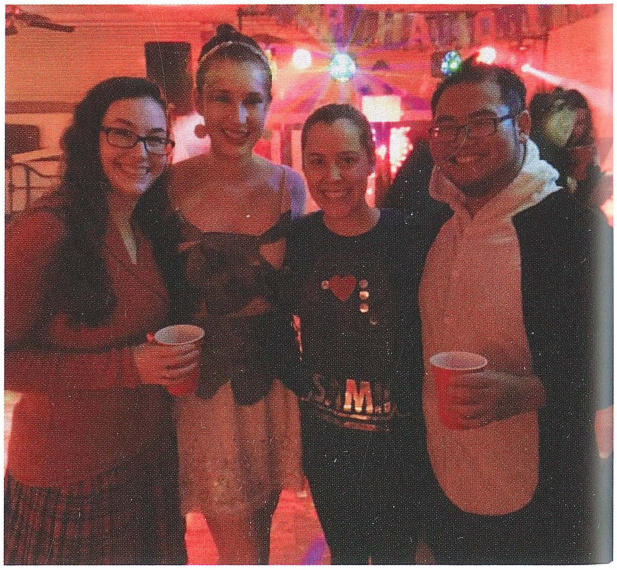
These images represent research presented by MizzouMed students at MU as well as other conferences around the country!





TERRORTOMA





AMA hosted the annual Terrortoma Halloween party as a fundraiser for the MedZou Community Health Clinic. At this event, students enjoyed food, drinks, and music while also participating in a costume contest. A few of the costumes are pictured, and include: Will Ferrell characters (1), the complement cascade (2), Dr. Martin (3), French KISS (4), Operation (5), and V-Q mismatch (6).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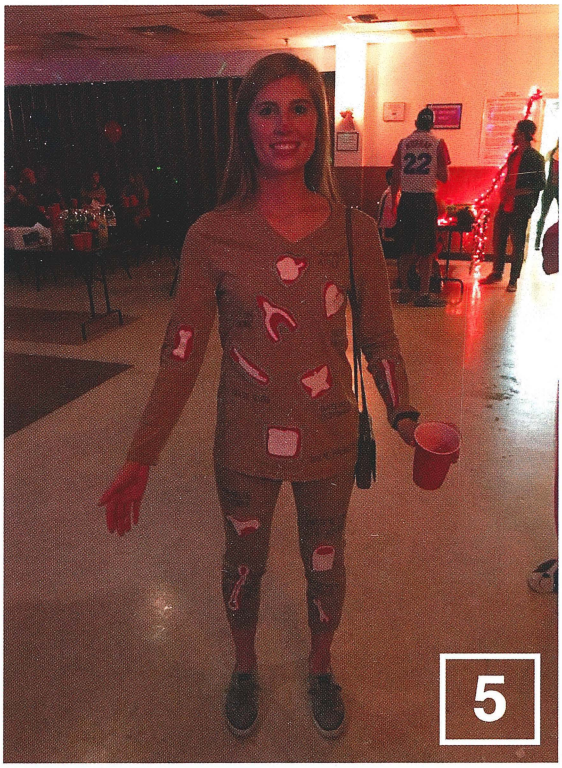
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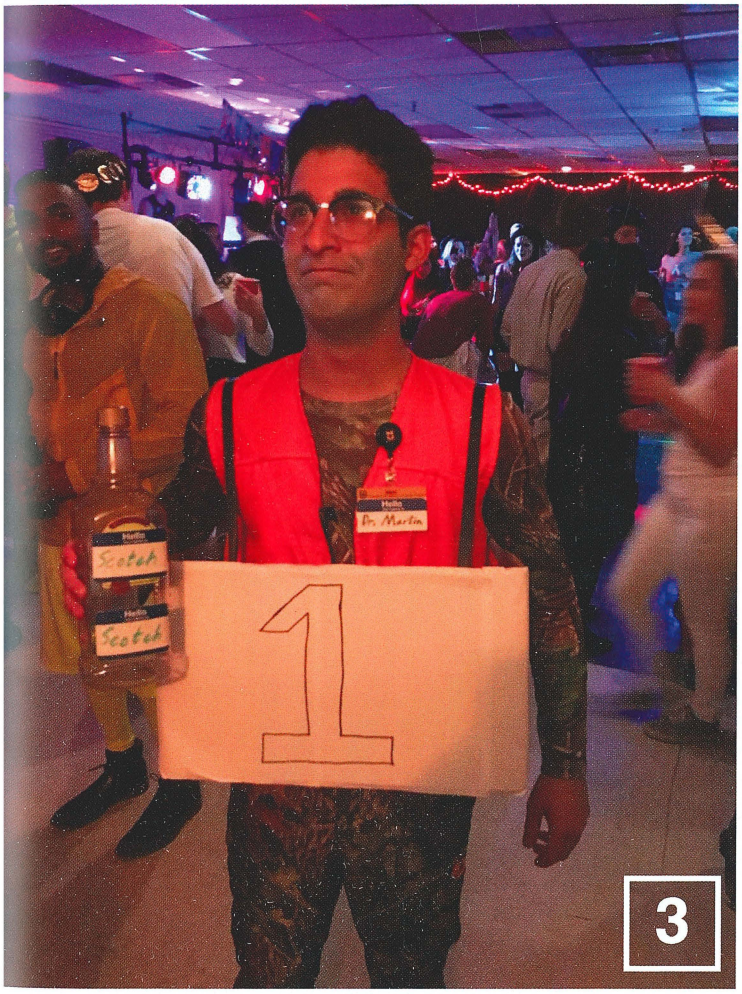
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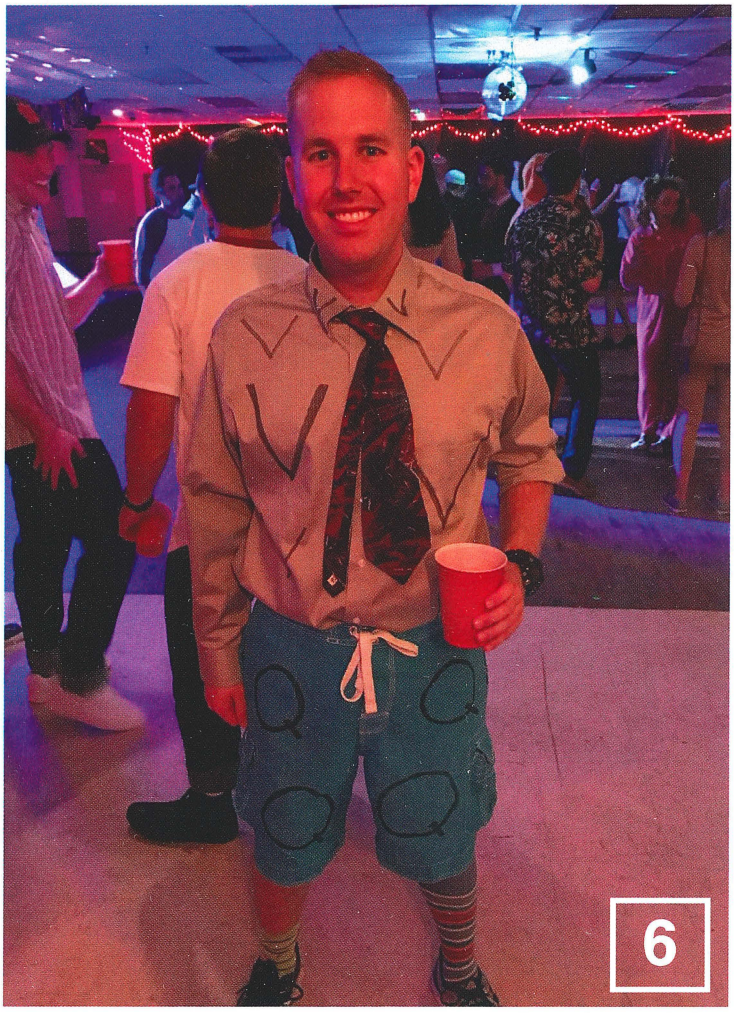
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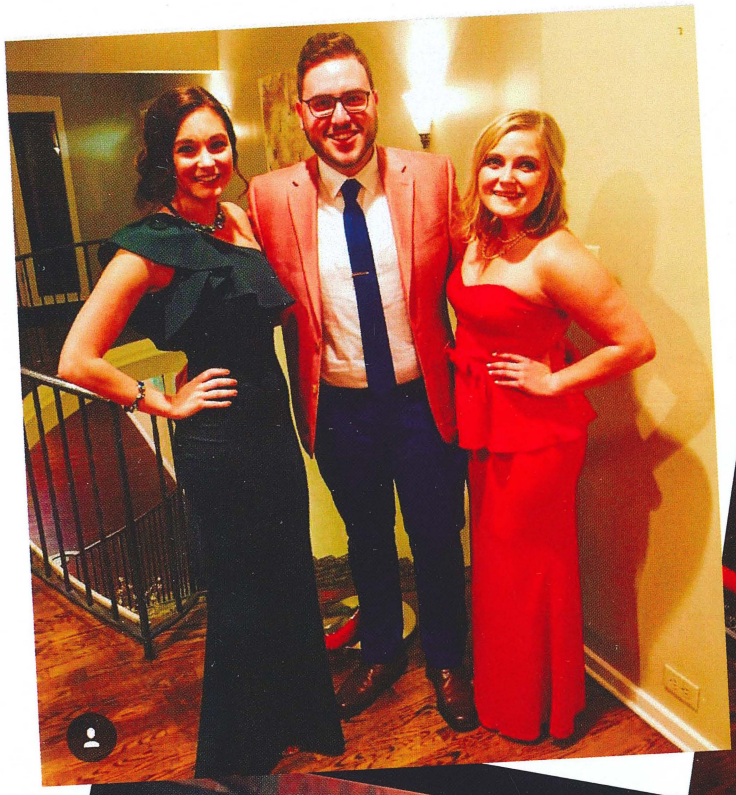
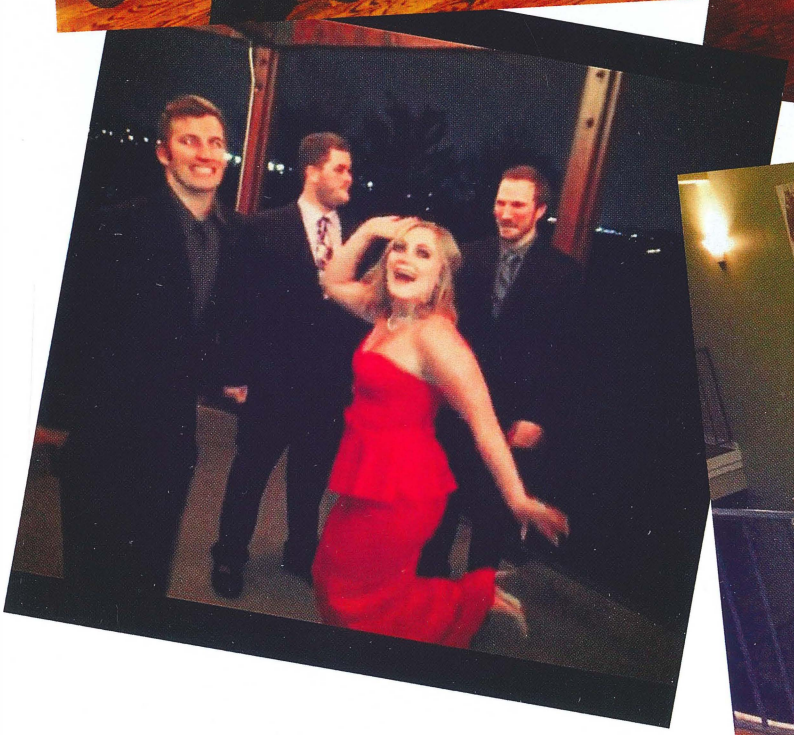
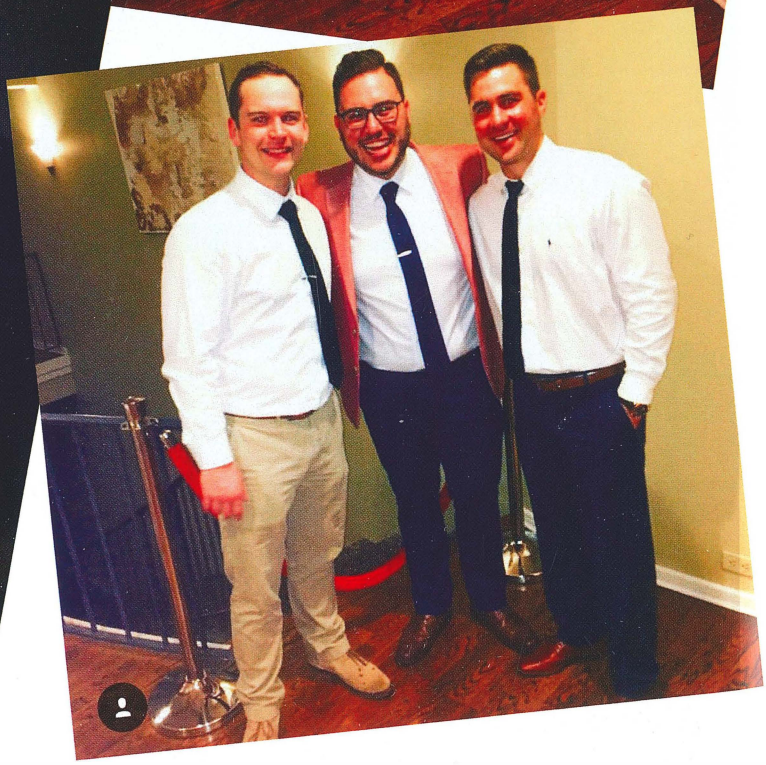
Caduceus Ball

M2s know how to do PROM! #medprom2017









M4s know how to BALL out!! #Ballers



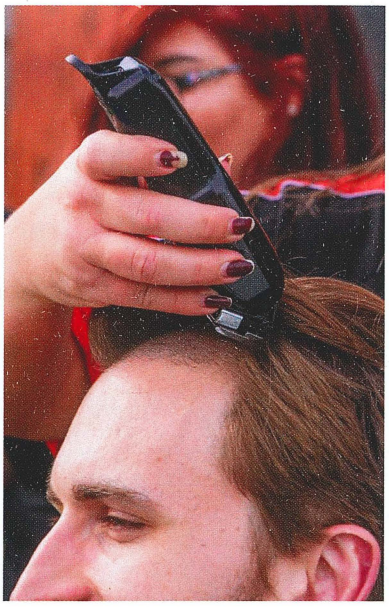


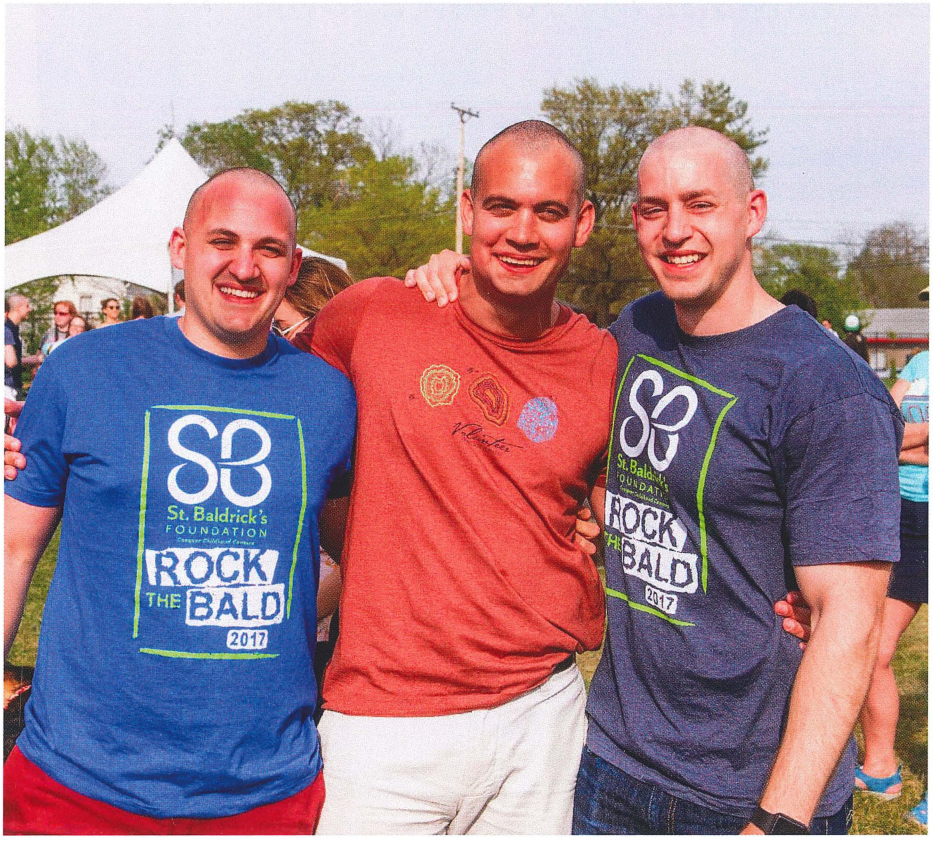
Emily Sellsers,Angela Hulsey, Jackie Ross, Stacey Schneider, Marlana McDowell above!



Ryan Morrow, Tyler Gouge, Emily Sellers, Angela Hulsey, Jackie Ross, Greg Cejas, Marlana McDowell



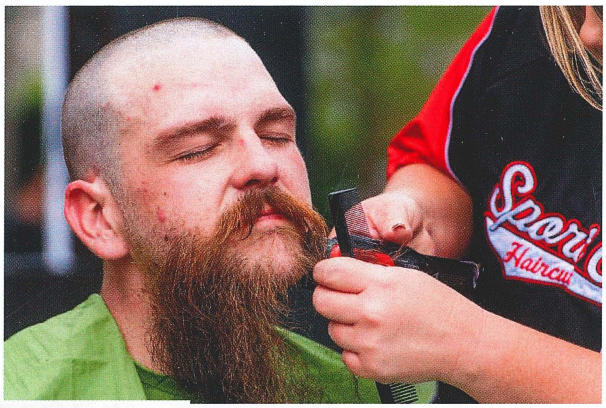




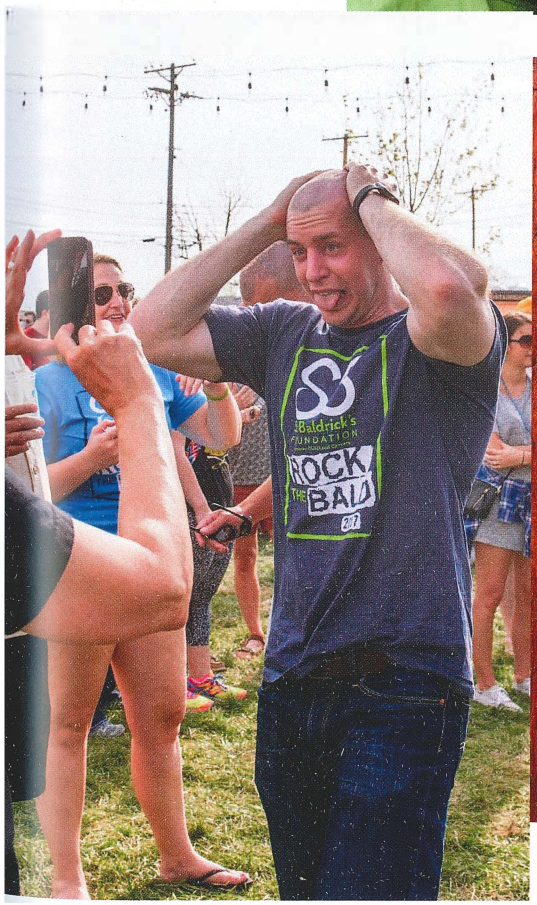


ST. BALDRICK'S 2017





St. Baldrick's Foundation is a national organization funding pediatric cancer research and treatment. Annually, medical students, hospital faculty and staff, and members of the local community raise money by shaving their heads and bidding on auction items while live music and inter-shave competitions entertain the crowd. Each year a number of pediatric cancer survivors are honored at a kids-friendly event!

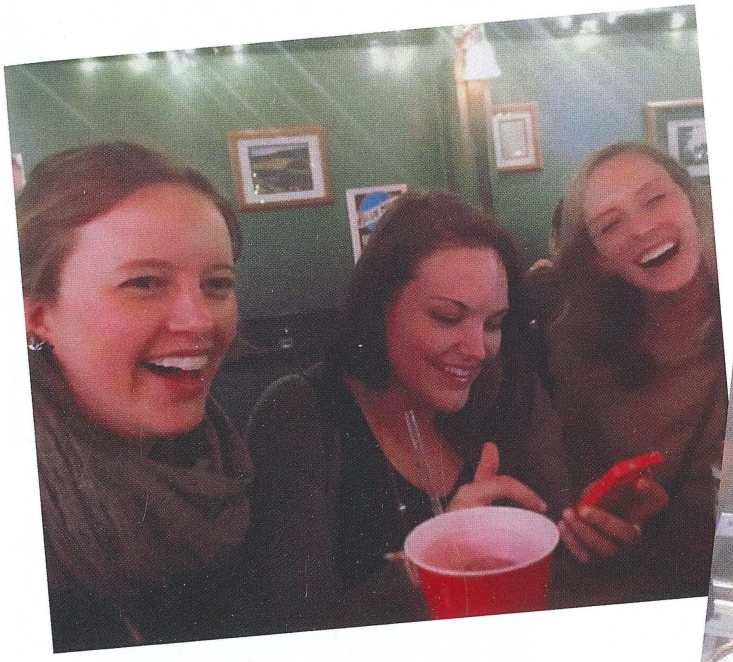


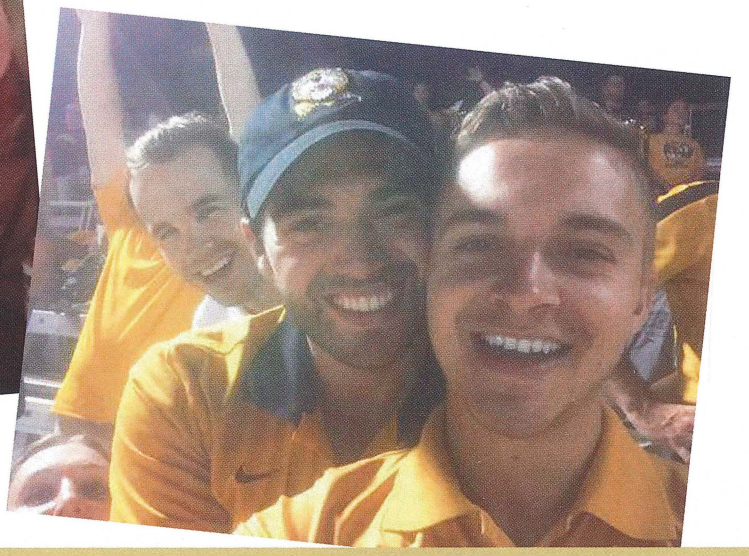




In between studying, Mizzou's medical students enjoy some tailgating before the home football games. The fun continued inside the stadium as the students cheered on



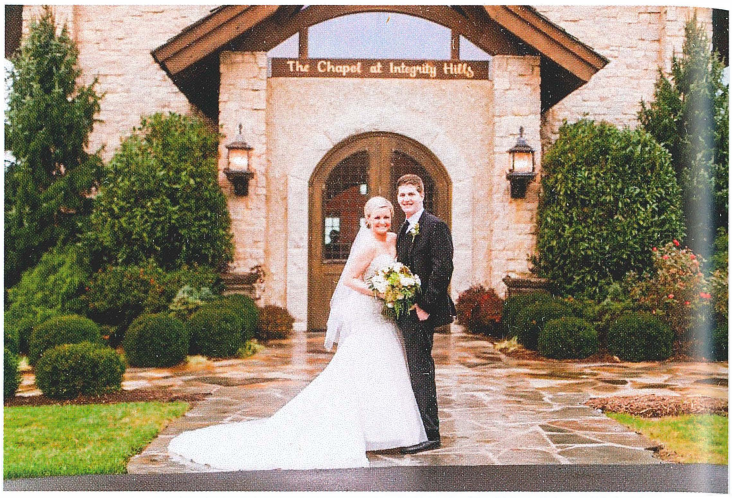




TAILGATING



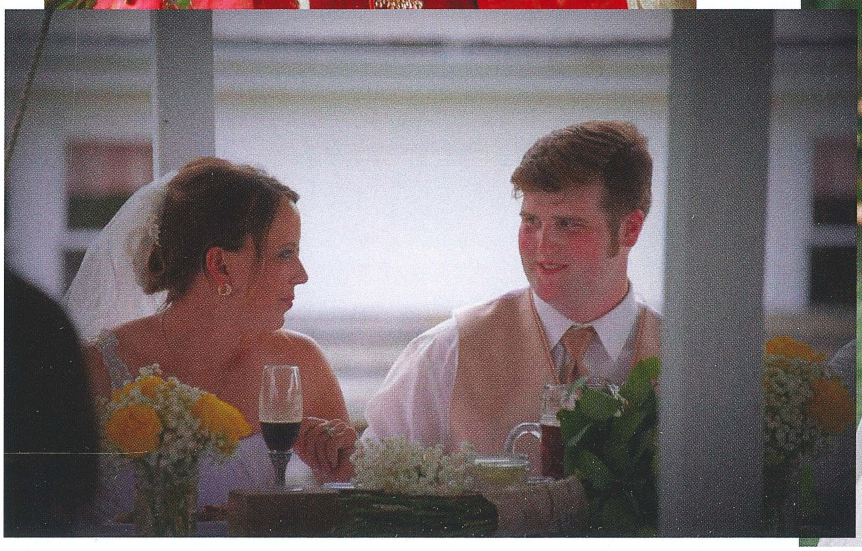
Congrats to the Newlyweds!

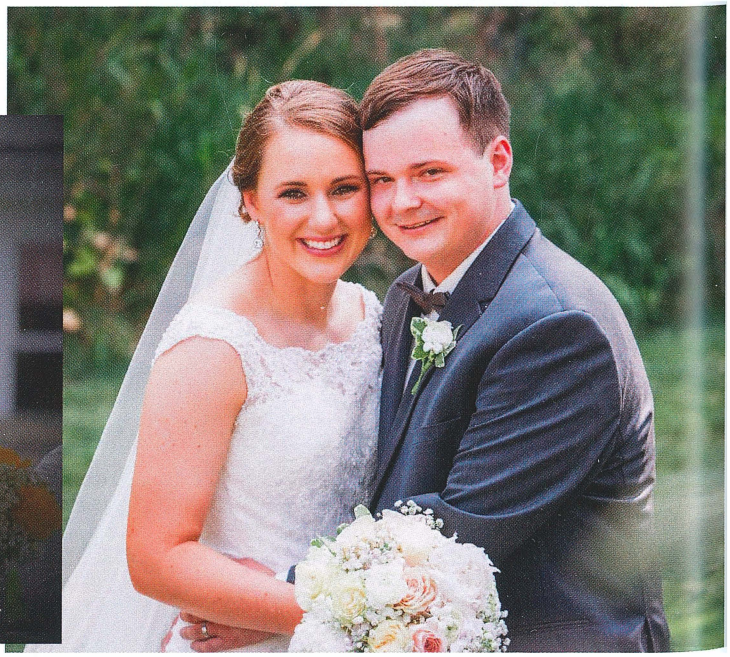


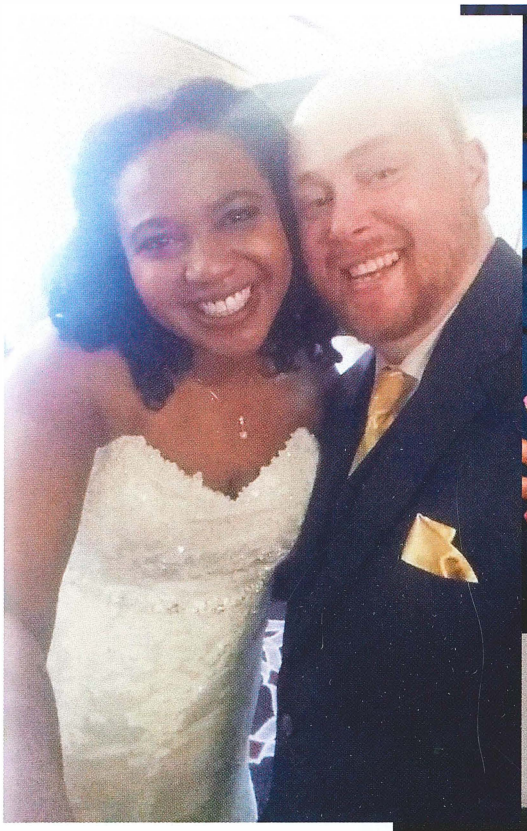


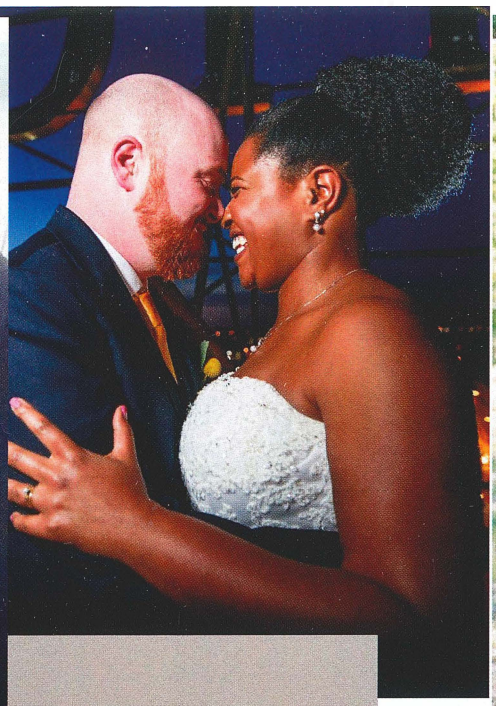
Please welcome:
Allison Sindle née Williams (above)
Sakshi Dhar née Mathur, John Schneider (middle)
Maddy Bruck née Novoa, James Hart (below)





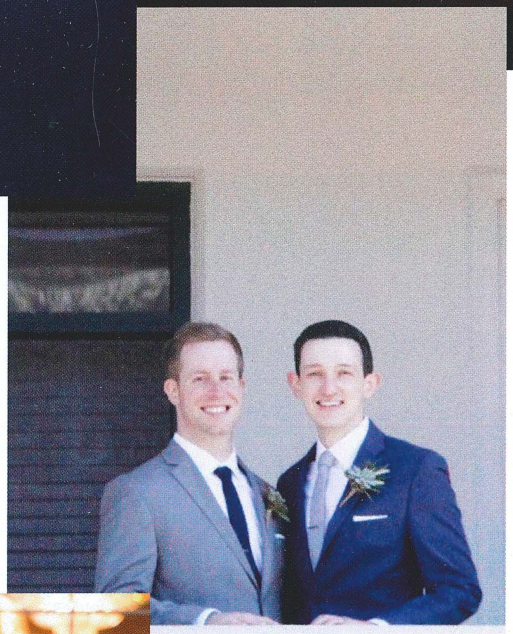


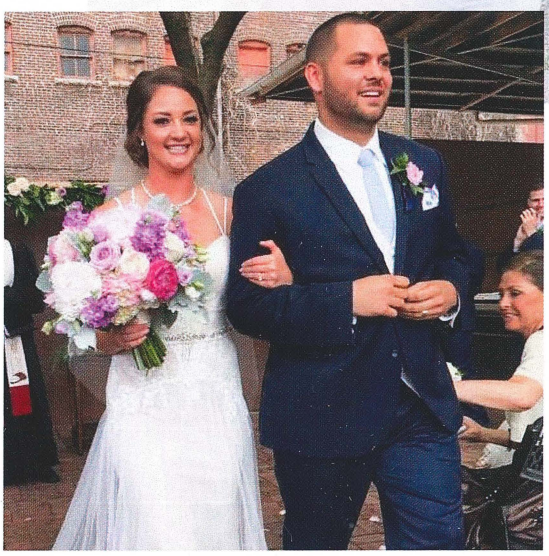






Our well wishes to Gabby Stamper née Johnson (above), Jay Nelson (top right), Max Vale (right), Stacey Johnson née Schneider (far right) and Shizuka Tomatsu (below)!









The Proud Parents of Mizzou Med



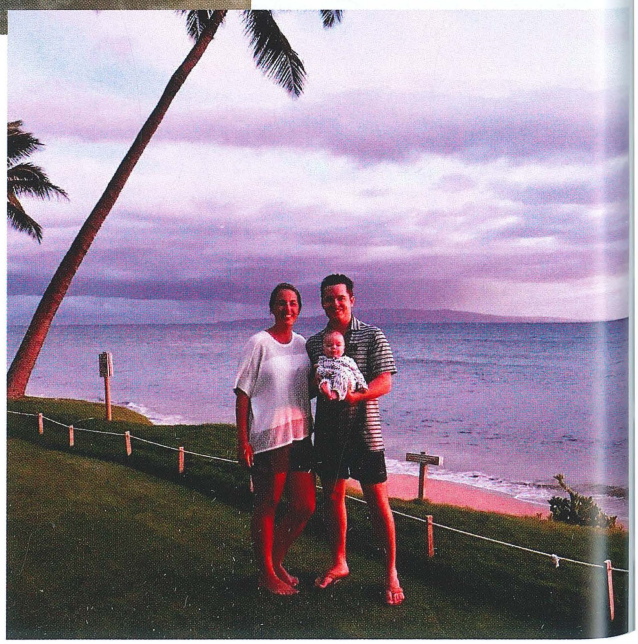






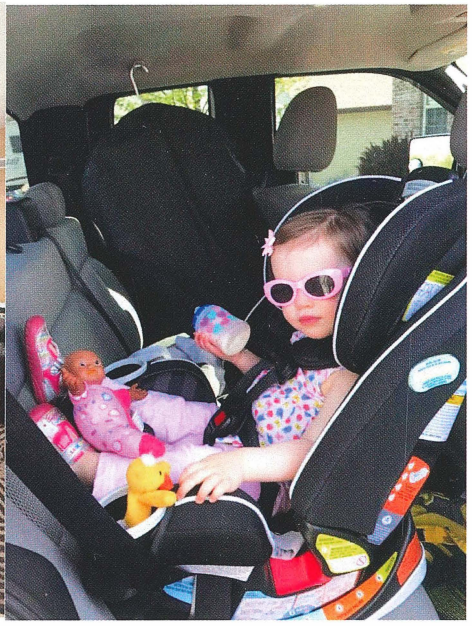


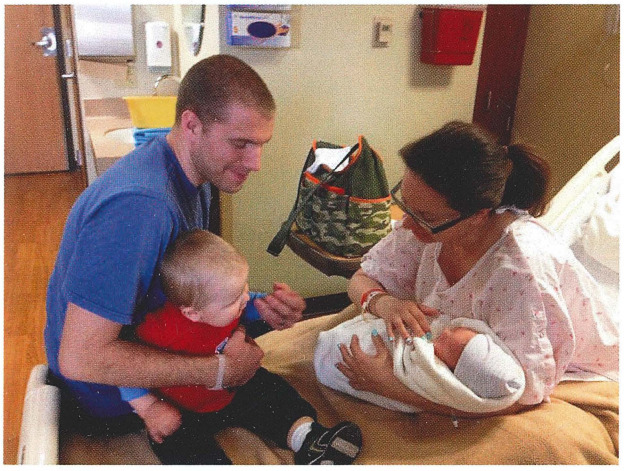














Landon Hendricks, Frank Chan, Cory Gooch, Whitney Ficker, Team Tosh, Clohisy Clan, Angie Richmond, Rebecca Ringling, Chris Cunningham, Nathan Becket (Left to Right)

I really cherish the opportunity to spend the time with my daughter, who is just about the coolest kid I've ever met. I am very fortunate and grateful for these moments and memories.

-Nathan Beckett, M3 and proud papa of 2

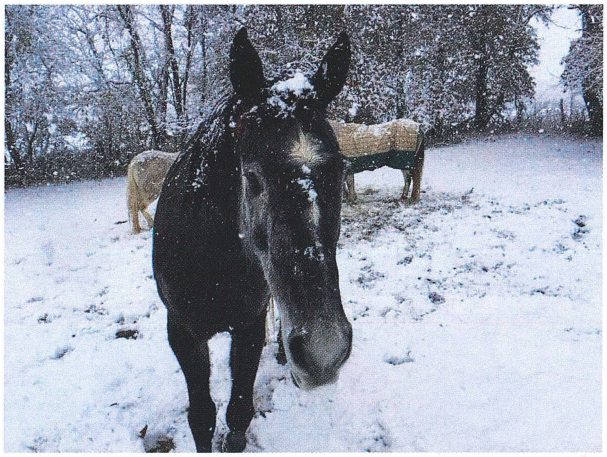
MU MED PETS!

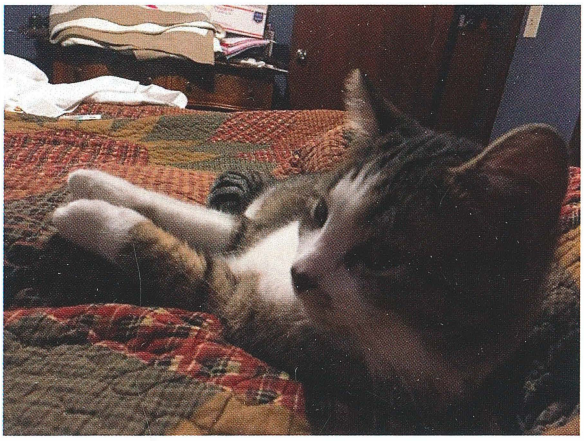


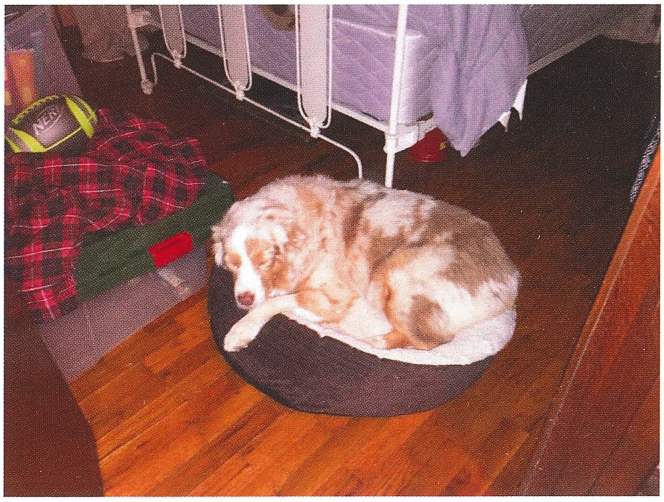
Gwenivere

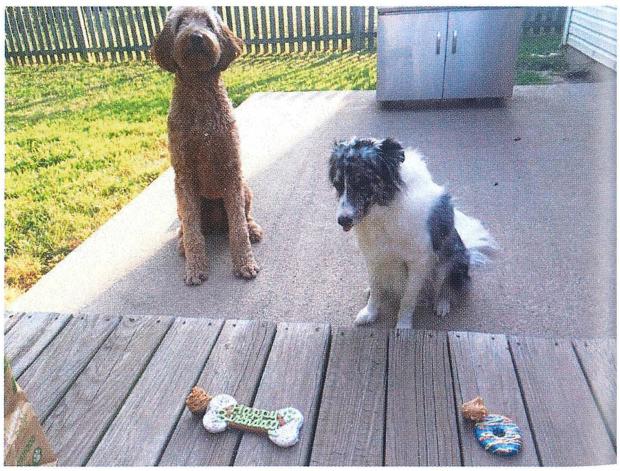


Dogtor Guienevere is always ready to take care of Maddy Brucks



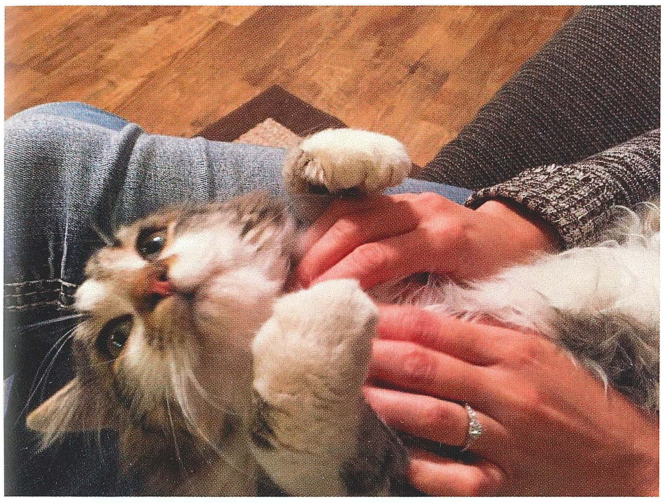








"Those who teach the most about humanity aren't always human."
Donald L Hicks



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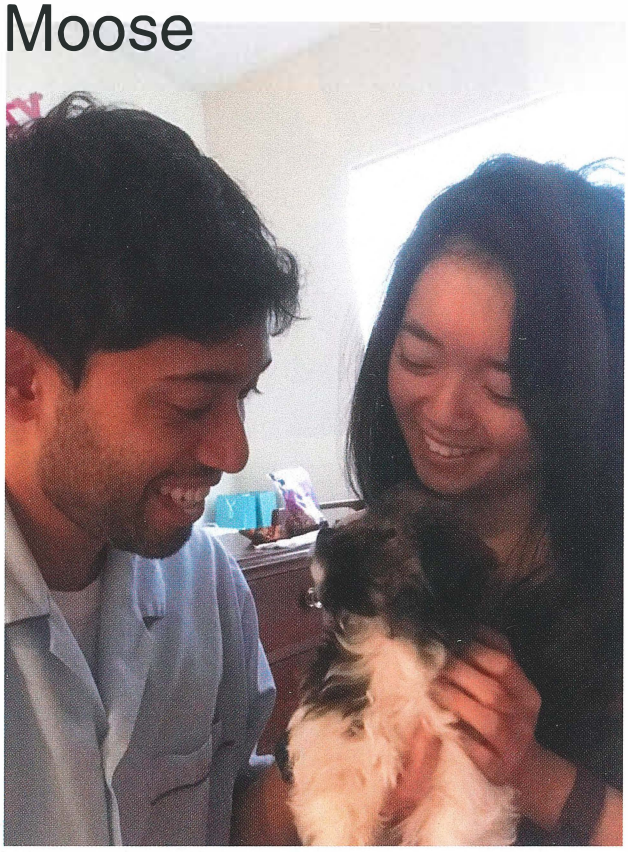
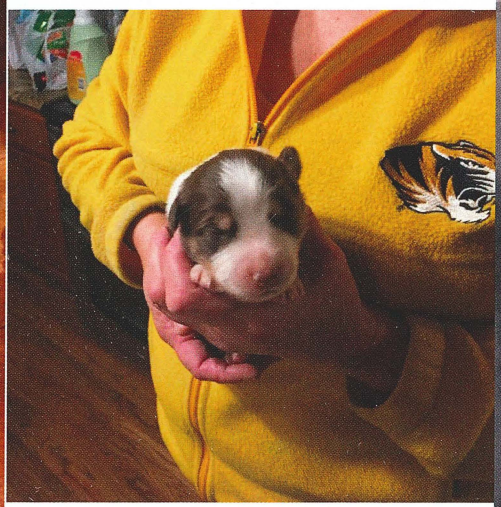


Meet Shizuka's lil one, Moose!









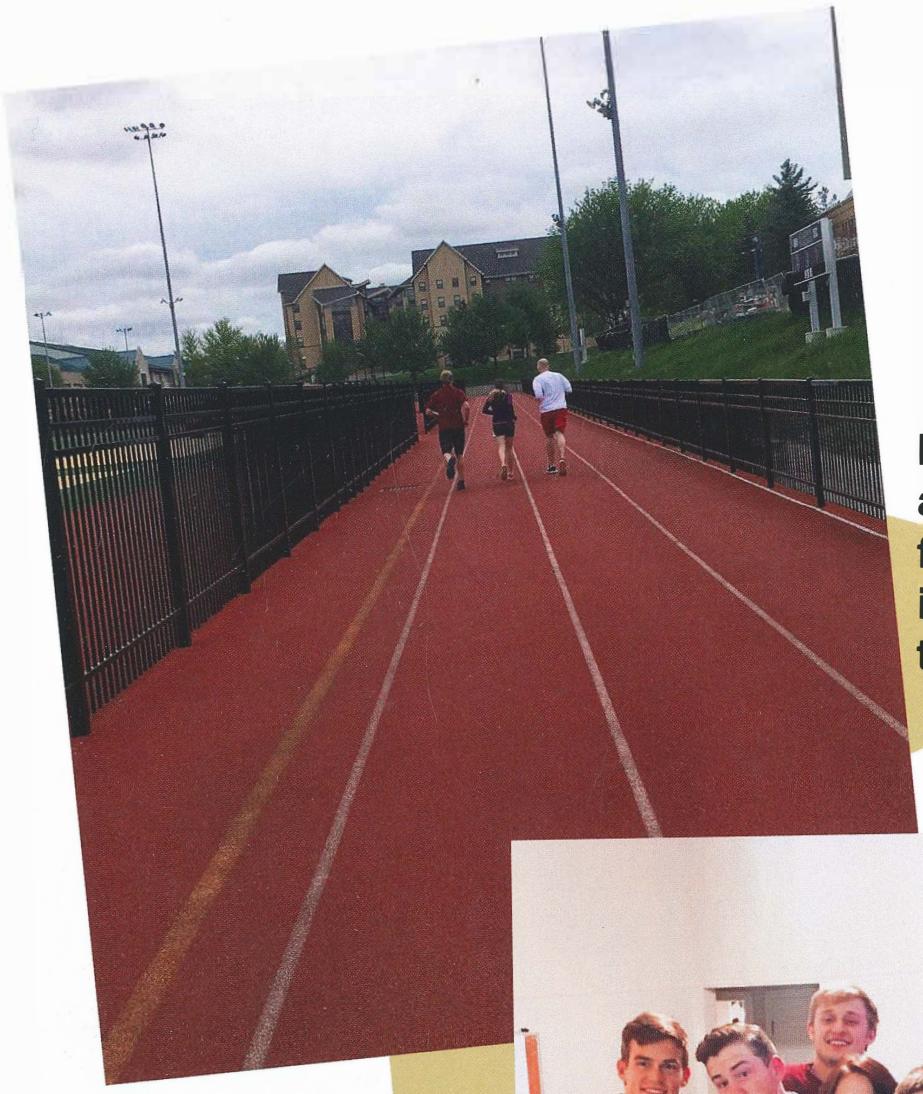
Enjoying free cupcakes from the OME

M1 LIFE





Halloween fun in the sim center and down town



In between classes and studying the M1s find time to work out in the gym and on the track



Celebrating the the holiday season with friends and fun



1. Block 1 Lab L heading off to the gross anatomy lab

2. Block 1 Lab G having some PBL fun with their new doctor skills





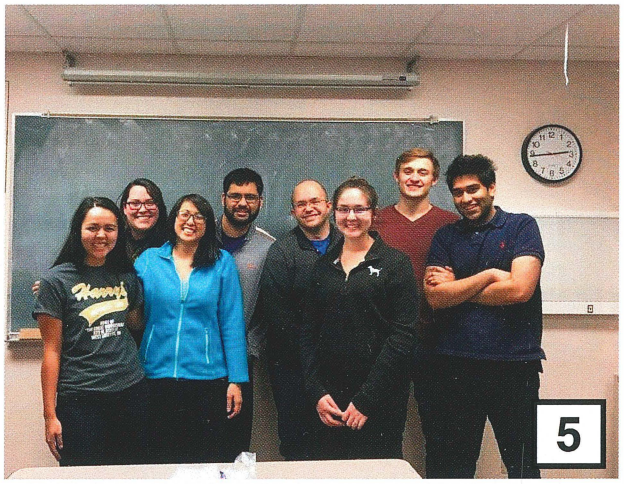


3. Block 3 Lab I heading off to the simulation lab to interview patients

4. Block 2 Lab C being festive in their anatomy scrubs

M1 PBL Labs

5. Block 3 Lab E posing for one last picture before the summer break
6. Block 1 Lab C heading off to the sim lab for some interviews
7. Block 2 Lab F having some fun in PBL lab
8. Block 2 Lab F and their facilitator



9. Block 3 Lab M and their PBL facilitator Dr. Shenker

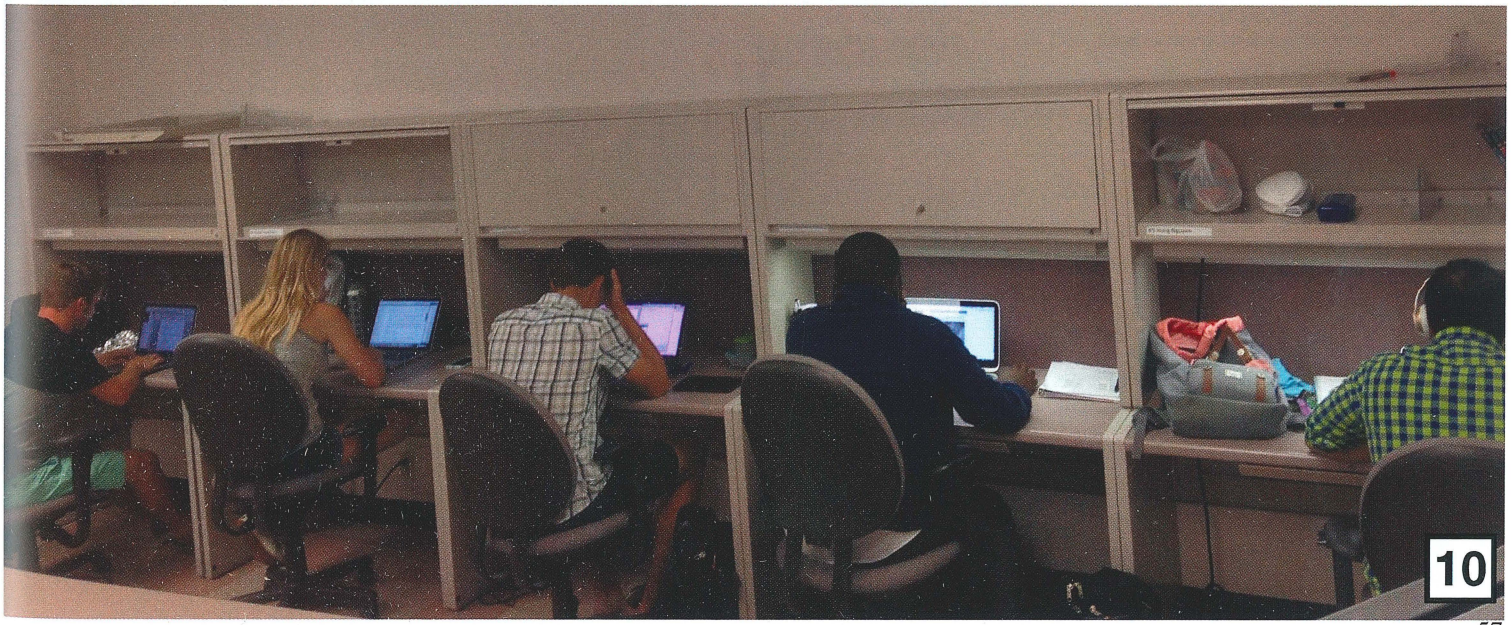


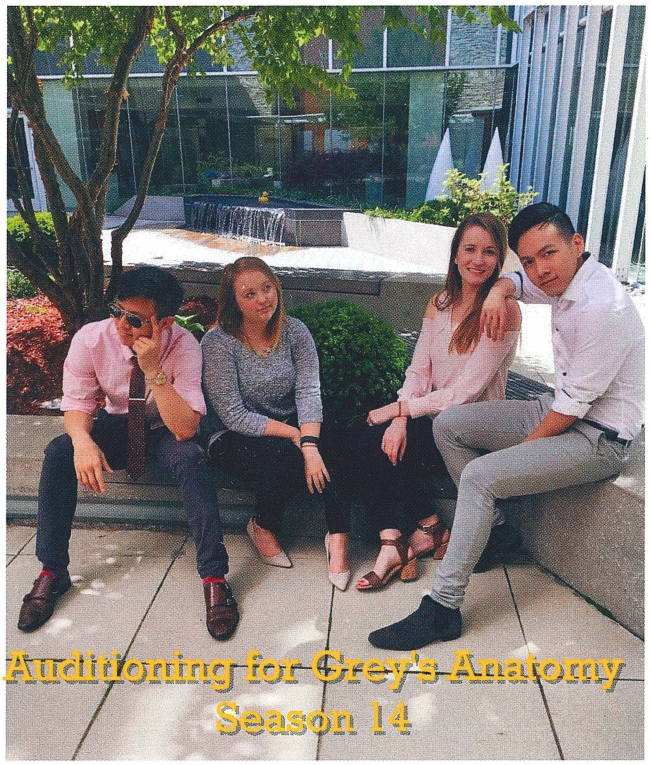
10. Block 1 Lab K studying for the first week of exams











Auditioning for Grey's Anatomy Season 14



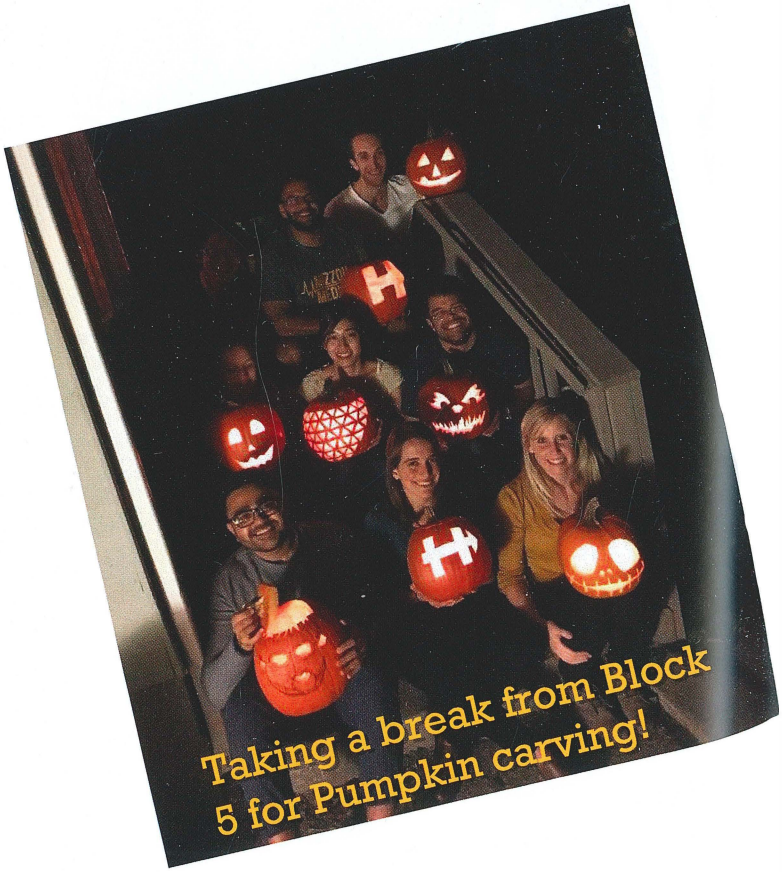
Game Plan for Volleyball

M2 LIFE!

Class of



Classy ladies



Taking a break from Block 5 for Pumpkin carving!



Lab Incredible



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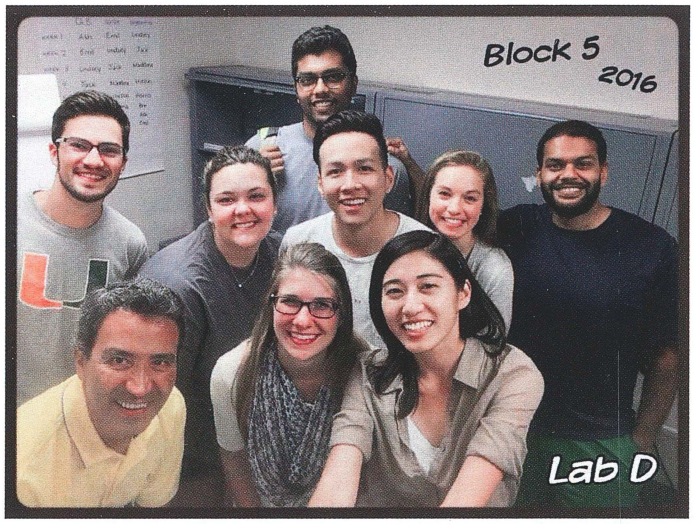
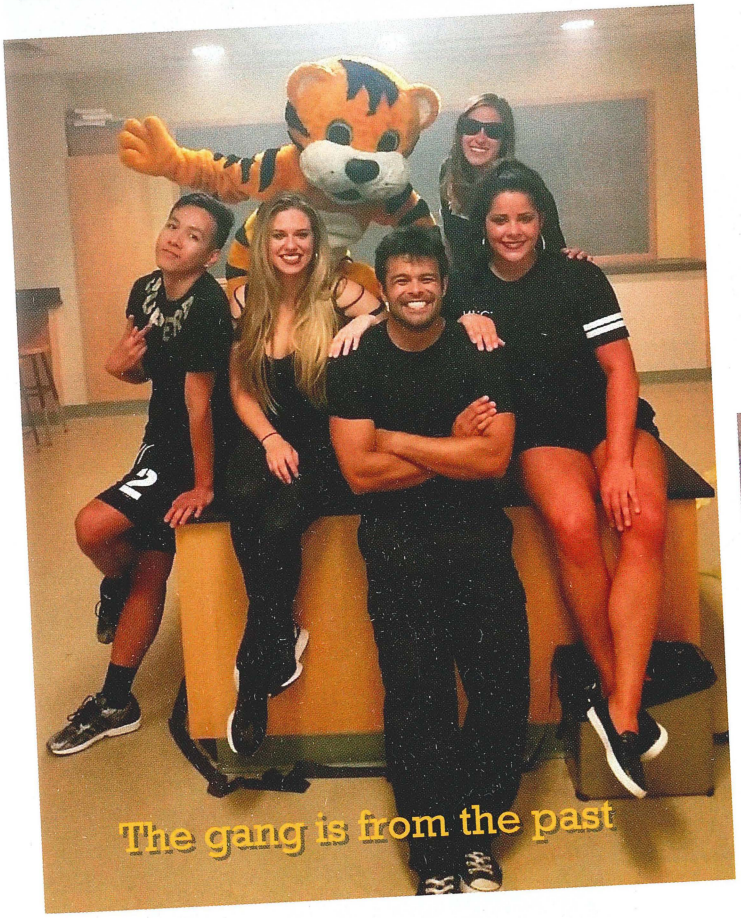




Three of the oldest men in our class watching Election Night 2016 at Ragtag

2019



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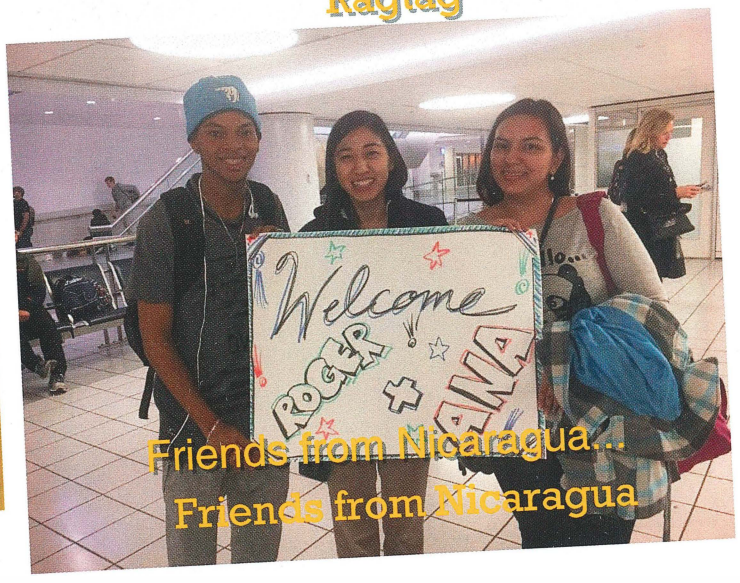

Friends from Nicaragua...
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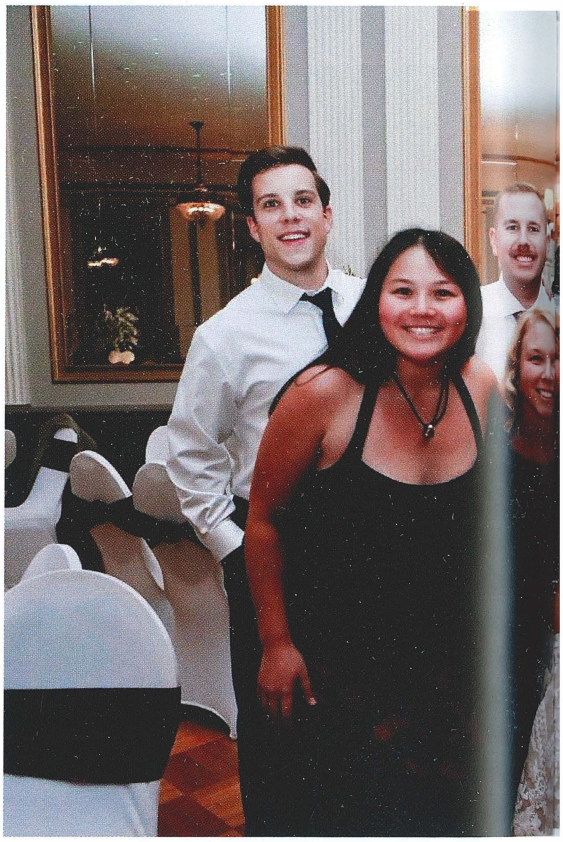
Inside The Life of a Second Year...

Libby Got...



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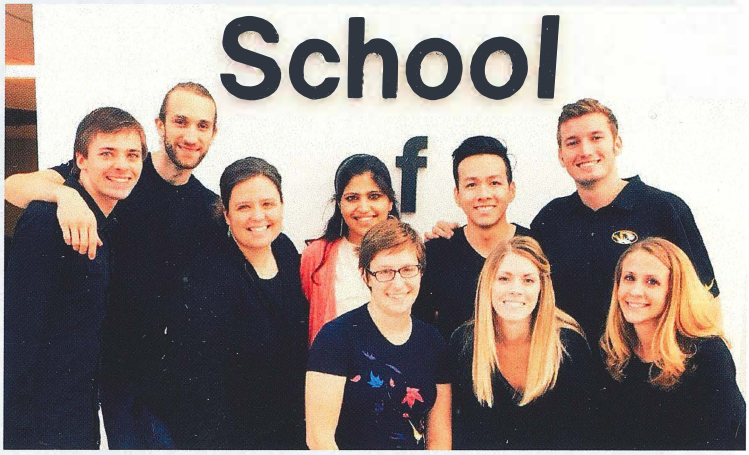
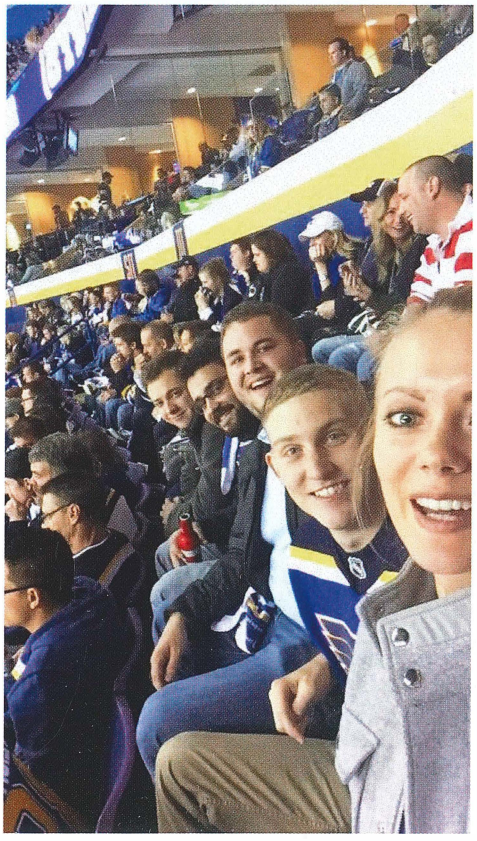


Some M2 Ladies at AMWA Conference in Cali!



M2s At the Blues Game!



Study break !!



Married!



Hannah doing Stress Relief



Cole the VP at Med Prom



...And Sarju Got Engaged!





M2 Boys in Vegas!





The Class of



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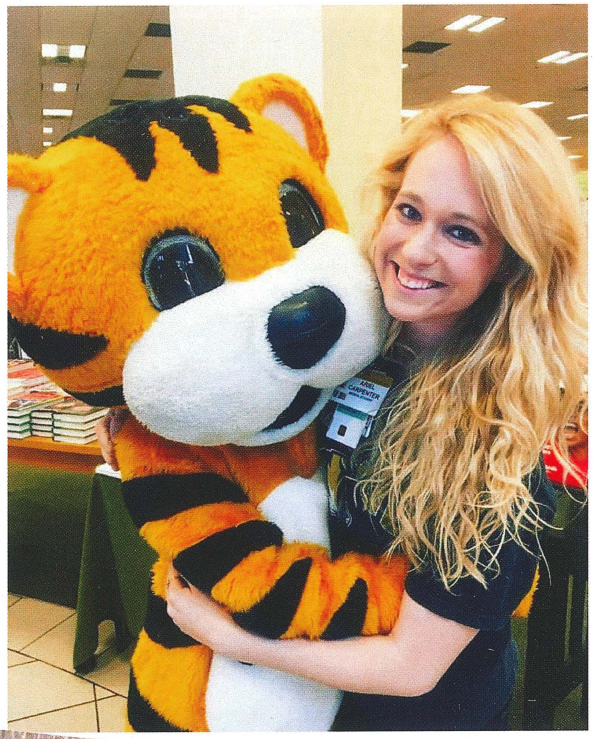



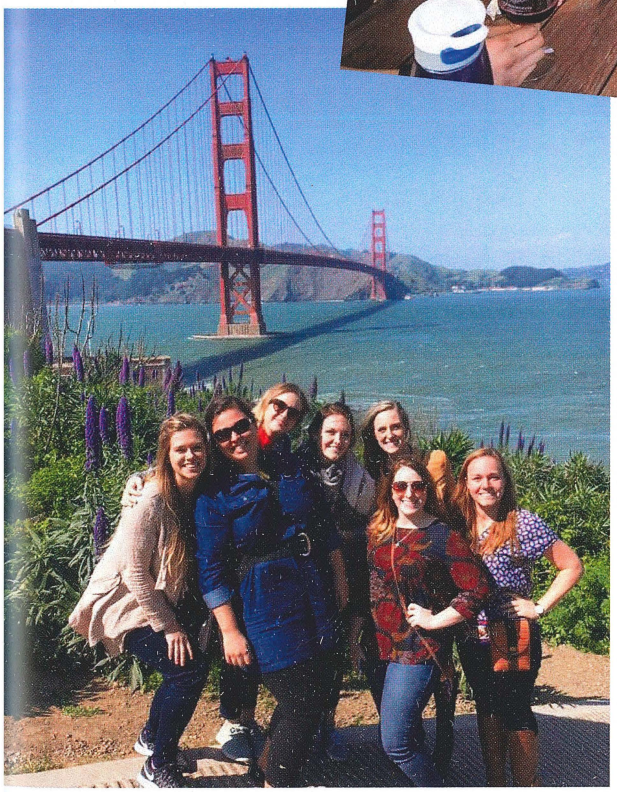

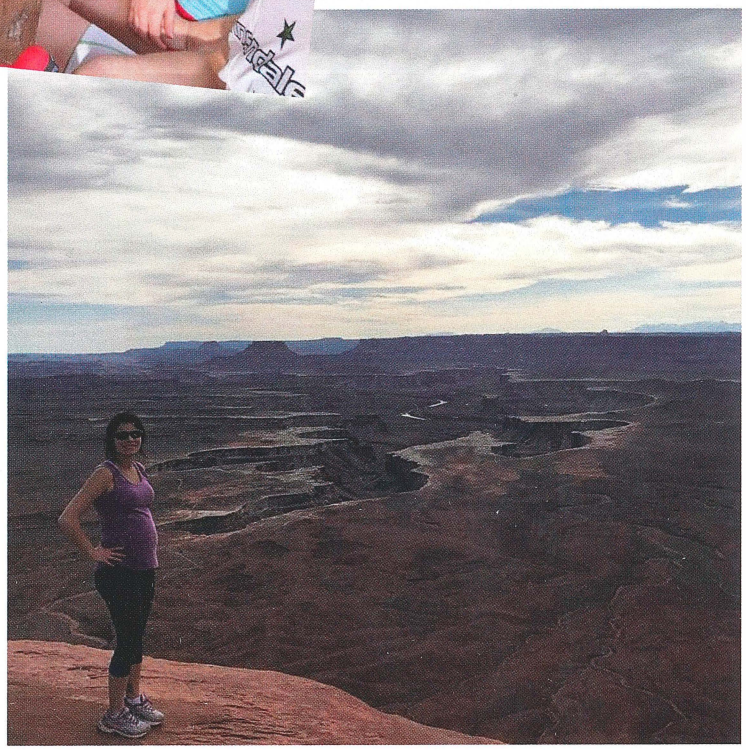

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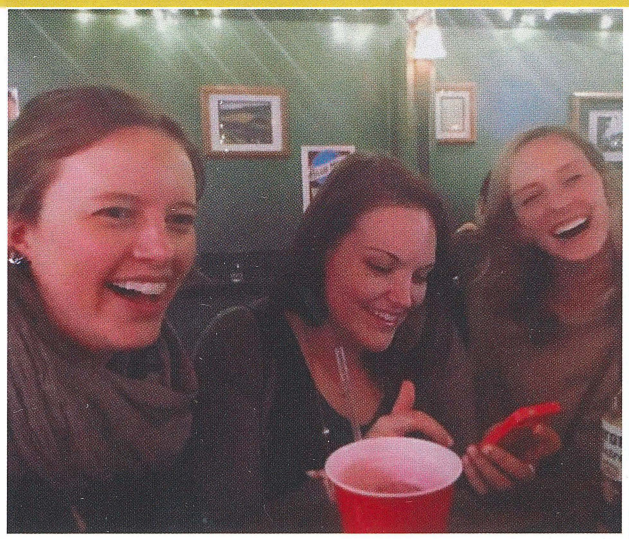

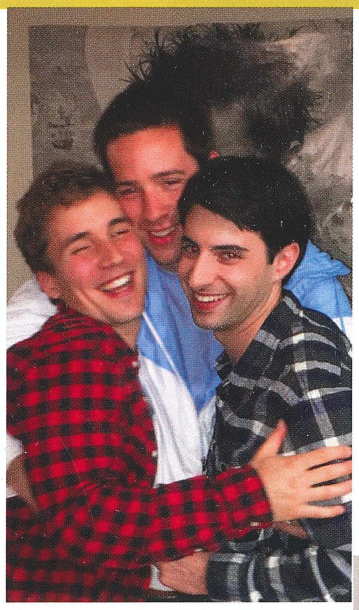

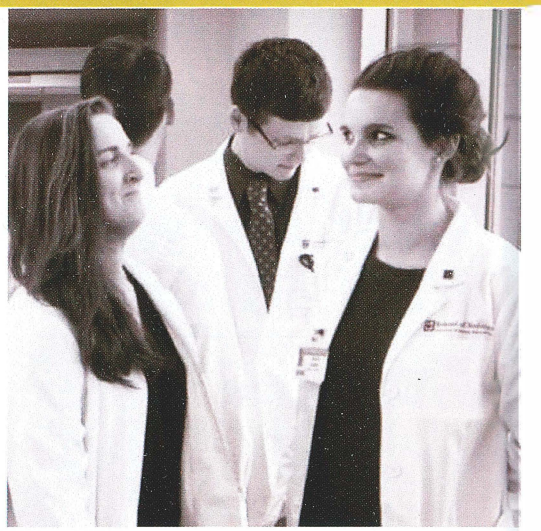





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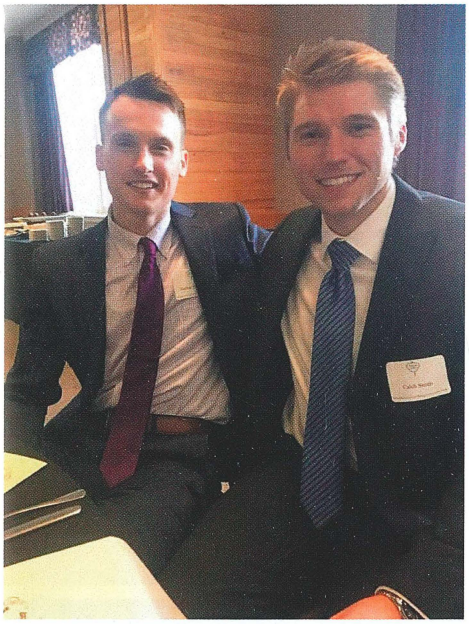



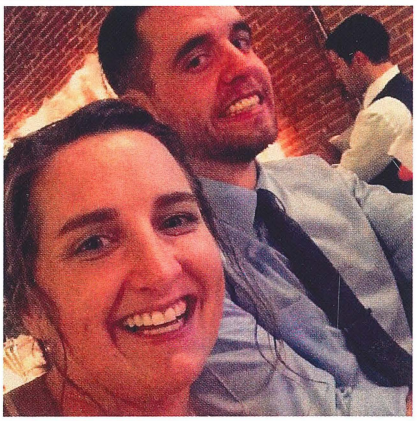

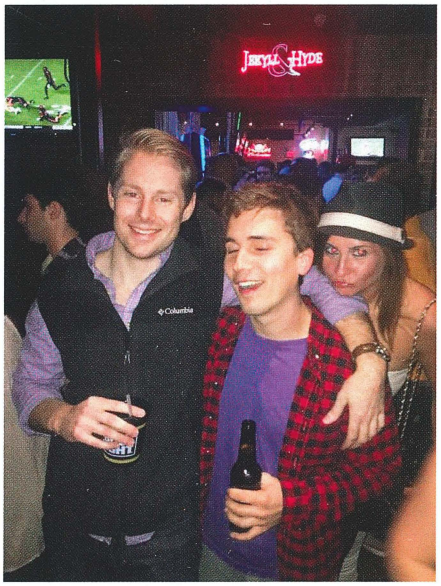

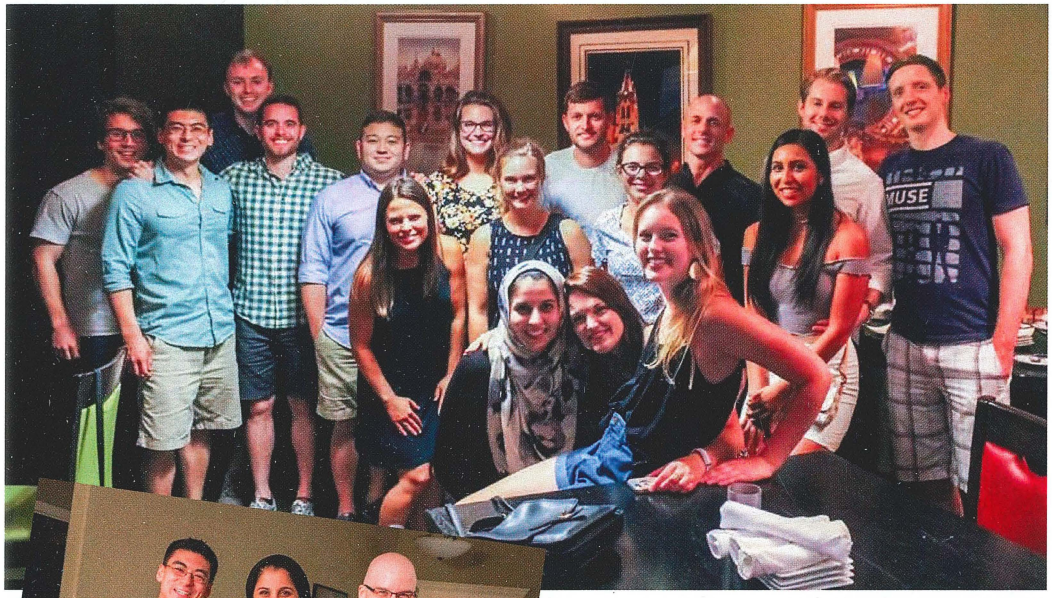

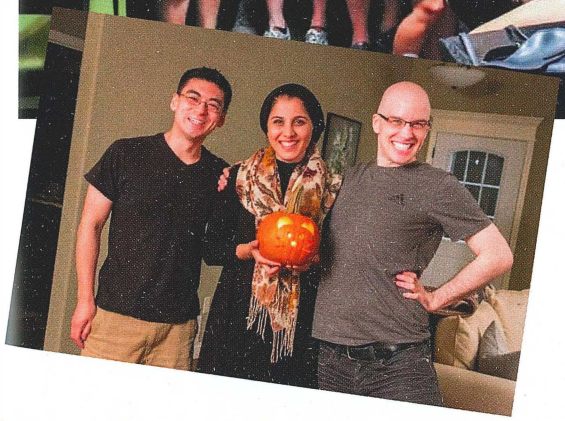

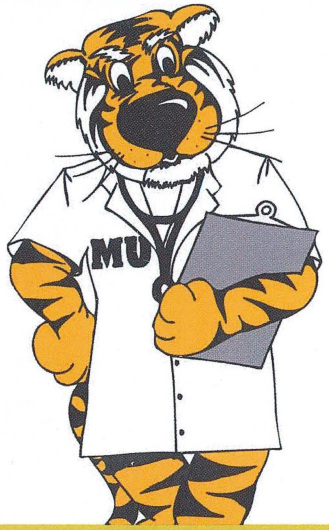

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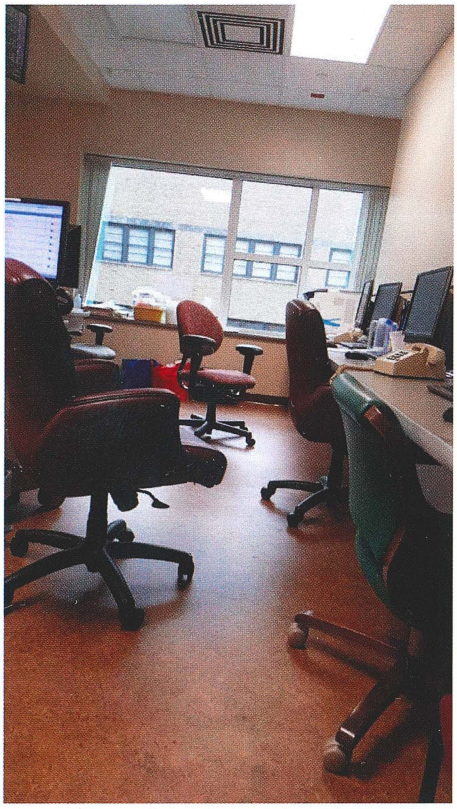





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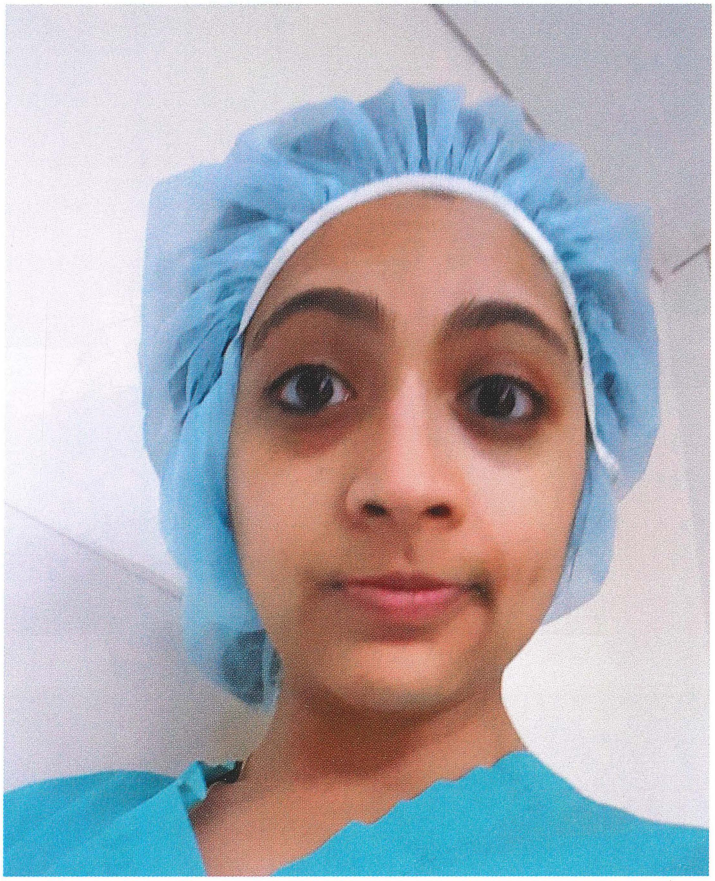

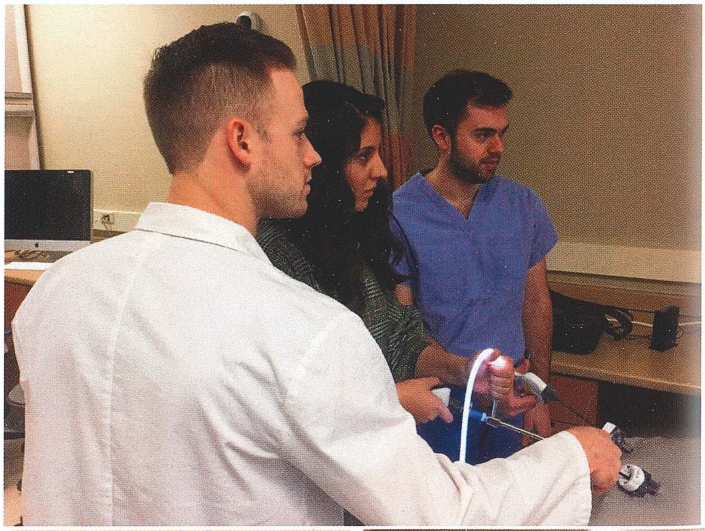

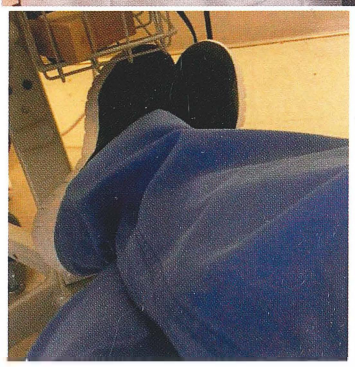

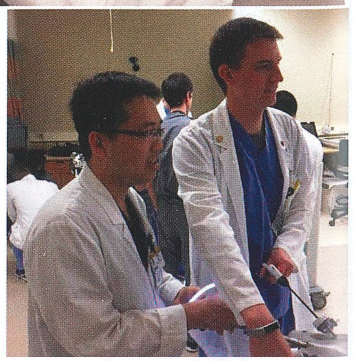

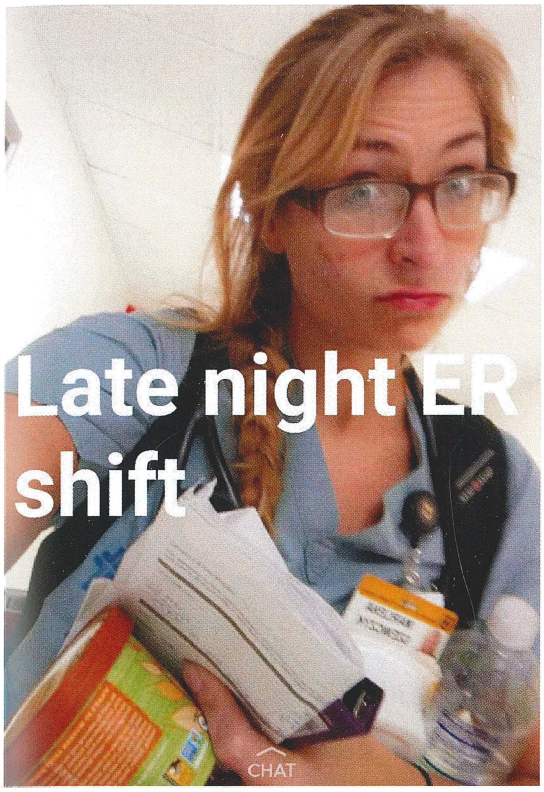

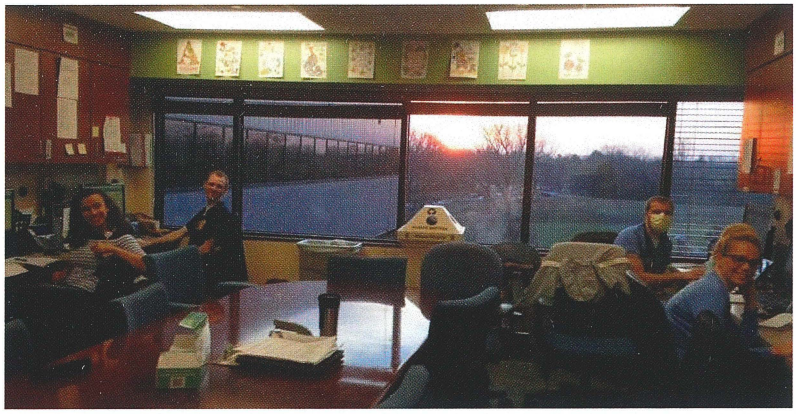

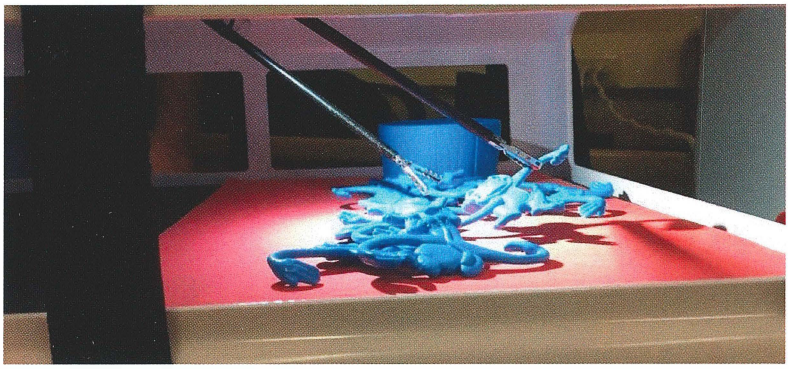

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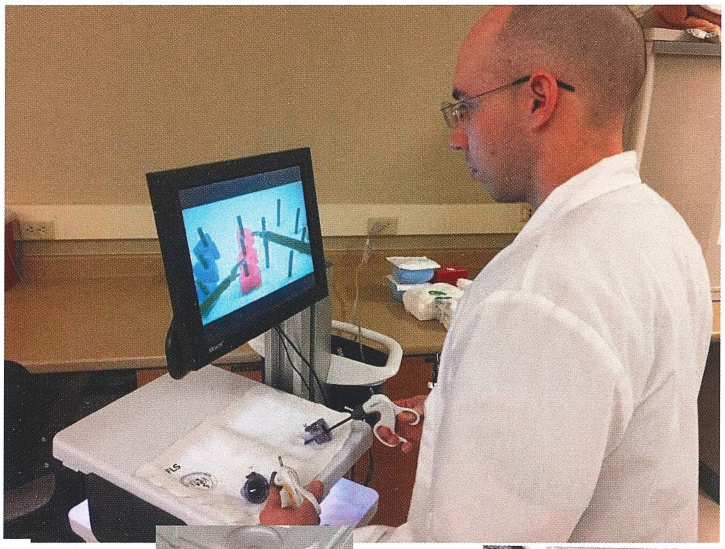
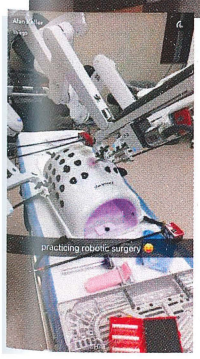
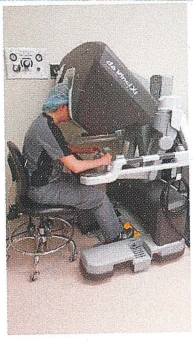
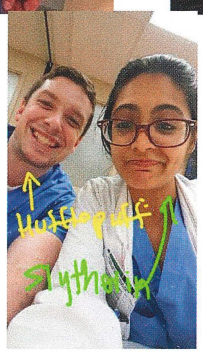
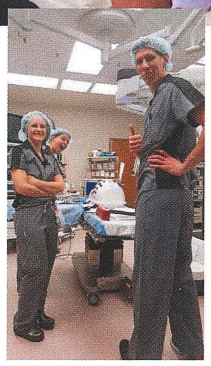
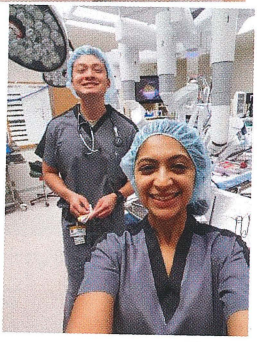








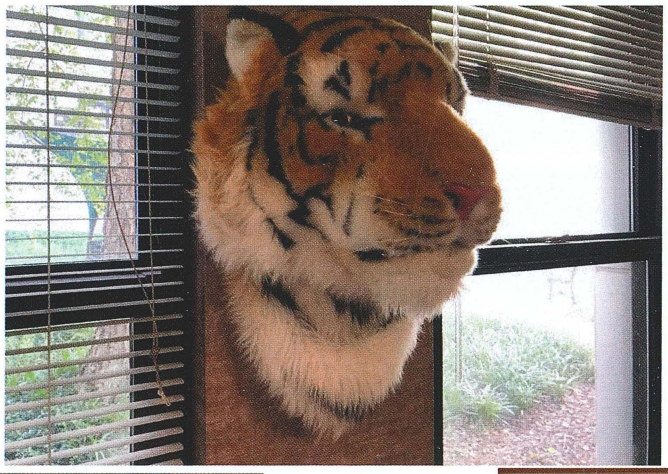




Our Home Away From Home

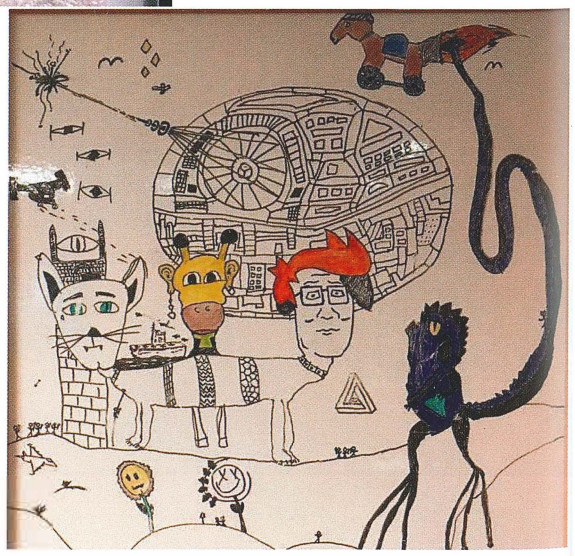


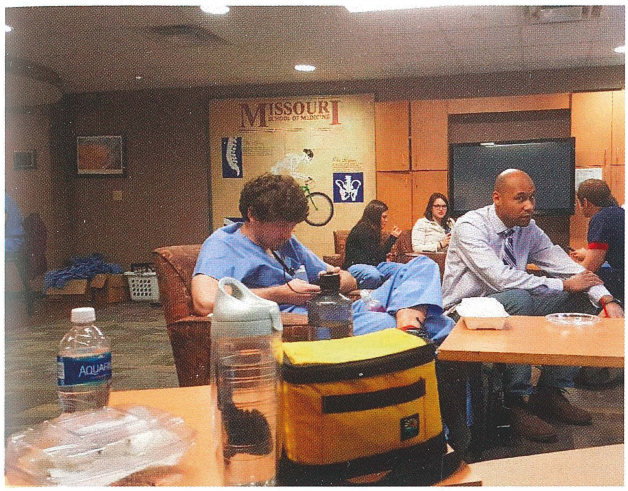
Where Alex Tungesvik and Jeff Berry spar with their minds.





Elan and Stephanie take a quick break from all things anesthesia









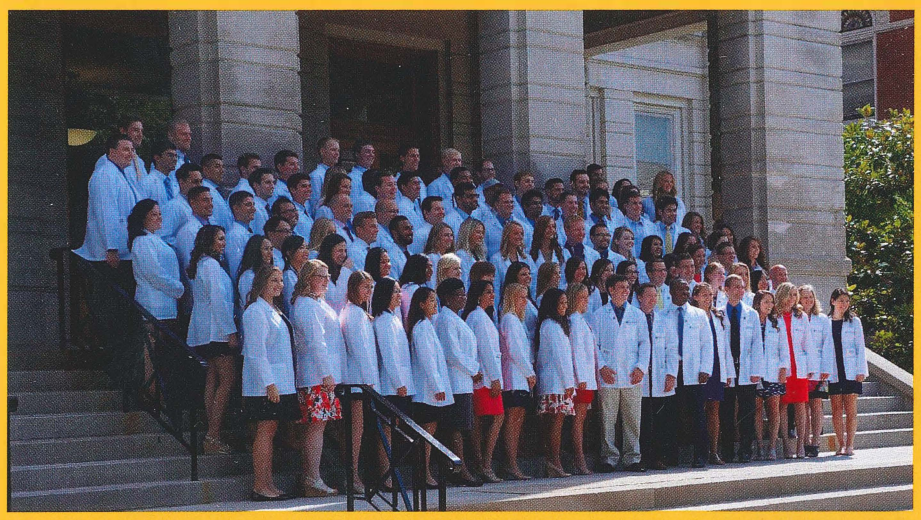
Where Great Minds like Jay Nelson, Calvin Lewis, Arshan Dehborzorgi, Ben Schmidt, Mollie Wasserman, Kate July, Alyssa Ovaitt and David Rosenfeld discuss and evaluate their experiences over lunch.





Colin and Doug discussing the finer points of emergent bowel disimpaction.



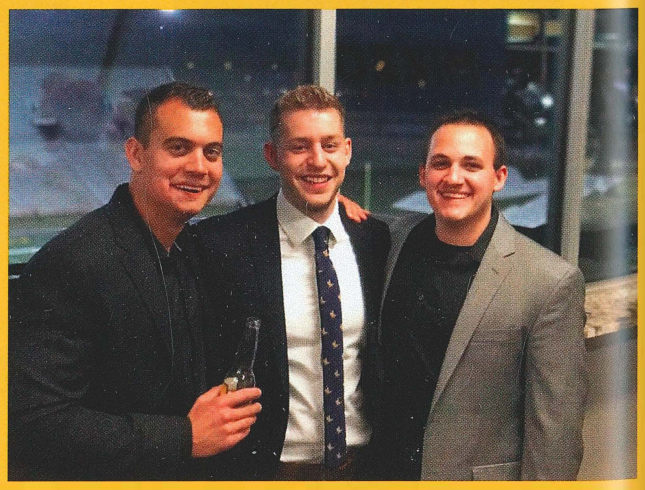












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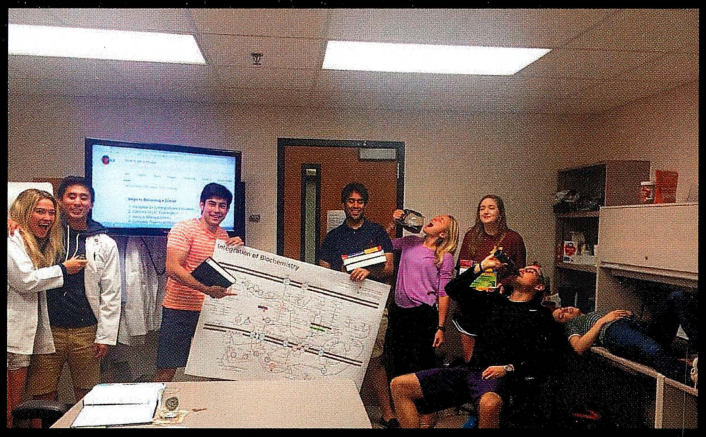









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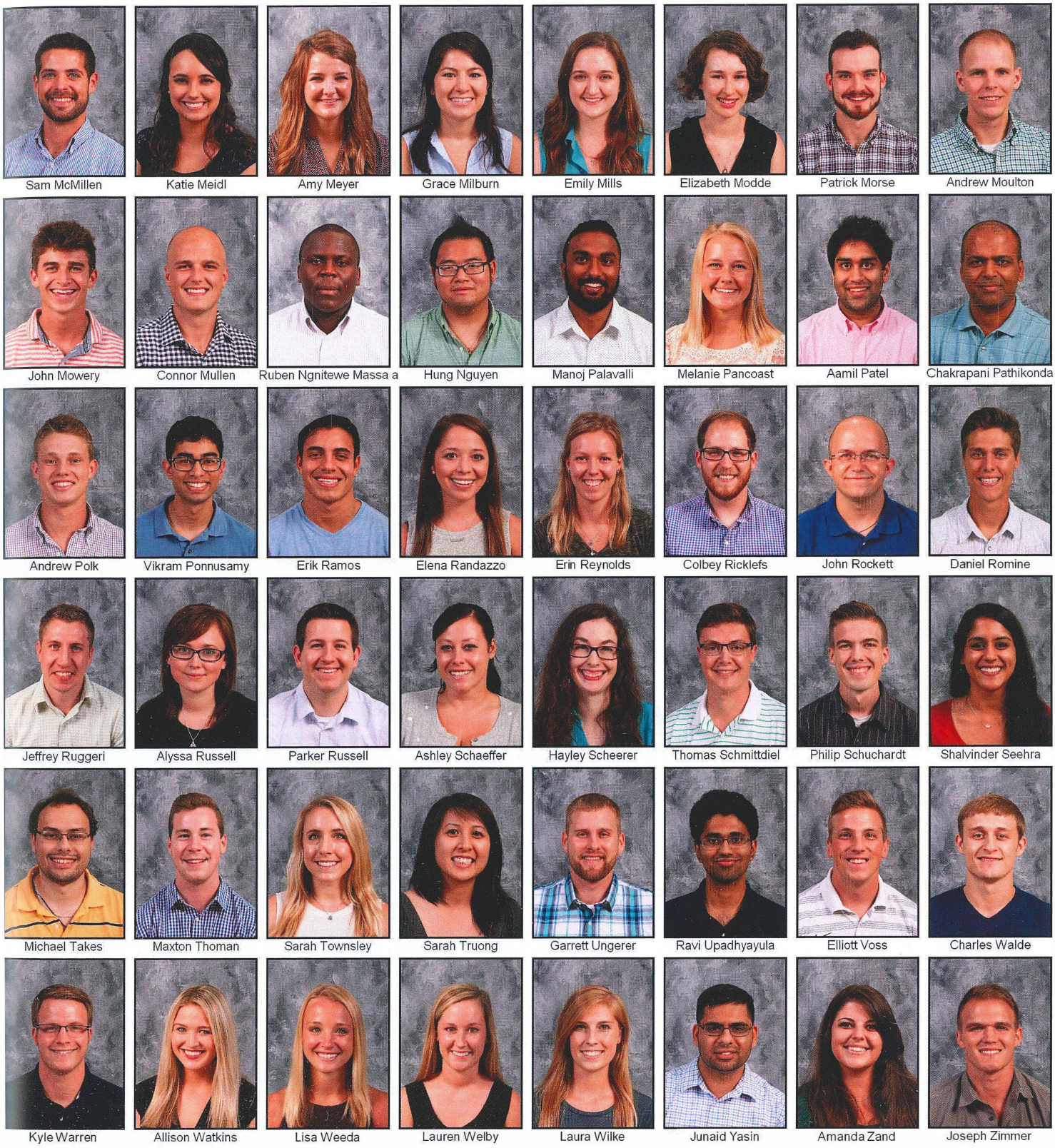

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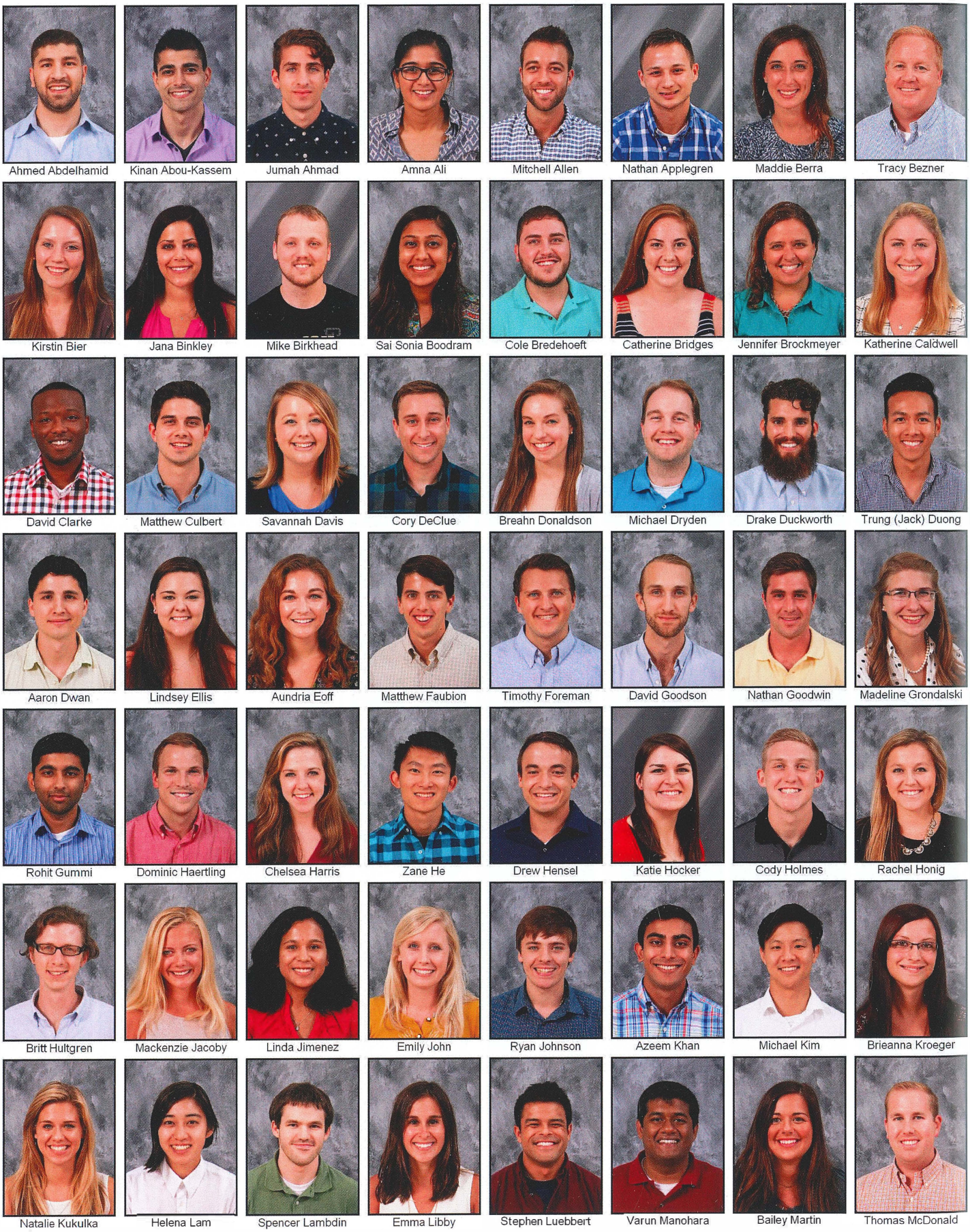

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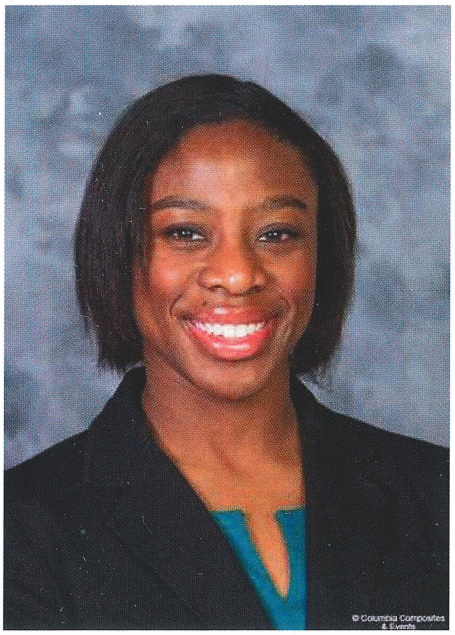

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Jeffrey Berry
Family Medicine, University of Wisconsin



Benjamin Breazile
Internal Medicine, University of Kentucky



Brandon Brewer
Psychiatry, University of Missouri



Madeline Bruck
Obstetrics & Gynecology, Saint Louis University



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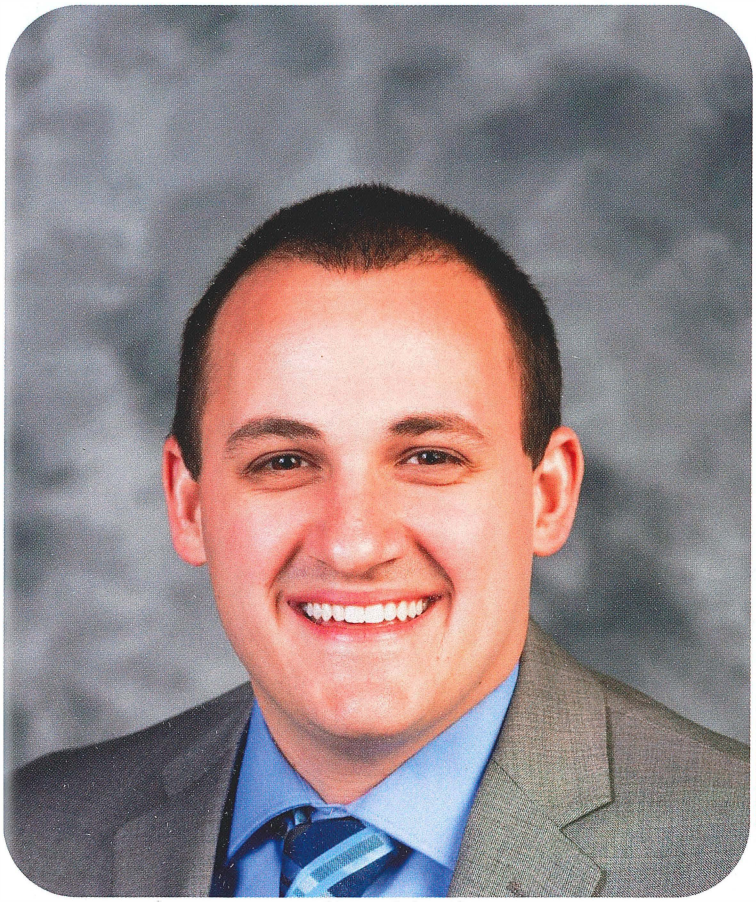

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Pediatrics, University of New Mexico



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Urology, Arizona Health Science Center



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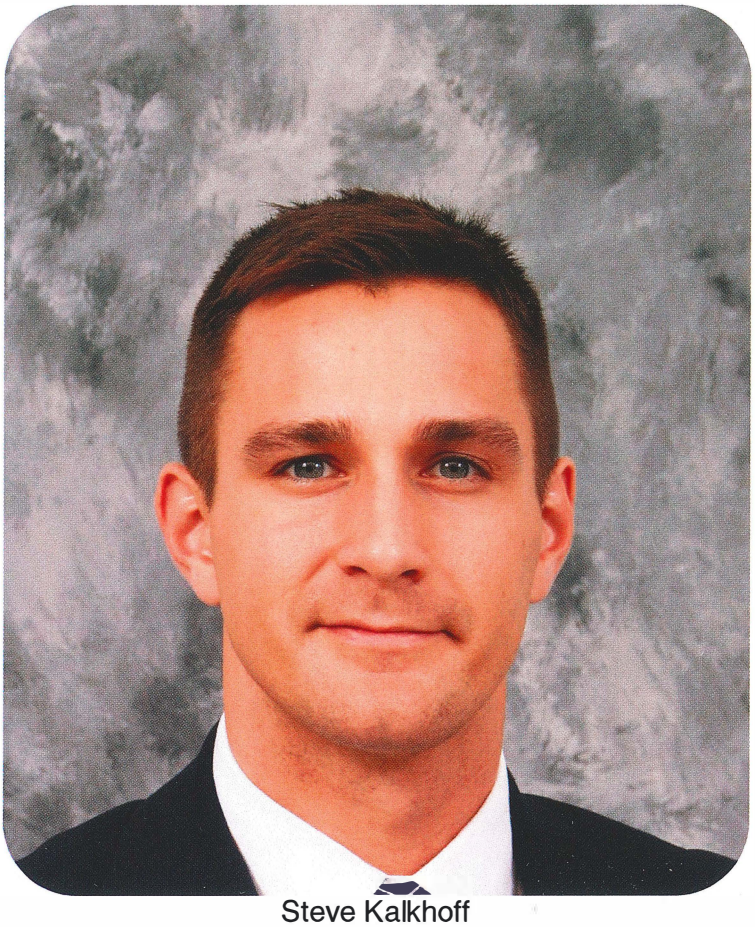

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Calvin Lewis
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Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati



Theresa Long
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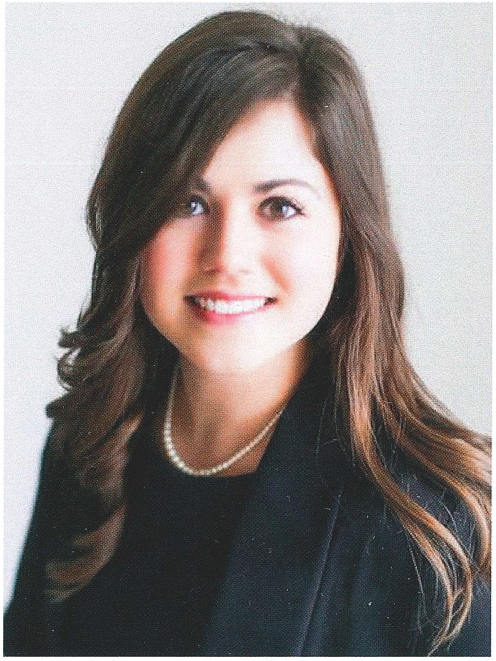

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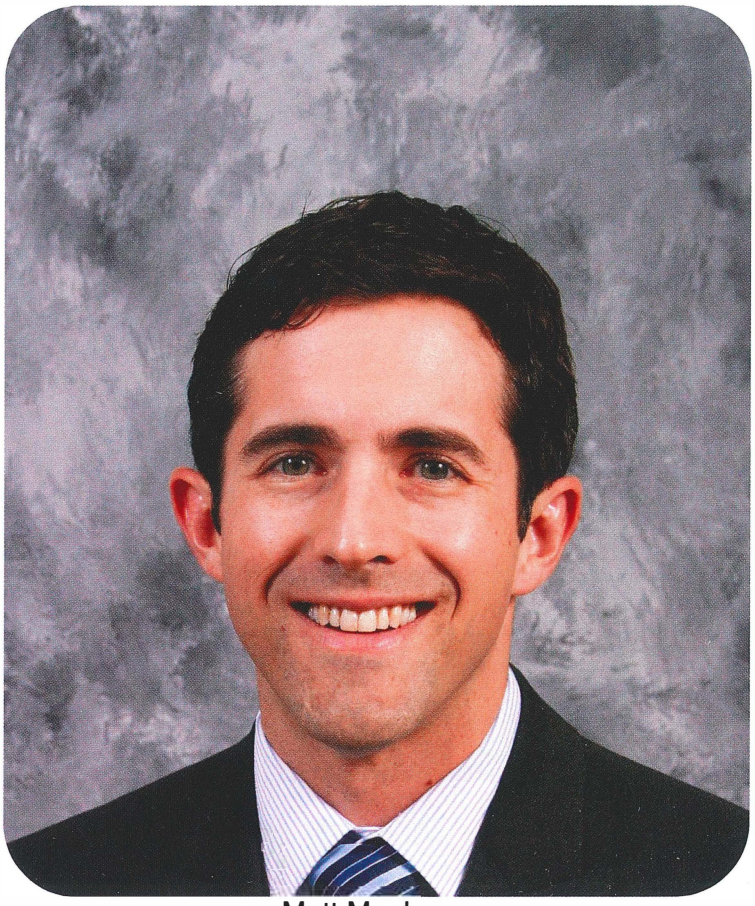

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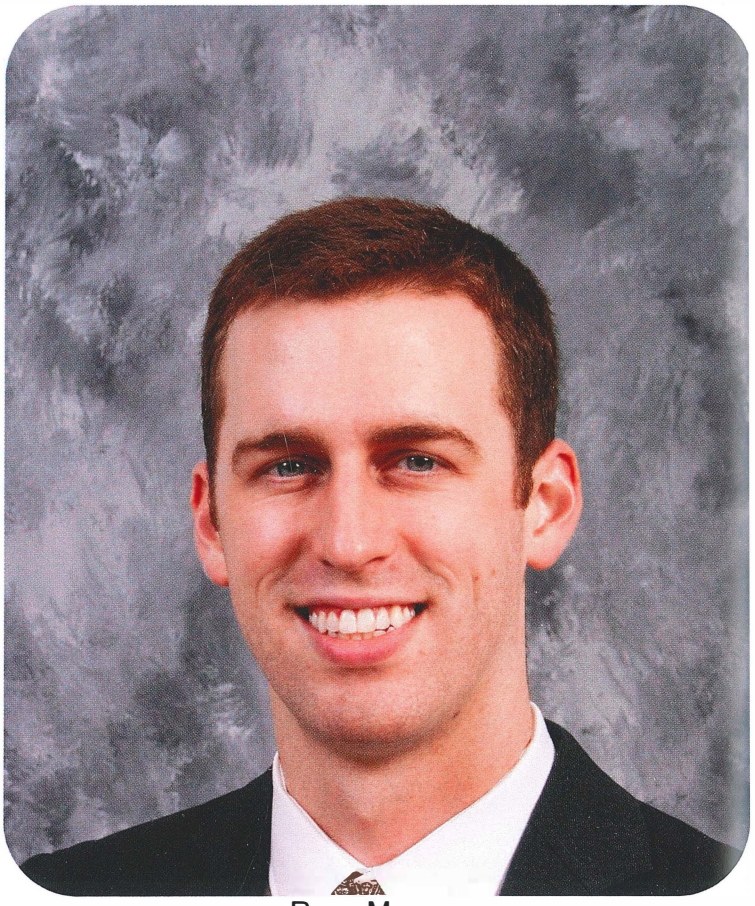

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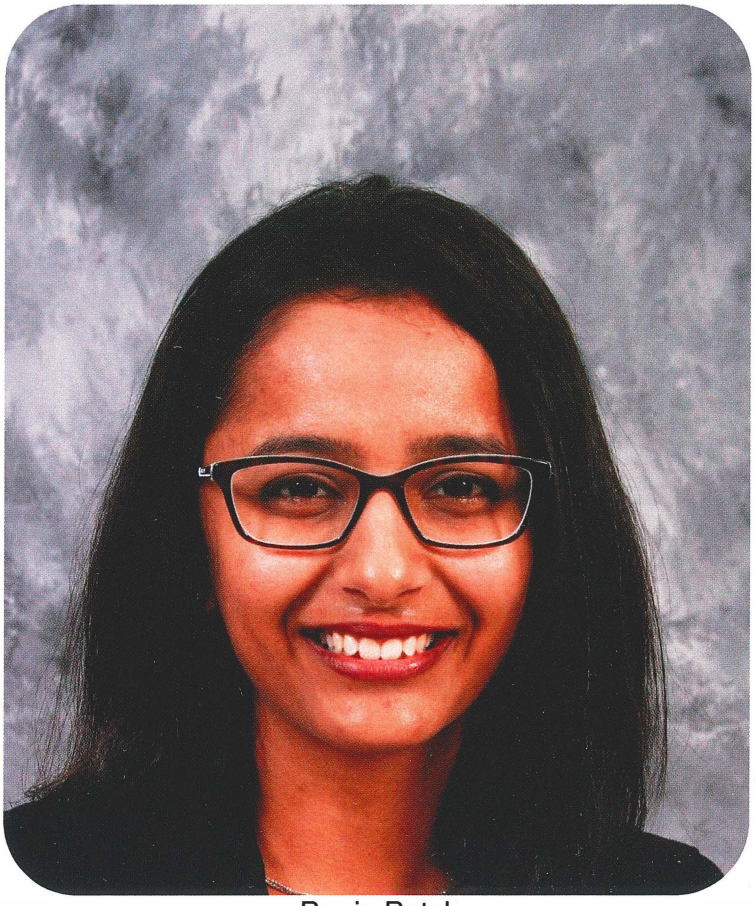

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Internal Medicine, Cleveland Clinic Hospital



Mark Robertshaw
Internal Medicine, Duke University Medical Ctr



David Rosenfeld
Dermatology, Loyola University



Jacqueline Ross
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Emily Rudloff
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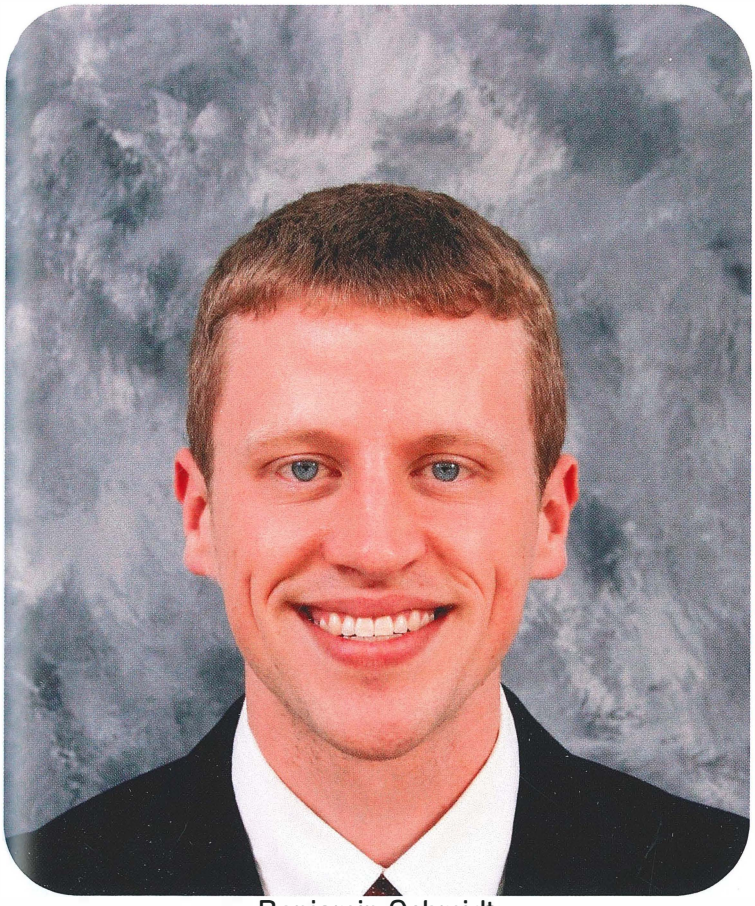

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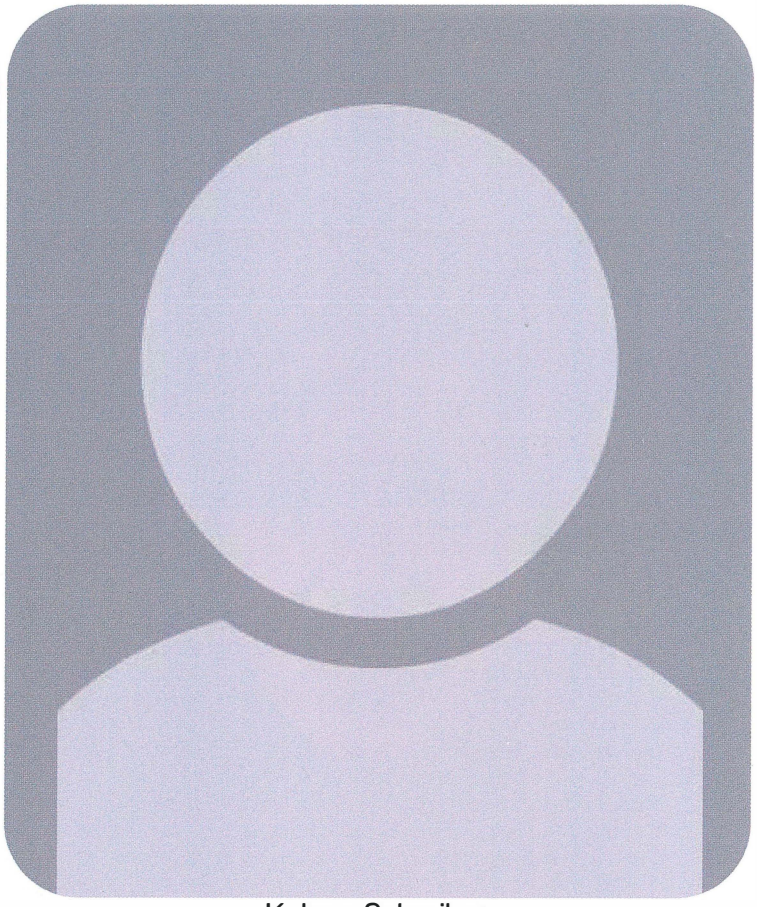

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Jeffrey Swarz
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Ashley Sweeney
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Marlena Szewczyk
Internal Medicine, University of Arizona Tucson



Mitchell Tarka
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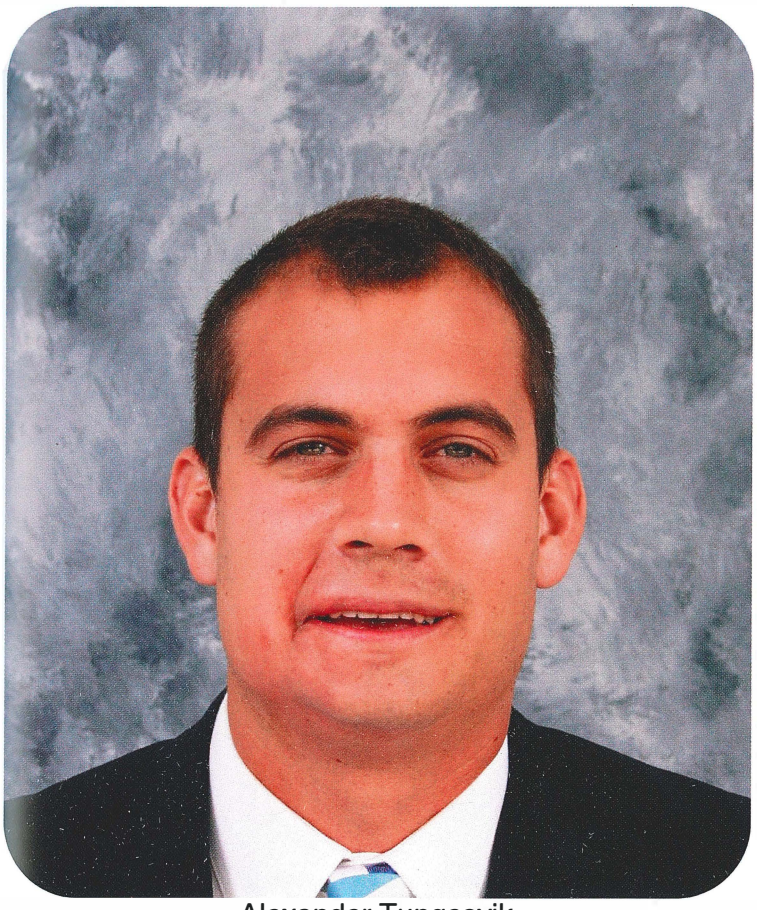

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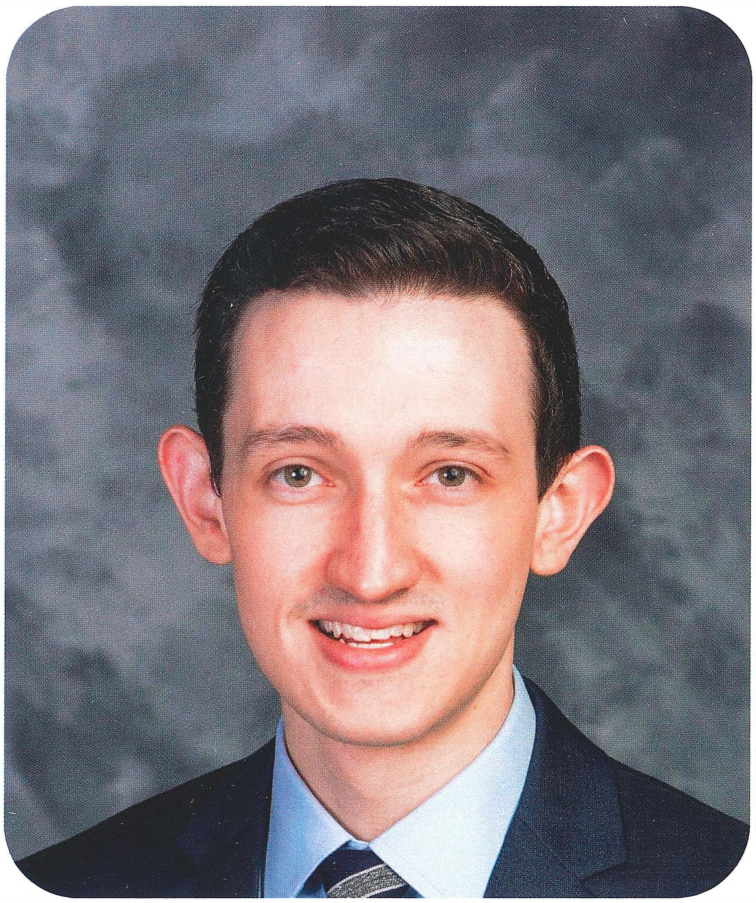

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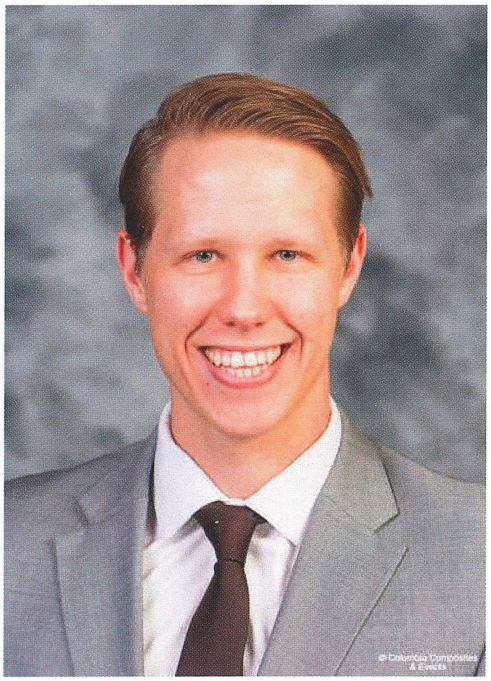

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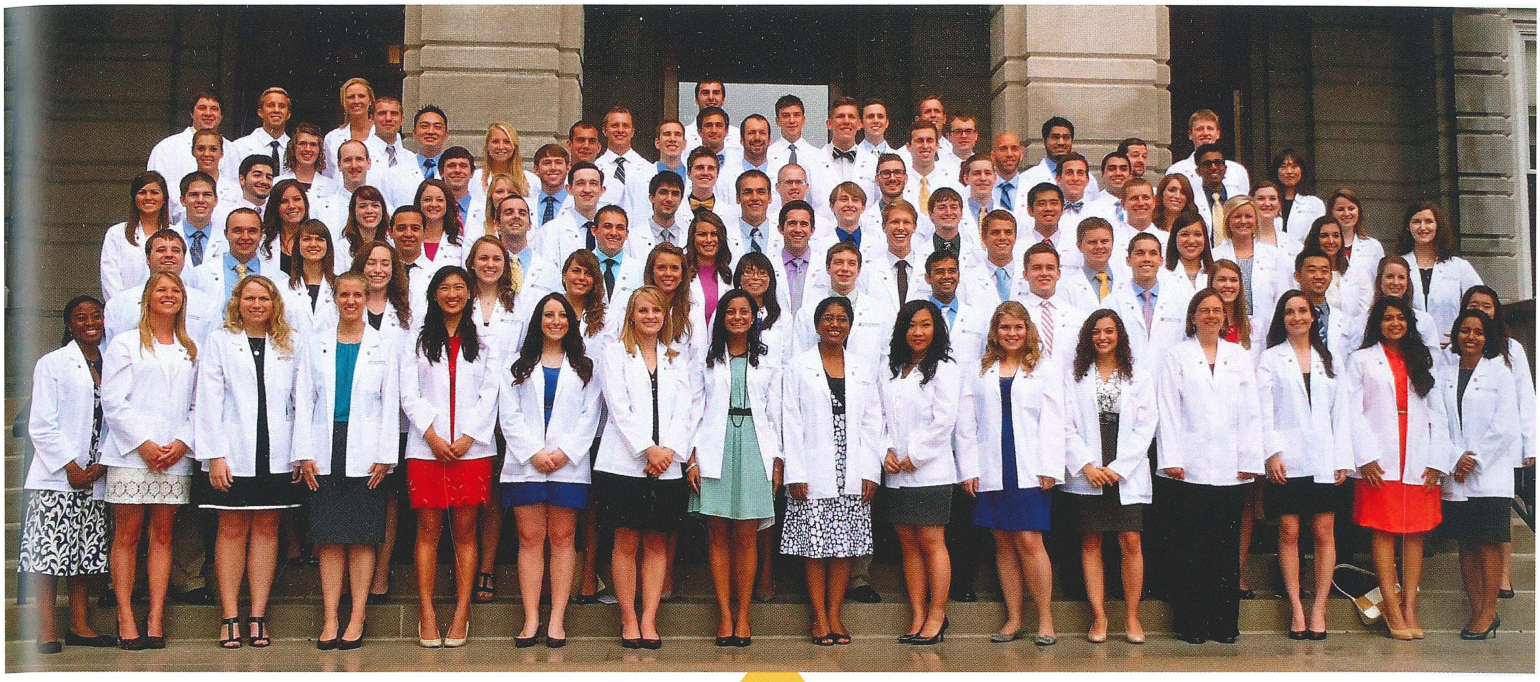

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CLASS OF 2017



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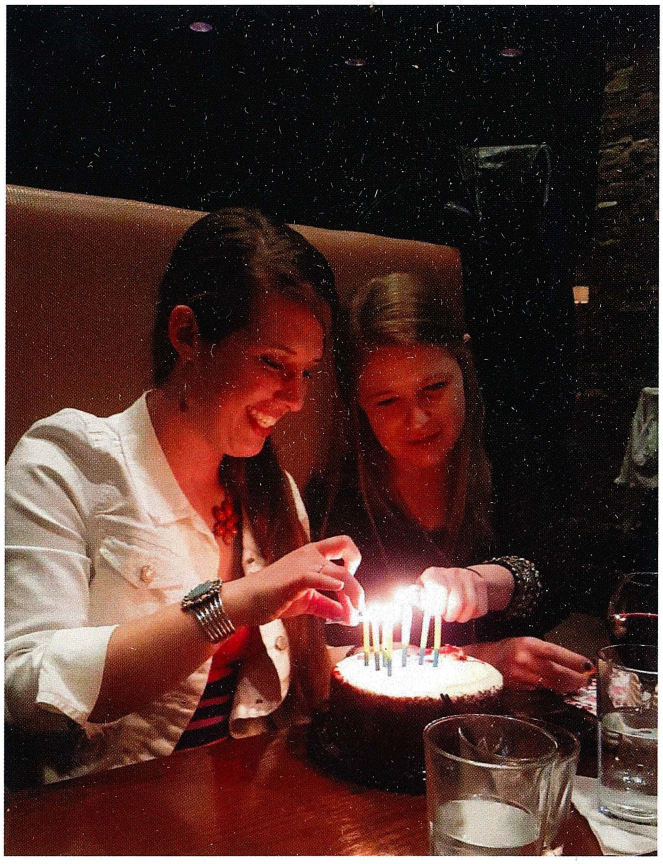
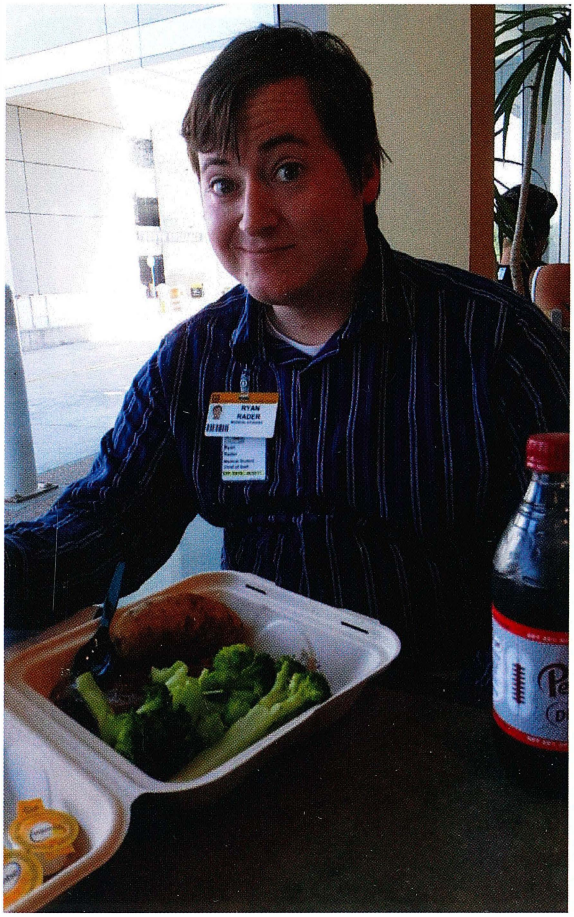
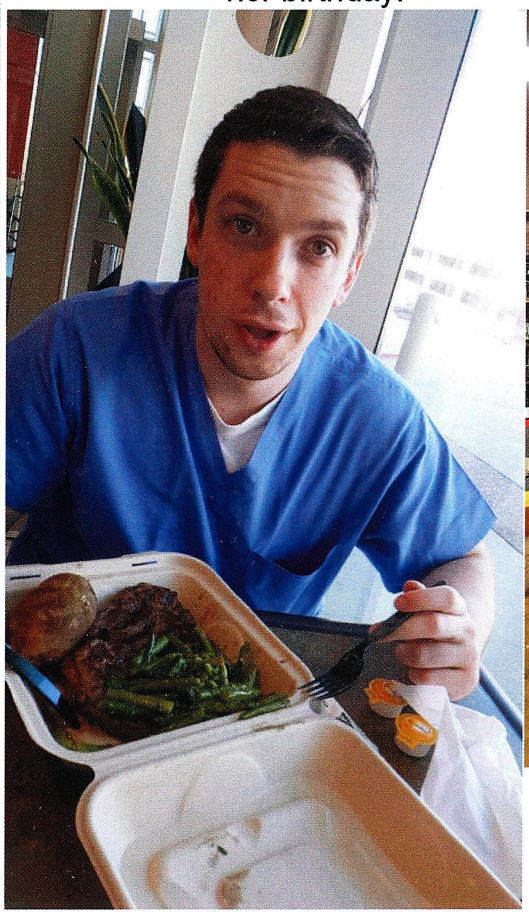
Above: Allison Sindle and Marlana McDowell enjoying a bright sunshine-y day.

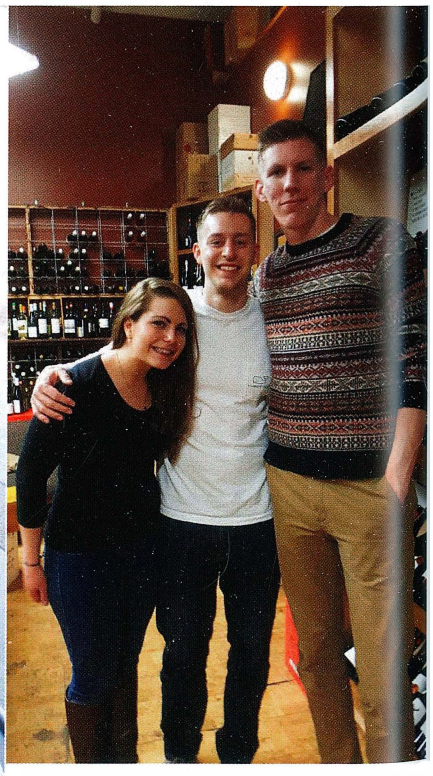


Above: Ashly Ruf helps Misty Todd celebrate her birthday!





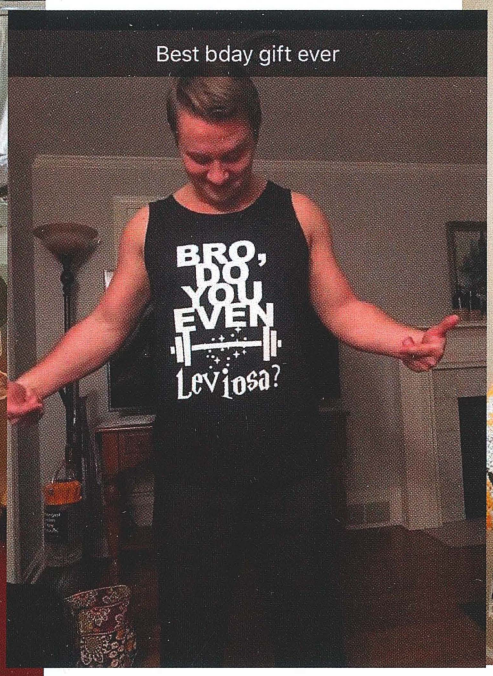
Ryan Rader and Ben Breazile enjoy the most important day of the month, Steak Day at the Orthoteria!

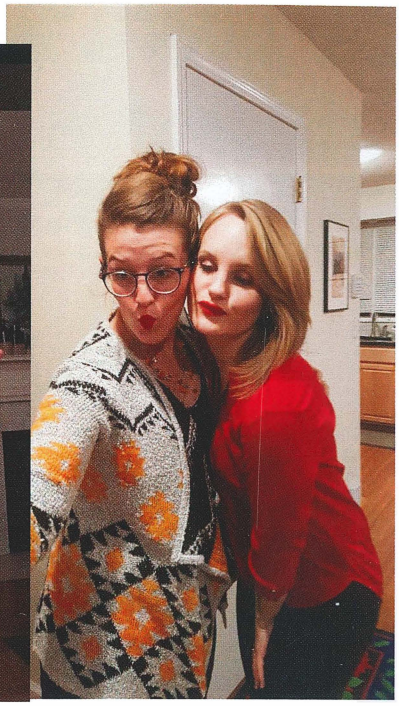


Alyssa Ovaiitt, John Worley and Allan Keller at an impromptu senior gathering.



Left: Greg Cejas and Jesse Day at Meryl Brune's Fancy Oscar Watch Party!





Tyler Gouge has a very serious question for you.

Misty Todd and Jamie Hadley take a selfie!



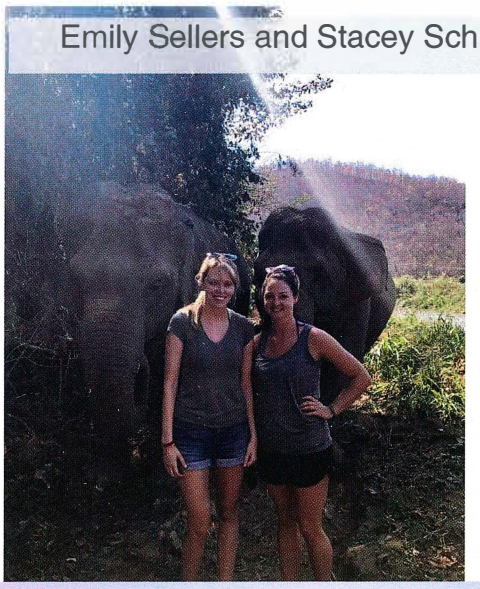


Spotted! Kate July, Cara Watson, Emily Rudloff, Mollie Wasserman out for a cup of coffee (right). Meanwhile, Drennen Mirschting is out rock climbing in the Wild (above).

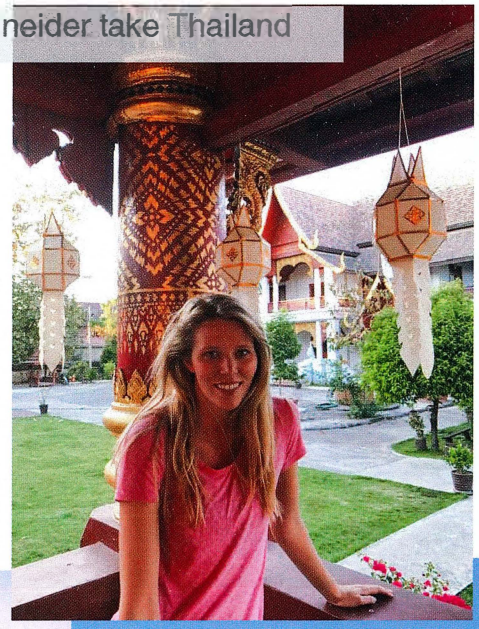


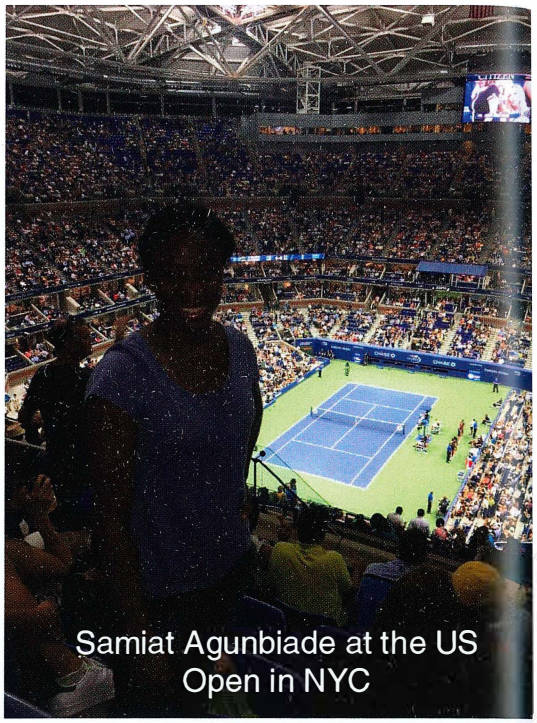
Sakshi Mathur and Patty Yang share some quality wine time together.

Senior Travels

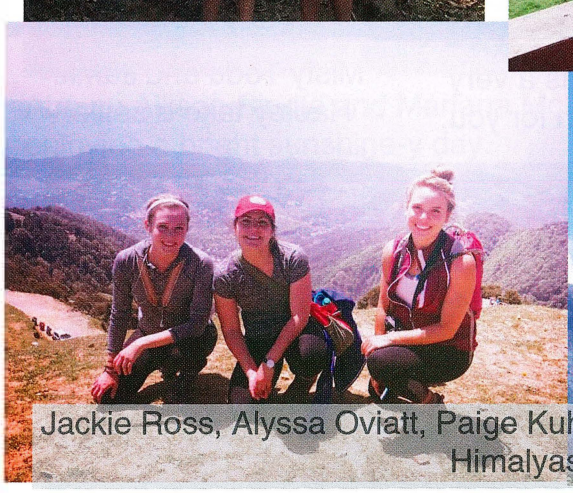


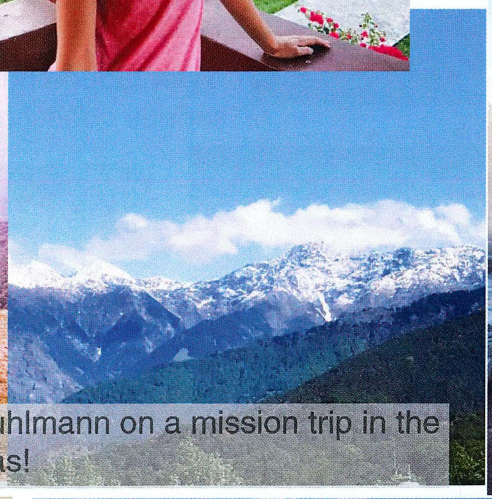
Emily Sellers and Stacey Schneider take Thailand



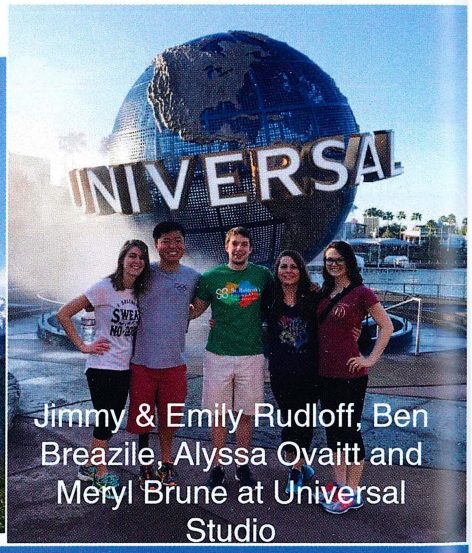


Samiat Agunbiade at the US Open in NYC

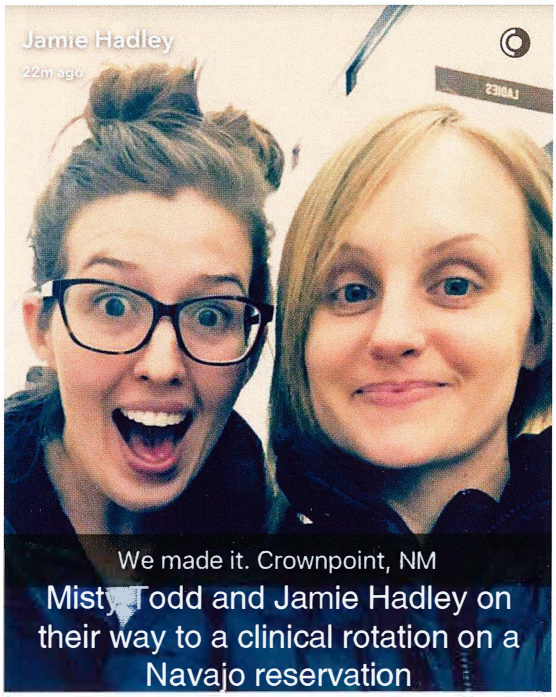




Jackie Ross, Alyssa Oviatt, Paige Kuhlmann on a mission trip in the Himalyas!

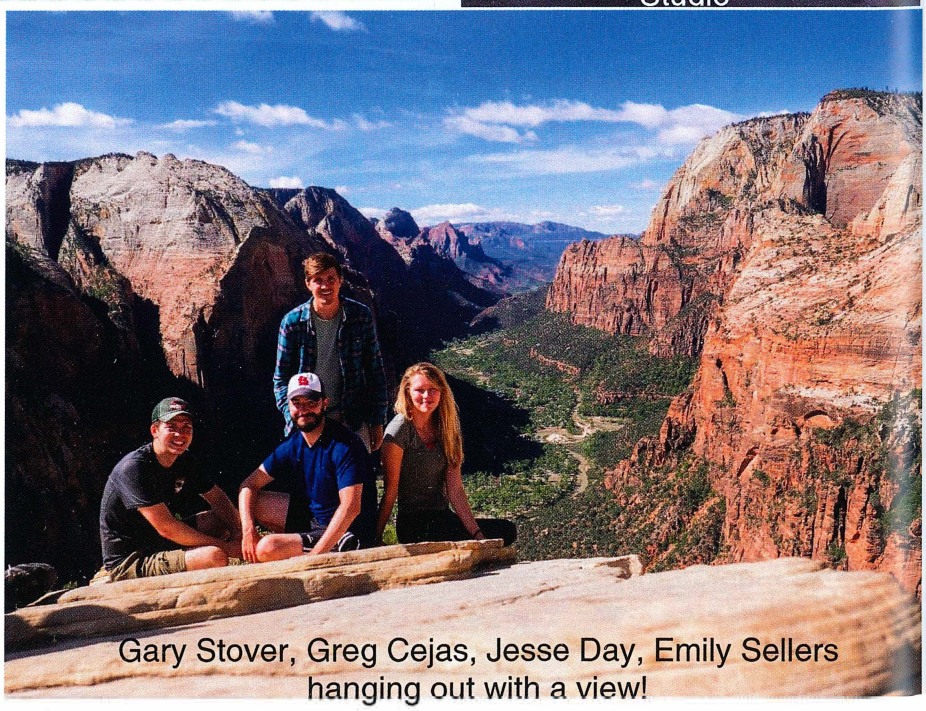


Jimmy & Emily Rudloff, Ben Breazile, Alyssa Ovaitt and Meryl Brune at Universal Studio



We made it. Crownpoint, NM

Misty Todd and Jamie Hadley on their way to a clinical rotation on a Navajo reservation



Gary Stover, Greg Cejas, Jesse Day, Emily Sellers hanging out with a view!



Son Vo and Sara Tepe explore the world together

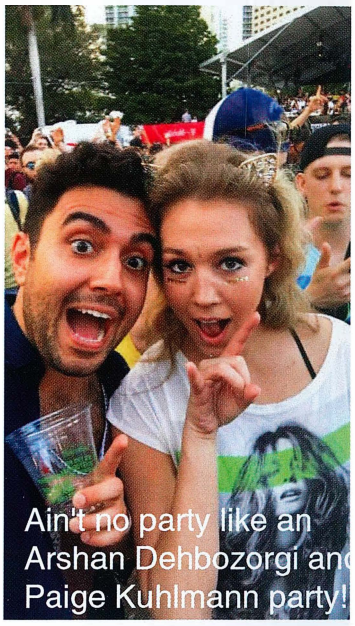
Right: Jamie Hadley, Misty Todd, Shelby Emmett and Ashly Ruf represent Mizzou Med no matter where they go!







Samiat Agunbiade checks out Niagra Falls



Ain't no party like an Arshan Dehbozorgi an Paige Kuhlmann party!



We all spent more than our fair share of time at airports during residency interview season. Just ask Sakshi Mathur!



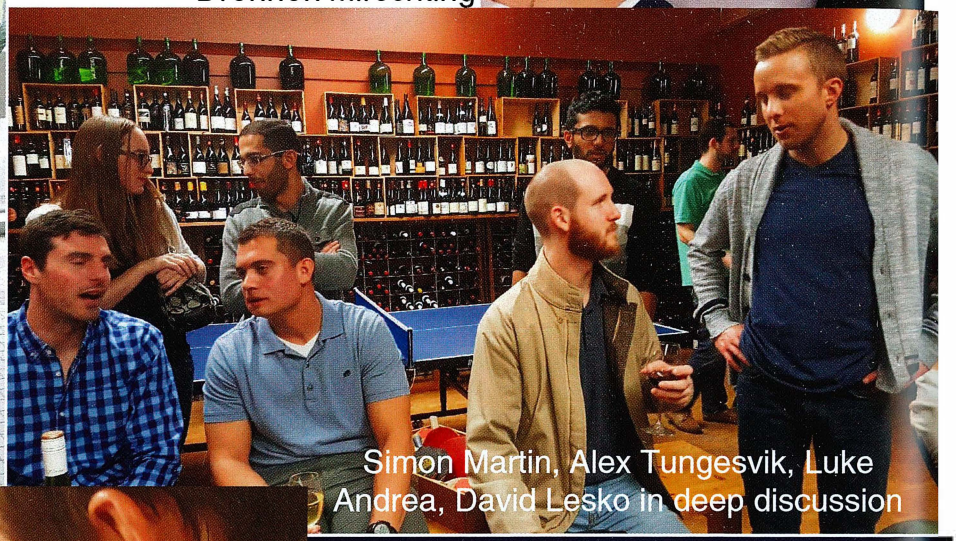
M4 Life!!!



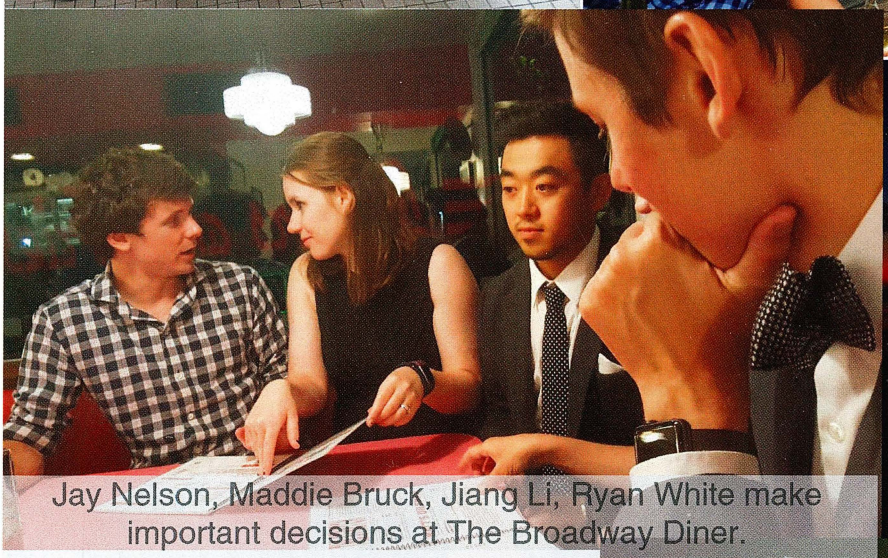
To red lip or not to red lip, ask the 3 surgeons to the right: Sakshi mathur, Ashly Ruf, Drennen Mirschting



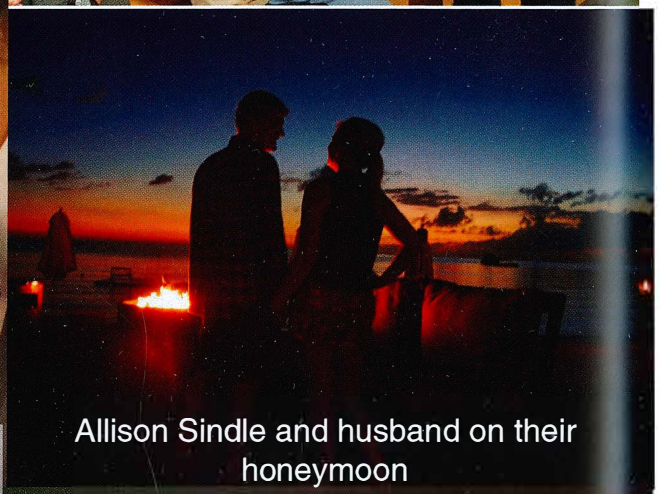
Jamie Hadley, Ashly Ruf, Nick Arnold enjoy Celebrtory Match Day pizza



Simon Martin, Alex Tungesvik, Luke Andrea, David Lesko in deep discussion



Jay Nelson, Maddie Bruck, Jiang Li, Ryan White make important decisions at The Broadway Diner.

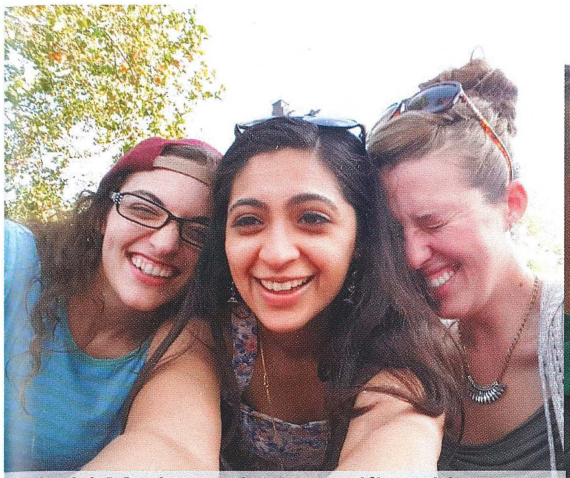


Allison Sindle and husband on their honeymoon





Ryan White, Emory Gray, Jiang Li at the Roof.



Sakshi Mathur takes a selfie with Shelby Emmett, Misty Todd, Ashly Ruf and Drennen Mirschting in Herman MO

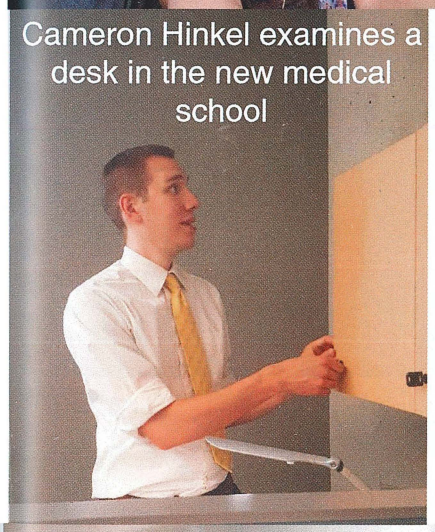


Patty Yang and Mitch Tarka at graduation rehearsal

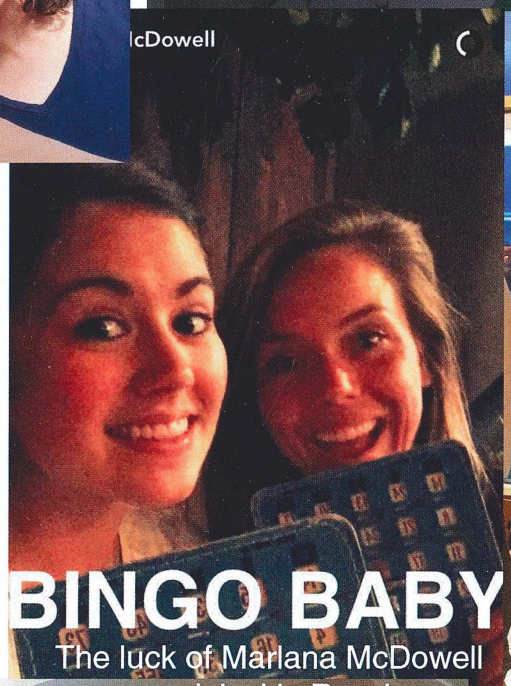


Greg Cejas opens a bottle of champagne





Cameron Hinkel examines a desk in the new medical school

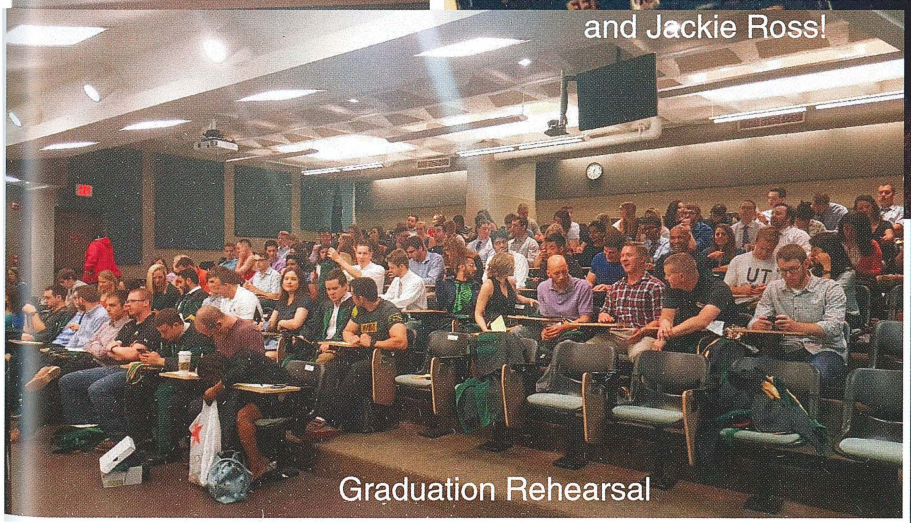


BINGO BABY

The luck of Marlana McDowell and Jackie Ross!



Patty Yang and Shelby Emmett at Faurot Field

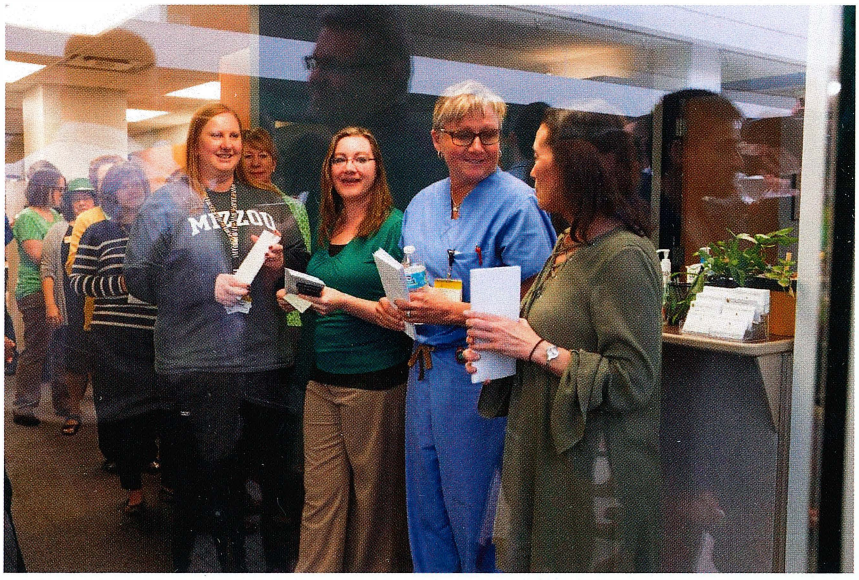


Graduation Rehearsal



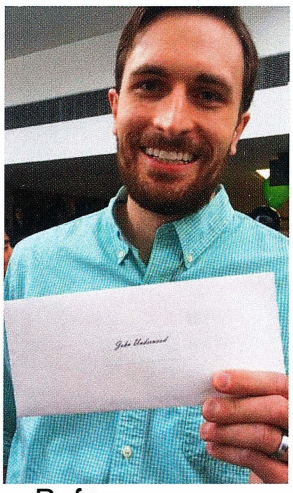
Touring the brand new PCCLC building

Match Day 2017





Above: Even the Match is on Facebook Live!
Left: Waiting to hand out the envelopes



Before....



....and after!

Jamie Hadley, Dr. Quick, Sakshi Mathur, and Ashly Ruf



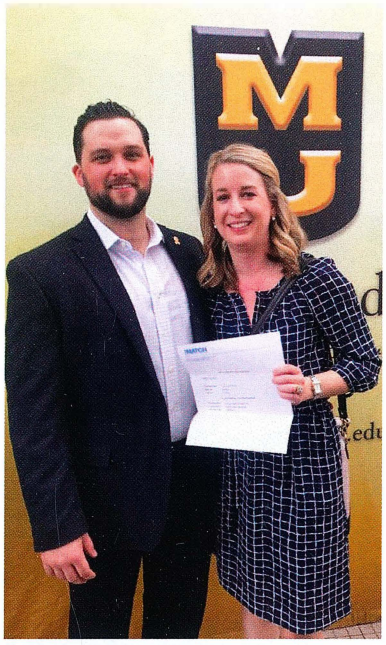


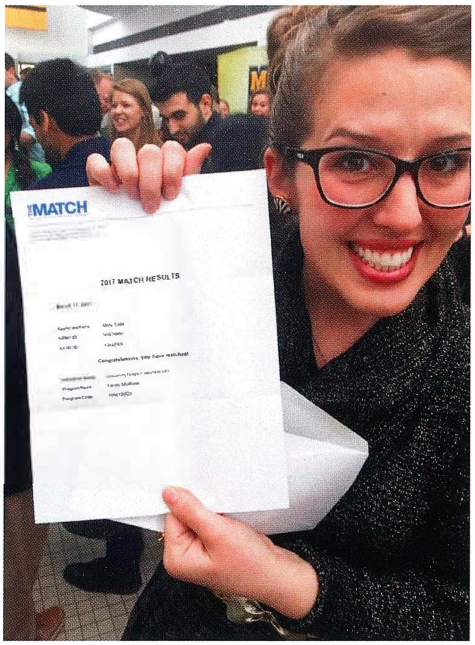
Sakshi Mathur and Arshan Dehbozorgi

Allison Sindle and Mariana McDowell









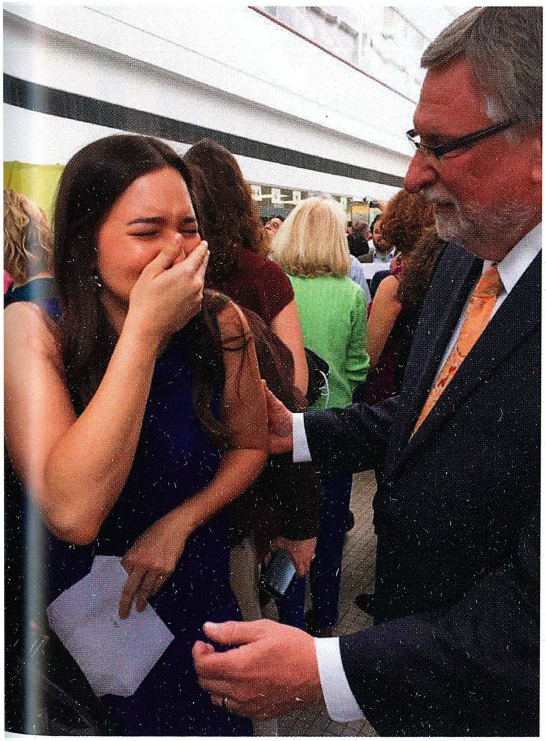
From left: Stacey Schneider, Kayla Matzek, Ryan and Angela Hulsey, and Misty Todd

Below: Dr. Brown and Drennen Mirtsching

Mizzou Med made another strong showing this year.

Congratulations to all our future residents from the Class of 2017!



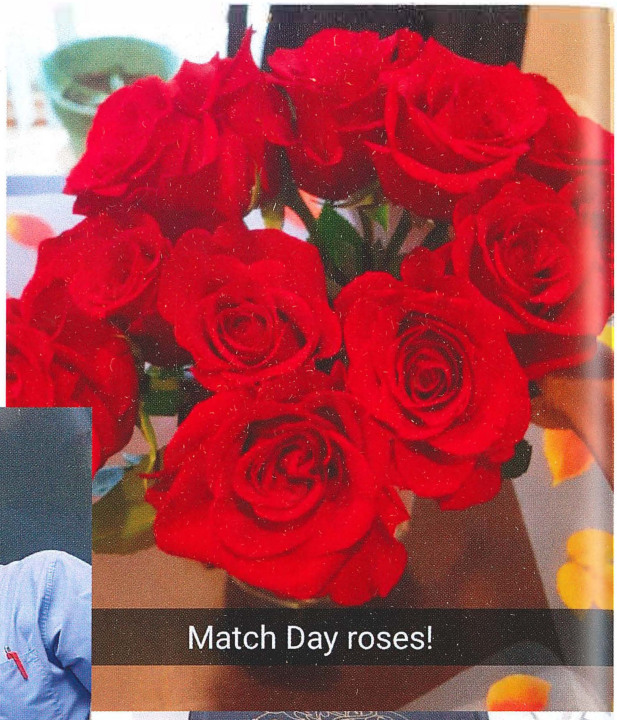


Kelsie Coe is overjoyed

Arshan Dehbozorgi, Jeff Berry, Tyler Gouge, Jackie Ross, Marlana McDowell, and Mark Robertshaw



Match Day 2017

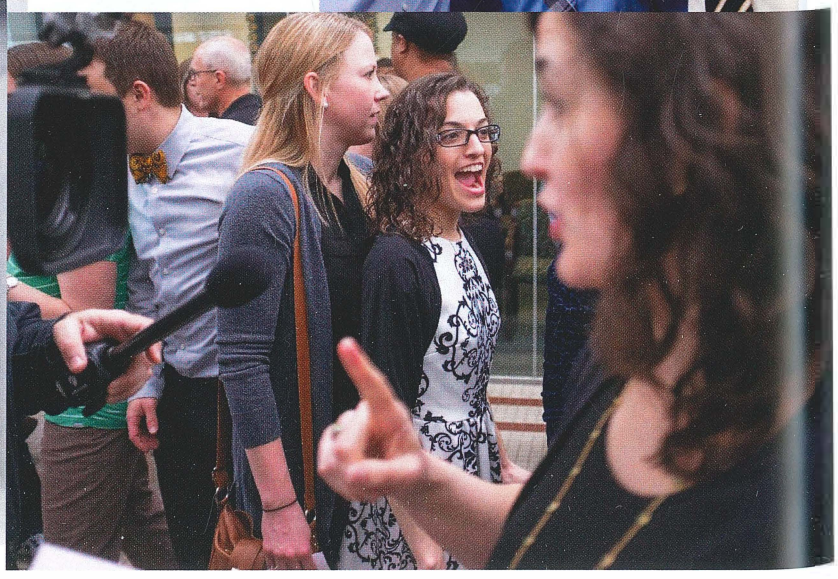


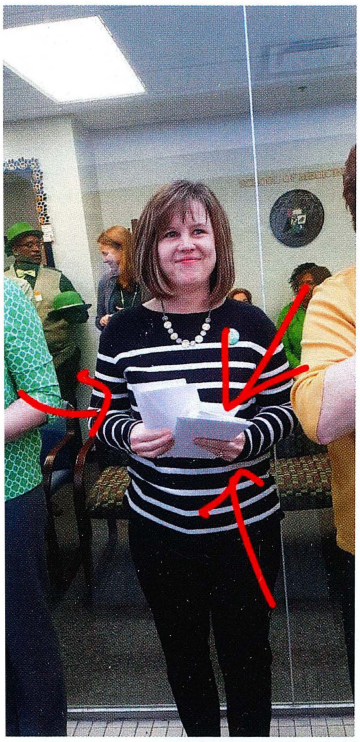
Match Day roses!



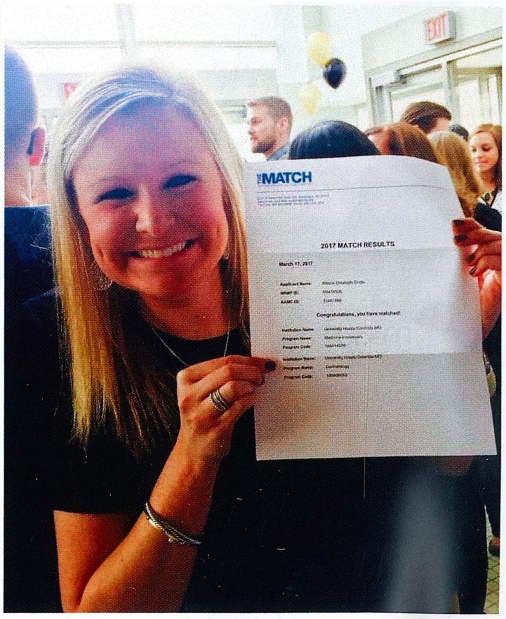








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2017 MATCH RESULTS
Congratulations, you have matched!


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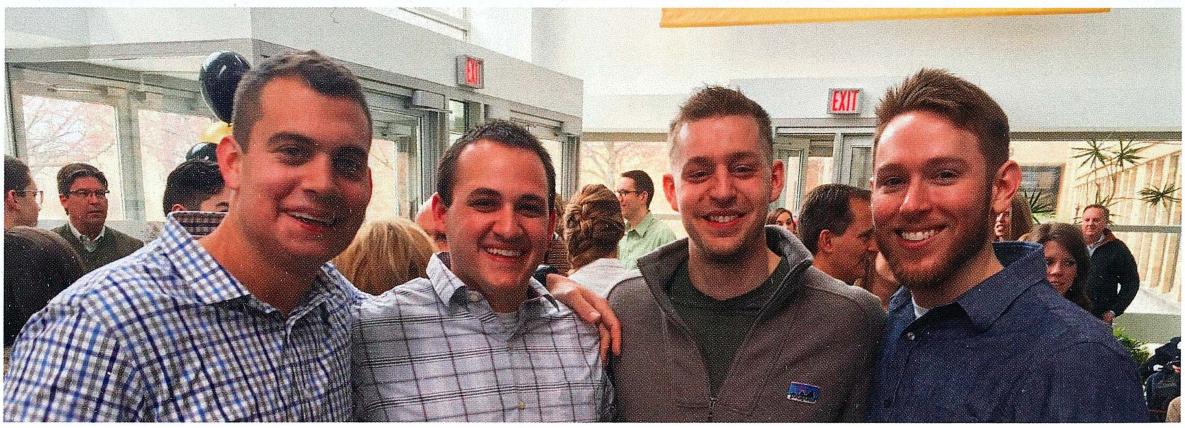
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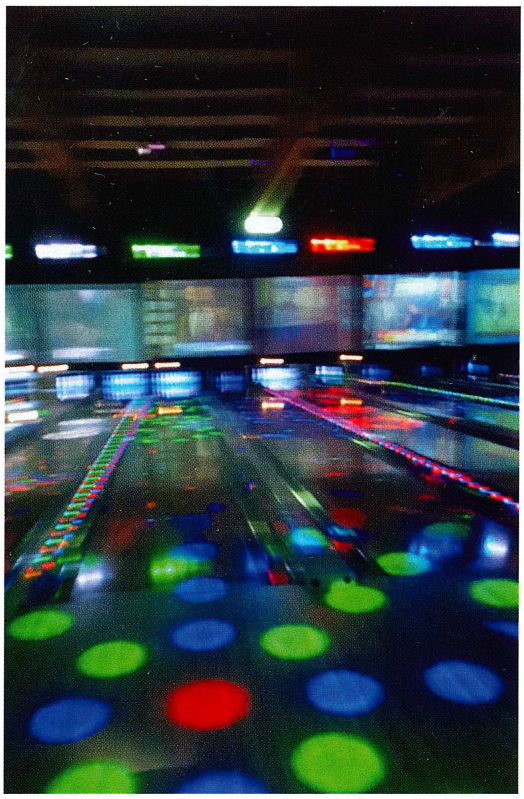
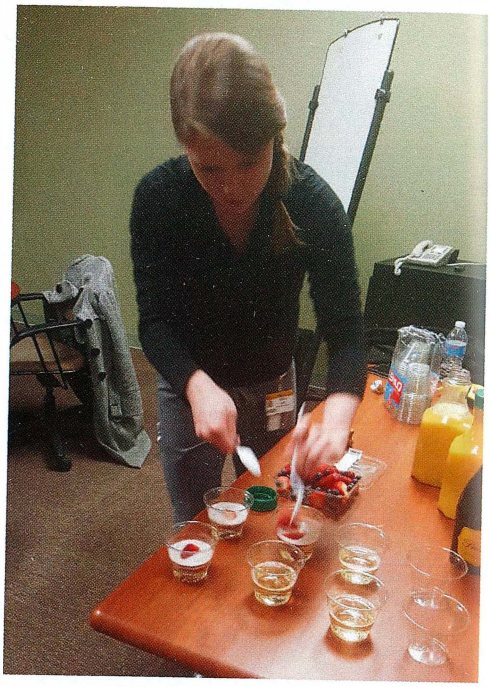
Match Week!!

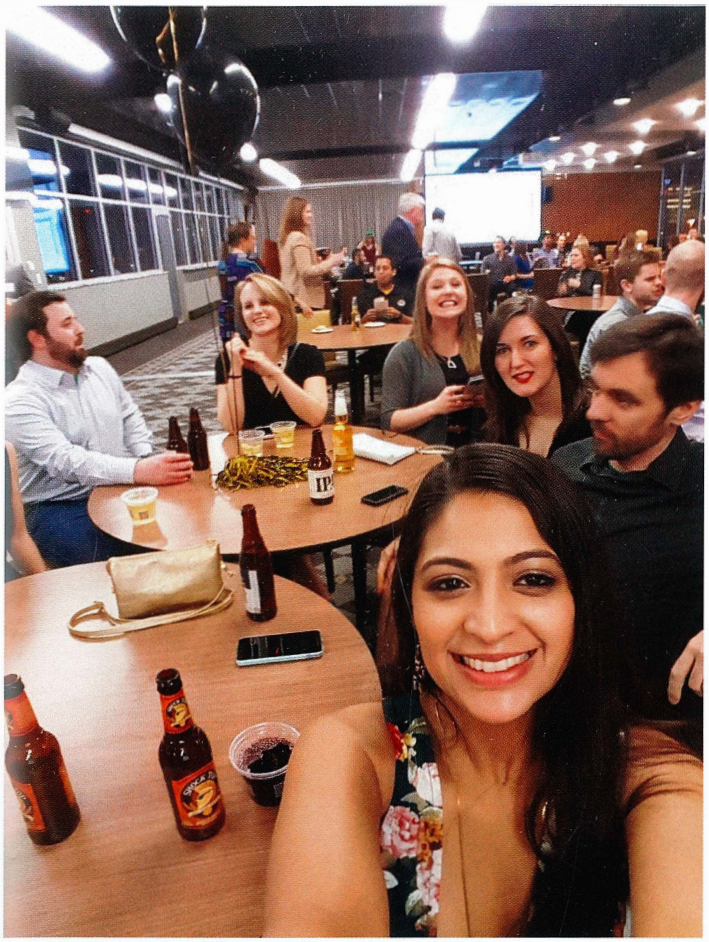
A whirlwind of celebration!



Bowling, mimosas (with Ashly Ruf) and general geniality at Faurot Field!

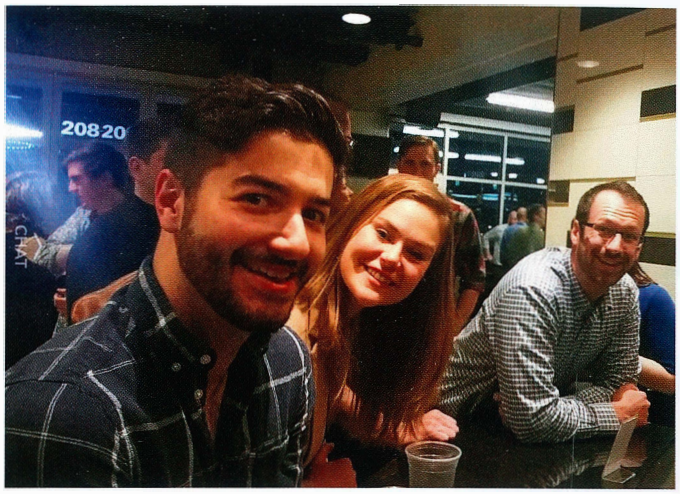






Max Newby, Jamie Hadley, Ashly Ruf, Drennen Mirschting and Sakshi Mathur above. Kate July and Max Vale below.





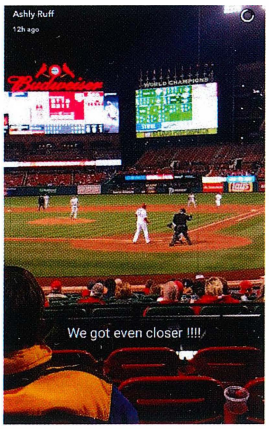
Greg Cejas, Theresa Long, John Schneider, Molly Wasserman and Mitch Tarka are feeling A-OK!

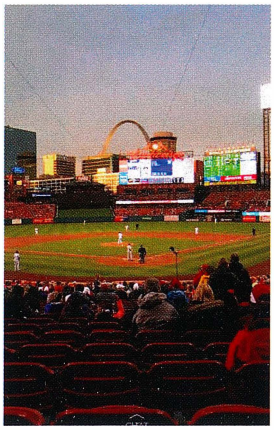


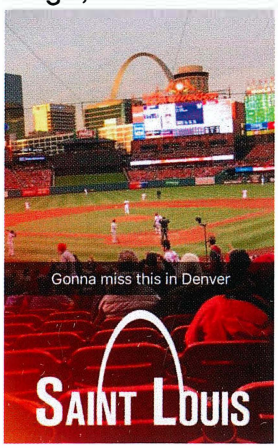
Seniors at the Ballpark



Pictured above: Jimmy & Emily Rudloff, Ashly Ruff, Emily Sellers, Gary Stover, John Schneider, Greg Cejas, Mtch Tarka, Max Newby, Jamy Hadley, Arshan Deborzorgi, Tyler Gouge, Theresa Long







Senior Winery & Pub Crawl



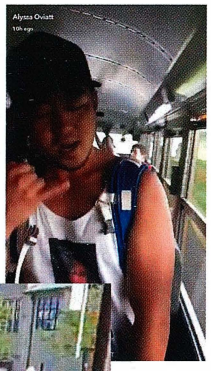
Gr eg Cejas, Mollie Wasserman, David Rosenfeld, Luke Andrea chilling at Les Bourgeois

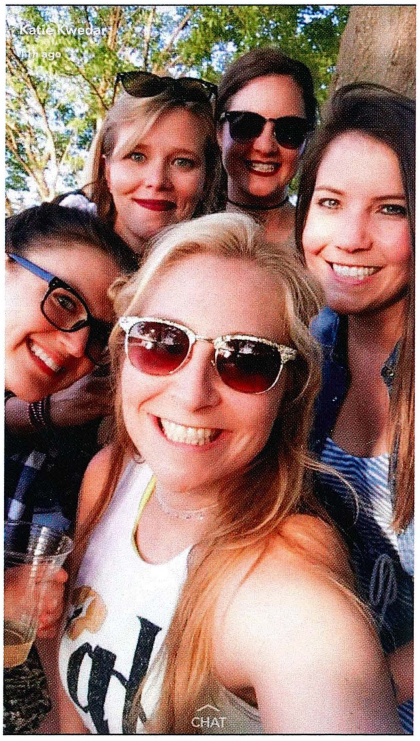


Simon Martin enjoying some well earned sunlight.

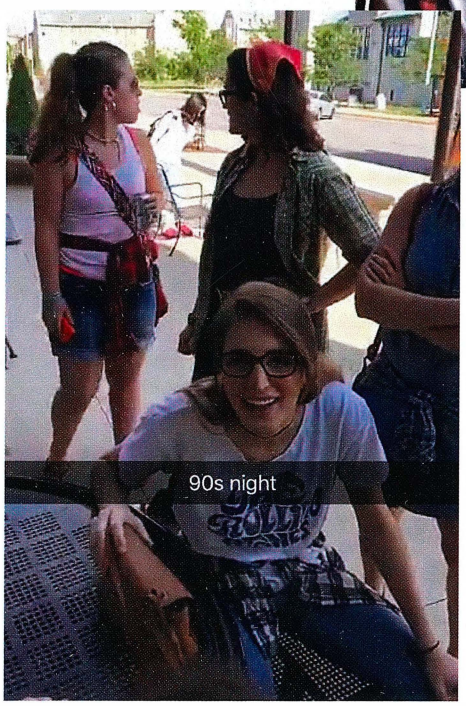


Krissy Wymore, Katie Kwedar and Whitney Schneider rocking that 90s theme!





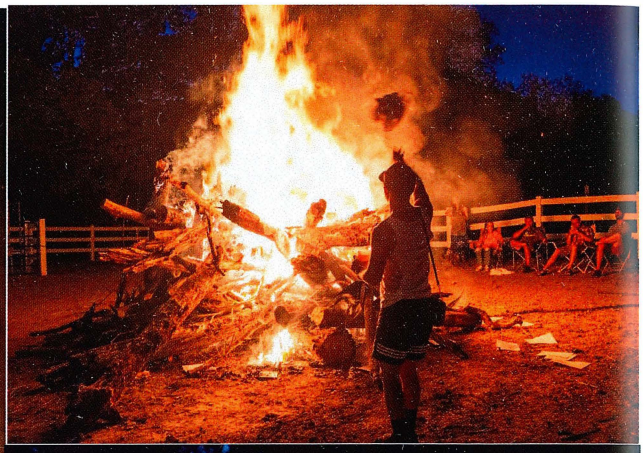




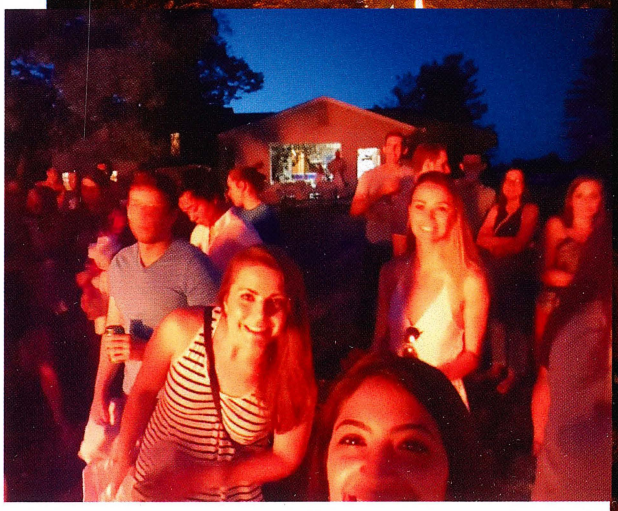
Above: Jiang Li sings his heart out for burrito.
Meryl Brune, Emily Sellers, Stacey Schneider, Katie Kwedar and Marlena Szewczyk Selfie.
Left: Cara Watson is ready to party.

Seniors
White Coat Burning Ceremony!

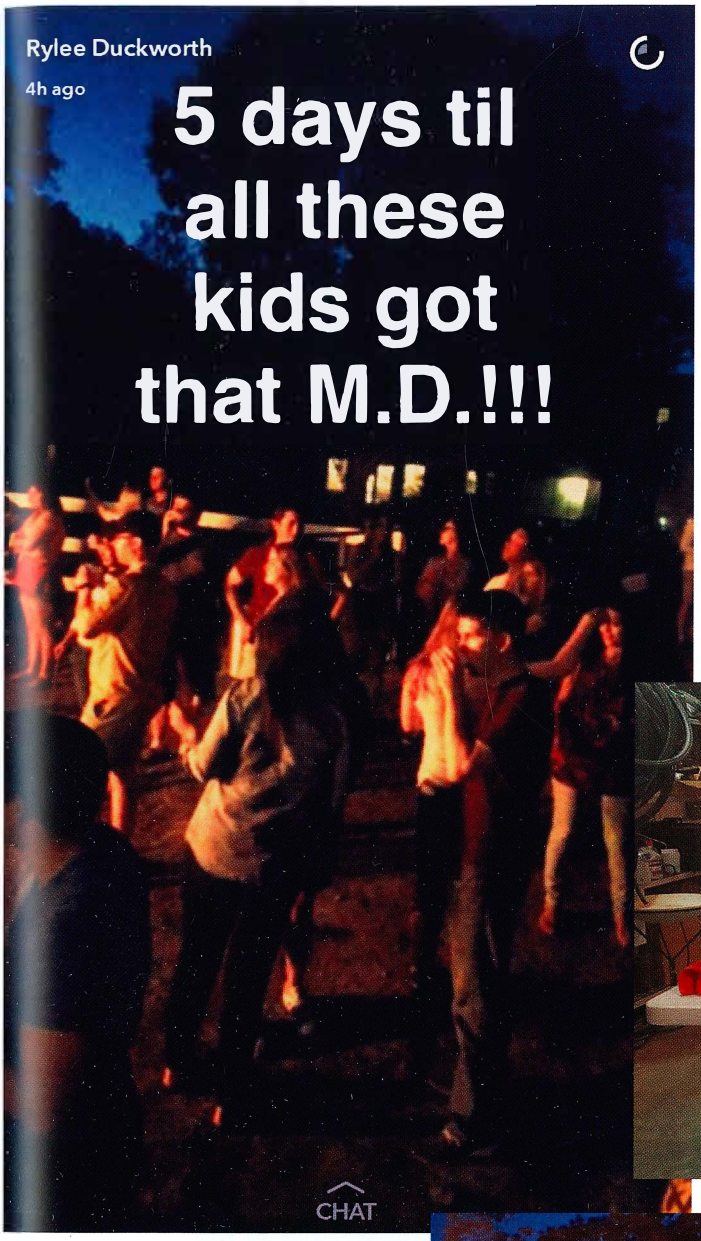




















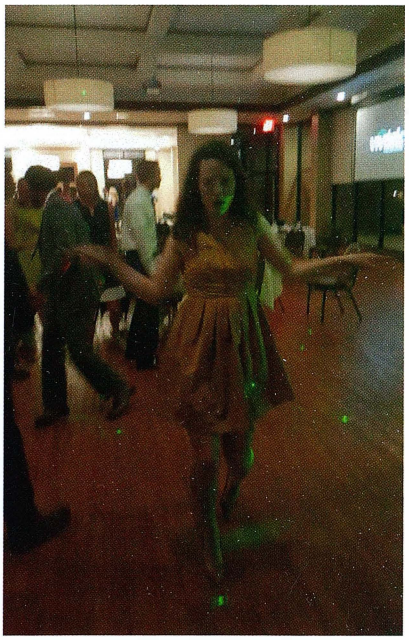
Burn it with fire!

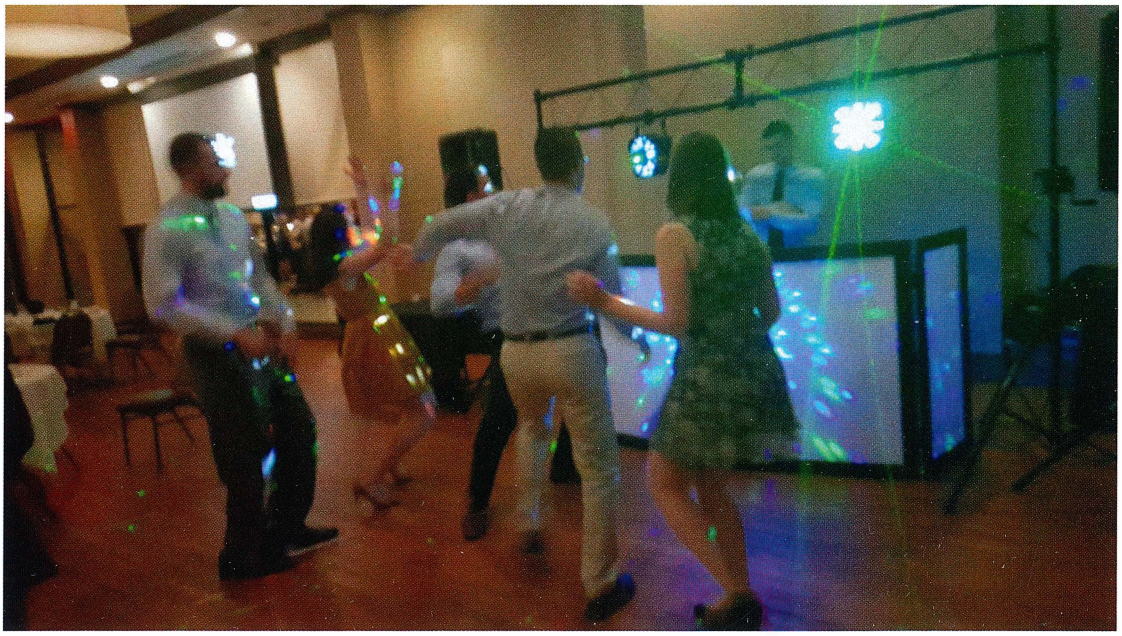
Senior Banquet!

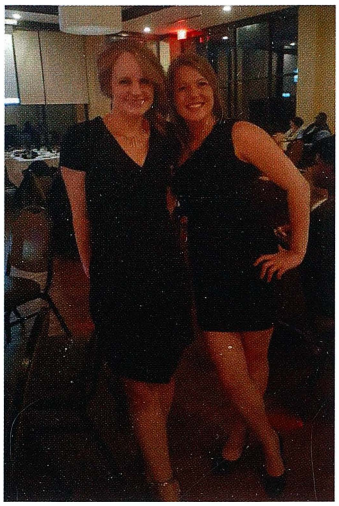




















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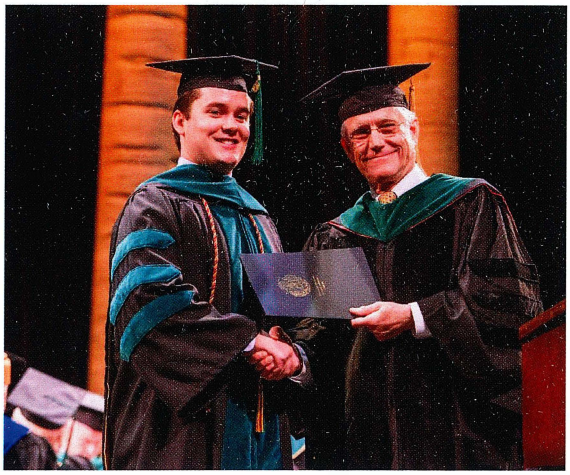
Military promotion of Dr. Ashly Ruf!



John Clohisy receives the Holt Leadership Award and the Student Leadership Award!



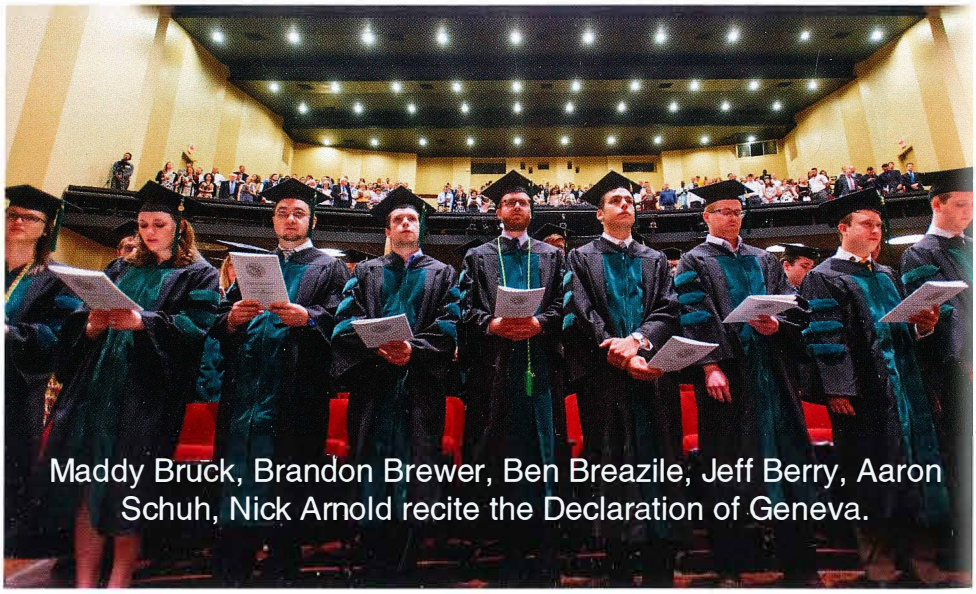
Dr. Calvin Lewis honored for completing MD and PhD!



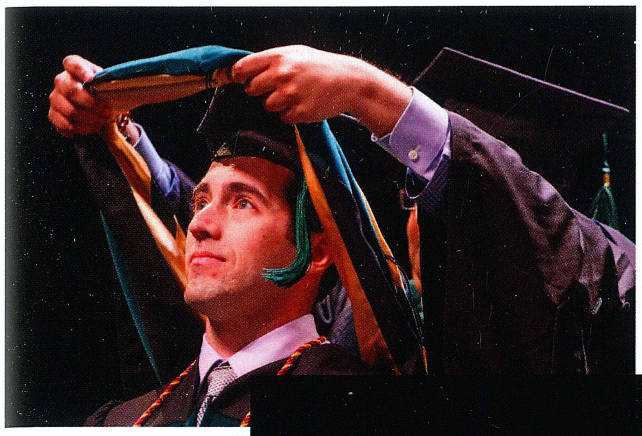
Military promotion of Dr. Steve Kalkhoff!

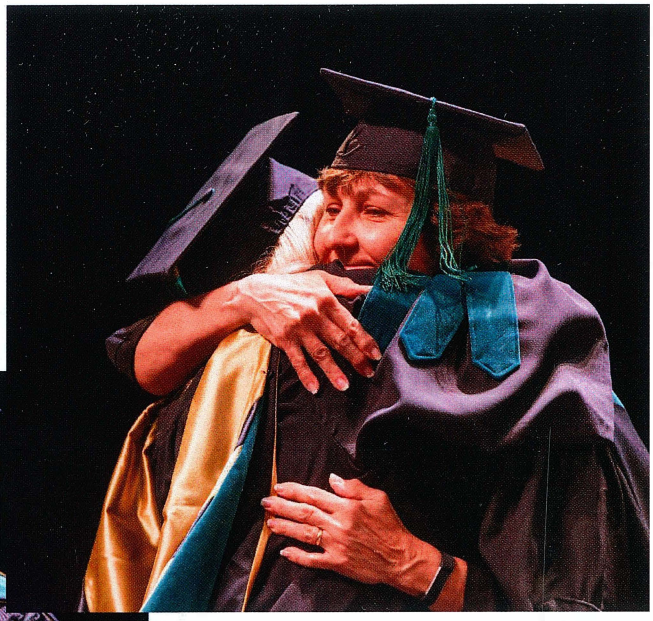


Dr. Gabby Stamper honored for completing MD and PhD!



Maddy Bruck, Brandon Brewer, Ben Breazile, Jeff Berry, Aaron Schuh, Nick Arnold recite the Declaration of Geneva.







Above: Matt Mooberry is hooded.

Right: Dr. Tosh hoods Dr. Tosh!

Above: Dr. Szewczyk hoods her daughter, Marlena!

Below: Dean Delafontaine and School of Medicine faculty



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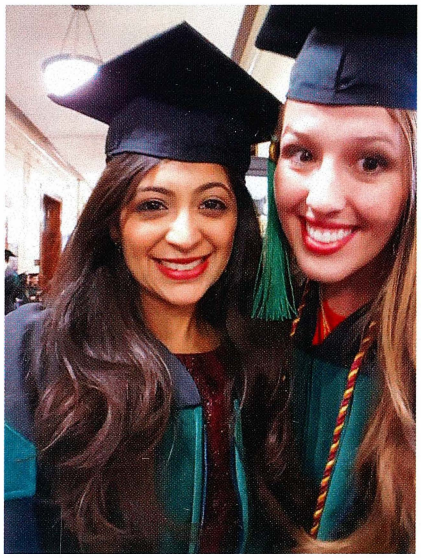
Above: Ryan Bailey, Nick Arnold, Jay Patel, Mamdouh Hanna, David Lesko, Ashley Sweeney, Matt Mooberry

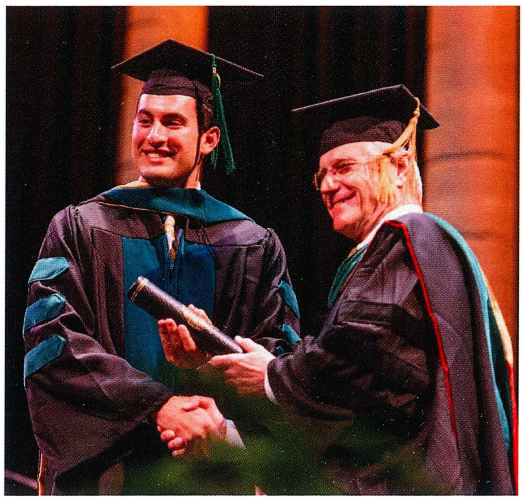


Left: Misty Todd, Sakshi Mathur

Right: Sakshi Mathur, Ryan White, Jiang Li, Jamie Hadley

Below: Andreas Plackis & Fan club











Above: Samiat Agunbiade

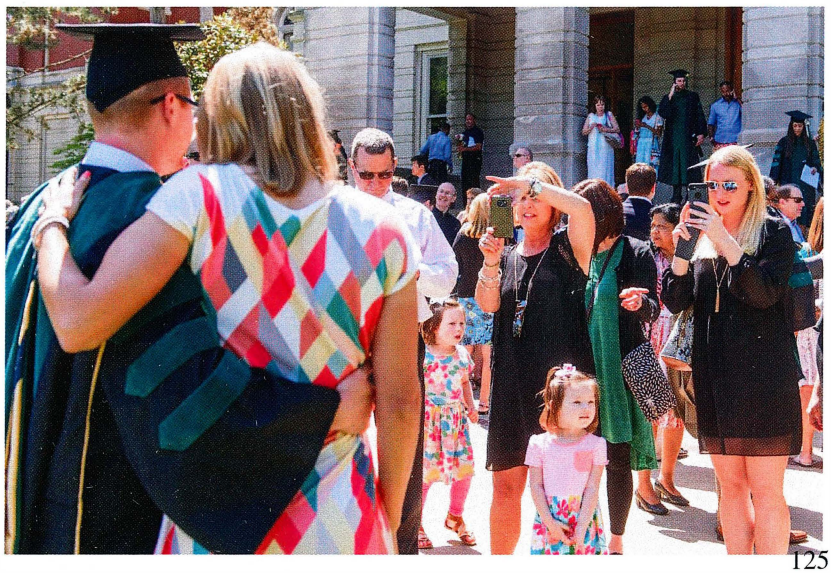
Top Right: Ashly Ruf, Ryan Rader

Right: Stacey Schneider, Emily Sellers

Below: Sakshi Mathur, Ryan Rader, Nick Arnold







Selected by the graduating class

2017 Commencement Address

by

Dr. Rachel Brown, MBBS

Professor of Clinical Psychiatry
Associate Dean for Student Affairs
Diversity and Inclusion Officer
College of Medicine, Central Michigan University

Good afternoon everyone. You all look wonderful and it's a truly wonderful day. Congratulations to all of you.

Thank you so much for inviting me to be your graduation speaker – as I said to John Clohisy, your class president, when he emailed and asked me on your behalf, this is a true honor. I've never done this before, so for me, this is a really special day. I'm thrilled to be sharing it with you all and with your families and friends. This is the day when you walk across the stage from medical student over there to physician over there. You'll remember today as the day you take the burden and responsibility of being a physician; the day when your life as a doctor really starts.

And, of course, you aren't here alone, you're here with parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents, children, families and friends. They are the people who are celebrating with you, just as they have been the people who were alongside you throughout all the years that led up to today. I know that you're grateful to them for being with you through the celebrations, on days like today, as well as through the difficult times of your lives. Our families teach us, from really early on in our lives, that we can't make it by ourselves. Much as we'd like to believe, from time to time, that we are really independent and powerful and strong, we aren't – as they say in that great song that they sing at English soccer matches, you really never do walk alone.

And that's a great lesson for us, and for you as future physicians. It's the first thing I wanted to say – you aren't alone.

There might have been a time, though I doubt it, when medicine was a one person activity. Even in the days of the solo practitioner, those guys, the doctors, – and they were mostly guys – had wives and housekeepers and children and people who worked with them and cared for them. The people you will live with, your families and friends, and those who will help you are truly precious to you, just as you are to them. And just as important will be the people that you work with. If you're fortunate, you'll find yourself working with people you care about and people you cherish. You'll argue with them, and disagree with them, and challenge them and support them. I have had the opportunity to be part of teams like that in medicine, over the years, and was part of a team like that here in medical education at the University of Missouri School of Medicine over the last eleven years and I am very grateful.

Like me, you will be grateful to your colleagues because they will challenge you to do your best and support you in doing it. You will see their unfailing hard work and commitment to you and your professional development. They will set high standards for themselves and for you. And they will do that because they hold in mind the patients that you will go on to treat throughout your professional lives. Each of us will see and treat thousands of patients. By doing that we'll impact many many thousands of lives of the families and friends of the patients we treat. It's an awesome responsibility, and to do it well, we need the people who do it with us. We'll need our families and we'll need our professional colleagues.

So – first thought – value your families and your colleagues. Never forget how much they've done for you. Always be grateful.

Second thought is about learning.

So I had a bit of an attitude when I was a medical student. When I was a medical student, I thought I knew as much as I needed to know, and actually, thought there was quite a bit I'd had to learn that I thought I really wouldn't need to know because I knew I was going to be a psychiatrist and therefore I wouldn't be using a ton of the stuff my professors thought to teach me. Well, I was wrong – tisn't often I say I'm wrong; you ask my husband – but I'll admit that I was wrong. There was tons and tons of stuff I didn't know that I would have to learn, and plenty of stuff I was supposed to have learned that I had ignored. I'll say to you what I should have said to myself and what I learned the hard way – this is just the beginning. Everything you know now is just the beginning. Science will change. Medicine will change. The knowledge you need to take care of your patients will change. If you think you know it all now, you're wrong, and medicine will teach you some hard lessons. This really is just the beginning. That's my second point. Keep learning.

And then, point three is about how hard it's going to be – partly because there's so much to know but not only because of the volume of information. Medicine is a challenging profession. Not only is there much to know, you'll work with people at really tough times of their lives, when they are in pain, and disfigured, scared and uncertain. You'll need help, for your patients, and at times for yourself – it will take courage to admit that you made a mistake, that you're wrong, that you don't know enough, that you don't want to do it any more, that you're too tired, and that you're frightened. There will be times when you feel very alone. When the people you work with and for are not on your team, when you are let down and betrayed by people you should have been able to trust and rely upon. Times when you'll feel isolated and disrespected. There will be times when you have to stand up for what you believe to be right in the face of insurance companies – yes, of course – in the face of hospitals and clinics, sometimes even in the face of patients, sadly, even, in the face of colleagues, and supervisors.

I can remember times when I didn't do what was right – one in particular I want to share with you today – I was a medical student in a hospital in London more than forty years ago (yes I know, I was just a baby when I went to medical school) – and we – five or six us medical students – were on the medicine ward, on Friday afternoon, hanging around hoping to go home early, as you do, late in your third year when you've decided you aren't going to do internal medicine, and you're just marking time. So then a man was admitted – he was around thirty five, and he had multiple sclerosis, and he'd had an exacerbation, and lost a lot of function, and had been lying at home alone for a while – we didn't know how long, but he was really pretty dirty and no one had washed him. So, we the medical students, just kept hanging around. None of us went to examine him like we supposed to do, because we were cowards and didn't want to do what we should be doing, and didn't want to get our hands dirty doing something unpleasant. We all pretended we were doing something else.



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Dr. Rachel Brown *(continued)*

And so then the senior resident arrived to do what he was supposed to do, and it was after a day and a night and most of the day on duty because it was before duty hours. So he was tired, but he wasn't stupid, And he figured out what we'd been up to pretty quickly, and that we were cowards, and cheats and hadn't done our jobs. But he didn't say anything; he washed his hands and then he sat down beside the bed and took the history, and then he examined the young man carefully and thoroughly. And he talked to his patient about what was going on, and the management plan and next steps. And then he shook hands with him, and looked at us briefly and left. I'll never forget the look on that patient's face as they shook hands. He'd been respected. He'd been treated as an equal. His doctor had seen his humanity. And I felt ashamed for being a coward, and not doing what was right, and following the crowd and not standing up for what I should have been standing up for. I've really tried not to be a coward again. Don't be a coward. Your patients don't deserve it. Your families don't deserve it. As Shakespeare said, Cowards die many times before their deaths. Live a little – stand up for what you believe to be right. And believe me, you'll have lots of opportunities. Medicine and the industry of profession of medicine is kind of technicolor. Lots of drama. Every day.

So finally, there's much to be grateful for. I want to say thank you again for asking me to be here. Thank you to your family and friends for being there for you. And thank you for what you have done, and for what you will do. I'm going to finish this with Albert Einstein's words, Albert wasn't a doctor, but he was certainly a wise and clever man. Here's what he said, 'From the standpoint of daily life, however there is one thing we do know; that we are here for the sake of each other – above all, for those on whose smile and well being our own happiness depends, and also for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.



Thank you to each of you for being willing to exert yourselves give as much as you have received and more. Welcome to medicine – I don't know about other professions, because I haven't done them – but medicine is an overwhelmingly demanding and truly most rewarding profession. For me, it's been worth it – I'm glad I did it and I would do it again. Thank you for taking on the burden. Each time I have seen a medical student walk across the stage over the last eleven years I have been grateful because the world is a safer and better place because of what you are willing to do. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have been part of your


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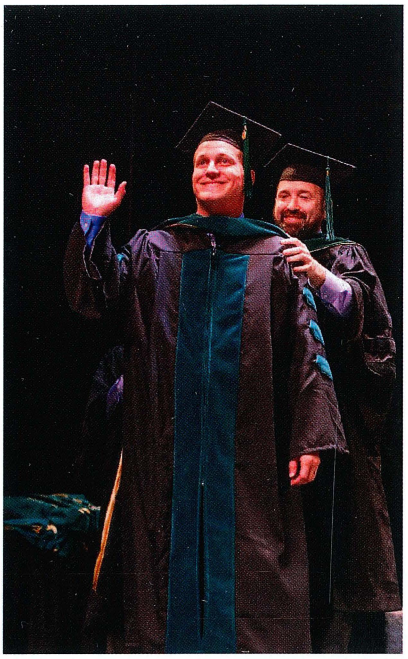

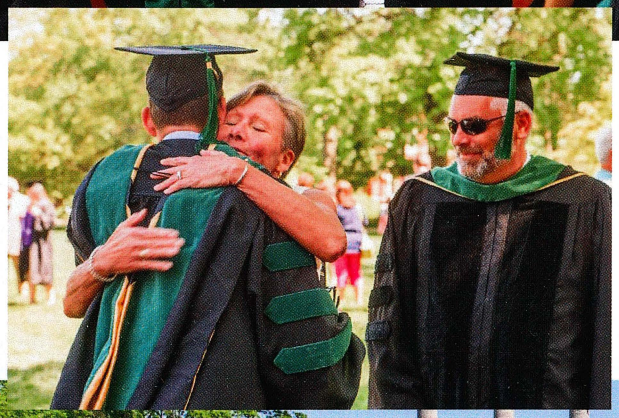

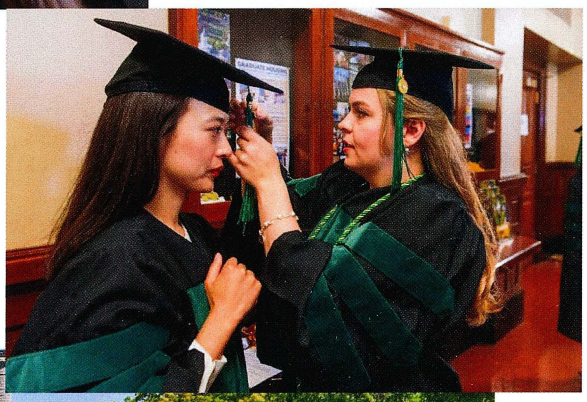


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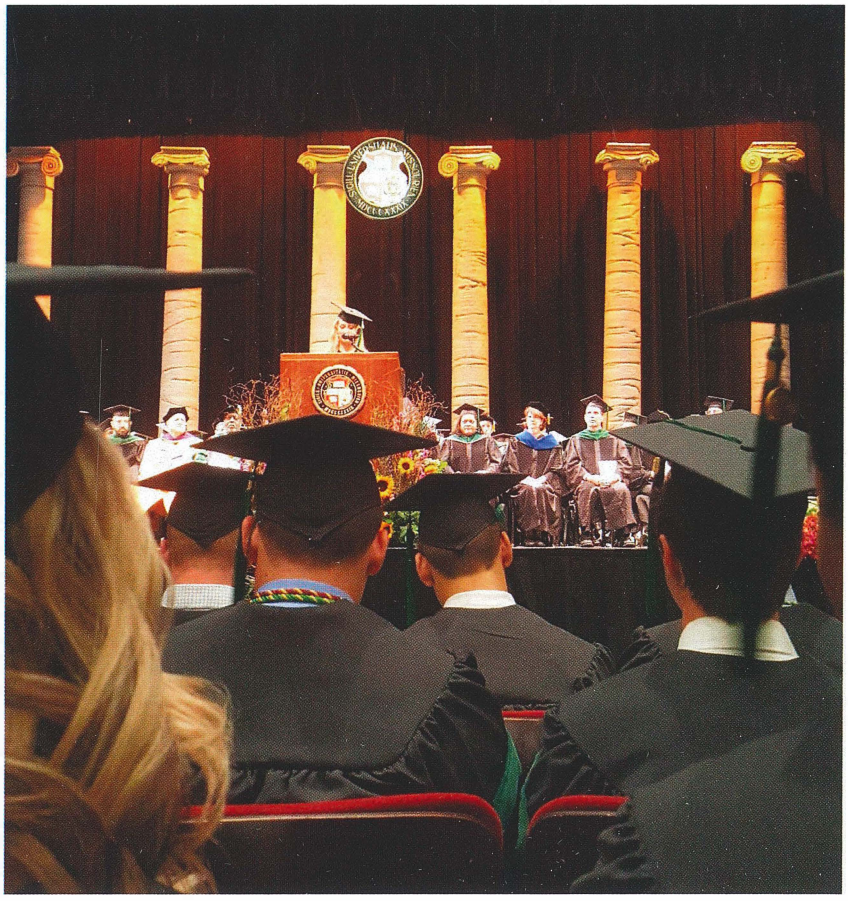
CLASS OF 2017 COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

Welcome Speaker: Stephanie Peace

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our esteemed deans and faculty, staff, family and friends, and finally to the University of Missouri School of Medicine Class of 2017. We could not be more thrilled that you have all chosen to spend this beautiful Saturday morning cooped up with us in this auditorium, but I suppose it's not every day that this many people wear robes outside of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. I want to extend a special welcome to friends and family who have travelled long distances to celebrate with us in person today. Along with folks from all over the state of Missouri, we've also got people here from at least 16 states from California and Washington to Georgia and North Carolina. We've even got family members who travelled from England, India, and Nigeria. To all of you, and to those who are here with us in spirit, thank you!

I want to start off in a spirit of gratitude because there are many people here who deserve recognition. I can promise that this will be the only part of this speech resembling the Oscars, and though I can't guarantee that there won't be a La La Land type screw up later on, I'm pretty sure that at this point, we'll all walk out of here as doctors.



First, thank you to the deans and faculty of the School of Medicine. You have served as our teachers, our leaders, and our mentors over the past 4 years. We are grateful that you have chosen to spend your careers educating the future generation of physicians and we continue to be inspired by your dedication to patient-centeredness, evidence-based medicine, lifelong learning, and integrity. Thank you.

Our educational experience was also shaped by many teachers who are not here on this stage as faculty. To all the nurses, physician assistants, social workers, techs, and especially patients who have given us the opportunity to fumble around as part of the health care team, we extend our deepest gratitude. This day would not be possible without all of you.

Just like at the Oscars, we also want to thank everyone who works behind the scenes—not on lighting and costumes, but on financial aid, residency paperwork, the sim center, support of our student-run free clinic MedZou, and all the coordination that it takes to herd 100+ cats—I mean med students, through 4 years. Thank you to the entire staff of the Office of Medical Education for all that you do.

We are also deeply grateful to our family and friends. You have not only supported us these past 4 years with your presence, words of encouragement, and hot meals during exam weeks, but also played a pivotal role in shaping us into who we are today. I don't want to go all the way back to the beginning, but mom and dad, thanks for talking me out of that phase when I wanted to be a concrete truck driver when I grew up. We would not be here without you (literally and figuratively) and so today is as much your celebration as it is ours. A big thank you is also due to all the partners out there, who have put up with years of constant studying, type A spreadsheet making (oh wait, is that just my husband?), and finding out where we'll be moving via computer-generated algorithm. Thank you—and thanks in advance for putting up with us through residency.

And finally, to the class of 2017, who walked in today as my classmates but will walk out as my colleagues, thank you for your friendship, for challenging and inspiring me, and for giving me the opportunity to speak today. Why you gave the woman who spends half her time on a soap box an actual podium is beyond me, but at this point you're only stuck with me for a few more minutes.



Graduation marks both an end and a beginning, a time to look back on how far we've come and a chance to look forward to all that lies ahead. When we sat in these same seats 4 years ago to receive our first white coats, we were a little younger, perhaps a little less cynical, a little more idealistic. We had not yet grown tired of hearing the buzzwords that make up Mizzou's 8 key characteristics for future physicians, phrases like patient-centered care and lifelong learning.

But the last 4 years have changed us substantially. Some of us have gotten married, a few have had babies, others of us have just mastered showing up on time—okay, I'm still working on that one. We've broken a few bones (our own, not our patients') and had surgeries. We've lost loved ones. Through it all we've remained committed to the dream of becoming physicians.

Today we finally earn those coveted two letters, but more than that, we earn a new level of responsibility. Not only will we be the one writing prescriptions and the one the nurse is calling in the middle of the night starting July 1st, we will also assume the responsibility of being an advocate for our patients. Having received an excellent education here at Mizzou, we are now among the most educated, most privileged people in the world.

The skills we have learned—using evidence as the basis of our decision-making, exhausting all possibilities to solve problems, communicating clearly and respectfully, working with teammates from all walks of life, and maintaining a high standard of ethical behavior—all these can equally be applied to advocacy. We know that health is more than the absence of disease, but is impacted by factors as diverse as a patient's last name and zip code, access to transportation, and cultural and social support networks. In order to really make a difference in health equity and health care access, we must be prepared to use evidence to form effective policies, to collaborate broadly across disciplines, and to get creative to find solutions to seemingly intractable problems. Because we have been provided the tools needed to do this, we truly have a responsibility to act.

I am confident that among the soon-to-be physicians in this room, there will be people whose research will result in new disease cures, whose selflessness will provide care to patients who would otherwise be unable to afford it, and whose determination to do what is right will result in policies that improve health equity and therefore health outcomes for people in America and throughout the world. I am proud to count you among my colleagues.

When I first started writing this speech, I thought back over my previous graduation speeches for inspiration. At my college graduation, Amy Poehler gave one speech—but since my sense of humor is only effective for eliciting groans, that wasn't much help, and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia, gave the other speech—but…never mind, that one doesn't need any explanation. So instead I turned to film graduations and thus I leave you with the wise words of Elle Woods from Legally Blonde: "We did it!"

CLASS OF 2017 COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

Class Speaker: Max Vale

Thank you! Thank you, Dean Delafontaine, for the kind introduction. Thank you, also, to the Associate Deans, faculty and administrators on stage, and most importantly, as Stephanie said earlier, a huge thank you to the spouses and partners, parents, siblings, family, and friends who are here today to celebrate this milestone with us!

I'm so thrilled to be up here today to speak on behalf of our class. I'm also very excited because on stage today is my mom, who is hooding me as she celebrates the 40-year anniversary of her own medical school graduation from MU. As I was preparing for this day, I tried to think of what possible message or advice I could give my peers. I figured that you are all probably tired of me telling you to wear sunscreen, so maybe I'd best look to someone else for wisdom. And then it hit me, something that a certain physician who has been practicing for the past 40 years has been telling me all of my life… But, I'm not going to reveal this deep and sage advice just yet.

In preparing for today, I also turned to my friends and peers to ask for their recommendations for this speech, and I was uniformly told: "be brief." I'm sure that had nothing to do with how long my PBL presentations were as an M1 or M2. So, since brevity is the soul of wit, I will try to be brief. But, if you want to leave now, I'm sure the speech will be recorded and you can watch it at home at two-times speed.

We trained in a self-directed curriculum, so I have two objectives for you—now, don't worry, you won't have to create a study guide and powerpoint presentation, and neither of them will require citing Harrison's or Robbins'. The first objective sounds easy, but can be very difficult at times – it is the daily recommendation that my mother has given me – be nice to people. The second objective sounds very difficult, but I hope to show you today that it is, in fact, relatively easy – and that is, be meaningfully involved in our community.

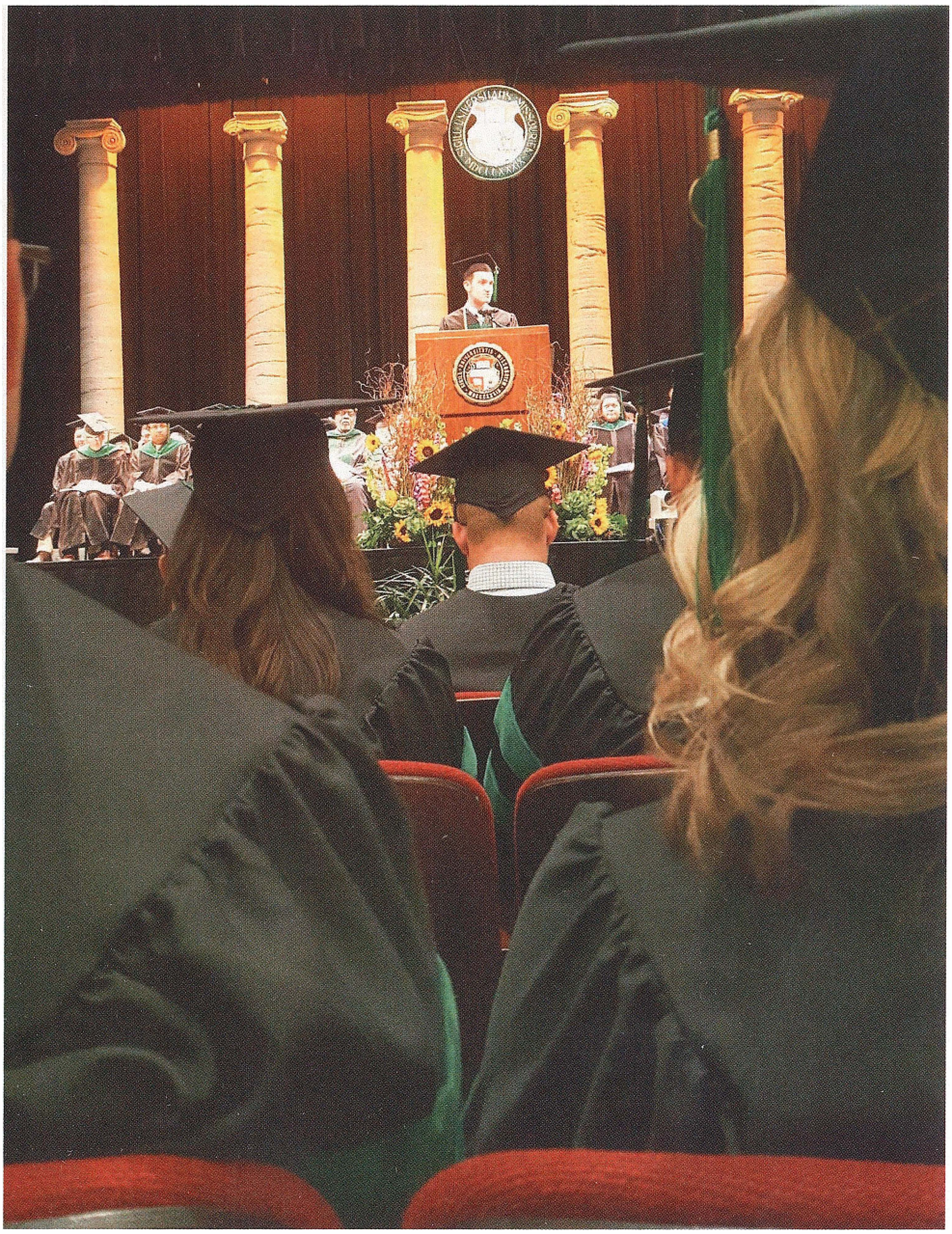
So, how do we accomplish these tasks? Be nice? Be involved? To whom do we need to be nice? And, for what end shall we be involved? We have already pledged ourselves to the care of our patients and their families. But we must also tend to the relationships amongst ourselves. Look around you. The classmate to your right is the primary care doctor who is calling you for a consult. At some point in your career, you may think, wow, every single patient this doc sends me is not on the right treatment regimen, is not effectively managed – he or she must not know anything about my specialty! But, please, take a second and think outside your compartment, to borrow a term used by a mentor of mine. Consider that every patient this doc did treat effectively didn't need a referral to you! What you see is only a tiny fraction of your colleague's practice, and this narrow slice doesn't demonstrate all the successes that didn't require your involvement! Remember that everyone is working to deliver the best care for their patients. Be nice to your colleagues. Now look to your left. This classmate is the specialist that is sharing in the delivery of care for a complex patient with you. You may disagree at times, but you are each trying to do the best for your patient, to put the patient first. In the same way, the insurance representative is doing their best to control costs so that everyone can afford quality care – yes, they, too, are in the business of helping patients! So is the hospital administrator, the quality improvement specialist, and everyone else involved in our complex health care system! Each of these people chose a career that seeks to help sick people get better. And each group looks at themselves as helping, contributing, and making a difference! We must strive to not blame each other when our health care industry fails us, but recognize how each of us can work to improve it together!

And this brings me to the second objective, to be meaningfully involved in our community. We've trained in a school that values feedback and affords us the opportunity to celebrate or criticize, applaud or complain about our curriculum, our faculty, and our learning environment. While at times it felt like

we were given a Likert-scale survey every time a lecturer tried out a new dry-erase marker, for most of us, there will be fewer and fewer opportunities to provide this feedback as we advance from here. Not all programs, hospital systems, or institutions are as interested in feedback as is ours. And yet, we are entering a health care system that desperately needs our input! So, I ask each of you to keep speaking out. Keep reflecting on your experiences, especially on those of your patients. Don't stop complaining when things don't seem right. Society will give us special privileges, a seat at most tables, and a voice that many will listen to. Join a committee! Or two! Or three, or four, or five… We have both a unique opportunity and a sacred responsibility to be more than individuals practicing our art, but to be guardians of the health of our nation. To be as present and vocal outside of the exam room as within its safe walls. So, I ask, be meaningfully involved in our medical community.

At this moment, although we are headed into different fields in different cities and states, we are still classmates, PBL group members, friends. We may live in our own compartments, but let's challenge ourselves to look beyond them. Our colleagues are our brothers and sisters. Let's be nice to them. Let's work with them to create a better health care system for everyone!

We may never know what will come tomorrow, but we do know that we've accomplished every task put in front of us to date. We have earned this new identity that we don today—we are doctors! We will be doctors to our patients, our friends, to complete strangers, and to society as a whole. And we are equally responsible for the health of them all! We will be looked to for leadership, guidance, empathy, compassion, and wisdom. The good news is, having spent the last four years working with each of you, I know we have these qualities and are going to make a difference in this world of ours! So, let's celebrate our huge accomplishment today and accept the great privilege we are being afforded. Congratulations, Class of 2017!



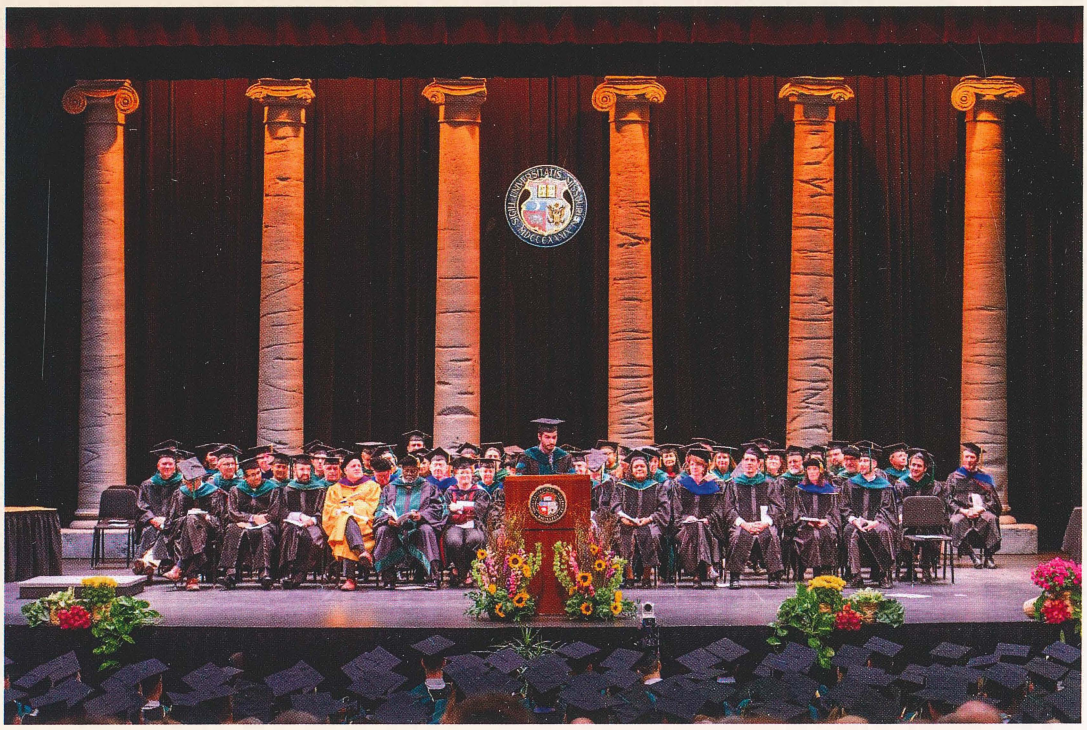
CLASS OF 2017 COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

Closing Speaker: Greg Cejas

Hello, my name is Dr. Gregory Cejas, but please, call me Greg. I'd like to thank my classmates and our friends and family, the faculty, and staff for joining us this morning. It's an honor and a privilege to be able to speak to you all; as my classmates know, I have never turned down the opportunity to speak, pretty much ever, no matter the topic. And though I'd love to do a whole spiel about my love for the burgers from Booches for ten minutes, I suppose I should focus on the task at hand, which is to send you all out into the world with a newfound purpose and zeal for medicine that was previously untapped.

Merriam-Webster's defines "doctor" as a person skilled or specializing in—okay I can see in your faces that this was the wrong approach. Maybe instead, we'll start with a memory. Nearly four years ago, in this very building, we received our short white coats in a ceremony that can best be described as mildly calamitous.

The white coat part went fine, it turns out that all of us were more than capable of putting our arms into sleeves with the help of an adult after years of practice with various articles of clothing. No, the big hiccup happened afterwards, when our class was asked to repeat an oath that was being spoken to us by Dr. Hall. This was not a surprise to us, as we were told that this would happen. What was unknown to us and Dr. Hall alike was that the paper copy of the oath that we were given was outdated.



For those of you who weren't there, you're probably thinking that we could have just listened to what was being said rather than relying on the written form, but you are giving us far too much credit. The result of this accidental experiment was a confusing mish-mash of non-matching words, mutterings, and nervous laughter that left the audience confused and the participants slightly embarrassed.

As I was thinking of what to talk about for this, my mind kept coming back to that day and that mix-up in particular. More specifically, I kept thinking about that moment just before Dr. Hall started speaking, the calm before the awkward storm. In that moment, I can safely assume that none of us were thinking "we're about to look like kindergartners performing at a Christmas recital." And yet, there we were mere seconds later, with that familiar feeling of blood rushing to our cheeks as we realized that this was about to be bumpier than we expected.

I've been trying to figure out why this resonated with me so much, and I think it comes down to two reasons. First, it was very funny in hindsight, and more importantly was remarkably fitting for our class. A running theme of our four years in medical school was unexpected changes happening to curriculum or the school itself on the fly, which was typically immediately followed by under-the-breath cursing and complaining amongst ourselves. But just as common as these events occurring was that they all turned out mostly okay, aside from a few extra tension headaches. In the same way that we rolled our eyes and laughed off the oath once the ceremony was over, we would go to Quentin's or Shiloh's or really wherever there was a pint that day, commiserate about the test or the block, complain a little more, and then we'd move on to the next area of conversation. It may not have been how we expected things would go, but we got through it every time. And now we're here, dressed like Harry Potter extras.

But I think what most interested me in talking about that moment is the concept of the unknown, the unseen but present variable that gets thrown into the equation at the last minute. I know that's not how math equations work, but stay with the flawed metaphor. In the case of the oath, no one besides the person who printed the sheets knew that we had an outdated script, so by the time anyone knew something was off, it was too late. This kind of thing happens all the time in life, certainly, when a figurative strip of black ice comes out of nowhere to throw you into a swerve. But nowhere in life are the stakes higher for getting the car back on a straight path than in medicine. Except for with real black ice, that's probably a more pressing matter.

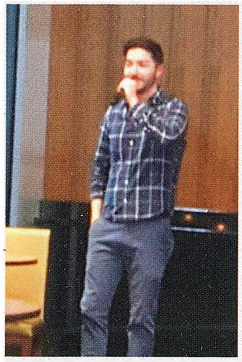
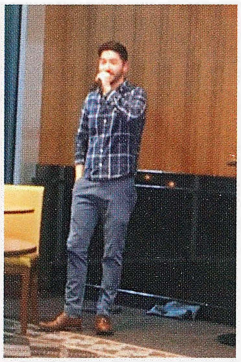
I joke, but this is probably the heaviest and most challenging part of our careers, regardless of specialty. How do you react; how do you approach the situation when the unforeseen and unplanned happens? How do you keep going when that approach fails? You can read all of the textbooks, peer-reviewed journals, and WebMD articles that you want, but rarely do these consider the moral, social, or ethical hiccups that we'll be encountering with real patients in real life situations. Preparation and education are obviously crucial, but when push comes to shove our decisions in surprise circumstances are often the difference between good and poor patient outcomes.

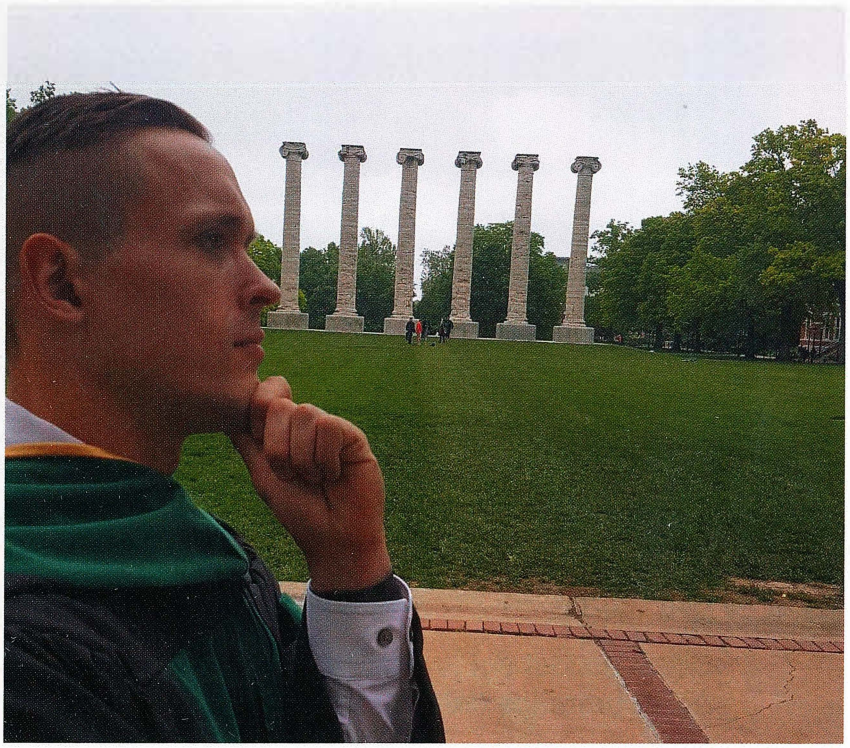
I know that sounds scary, but it doesn't have to be. You've likely already been dealing with the unknown on your way to getting this degree. At the very least, I can guarantee that the path you took to get your MD was different than the one you envisioned taking when you got your acceptance letter to Mizzou.

Maybe you decided to start a family a little sooner than you thought before and suddenly studying became a bit more challenging. Maybe you or your family were dealt an illness or a loss that didn't seem possible before. Maybe you decided to get married, and you had to figure out how to be a good student while being a good spouse. Hell, a couple of you married each other. But despite these twists and turns, you still made it here. You likely made some mistakes along the way, but you are here, and you are a doctor. I'm a relatively young man, but if there's one thing I've realized in this life it's that the best opportunities for learning are the ones where you start out with no idea what to do.

Yes, the careers that we are about to embark on will be scary, they will be full of surprises, and they will demand more of us than we think we have at times. But these unforeseen obstacles also contain opportunities for self-discovery in the practice of the art of medicine. So embrace the unknown. Lean into the adversity. You may not succeed in every circumstance, but you'll be a better physician for it. It has been an honor to be your classmate, it will be an honor to be your colleague, and I cannot wait to see how you all grow and thrive as doctors.

Thank you.

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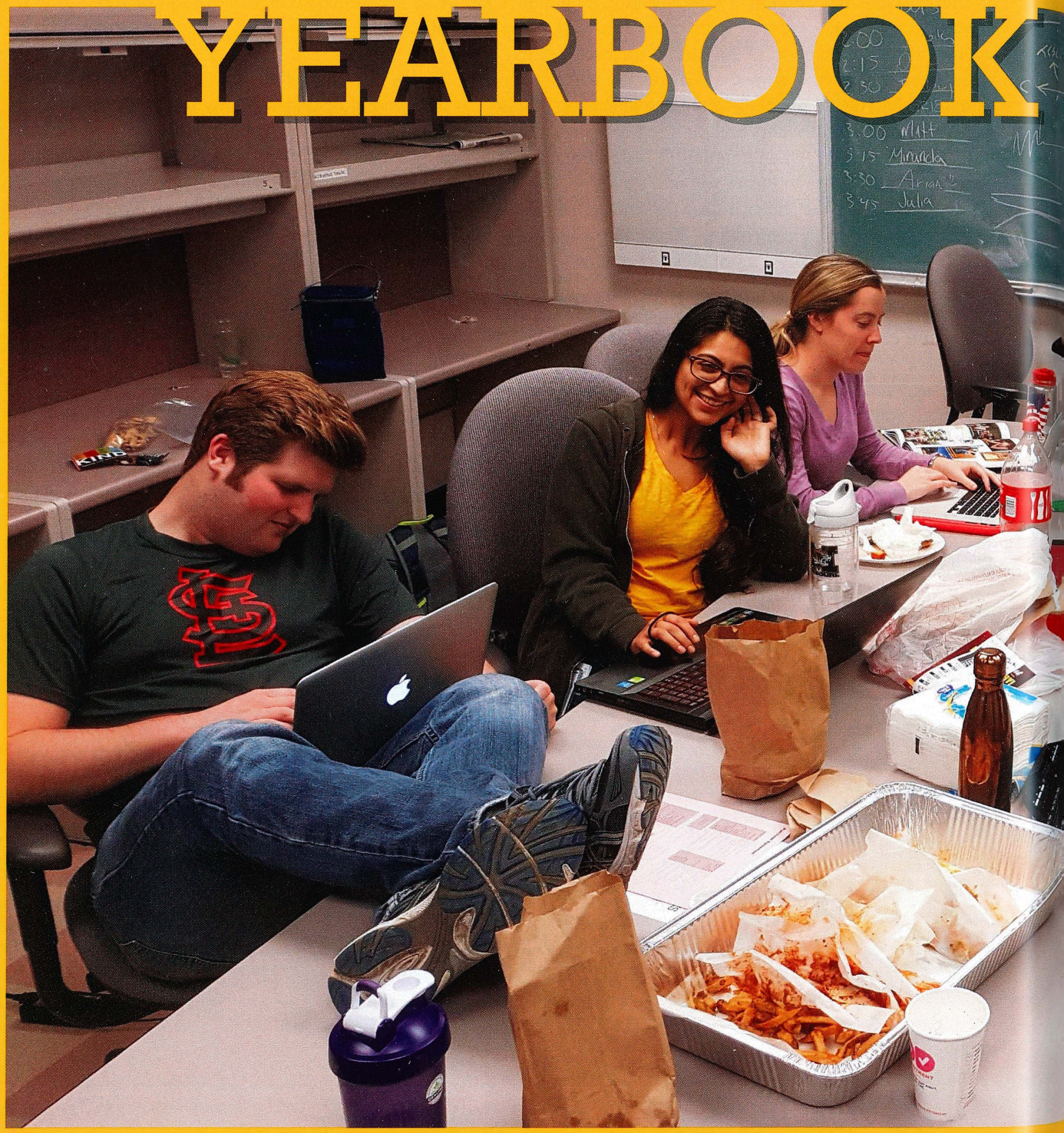

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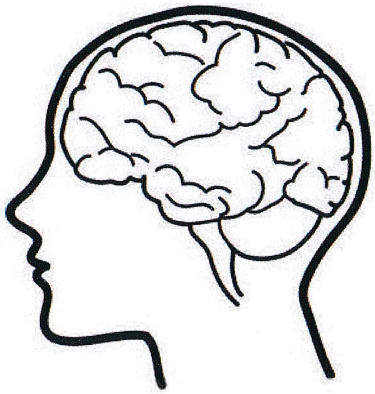

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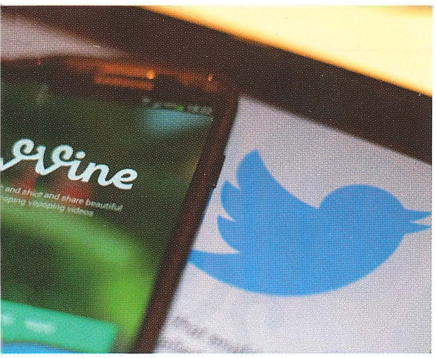
Popular songs of the year

- "Closer" – The Chainsmokers
- "Cheap Thrills" – Sia
- "Treat You Better" – Shawn Mendes
- "7 Years" – Lukas Graham
- "One Dance" – Drake

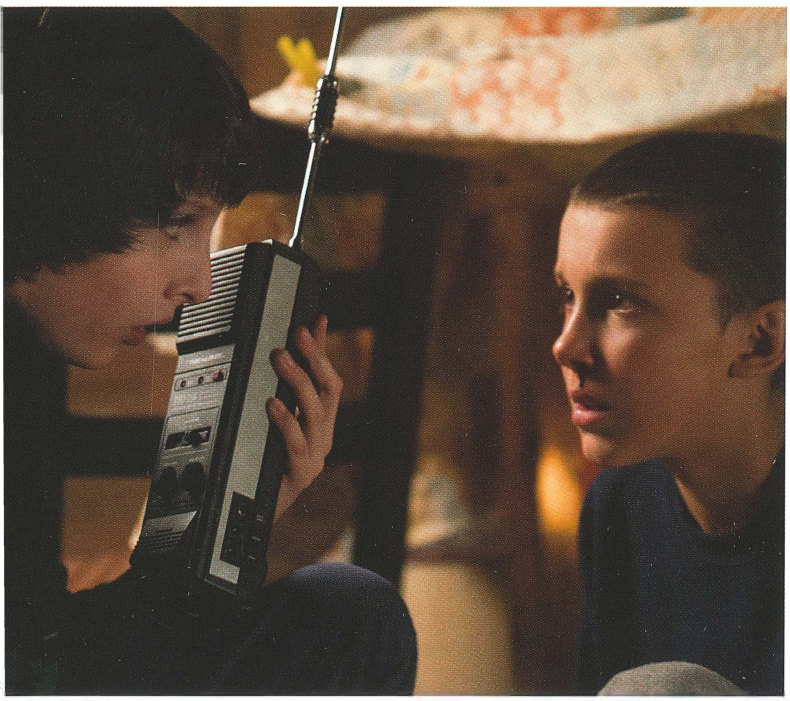
Source: Spotify

Beyoncé led all musical artists with nine Grammy nominations for her latest album "Lemonade." Right behind her was Adele, who received five nominations for her hit album "25," and won Album of the Year.



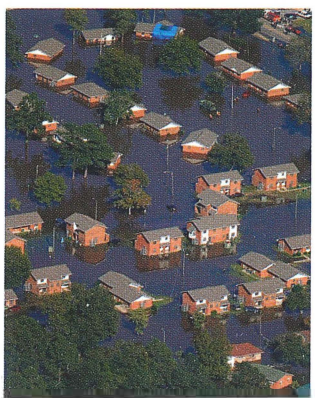


Twitter discontinued its short-form video service **Vine**. The decision was made so Twitter could focus on live streaming with its Periscope product, rather than Vine's short video loops.



NBA All-Star **Kevin Durant** surprised many when he chose to leave the Oklahoma City Thunder after eight seasons via free agency and sign with the Golden State Warriors.

Netflix TV series **"Stranger Things"** told the story of a 12-year-old boy who disappeared from his Indiana town in the 1980s and the search to find him. The show became a viral hit with more than 14 million viewers in the first month.



Hurricane Matthew pounded Caribbean nations before heading up the Southeast U.S. coast, making landfall in South Carolina Oct. 8. At one point, 2.3 million people were without power.

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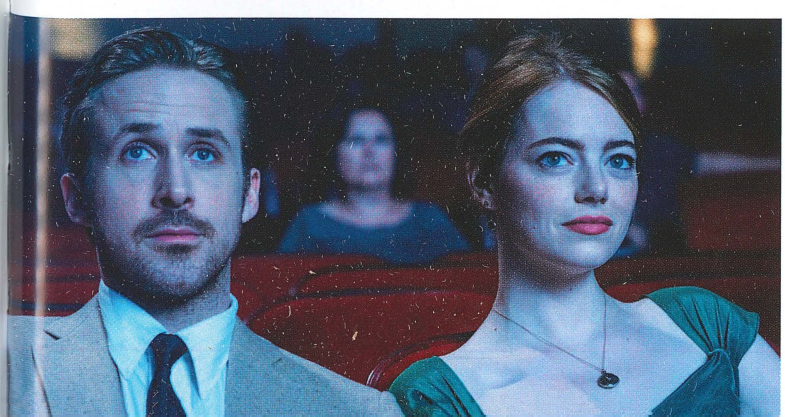
Donald J. Trump, billionaire businessman and reality TV show star, was elected as the 45th president of the United States on Nov. 8. While his opponent, Democrat Hillary Clinton, the first woman nominated by a major political party to run for president, received more popular votes, Trump won in the Electoral College, 304-227. He is the first non-military leader and non-politician to win the job.

Trump said it was time for Americans "to come together as one united people." In her concession speech, Clinton said, "Donald Trump is going to be our president. We owe him an open mind and a chance to lead." President Obama reminded Americans that we are "all on the same team."

Trump, a Republican, was inaugurated on Jan. 20 and went to work with a Republican majority in both the House and Senate.

"La La Land," a musical romantic comedy starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone was nominated for 14 **Academy Awards**, tied for the most ever by one movie. The nominations included Best Picture, Gosling for Best Actor and Stone for Best Actress.





Samsung's newest Android smartphone, the **Galaxy Note7,** was discontinued after less than two months when it was discovered that battery defects led to excessive heat, causing fires and even explosions.

Photo credits: Newscom



After 108 years, it finally happened. **The Chicago Cubs** ended the longest championship drought in sports when they defeated the Cleveland Indians in seven games to win the 2016 World Series.

Naturally it wasn't easy, as the Cubs became just the sixth team in baseball history to overcome a three-games-to-one deficit to do it. The seventh and final game dramatically went into extra innings, and through a rain delay, before Chicago clinched an 8-7 win.

The city of Chicago estimated that nearly five million fans swarmed into downtown Chicago two days later to attend the Cubs victory parade.



The Women's March on Jan. 21 was a worldwide demonstration in support of women's rights and a variety of other causes, including health care reform and protection of the environment. The March began as an event in Washington, D.C., but companion events were held in cities worldwide and were estimated to involve nearly five million people.

Drug manufacturer Mylan faced harsh criticism after costs of their **EpiPen** injection device, commonly used to treat those who suffer severe allergic reactions, soared to $600. Mylan responded by releasing a generic version.



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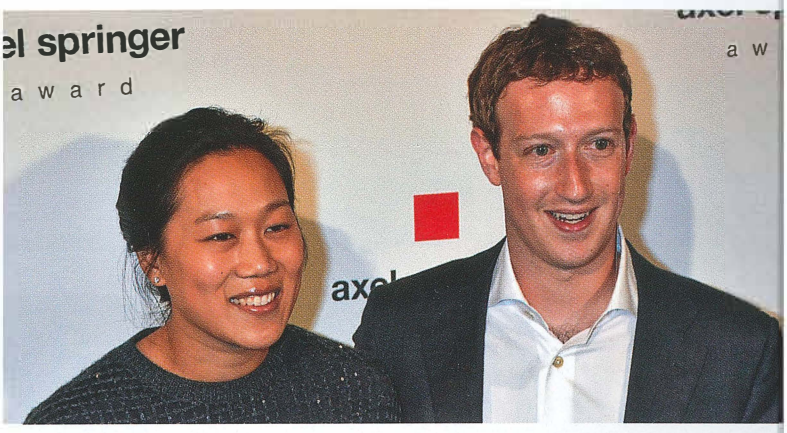
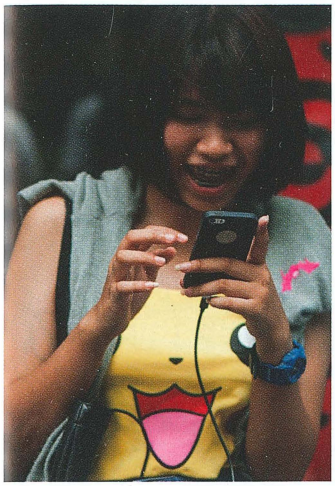
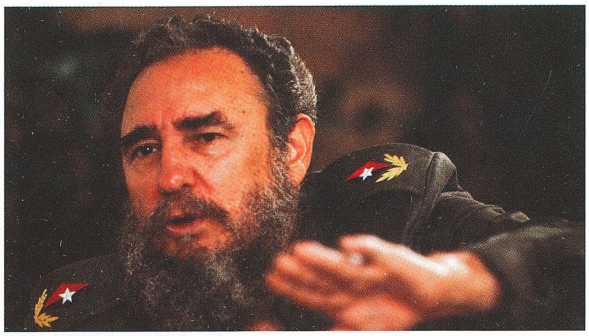
For the second straight year, Alabama and Clemson played in the championship game of the **College Football Playoffs**. This time the Tigers beat the Crimson Tide, 35-31, to win Clemson's first national title in 36 years. Quarterback Deshaun Watson was the hero, throwing for 420 yards and three touchdowns, including the game winner with one second left.



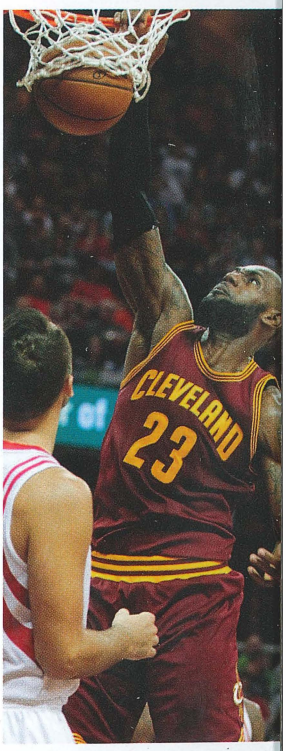
Facebook CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** and his wife, **Priscilla Chan**, donated $3 billion to the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, their company aimed at curing, managing and preventing all disease by 2100.



Pokémon Go, a new location-based augmented reality game, became a sensation. Millions of players took to the streets to hunt Pokémon with their mobile devices and the app sparked renewed interest in the 20-year-old franchise.



Fidel Castro, who took over Cuba in a 1959 Communist revolution, died at age 90 in November. Castro also nearly brought the world to nuclear war in 1962 with the Cuban Missile Crisis.



LeBron James led his hometown Cleveland Cavaliers to the 2016 NBA title in an upset win over the Golden State Warriors, who won 73 games during the regular season.

Most Instagram Followers — U.S. Athletes

- LeBron James – 26.4 million
- Steph Curry – 13.9 million
- Ronda Rousey – 8.8 million
- Dwayne Wade – 8.1 million
- Kyrie Irving – 7.5 million

Source: socialblade.com

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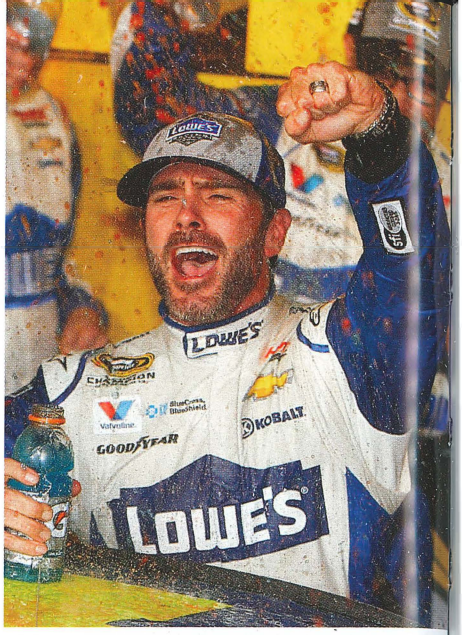
The number of **refugees around the world** reached 21.3 million, according to UNHCR, the United Nations human relief agency. Most of them were from Syria, Afghanistan and Somalia, and were fleeing war or persecution.

NASCAR's **Jimmie Johnson** won his seventh Sprint Cup championship during the 2016 season, tying him with Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt for the most all-time wins.





Audiences flocked to theaters around the December holidays to see **"Rogue One: A Star Wars Story."**

The new stand-alone film was unique, as it was the first spin-off in the Star Wars series. It told the origin story of the Death Star, and the group of rebel spies who stole the plans to destroy it.

"Rogue One" earned more than $200 million at the box office in its first week, making it the second biggest December movie opening ever, only behind another Star Wars movie, "The Force Awakens."

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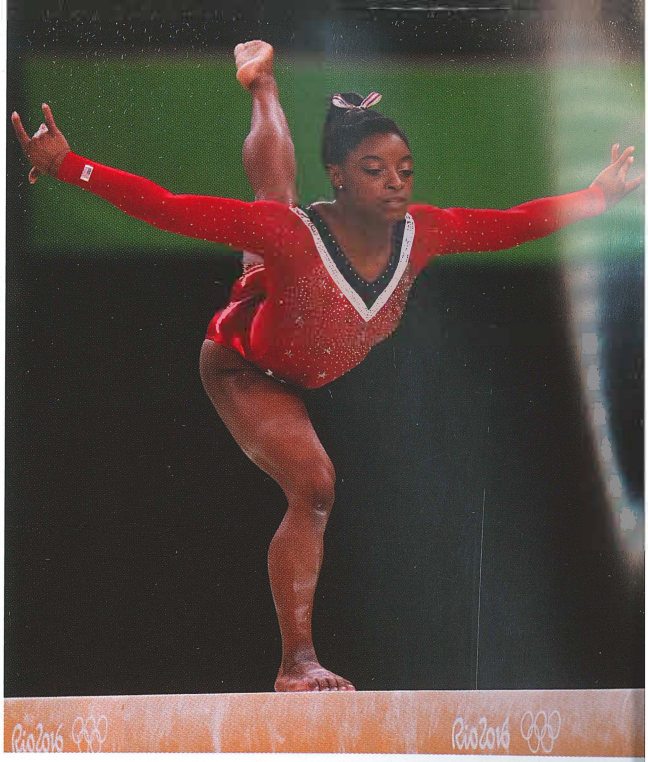
The Harry Potter universe returned! Author J.K. Rowling wrote "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," a stage play script that was also published into a new book. A new movie, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," was released based on one of Rowling's previous books and it became a box office hit.



After voting in favor of **Brexit**, as it was known, the United Kingdom began the process to exit from the European Union. People in England and Wales voted for Brexit, while Scotland and Northern Ireland wanted to stay in the EU.



The U.S. won more medals, 121, than any other country at the **2016 Summer Olympics in Brazil**. Stars included swimmer Michael Phelps, who won five gold medals in his final Olympics, and gymnast Simone Biles, who won four gold medals.

The **Mannequin Challenge** became a viral video trend. It involved groups of people freezing in action like mannequins while being recorded. The craze started with students but soon spread to various celebrities and sports teams.



Top-selling video games of the year

- "Uncharted 4: A Thief's End"
- "Tom Clancy's The Division"
- "The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim"
- "Final Fantasy XV"
- "Madden 17"

Source: Amazon



Aerospace company **SpaceX**, led by CEO Elon Musk, unveiled plans to build a new Interplanetary Transport System, with the goal of taking people to Mars and building a self-sustaining colony within the next 50-100 years.

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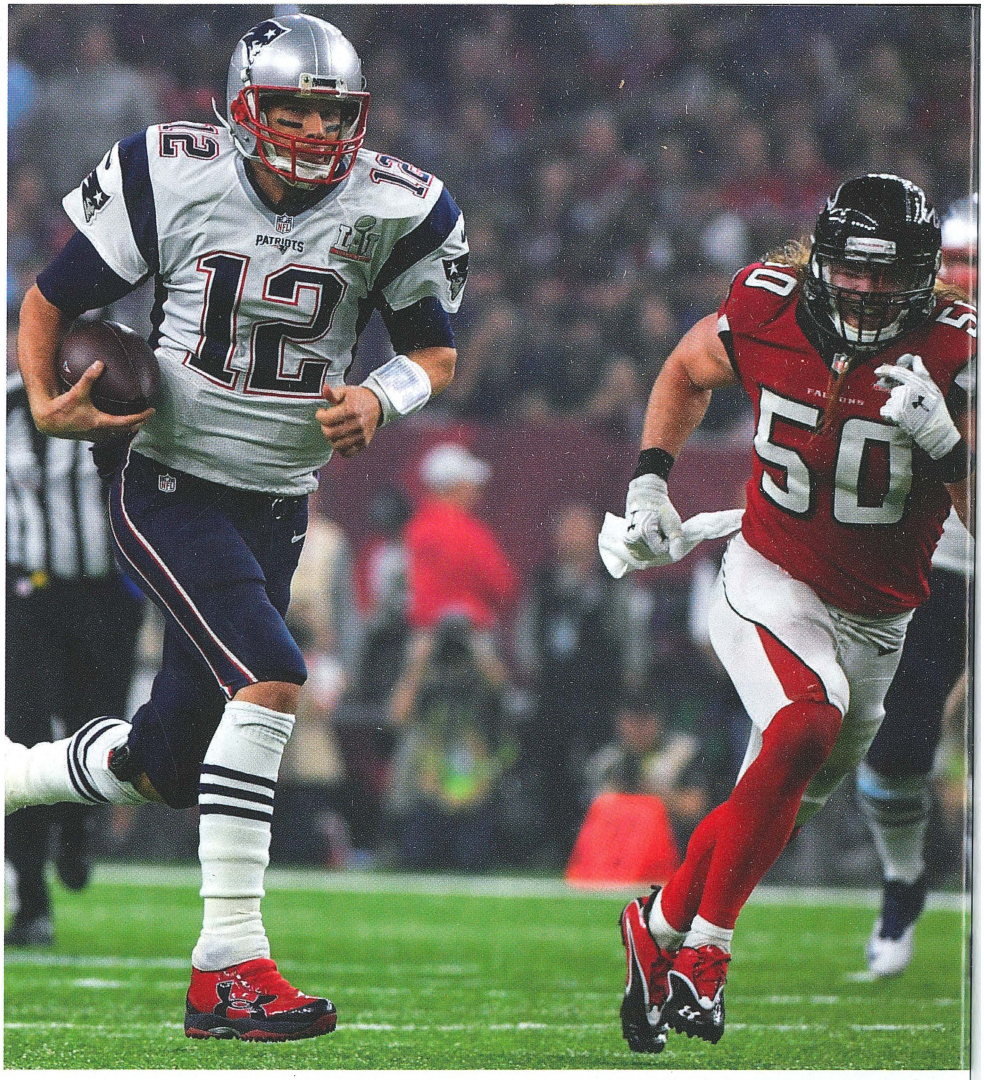
New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady led the biggest comeback in **Super Bowl** history in Super Bowl LI, as the Patriots rallied from down 28-3 in the second half to defeat the Atlanta Falcons, 34-28, in overtime.

Brady was chosen the game's MVP after throwing for 466 yards, another Super Bowl record, and leading New England to 19 fourth-quarter points to tie the game. It was the fifth championship for Brady and coach Bill Belichick.

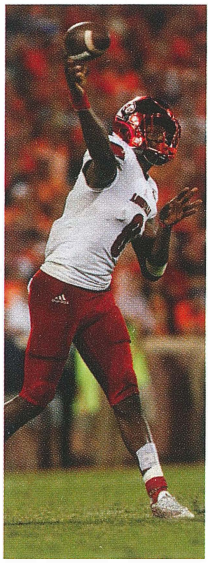
The heartbreaking loss for Atlanta prevented the Falcons from winning their first Super Bowl in team history.





"Hamilton," the hip-hop Broadway musical about our nation's first treasury secretary, Alexander Hamilton, continued its success without its author, Lin-Manuel Miranda, in the lead role.

Fake news stories appeared on Facebook, and there was debate as to whether it affected the 2016 presidential election. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said only 1 percent of the news on Facebook's news feed was fake and said it could not have swayed voters.



Louisville quarterback **Lamar Jackson** became the youngest player to ever win the Heisman Trophy at just 19 years old, after a sophomore season where he passed for more than 3,000 yards and 30 touchdowns and ran for 21 more touchdowns.



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