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Dear Friends:

We are pleased to share with you another edition of the *Chronicle of Giving*, which highlights your generosity and how donors like you improve and save lives through our MCV Campus partners at VCU Health.

Fiscal year 2018 was a strong year for the MCV Foundation. New gifts to the MCV Campus totaled \$66.7 million, while our planned giving program accounted for \$17.1 million in expectancies. In addition, our endowment portfolio outperformed the custom benchmark, growing by 9.85% and moving our total assets past \$550 million. These positive results have continued into fiscal year 2019, with total assets now exceeding \$600 million.

Over the past year, there have been many exciting additions to the VCU Health development team and to the scope of care that our providers can deliver. VCU Massey Cancer Center, VCU School of Nursing and VCU School of Pharmacy all have welcomed new lead development officers, and the MCV Campus gained its first associate vice president for development, Tom Maness. These new additions to the team, along with their fundraising colleagues across campus, are responsible for making sure your gifts support lifesaving developments, such as the new state-of-the-art Cardiac Imaging Suite at VCU Health Pauley Heart Center and the announcement of the Christine B. and David E. Cottrell Surgical Innovation Laboratory at the VCU School of Medicine.

We've enjoyed spending time this year with our donors and the wider communities in Richmond and Williamsburg. The Discovery Series event in October was an opportunity for our friends in Williamsburg to hear directly from VCU Health experts about the latest advancements in diagnosis and care. In September, we hosted our second event in partnership with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture to explore specific milestones in medical history and how VCU Health is prepared to protect and treat Central Virginians in the future.

Our connection with the community reached even further through our continued marketing outreach, which included comprehensive advertising throughout the region and the second issue of *NEXT* magazine, a publication highlighting the innovative research happening across campus.

Looking ahead, we are optimistic about so much on campus. VCU Health is building a 16-story outpatient facility at the corner of North 10th and East Leigh Streets; in February, the health system announced plans to build an 86-bed inpatient children's hospital on Marshall Street; and this spring, we helped the College of Health Professions cut the ribbon to their new 154,000-square-foot building that will centralize all 11 of the college's units.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the exciting changes on campus and all the ways that people like you are making an impact on the life-changing patient care, research and education happening at VCU Health every day. ●



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We support the clinical care, research and education mission of our MCV Campus partners: *VCU College of Health Professions, VCU School of Dentistry, VCU School of Medicine, VCU School of Nursing, VCU School of Pharmacy, VCU Massey Cancer Center and VCU Medical Center.*

We manage over \$600 million in assets to ensure the MCV Campus remains at the forefront of excellence and innovation in patient care, research and education. Through more than 1,700 funds, we provide scholarships, professorships, research and program funds to support the lifesaving work occurring at VCU Health every day. These funds allow VCU students, healthcare providers and researchers to be on the cutting edge of healthcare delivery, offering patients the most exciting treatments and medical technology available. We honor the history of the Medical College of Virginia and the value of philanthropy to healthcare education, research and service.

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Medical students have studied on the MCV Campus in the Egyptian Building since the mid-1800s. The color image shows modern-day students during their annual class photo. The black and white image shows the building in the 1890s. *Historical Photo: Special Collections and Archives, Tompkins-McCaw Library, VCU. Color Photo: Kevin Schindler*

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The Egyptian Building has been a part of the VCU School of Medicine for nearly all of the school's 180 years. The history of this iconic structure is shown in the 1890s, 1930s and 2010s. *Historical Photos: Special Collections and Archives, Tompkins-McCaw Library, VCU. Color Photo: Kevin Schindler*

THE 2018-2019 academic year at VCU Health has been filled with many monumental anniversaries and celebrations. Dating back 180 years, those who work and learn on Virginia Commonwealth University's MCV Campus have provided lifesaving care here in Central Virginia and improved health around the world through pioneering research and formative education.

Here at the MCV Foundation, we're proud to be among the MCV Campus inhabitants celebrating this year. As we complete our 70th year, our capacity and enthusiasm to support all of our MCV Campus partners have never been stronger. ●

1838:

The VCU School of Medicine turned 180 in 2018.

In November of 1838, the medical department at Hampden-Sydney College opened in Richmond, and by 1844, the department had moved into the building that today stands as one of VCU Health's and VCU's most iconic structures, the Egyptian Building. Ten years later, the department received an independent charter from the Virginia General Assembly to become the Medical College of Virginia. Since then, VCU School of Medicine has provided world-class patient care, research and education through a civil war, two world wars, pandemics, depressions and many other times when Richmond and the country needed help most. ●

1893:

The VCU Schools of Nursing and Dentistry turned 125 in 2018.

VCU School of Nursing celebrated its milestone at the 125th Anniversary Gala at The Jefferson Hotel in October. Founded in 1893 as the Virginia Hospital Training School, the School of Nursing has evolved from offering a diploma in nursing to offering bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. It has graduated more than 11,000 nurses and now enrolls approximately 800 students annually.

That same year, the predecessor to the School of Dentistry opened its doors at the University College of Medicine. Today, the school is the only dental school in Virginia, providing dental, dental hygiene and advanced dental education to about 500 future oral healthcare providers every year. In addition, the school operates VCU Dental Care, which provides oral health services ranging from general dentistry to oral and facial surgery. ●



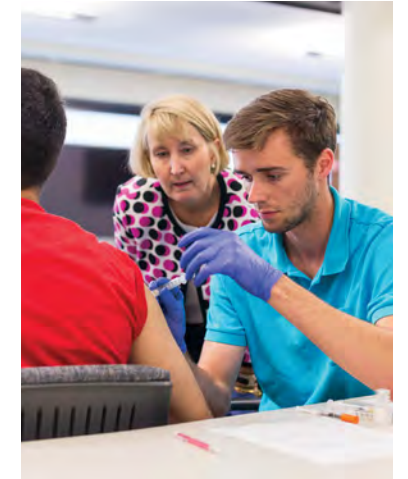
At the VCU School of Nursing's 125th Anniversary Gala, students dress in nursing uniforms seen throughout the profession's history. Pictured from left to right with era of uniform: Andrea Berger, 1950s; Shirley Barlow, 1940s; Jerica Santorum, 1980s; Jedidiah Fung, present-day; Stephanie Rudderow, 1890s. *Photo courtesy of VCU School of Nursing*



Dental students today learn to give anesthesia, use nonsurgical lasers and work with 3-D printers, a far cry from the technology used in the mid-20th century. *Photos courtesy of VCU School of Dentistry*

1898:

The VCU School of Pharmacy turned 120 in 2018.



Under the direction of Jean-Venable "Kelly" Goode, Pharm.D., director of community pharmacy practice at the VCU School of Pharmacy, P3 student Brian Snow practices giving a vaccination to fellow P3 student Jaymin Patel. *Photo courtesy of VCU School of Pharmacy*

The VCU School of Pharmacy traces its roots to 1898, making it the oldest pharmacy school in Virginia. It has been a leader and adapted through the years as pharmacy practice evolved from the art and science of compounding and dispensing medicine to a patient-focused practice. Today, the school teaches 600 Pharm.D. and graduate students, utilizes more than \$9 million in research funding and is ranked 17th in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*. In addition to its primary teaching facilities on the MCV Campus, the School of Pharmacy has satellite campuses at Inova Fairfax Medical Campus and the University of Virginia. ●

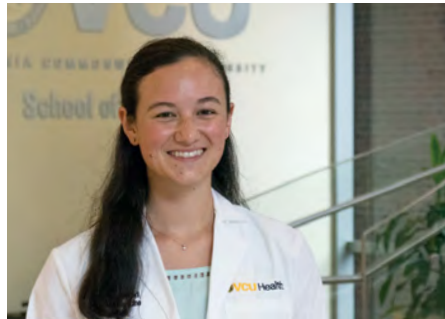
1918:

2018 marked the 100th year that women have been admitted to the medical, dental and pharmacy programs on the MCV Campus.

The Medical College of Virginia, already in its 80th year in 1918, first admitted women as World War I raged. The college's leadership only planned to admit women for the duration of the war. These women, however, excelled so much in their medical, dental and pharmacy programs, that MCV was never again without female students.

Over the last decade, the ratio of males to females at the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry has been roughly 50/50, which is reflective of a trend seen nationally. At the School of Pharmacy, female students have outnumbered male students for several years, including in the Class of 2022, which is 67% female.

Many of the women who have passed through campus have left legacies supporting the next generation.



Laurne Terasaki, a member of the VCU School of Medicine's Class of 2022, is the recipient of this year's Eugenie M. Fribourg Scholarship. Photo: Eric Peters

Eugenie M. Fribourg, M.D., was one of just eight women among the Medical College of Virginia's Class of 1939. She chose to help those who are following in her footsteps on the MCV Campus by including provisions in her estate plans that established the Eugenie M. Fribourg Scholarship Fund upon her

death in 2007. In her bequest, she let it be known that the scholarship should support female medical students who have a need for tuition assistance. This year, the scholarship went to the Class of 2022's Laurne Terasaki, who grew up in a single-parent home, and prior to medical school, worked as an AmeriCorps volunteer and helped found the University of Washington campus food pantry.



Tonya Spangler (left), a third-year student at the VCU School of Dentistry, received a scholarship this year provided by Kit Tucker Sullivan, D.D.S., a 1983 graduate of the school. Photo: Eric Peters

Kit Tucker Sullivan, D.D.S., an MCV Foundation board member, was the first female president of the Virginia Academy of General Dentistry. She graduated from the School of Dentistry in 1983 and had no female professors or mentors in the field. As a way to encourage future dental students, she established the Kit Tucker Sullivan, D.D.S., Scholarship, which is awarded to third- or fourth-year dental students — with a preference given to females — who are from Virginia and show strong leadership skills. This year, the scholarship was awarded to Tonya Spangler, who is president of the local American Student Dental Association chapter. ●

1949:

MCV Foundation turns 70 in 2019.



From our home at the corner of Broad and College Streets on the MCV Campus, we support the lifesaving patient care, research and education that occur on campus every day. Through more than 1,700 funds, we provide scholarships, professorships, research and program funds. Photo: Eric Peters

We have supported the MCV Campus since 1949, helping fuel enormous growth among our partners at VCU Health, and we couldn't be more excited about the future.

"VCU Health's physical footprint and its capacity to deliver and advance healthcare are growing at an astounding rate," said Margaret Ann Bollmeier, MCV Foundation president. "We continue to help sustain that growth, and at the same time are expanding as a foundation to meet the needs of one of the East Coast's top academic health centers. In recent years, we've dramatically improved our ability to steward and invest gifts, engage and educate the communities we serve, and inspire additional support for VCU Health." ●

1968:

Virginia Commonwealth University turned 50 in 2018.



In 1968, the Medical College of Virginia merged with Richmond Professional Institute to create VCU. The group named to develop the plan establishing a state-supported university in Richmond was called the Wayne Commission, and its recommendation was supported by the governor and general assembly.

Today, VCU and VCU Health make a \$6 billion impact on the Commonwealth of Virginia, serve 260,000 patients and conduct \$271 million of sponsored research annually, which addresses life-or-death needs in the community and across the world.

Last fall, the university hosted a daylong symposium exploring challenges faced during the past 50 years and opportunities for moving forward into the next 50 years. ●



VCU's MCV Campus is home to one of the top academic health centers on the East Coast. Photo: Allen Jones, VCU University Marketing

1969:

The VCU College of Health Professions turns 50 in 2019.

Established in 1969 as the VCU School of Allied Health Professions, the college brought together existing and new programs on the MCV Campus that today include the Departments of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Gerontology, Health Administration, Nurse Anesthesia, Occupational Therapy, Patient Counseling, Physical Therapy, Radiation Sciences and Rehabilitation Counseling. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks five of the college's programs in the top 20 nationally.

In the spring of 2019, the college cut the ribbon to a unified space for the first time in its history. The new 154,000-square-foot building is located at Leigh and 10th Streets on the MCV Campus. ●



This year, the VCU College of Health Professions cut the ribbon to its new 154,000-square-foot building on Leigh Street, centralizing the college's programs that have been spread across two campuses for 50 years.



Greg Delano (left) and Matthew Ward, both 2019 College of Health Professions graduates, show their appreciation during the MCV Campus's Thank a Donor Day. Both photos: Eric Peters

Awards

Honoring MCV Campus Leaders and Trailblazers

Each year, the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees honors people who have made significant contributions to advance the world-class patient care, research and education that VCU Health delivers on the MCV Campus and beyond.

This year, the foundation board gathered at the Country Club of Virginia again to celebrate those individuals and their contributions to the MCV Campus.

Board Chair Harry Thalhimier presented the evening's awards and recognitions. "People give their time, resources and connections to the MCV Campus and VCU Health because they share a vision for the great medical enterprise VCU Health is today and will be in the future," he said. ●



Jean Giddens, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, dean of the VCU School of Nursing, received the Robert Irby Award for her outstanding work with major fundraising efforts on the MCV Campus. She is thanked by Harry Thalhimier, MCV Foundation board chair, and Margaret Ann Bollmeier, MCV Foundation president. All photos: Kevin Schindler

Dean Jean Giddens, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, received the Robert Irby Award.

Dean Giddens joined the School of Nursing as dean in 2013 and has been involved in fundraising ever since. She spearheaded an effort to support the school's Clinical Scholars Program by working with a committee of donors to raise more than \$500,000 and ensure the important program's success.

Soon after her arrival at VCU, Dean Giddens and her husband Jay Corazza established an endowed fund to support scholarships. In addition, Dean Giddens has been very successful working with major donors, completing the most successful fundraising year in the School of Nursing's history in fiscal year 2019.

The Irby Award was established in 2001 in memory of Dr. Robert Irby, an MCV rheumatologist who was devoted to securing financial support for the MCV Campus. ●



George Emerson, a member of the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees and several other boards at VCU Health, received the Dowdy Award in recognition of his fundraising leadership in a volunteer capacity on the MCV Campus. His wife Darlene and daughters Amy, Megan and Carrie (not present) celebrate with him.

George Emerson received the Michael B. Dowdy Award.

George served as chair of the Massey Cancer Center Advisory Board and is a member of the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees, the VCU Health System Board of Directors, and the VCU Make It Real Campaign Steering Committee.

His philanthropic contributions span a broad spectrum of personal generosity and community engagement. George, his wife Darlene and their family run the Highlands-Massey Classic, a golf tournament that has raised more than \$2 million to support head and neck cancer research at Massey.

The Dowdy Award was established in 2006 in honor of Mickey Dowdy, who served as president of the MCV Foundation from 1993 to 2006. ●

Gail Johnson received the Eugene P. Trani MCV Campus Leadership Award.

Gail is former chair of the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees. She served in that role from 2013 to 2016, and during her tenure, led the creation of a strategic operating plan and the search for a new president, among many highlights.

She is a 1967 graduate of the School of Nursing, a former member of the School of Nursing Advisory Committee, and a former faculty member at the school.

Gail is the founder and chairman of the board at LeafSpring School, which offers early childhood education programs across the nation and abroad.

The Trani Award was established in 2009 in honor of Dr. Eugene P. Trani, who served as president of VCU from 1990 to 2009. ●



Gail Johnson, a former chair and current Lifetime Honorary Trustee of the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees, displays her Eugene P. Trani Award, which she received in recognition of her exceptional dedication and support of the MCV Campus. Harry Thalhimier, Earl Johnson, Margaret Ann Bollmeier and MCV Foundation Chair-Elect Wyatt Beazley IV congratulate her.

Gordon Ginder, M.D., received the Jerome F. Strauss III Award.

For 22 years, Dr. Ginder has served as director of VCU Massey Cancer Center. His strategic leadership has positioned Massey for continued growth and success as an NCI-designated cancer center, which places Massey in the top 4% of all cancer research centers in the U.S.

Dr. Ginder is a nationally renowned researcher, educator and administrator, and beloved member of the community.

The Strauss Award was established by the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees in 2016 in honor of Dr. Jerry Strauss, a nationally renowned researcher, educator and administrator who served as dean of the School of Medicine from 2005 to 2017. ●



Gordon Ginder, M.D., director of the VCU Massey Cancer Center, was recognized with the Jerome F. Strauss III Award for his extraordinary service and stewardship to MCV alumni, donors and other members of the community to support and advance the mission of the MCV Foundation. He was not able to attend the June awards dinner and is pictured with Becky Massey and Dr. Walter Lawrence Jr., Massey's founding director, at another MCV Foundation event. Photo: Brittany Daniel Studio

Passing the Gavel

At our board meeting on June 3, MCV Foundation Board Chair Harry Thalhimier passed the ceremonial gavel to Chair-Elect Wyatt Beazley IV.

"The opportunity to serve as chair of this board has been the most meaningful work of my lifetime," Harry said. "The work we all do together ensures the bright future that lies in front of us can be met. The transition work has been done and we're in the best shape we've ever been. Wyatt will be a terrific chair of this board."

In the next *Chronicle of Giving* issue, we will take a closer look at Harry's legacy and learn more about Wyatt and his vision for the foundation and MCV Campus.



MCV Foundation Trustee Updates

New Lifetime Honorary Trustees



Joe Teefey served on the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees for nine years. During his time on the board, Joe chaired the Personnel and Compensation Committee. Joe is former vice president of MCV Hospitals and former director of the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services.

He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Richmond and his graduate degree at William & Mary. He also completed the University of Virginia Executive Program and the Commonwealth of Virginia Executive Institute.

Joe currently serves on the MCV Physicians Board of Directors and has been president of Teefey-Collins Consultants Inc. since 2001, serving as a healthcare consultant and lobbyist.

Joe has been instrumental in helping to raise funds for the School of Nursing. Together, he and Judy Collins have helped lead fundraising for the Clinical Scholars Program. ●

Photo: Kevin Schindler

Judy Collins, RN, WHNP, served on the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees for 21 years. Judy earned a B.S. in nursing from UNC-Chapel Hill and an M.S. from Boston University before enrolling at VCU School of Nursing to earn a nurse practitioner certificate in women's health.

She helped create, attend and co-direct the OB-GYN nurse practitioner program, and became founding director of the comprehensive VCU Women's Health Center at Stony Point. Throughout her career, Judy has held positions in nursing services, administration, education and professional organizations, including appointment by the governor to the Virginia Board of Nursing and the joint boards of Nursing and Medicine.

She retired in 2000 after more than 30 years of service to the university. In honor of her retirement, family, friends, grateful patients and colleagues established the Collins-Teefey Distinguished Professorship at the School of Nursing to honor Judy's lifelong commitment to women's health and leadership in the VCU School of Nursing. ●

New Board Members



Steve Gaidos is the Richmond market general manager for Terazo, a software engineering firm founded in Richmond.

He has more than 30 years of experience planning the strategy and implementation of integrated technology solutions for Fortune 500 companies as well as smaller businesses. ●



W. Taylor Reveley III was the 27th president of William & Mary, and served as dean of its law school for almost a decade. He retired in June of 2018.

Before joining William & Mary, Taylor practiced law for almost three decades at Hunton & Williams, specializing in energy and environmental matters. He was managing partner of the firm for nine years during a time of significant growth in its national and international reach. ●

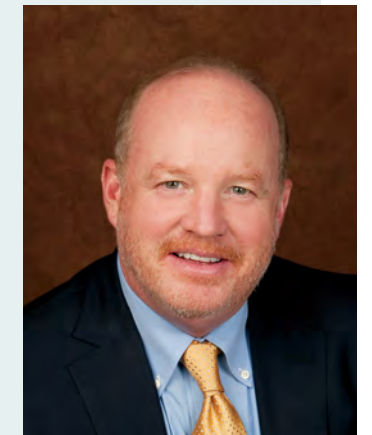
Photos: Kevin Schindler

Joining the Leadership Council

Trustees joining the Leadership Council this year include **Roger Boevé**, who served nine years and chaired the Development Committee; **Jeff Gumenick**, who served nine years and was on the Communications Committee; **Ron McFarlane, R.Ph.**, who served eight years and was on the Finance & Audit Committee; and **Brenda Snow**, who served one year and was on the Communications Committee. The Leadership Council was established in 2017 to strengthen the foundation's relationship with former trustees. ●



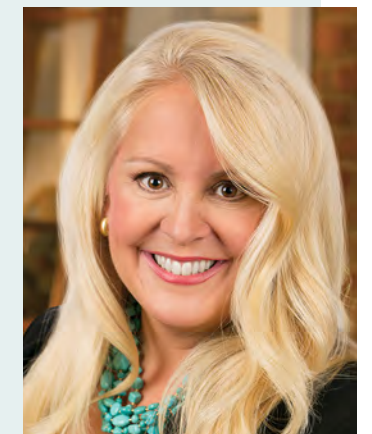
Roger Boevé



Jeff Gumenick



Ron McFarlane, R.Ph.



Brenda Snow

Photos courtesy of Roger Boevé, Jeff Gumenick, Ron McFarlane and Brenda Snow

Welcoming New Development Leaders on the MCV Campus



Louie Correa
Senior Director of Development,
VCU School of Pharmacy

Louie first joined VCU in 2015 as associate director of development for VCU School of the Arts. He joined the School of Pharmacy in June 2018.

“I have a passion for higher education and our students. These are transformative years in their lives and we get to be a part of setting them on a course for future success. I want to do all I can to ensure cost isn’t a barrier to a great education, and I want to ensure cost isn’t a barrier for the School of Pharmacy to have the very best faculty and programs.” ●

*Photo: Eric Peters, all other photos
VCU University Marketing*

Martha Quinn
Executive Director of Development,
VCU Massey Cancer Center

Martha joined Massey in July of 2018. “Massey Cancer Center is an incredible resource that is essential for our community’s long-term health. Because of many friends, volunteers and donors, Massey has been a leader in advancing cancer research for decades. I’m honored to be a member of this family now, helping to ensure that those who are diagnosed with cancer have a future filled with hope. Philanthropy is critical to fund ideas that lead to that hope, and I’m proud to lead this incredible team and join the Massey Nation.” ●



Pamela Lowe
Senior Director of Development,
VCU School of Nursing

Pamela joined the School of Nursing in August of 2018. “Here at the School of Nursing, I have an amazing opportunity to help our donors find joy and fulfillment in giving back. Whether that is through scholarships, faculty research, professorships or programmatic support, it gives me great pleasure knowing that I am not only making donors’ dreams come to life, but also positively impacting our students, faculty and community.” ●

Thomas Maness
Associate Vice President
of Development, MCV Campus

Tom came to the MCV Campus in January of 2018. “Caregivers and faculty work diligently every day to change lives and save lives. Whether they are at the bedside of a patient, moving groundbreaking research forward, or teaching the next generation of medical and research professionals, it’s humbling for me to stand alongside them. The greatest honor of my life has been to connect these people, driven by mission, to those who care and want to be a part of their great work.” ●



MCV Foundation Staff Updates



David Silver
Chief Financial Officer

David joined the MCV Foundation in May 2018. He worked in several operational and financial management positions in the hospitality and property management industries before moving to the higher education and nonprofit sectors in 1997. Since that time, he has worked at institutions including Johns Hopkins University, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, the Catholic University of America and University of Maryland College Park, where he served as executive director of financial management for the Division of University Relations and assistant treasurer for the University of Maryland College Park Foundation.

As a key member of the MCV Foundation’s leadership team,

David has overall responsibility for accounting, financial management, budgeting, audit, tax, investment and general operations. ●



Jenny Wandelt
Development Associate

Jenny joined the MCV Foundation in October 2018. Her responsibilities include planning and executing stewardship activities and special events. Additionally, she assists with the planning and execution of the Discovery Series program. Jenny has experience working in sales, marketing and corporate partnerships. She is a graduate of George Mason University and has a degree in integrative studies with a concentration in advertising, as well as a minor in business. ●

Honoring Outstanding Contributions to VCU and VCU Health

MEMBERS OF THE MCV Foundation family were recognized at VCU's last three graduation ceremonies for their exemplary and impactful services to VCU and VCU Health.

VCU President Michael Rao, Ph.D., presented the Edward A. Wayne Medal to Charles and Ginny Crone at the university's May 2018 commencement, and then to George and Darlene Emerson at the December commencement. This May, he presented the medal to Paul Gross.

Charles and Ginny have generously given time and money to a wide variety of programs for more than 30 years. Charles became a founding member of the Massey Cancer Center Advisory Board in 1987, and in 1993 he joined our foundation's board of trustees.

Charles and Ginny have played a significant role in creating and expanding our widely successful Discovery Series, which brings physicians, researchers and specialists from across the MCV Campus to share expertise and create relationships with our friends in Williamsburg.

George and Darlene are founders of the Highlands-Massey Classic, a golf tournament that has raised more than \$2 million to support head and neck cancer research at Massey Cancer Center. George serves on our board of trustees and the boards of Massey and VCU Health.

To read more about Paul Gross and his wife Veronica, see their story on page 35.

The Wayne Medal, one of VCU's most prestigious honors, was established in 1971 to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions or provided exemplary services to VCU. ●



VCU President Michael Rao, Ph.D., presents Charles and Ginny Crone with the Edward A. Wayne Medal at May commencement in 2018.



Gordon Ginder, M.D. (left), director of VCU Massey Cancer Center, visits with George and Darlene Emerson before VCU President Michael Rao, Ph.D. (right), presents George and Darlene with the Edward A. Wayne Medal at December commencement in 2018.



Paul Gross (right), recipient of the Edward A. Wayne Medal at May 2019 commencement, is congratulated by his wife Veronica and President Michael Rao, Ph.D. Photos: Thomas Kojcsich, VCU University Marketing

MCV Campus Leaders Changing Roles, Moving On



(L to R) Cecil Drain, Ph.D., former dean of the College of Health Professions; Gordon Ginder, M.D., director of Massey Cancer Center; and Joel Silverman, M.D., chair of the Department of Psychiatry, gather after being recognized for outstanding service to VCU Health at our December board meeting. Photo: Kevin Schindler

At our board meeting in December, we saluted three lions of the MCV Campus who are moving into new roles on campus or on to new pursuits.

Harry Thalheimer, MCV Foundation board chair, presented the three with a gift, and each said a few words.

Joel Silverman, M.D., who has served as chair of the Department of Psychiatry since 1984, will step away from the chair position, but he plans to continue treating patients, teaching and fundraising for the department.

Dr. Silverman played a critical role in bringing together community members, state legislators, faculty, staff, and patients and their families to design and support the new 119,000-square-foot Virginia Treatment Center for Children, which opened in spring 2018.

Cecil B. Drain, Ph.D., served as dean of the College of Health Professions, formerly the School of Allied Health Professions, beginning in 1996, which made him the longest-serving among current MCV Campus deans when he retired this spring.

Dean Drain worked diligently for many years to build support and momentum for a facility that the College of

Health Professions could call home, and one of his last acts as dean was to cut the ribbon to a new 154,000-square-foot building that centralized all 11 of the college's highly ranked academic units. In May, the college announced that VCU Health made a gift to name the dean's suite in the building after Dean Drain and his predecessor, Thomas C. Barker, Ph.D., who were the only two deans in the college's history at the time.

Gordon Ginder, M.D., will step down after 22 years of leading the Massey Cancer Center, but he plans to continue working as a researcher. Dr. Ginder leaves a legacy as one of the longest-standing directors of an NCI-designated cancer center in the country. In his time at Massey, he has overseen five successful renewals for NCI designation.

"I just want to say that what we've been able to accomplish, whether saving lives and treating our patients, creating a brand, or increasing our resources, it really could never have happened without the support of many people here and in the community," Dr. Ginder said. "It's been a tremendous experience for me and a tremendous honor for me, and I'm looking forward to doing some research." ●

MCV Foundation Discovery Series: *Detecting and Treating Disease Through Advanced Imaging*



Expert VCU Health panelists at the 10th Discovery Series event in Williamsburg discuss the latest advancements in medical imaging. Peter F. Buckley, M.D., dean of the VCU School of Medicine and executive vice president for medical affairs at the VCU Health System, moderated the panel. The panel, from left to right, included VCU Health experts Greg Hundley, M.D., director of the Pauley Heart Center and director of cardiac imaging; Sara Temkin, M.D., director of gynecologic oncology; Ralph "Ron" Clark, M.D., chief medical officer; Dr. Buckley; Ann Fulcher, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Radiology; and Patrick Nana-Sinkam, M.D., chair of the Division of Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine. All photos: Skip Rowland Photography

MEDICAL imaging has come a long way since Polish physicist Marie Curie developed mobile radiography units during World War I, providing X-ray services to field hospitals.

Today, clinicians detect and treat cancer as well as cardiac and pulmonary diseases through advanced imaging techniques that diagnose diseases at early stages, prevent diseases through regular screening and show healthcare providers how the body is working on the inside rather than simply how it looks.

These advanced medical imaging possibilities and practices were the topic of conversation in Williamsburg this past October at our 10th Discovery Series event.

Over the last several years, these events have provided a venue for our friends in Williamsburg to hear about the latest advances in healthcare from VCU Health scholars, researchers and clinicians who are leaders in their fields.

Following a panel discussion at each event, guests have been able to speak directly with these experts, as well as with deans and other leadership from VCU Health's MCV Campus.

In 2015, two years after the Discovery Series began, the MCV Foundation established the Discovery Society to recognize and thank attendees who choose to support the medical care and research they hear about during the

Ann Fulcher, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Radiology at VCU School of Medicine, meets with Williamsburg residents and Discovery Society members following her time on October's Discovery Series panel, which explored the role of advanced imaging in improving detection and treatment of cancer, cardiac and pulmonary diseases.



Patrick Nana-Sinkam (left), M.D., chair of the Division of Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine at VCU School of Medicine, speaks with MCV Foundation board member Roger Boevé at the Discovery Series strolling supper.

panel discussions. Now numbering more than 150, Discovery Society members help raise the visibility of VCU Health and foster financial support for patient care, clinical research and education happening across the MCV Campus.

Discovery Series events are made possible, in large part, by the host committee, which includes Julie Baxter and Paul Dresser, Louise and Bob Canfield, Ginny and Charles Crone, Jane and Jim Kaplan, and Judi Forehand Starkey.

We're already planning the next event for this fall, so if you'd like to learn more about attending, contact Jenny Wandelt, development associate at the MCV Foundation, at 804-828-4576 or jennifer.wandelt@vcuhealth.org.

To learn more about the Discovery Series and watch past panel discussions, visit www.MCVFoundation.org/work/discovery-series. ●

Greg Hundley (left), M.D., director of the Pauley Heart Center and director of cardiac imaging at VCU Health, discusses his contributions to the Discovery Series panel with Williamsburg resident and Discovery Society member Bob Hershberger and Carrie Mills, senior major gift officer at VCU Health.



MCV Society Members Plan Lifesaving Legacies

THE MCV Foundation hosts a reception every spring to celebrate and thank MCV Society members for their important support of VCU Health.

“Because of your forward thinking, your incredible generosity will create a lasting impact for our students, faculty, research and programs,” said Margaret Ann Bollmeier, MCV Foundation president, as she addressed society members this April. “Thank you.”

The MCV Society is made up of more than 600 individuals who have included VCU Health in their estate plans. Approximately 130 of those members attended the latest event this April, which was held at VCU’s Institute for Contemporary Art.

This year, the MCV Society gained 39 new members and received more than \$10 million in new planned gifts that will provide future support to a wide range of efforts across the MCV Campus. In total, MCV Society members’ philanthropic impact exceeds \$100 million in future gifts.

The two most popular tools that MCV Society members use to support the campus through planned giving are bequests and beneficiary designations.

For more information about these or other strategies to use in creating a legacy on the MCV Campus at VCU Health, visit www.MCVFoundation.org/give and contact Brian Thomas, MCV Foundation vice president and chief development officer, at 804-828-0067 or brian.thomas@vcuhealth.org.



Walter Lawrence Jr., M.D. (left), founding director of VCU Massey Cancer Center; Judy Brown, MCV Foundation Leadership Council member; and Richard Clary, M.D., MCV Foundation board member, converse at the 2019 MCV Society reception held at VCU’s Institute for Contemporary Art. All photos: CSI Studio LLC



MCV Society members Dabney Robinson, Richard Beadles, Janice Schalow and Al Schalow gather under the colorful windows at this year’s MCV Society reception held at VCU’s Institute for Contemporary Art.

“Because of your forward thinking, your incredible generosity will create a lasting impact for our students, faculty, research and programs. Thank you.”

*Margaret Ann Bollmeier,
MCV Foundation president*



Beth Thornton (left) talks with fellow MCV Society member Becky Massey at the MCV Society reception.

Beth Thornton, who established a charitable remainder trust nearly 20 years ago and has served several terms on the Massey Cancer Center Advisory Board, is inspired to support Massey through planned giving because her mother died of stomach cancer.

“When my father died and left me a little money, I decided that I wanted to make sure that I gave back to the institutions that were meaningful to me,” she said. “I started the trust with a nice sum divided between four beloved entities and it has grown substantially. I love knowing that I will help them thrive even after I am gone.”

History and Health

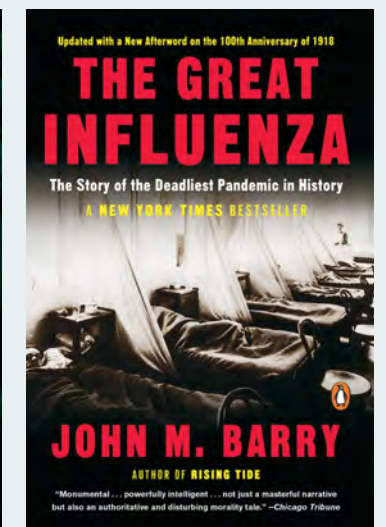
Over the past year, we’ve partnered with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture to host two events — with a third scheduled for this fall — exploring the intersection of history and health in our community and country.

The events have brought together experts from across VCU Health to discuss the MCV Campus’s leadership role in some of the most important breakthroughs and medical events of the 20th century, and they have illuminated the ways in which VCU Health stands ready to serve Central Virginians through leading expert care and the most advanced technology available.

This event is made possible through a generous grant from the Virginia Sargeant Reynolds Foundation, whose mission is to support programs within the arts, education, environment, health, history and humanity disciplines.

Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming event this fall, which will include a panel discussion on cancer.

To learn more about the next event, contact Brian Thomas, MCV Foundation vice president and chief development officer, at brian.thomas@vcuhealth.org or 804-828-0067.



Discussions about the two books reviewed so far in our partnership with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture have illuminated the MCV Campus’s role in shaping the world’s first human heart transplant and caring for WWI soldiers during the 1918 flu pandemic.

Scholarship Recipients Say ‘Thank You’



Terri Powers, a 1978 graduate of the VCU School of Pharmacy, speaks at the 2019 MCV Campus Endowed Scholarship Brunch. Terri and her husband Tom established the H.J. and Dot Hubbard Scholarship — named after Terri’s parents — for pharmacy students who have demonstrated financial need and academic merit. *Both photos: CSI Studios LLC*



VCU School of Nursing student Andrea Berger (left) greets Jean Giddens, Ph.D., RN, FAAN (center), dean of the School of Nursing, and Judy Collins, RN, WHNP, associate professor emerita at the Schools of Nursing and Medicine, at the 2019 MCV Campus Endowed Scholarship Brunch. Andrea holds a Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation scholarship and is mentored by Judy.

We were honored this February to once again celebrate the life-changing opportunities and potential that our generous MCV Campus donors create and perpetuate for students every year.

The annual MCV Campus Endowed Scholarship Brunch is one of the most inspiring that we host because it connects motivated, hardworking, grateful students with the generous people who support them in their educational pursuits and eventual patient care and research around the globe.

This year, donors accounted for 413 scholarships on the MCV Campus, which was 25 more than last year. Through these endowed scholarships, students from the VCU Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy, and the College of Health Professions, had access to \$2.7 million in funding and support.

One of those students, Andrea Berger, delivered remarks at this year’s brunch. Andrea is in the accelerated B.S. track at the VCU School of Nursing and is a recipient of a Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation scholarship.

“As a recipient of this scholarship, I am so proud and grateful to say that my ability to become a nurse has been a community effort through the generous support of the VCU School of Nursing, the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation and the MCV Foundation,” she said. “It will be my privilege and

absolute joy to continue this legacy of service and generosity throughout my career as a nurse. Thank you again for believing in and supporting me and each of the scholarship recipients represented here today. We cannot say thank you enough.”

Speaking on behalf of scholarship donors, Terri Powers, a 1978 graduate of the VCU School of Pharmacy, shared the story of her parents’ sacrifices while starting a business and saving to educate their four children.

“I grew up watching my parents give their time and their money to their community, to individuals in need and to us, and I reached a point in my life where I began to think about how I could build upon their legacy,” she said.

Terri and her husband Tom established the H.J. and Dot Hubbard Scholarship — named after Terri’s parents — for pharmacy students who have demonstrated financial need and academic merit.

Across campus, there are hundreds of stories just like Andrea’s and Terri’s, in which people are inspired to support the next generation of healthcare professionals, bringing world-class care to communities in Central Virginia and beyond. If you’re interested in changing the lives of students and all of those who they’ll impact after leaving the MCV Campus, please learn more about the various ways to establish a scholarship at www.MCVFoundation.org/give. ●

Harper’s Hope Has Made an Impact on Patients’ Lives



Landon Harper, Judy Brown and Brian Thomas prepare to hit the links at the fourth annual Harper’s Hope Golf Tournament and Auction last summer. *Both photos: CSI Studios LLC*



Anne Harper spends time with Scott Vota, D.O., at the Harper’s Hope Golf Tournament and Auction reception. Dr. Vota is director of the Neuromuscular and ALS clinics at VCU Health and treated Anne’s late husband Vic.

FOR FOUR powerful years, golf, goodwill and great people converged in June at the Country Club of Virginia to make a difference in ALS patients’ lives at the annual Harper’s Hope Golf Tournament and Auction.

Last year, the tournament’s final year, was the most successful. Seventy-two golfers and more than 160 reception guests raised approximately \$45,000 to support the VCU Health ALS Clinic, which provides leading care for ALS patients and their families across Virginia and conducts world-class research.

ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), often referred to as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. It progresses to involve muscles that control vital functions, such as speech, swallowing and breathing.

As the late Vic Harper battled this disease in 2014, he and his family established the Harper’s Hope Fund for ALS at the MCV Foundation to help make an impact on future ALS research and care. His doctor at the time was Scott Vota, D.O., director of the Neuromuscular and ALS clinics at VCU Health.

“When my dad was diagnosed with ALS, he took a liking to Dr. Vota’s research and what he was doing, not only for people with the disease, but their families,” said

Landon Harper, Vic’s son. “Being able to support that, and seeing the support of the community and families, it’s just remarkable.”

Dr. Vota is a leader in the fight against ALS here in Richmond and across Virginia. Harper’s Hope has supported Dr. Vota’s team in conducting multiple clinical trials, identifying and administering new treatments for its patients, providing treatment to patients in the comfort of their own homes, and creating an assistance program for patients and their families. These achievements are exactly what Vic envisioned in 2014 when he said, “If we could raise enough money to help people that I will never see and never know, my family and I will be very happy.”

Working toward that mission, friends and family have raised more than \$400,000 for the Harper’s Hope Fund for ALS through the annual golf tournament, other fundraising events and individual contributions. While the annual golf tournament has ended, these other events and contributions will continue to support ALS patient care and research at VCU Health for many years to come.

To learn more about Harper’s Hope Fund for ALS, contact Carrie Bickford, interim director of development for VCU Health, at 804-828-3652 or carrie.bickford@vcuhealth.org. ●

Medical College of Virginia Foundation Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended June 30, 2018 | Amounts in thousands

ASSETS

Operating pooled investments	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,147
Long-term investments	75,157
Total operating pooled investments	80,304
Managed portfolio pooled investments	460,458
Agency assets	1,469
Other assets	26,130
	Total Assets: \$ 568,361

LIABILITIES

Debt service obligations	\$ 5,980
Accounts payable	1,001
Obligation under split-interest agreements	1,873
Agency liabilities	2,669

Total Liabilities: \$ 11,523

NET ASSETS

Donor restricted	
Temporarily	\$ 269,995
Permanently	222,053
Unrestricted	
Board designated	37,958
Other	26,832

Total Net Assets: \$ 556,838

Total Liabilities and Net Assets: \$ 568,361

Medical College of Virginia Foundation Financial Highlights

For the year ended June 30, 2018

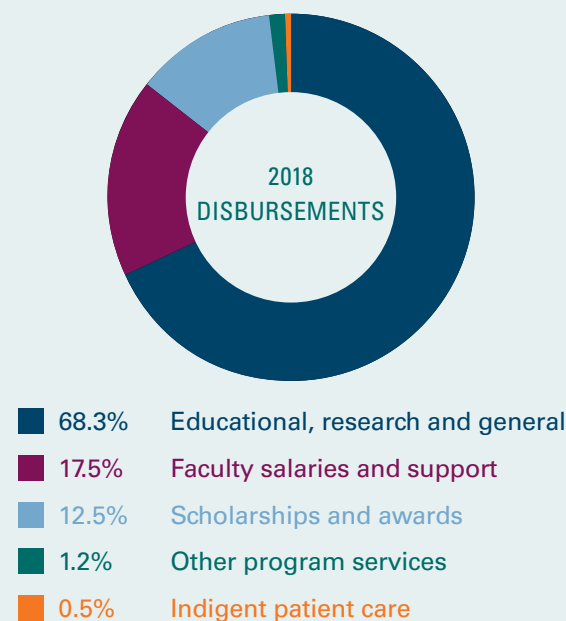
TOTAL ASSETS (IN MILLIONS)

2013	\$ 444.1
2014	479.6
2015	490.1
2016	472.3
2017	525.5
2018	568.4

PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS (IN MILLIONS)

2013	\$ 31.8
2014	32.7
2015	29.9
2016	27.5
2017	23.6
2018	24.2

DISBURSEMENTS TOTALING \$24.2 MILLION BY PROGRAM



Financial Commentary

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ended June 30, 2018, the foundation received contributions of \$26.5 million and planned gift expectancies of \$17.1 million. Fundraising across the MCV Campus totaled \$66.7 million in fiscal year 2018, representing 53% of funds raised across all of VCU.

We're pleased to report our endowment portfolio yielded a strong return of 9.85% in fiscal year 2018, outperforming the custom benchmark of 8.91%. All major asset classes generated positive returns during this time period, except for fixed income. In a reversal from last year, U.S. equity markets significantly outperformed international equity markets, and private investments also enjoyed healthy results. The endowment's outperformance relative to the custom

benchmark was due to the superior selection and performance of our fund managers, particularly those in the real estate and long only equity sectors.

Since the beginning of 2012, the portfolio's annualized return of 8.21% remains above the 7.56% annualized return generated by the custom benchmark.

We continue to work vigorously with our MCV Campus partners and colleagues at VCU's central development and alumni relations office to move the university-wide Make It Real campaign closer to its goal of \$750 million. Your gift, of any amount, brings us one step closer to that goal and helps make possible the lifesaving work occurring on the MCV Campus every day. ●

RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS

\$26.5_{MM}

TOTAL PLANNED GIVING EXPECTANCIES

\$17.1_{MM}

FUNDRAISING ACROSS MCV CAMPUS IN FY 2018

\$66.7_{MM}

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL RAISED FOR VCU

53%

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

401

ENDOWED CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIPS

213

Pauley Family Strengthens Ability to See, Research and Treat the Heart at VCU Health



VCU Health leaders and supporters cut the ribbon to the new Cardiac Imaging Suite last summer. (L to R) Vigneshwar Kasirajan, M.D., the Stuart McGuire Chair of Surgery; Ken Ellenbogen, M.D., chair of the Division of Cardiology; Peter Buckley, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine; Greg Hundley, M.D., director of the Pauley Heart Center; Stan Pauley; Kathy Pauley Hickok; Marsha Rappley, M.D., senior vice president for health sciences and CEO of the VCU Health System; Deborah Davis, chief of strategic initiatives for VCU Health System; and Gordon Ginder, M.D., director of Massey Cancer Center. All photos: Kevin Morley, VCU University Marketing

LAST SUMMER, VCU HEALTH celebrated the opening of its new state-of-the-art Cardiac Imaging Suite and the return to Richmond of Greg Hundley, M.D., who serves as the Pauley Heart Center's inaugural director.

Dr. Hundley, a Richmond native and VCU School of Medicine alumnus, is recognized for studying the impact of chemotherapy and radiation therapy on heart health and advancing treatment options for patients in need of cardiovascular and oncology care.

The Cardiac Imaging Suite supports personalized cardiovascular evaluation, diagnosis and treatment for both Pauley Heart Center and Massey Cancer



Greg Hundley, M.D., director of the Pauley Heart Center, discusses the superior imaging capabilities of the MRI system in VCU Health's new Cardiac Imaging Suite, which supports personalized cardiovascular evaluation, diagnosis and treatment for both Pauley Heart Center and Massey Cancer Center patients. Dr. Hundley, a Richmond native and VCU School of Medicine alumnus, is recognized for studying the impact of chemotherapy and radiation therapy on heart health and advancing treatment options for patients in need of cardiovascular and oncology care.

Stan Pauley (left) greets Greg Hundley, M.D., director of the Pauley Heart Center, before the ribbon cutting at VCU Health's new Cardiac Imaging Suite. Kathy Pauley Hickok and Gene Hickok are also pictured as they await the ribbon cutting. In addition to making a generous donation to name the Pauley Heart Center in 2006, the Pauley Family Foundation supported Dr. Hundley's recruitment and funded a portion of the suite's equipment.



Center patients and offers two forms of advanced imaging: echocardiography and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Echocardiography helps physicians and researchers screen for problems while MRI helps them identify exact problems in high definition. Both use non-ionizing radiation, which is safer than radiation related to other imaging techniques, such as X-rays.

Dr. Hundley's return to the MCV Campus and the Cardiac Imaging Suite's opening would not have been possible without the generosity of Stan and Dorothy Pauley and the

Pauley Family Foundation. In addition to making a generous donation to name the Pauley Heart Center in 2006, the family supported Dr. Hundley's recruitment and funded the suite's 3T MRI scanner.

Individuals, grateful patients and organizations all have the opportunity to support this research and much more like it, all of which will save lives in our community and influence care around the world. To find out how you can be a part of it, contact Carrie Mills at 804-828-0423 or carrie.r.mills@vcuhealth.org.

Filling Life with What Matters: How a Grateful Patient is Impacting the Future of Surgery



Vigneshwar Kasirajan, M.D. (left), the Stuart McGuire Chair of Surgery, speaks with David and Christy Cottrell. Following David's comprehensive treatment at VCU Medical Center, which included three open-heart surgeries, the Cottrells have made a \$1 million leadership gift to establish the Christine B. and David E. Cottrell Surgical Innovation Laboratory at the VCU School of Medicine. Photo courtesy of the Cottrells

IF YOUR LIFE were to be saved one day, and you found yourself filling time that possibly could have gone by without you, what would you do? What would you gravitate to in each of your additional days?

For David Cottrell, who arrived at the VCU Medical Center in 2014 with what he thought was the flu — then learned he had a staph infection that led to bacterial spinal meningitis, multiple strokes and the beginning of multisystem organ failure — the answer has been clear since he recovered.

“I have been able to retire, spend more time with my family, travel and focus on the things I love,” he said. “I was able to walk my daughter Leah down the aisle. I owe my life to the team at VCU.”

The interdisciplinary team at the VCU Medical Center that saved David's life that year was ready to provide the complex care that he needed, which included three open-heart surgeries, because it was part of an integrated, comprehensive academic health center.

Understanding the importance of such an enterprise to their own community, David and his wife Christy added an additional item to the list of how they're spending their time and resources. They've decided to give back to ensure the next patients, and indeed the next generation, have the chance to

savor their own additional days.

Last spring, David and Christy announced a \$1 million gift to support and name the Christine B. and David E. Cottrell Surgical Innovation Laboratory at the VCU School of Medicine. Once completed, the 6,000-square-foot lab will include a surgical education center featuring advanced surgical and human simulation technologies, a surgical testing center for researching novel devices and drugs for human use, and an organ reanimation laboratory where kidneys, livers, pancreases and hearts can be reconditioned for transplant.

The Cottrells' gift to support this important space is a leadership gift, meaning they've planted a seed that needs significant community involvement before it can grow. The total cost of the renovation is \$5 million, so there are still opportunities for inspired individuals, organizations and friends to influence the next evolutions in surgery right here in Richmond and around the world.

To learn more about how you can support the surgical innovation suite, contact Carrie Mills at 804-828-0423 or carrie.r.mills@vcuhealth.org. ●

Wright Gift Enables Researchers to Find Answers in Data

Thanks to a \$5 million gift last spring from one of VCU's most generous supporters, biomedical informatics at the C. Kenneth and Dianne Wright Center for Clinical and Translational Research is poised to change the way research in our region can be conducted.

Ken Wright's gift established a new 6,000-square-foot space where more than a dozen specialists serve the community's and the university's research needs. With the help of biomedical informatics, researchers can combine large amounts of data, such as imaging and genomic information, to find answers that lead to preventions or new treatments for diseases.

One example of how biomedical informatics can work is in screening for mild traumatic brain injury. Mild traumatic brain injury doesn't have a very strong signal if a radiologist looks at an MRI alone, but combining the data from that MRI with other available data could be very beneficial. For example, a care team could search for the previously unnoticed and small mild traumatic brain injury signatures that appear every time in millions of data points beyond just MRIs.

F. Gerard “Gerry” Moeller, M.D., is director of the Wright Center, associate vice president for clinical research and the inaugural C. Kenneth and Dianne Wright Distinguished Chair in Clinical and Translational Research. He is using biomedical informatics to make an impact in his own research as he studies the effectiveness of initiating long-term recovery care for opioid overdose survivors before those survivors ever leave the emergency department. By providing a medication earlier than current practices



Ken Wright stands with F. Gerard “Gerry” Moeller, M.D., at the new 6,000-square-foot research space dedicated to biomedical informatics at VCU. The Biomedical Informatics Program, which is part of the C. Kenneth and Dianne Wright Center for Clinical and Translational Research, has expanded over the past year to enable researchers to explore diseases and treatments in new ways. Photo: Eric Peters

dictate, and by providing a same-day referral to a recovery facility, Dr. Moeller expects to reduce repeat overdoses and deaths.

The impact Mr. Wright's giving has made on the research infrastructure at the university and the center bearing his name played a critical role in helping the center secure the largest National Institutes of Health grant in the university's history. Announced in May 2018, the \$21.5 million award will support the Wright Center in its mission to advance university and community research from basic laboratory science to treatments that improve human health.

“Last year's grant and Mr. Wright's most recent gift are going to dramatically enhance our biomedical informatics capabilities,” Dr. Moeller said. “We're expanding into those areas where there are really massive amounts of data so we can look at diseases in ways we haven't been able to do before.”

If you're interested in learning about the tools available to support the Wright Center, patient care, research or education across the MCV Campus, contact Brian Thomas at brian.thomas@vcuhealth.org or 804-828-0067. ●

Revere Scholars Program Provides Young Dentistry Faculty Members Opportunities for Growth



Aderonke Akinkugbe, Ph.D., assistant professor in the VCU School of Dentistry, was named a Revere Scholar this year. Her funding will support a pilot study to gather important preliminary data for her ongoing research into associations between gum disease and nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. Both photos: Eric Peters



Erica Brecher, D.M.D., assistant professor in the VCU School of Dentistry, was named a Revere Scholar this year. She plans to use her funding to pay for continuing education classes and leadership training.

ADERONKE Akinkugbe, Ph.D., and Erica Brecher, D.M.D., want to change and shape lives through dental care, education and research.

Each of them has earned multiple degrees, completed comprehensive training and started a promising career at the VCU School of Dentistry, but their work toward impacting lives has just begun.

This summer, the school helped the two assistant professors move closer to achieving their goals by naming them Revere Scholars.

The Revere Scholars program, funded by the Dr. James H. Revere Jr. Professorship for Faculty Excellence, recognizes outstanding achievements of junior faculty members and provides funding for their research, scholarship and professional development efforts.

Dr. Brecher plans to use her award to pay for continuing education classes and leadership training, while Dr. Akinkugbe plans to use hers to complete a pilot study continuing her work in examining associations between periodontal disease and the development of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease.

“As a junior faculty member, it’s really hard to come by research dollars,” Dr. Akinkugbe said. “Most of the time when you’re applying for research grants through the NIH, they require some type of preliminary data, and this project will provide that preliminary data.”

“This program will continue to help the school by nurturing growth and interest in academics so that our young faculty can grow to be the next Dr. Revere.”

Jim Burns, D.D.S., Ph.D.

The Revere Scholars Program

The Revere Scholars program began in 2009 when Jim Burns, D.D.S., Ph.D., and John Svirsky, D.D.S. — two School of Dentistry professors and former students of Dr. Revere — decided to honor their mentor by supporting young faculty members.

“A lot of giving at the time supported students, and that’s great,” Dr. Burns said. “But there were no awards for young faculty, and what good is a school without top-flight faculty?”

Drs. Burns and Svirsky gave \$200,000 over several years to establish and grow a lectureship in Dr. Revere’s name, and through an overwhelming show of support from faculty, alumni and friends who believed in the mission and wanted to honor Dr. Revere, the fund grew to more than \$1 million. This growth enabled the fund to move beyond a lectureship to provide direct support to up to eight young faculty members.

“This program will continue to help the school by nurturing growth and interest in academics so that our young faculty can grow to be the next Dr. Revere,” Dr. Burns said.

If you’re interested in giving directly to the Dr. James H. Revere Jr. Professorship for Faculty Excellence, visit www.MCVFoundation.org, click “Give Now” at the top of the page, scroll to “Search for other funds” in the dropdown menu, scroll to “School of Dentistry” and search for “Revere.” ●

Dr. James Revere



MCV Foundation board member James H. Revere Jr., D.D.S., is a graduate, former instructor, former interim dean, fundraiser and mentor at VCU School of Dentistry. He has been a friend of the school for more than 50 years. Photo: CSI Studios LLC

Revere Scholars exemplify the highest health profession standards as modeled by MCV Foundation board member James H. Revere Jr., D.D.S., a graduate, former instructor, former interim dean, fundraiser, mentor and friend to the School of Dentistry for more than 50 years.

Dr. Revere, a 1965 School of Dentistry graduate, began teaching at the school following a year of postgraduate clinical practice and two years of service in the U.S. Army.

“He was so nice and kind, and at that point in time it was such a breath of fresh air because the method of teaching back in those days was different,” said Dr. Burns, who was a student in Dr. Revere’s class in the 1970s. “Dr. Revere stood out as a true southern gentleman, and students just ran to him because they knew he would lift them up rather than put them down.”

Dr. Revere, who is a member of our board of trustees, moved into various administrative positions in his time at the school, including assistant dean for admissions and interim dean on two occasions, and it was this time as an administrator that endeared him to the largest number of students.

“A lot of them were impressed by him and bonded with him immediately,” Dr. Burns said. “Every time they came back for reunions in 10, 15, 20 years, they always wanted to see if Dr. Revere was there and if they could go see him.”

Dr. Revere said making this type of impact through teaching and administration was about connections and friendships.

“I believed in fairness and in treating students and patients with respect,” he said. “Also, my office didn’t close at 5 o’clock. I was willing to help students late in the day or early in the morning. Respect, dignity and understanding — those were the keys to how it worked for me.” ●

Changing Trajectories Through Preventive Dentistry



Lou Harris, Ph.D. (left), spent time with former College of Health Professions Dean Cecil Drain, Ph.D., at one of our annual board dinners. Dr. Harris recently made a generous gift to support the VCU Institute for Inclusion, Inquiry and Innovation (iCubed) and its Oral Health Core Coalition. Photo: Kevin Schindler

As this magazine went to press, we learned of the passing of Dr. Harris. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends and colleagues.

Louis S. Harris, Ph.D., was a former chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the VCU School of Medicine, but he didn't let his ties to one school keep him from taking an interest in the incredible things happening across campus — at the School of Dentistry in this case.

Dr. Harris recently made a generous gift to support the VCU Institute for Inclusion, Inquiry and Innovation (iCubed) and its Oral Health Core Coalition. VCU faculty members from this institute are working with School of Dentistry faculty and the greater Richmond community to promote optimal oral health for underserved children and their families.

Children who suffer from tooth decay have lower academic achievement and are at higher risk for systemic diseases as adults. Earlier prevention and treatment can reverse this prognosis and significantly improve long-term quality of life.

Through iCubed's groundbreaking project, children will receive preventive services from a part-time dental hygienist in a school-based clinical setting. Using teledentistry, the

hygienist will then convey information to either the MCV Campus or a local dentist in the school's neighborhood for consultation and referral to treatment when needed.

Dr. Harris shared that what interested him about this program was not only the opportunity to help disadvantaged children today, but also learning if programs like this will have a long-term impact. "It is a treatment program," he said, "but it is also an opportunity for research. If kids receive treatment, will their attendance and grades improve? The research is an add-on to the core program, but the result will help the community while also helping to advance the science."

Dr. Harris' endowed \$100,000 gift will help more than 250 children per year receive preventive dental care through the iCubed Oral Health Coalition program.

If you would like to support this program or the VCU School of Dentistry, please contact Gloria Callihan, associate dean for development, at gfcallihan@vcu.edu or 804-828-8101. ●

Finding Passion, Taking Action

MCV Foundation board member Keith Middleton (right) and his business partner Rich Reinecke stand just outside the Children's Mental Health Resource Center in the atrium of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children. Since the pediatric mental healthcare facility opened last year at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU's Brook Road Campus, the two have supported its programs and services through fundraising and outreach. Photo: Kevin Schindler



OVER THE course of Keith Middleton's five years on our board, he's learned a lot about the ways our partners at VCU Health impact and save lives every day. While he's often been inspired, one recent learning experience took him a step further in understanding why he joined the MCV Foundation board and where his passion for VCU Health lies.

Keith's discovery began in fall of 2017 when he and his daughter attended the ribbon cutting at the Virginia Treatment Center for Children at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU's Brook Road Campus. Keith was drawn to learning about the pediatric mental health facility because he and his business partner, Rich Reinecke, both have faced mental health challenges in their families. The two subsequently requested a tour, and what they saw and heard left them energized and inspired.

One of the most striking things they found was, simply, an extra bed. They learned that there is an extra bed in every room at VTCC so parents can stay with their children during treatment.

"The parent, with the child, is part of the solution and part of the treatment," Keith said at our board meeting this winter. "We walked out of one of the rooms and I looked at Rich, who was silent. He was tearing up, and I knew what it was. He had dropped off his middle-school-aged son several years earlier at another facility."

At that other facility, Rich said that following the intake process, he and his wife walked out of the unit with no clear picture of what would come next and only a short daily window for visiting. "There has been little pain greater than walking away from the hospital that night knowing that even if I wanted to, I had no way to get back to my son's side," he said. "Just the simple concept that VCU Health has put

together a treatment program where the parent can be with their child through a very tough situation, it all made sense to us. And we found one thing like this after another. From the building's architecture to the recreation areas, educational opportunities and various aspects of the program itself, VTCC is an opportunity for the entire family to engage in getting healthy. What a special place."

At the end of their tour, Keith and Rich were shown the Children's Mental Health Resource Center, which is located just off VTCC's lobby.

"When we were facing these challenges with our families, we as parents didn't know where to turn, and we ended up going out of state," Keith said. "To see this resource center that is fully staffed for every parent and pediatrician to use for getting information and finding guidance through the entire treatment process is phenomenal. There is a place now for parents like us and many others who we've talked to over the years to get answers."

Energized and inspired to contribute, Keith and Rich invited Sandy Lewis, Ed.D., VTCC's executive director, to speak with their employees at Fahrenheit Advisors. "We need to break down the stigma. We need to share that mental illness is real and that there is a place parents can turn to for help," Rich said.

In addition, Fahrenheit set up a fund with the MCV Foundation through an initial grant of \$25,000 to support the resource center. Keith and Rich also have begun to share information about VTCC in Fahrenheit newsletters and host fundraisers at their office to support the center.

"My challenge to you is to find your story," Keith said. "What are you passionate about? Everybody has their own passion, so whatever that is for you, do something about it." ●

Choosing to Serve — Family Physicians Impact Their Community



Dr. Randy Duffer is proud to be a “solo country doctor” in Virginia and hopes to inspire medical students to make the same choice he did more than 40 years ago and pursue family medicine. *Photo: Kevin Schindler*

WHEN 1972 VCU School of Medicine alumnus R. Randolph Duffer, M.D., read an article in our last *Chronicle of Giving* about how one of his former classmates made a donation to the fmSTAT program, it inspired him. “I kept coming back to the article about what my classmate Don Sanders had done. He said he wanted to inspire people and he did — I made a call to see what I could do to add to his gift,” Dr. Duffer told us.

As a family physician in rural Virginia, Dr. Duffer sees firsthand how the growing shortage of primary and family care physicians is affecting his friends and neighbors.

One of the contributing factors to this nationwide shortage is that primary and family care physicians are paid approximately 30-40% less than the average specialist’s salary. This can put financial pressure on medical students, who average more than \$200,000 in debt upon graduation, to choose a higher paying career path.

VCU School of Medicine created the Family Medicine Scholars Training and Admission Tract (fmSTAT) in 2012 to help combat this shortage. This program supports medical students interested in pursuing a career in family medicine by

offering scholarships, pairing them with mentors and giving them opportunities to attend family medicine seminars.

“Family physicians are a critical part of the healthcare infrastructure, especially in rural communities,” said Dr. Duffer. “I have long-term relationships with my patients and I spend time with them, getting to know them as people and understanding their medical needs. That knowledge and trust allows me to treat the whole person, as well as help prevent more serious medical issues.”

Dr. Duffer chose to make a gift of appreciated stock. “I’m a solo country doctor and the process was unbelievably quick and simple. I had some stock that was up and decided this would be a good time to make a tax-deductible donation and avoid a capital gains tax. I went to see my stock broker during lunch, signed permission to transfer the stock, and received a letter from the MCV Foundation detailing the exact amount of my gift a few days later.

“There was no check or accounting issues to deal with,” Dr. Duffer told us. “It’s a no-brainer — even my broker couldn’t believe how easy it was. I received a nice tax deduction and I’m planning to do all my donations this way in the future.” ●

How You Can Support Your Passion on the MCV Campus

YOU CAN LEVERAGE your investments’ success to save lives through donating appreciated stock.

Giving appreciated stock is a tax-efficient and easy way to turn your appreciated stock into vital support that fights disease in our community or influences medical research and education that reaches around the globe from the MCV Campus.

Beyond the impact on patient care, research and education for the MCV Campus, the benefits of giving stock include the following:

- You avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated stock.
- You receive a federal income tax deduction for the full fair market value of your stock gift.

We’re here to make the process as easy as possible. To discuss making a gift of stock or any other planned giving options, please visit www.MCVFoundation.org/give or contact Brian Thomas, MCV Foundation vice president and chief development officer, at 804-828-0067 or brian.thomas@vcuhealth.org.

VCU School of Pharmacy and CVS Health:

Improving Healthcare for Virginia’s Latino Population

One year ago, CVS Health partnered with VCU Health to increase the number of Spanish-speaking applicants to the VCU School of Pharmacy and improve cultural awareness among students enrolled in the school’s doctor of pharmacy program. CVS Health, the nation’s largest pharmacy innovation company, presented the school with a \$248,500 check, which will be used to fund the program over five years.

The purpose of the program, named *Compromiso, Valores, Servicio* — commitment, values, service — is to establish a formal education pipeline for Latino science, technology, engineering and math undergraduate students to learn about pharmacy school and career opportunities. The grant includes support for undergraduate students to volunteer as medical interpreters at CrossOver Healthcare Ministry and Southside Community Health Center. Students selected as interpreters receive medical interpretation training and participate as

members of the healthcare team along with pharmacists, nurses and physicians.

“To be the best healthcare providers, we must understand and be able to relate well with the communities that we serve,” said Joseph T. DiPiro, Pharm.D., dean of the School of Pharmacy. “The school and our partners are committed to enhanced, culturally sound healthcare delivery for Virginia’s growing Latino population.”

In addition to the pipeline, grant funding will support the School of Pharmacy’s undergraduate mentorship program and the school’s preparedness boot camp, which assists undergraduate students interested in a career in pharmacy with preparing school applications and studying for entrance exams. ●



Amy Oliveira of CVS Health presents a mock check representing a \$248,500 donation to VCU School of Pharmacy’s dean, Joseph T. DiPiro, Pharm.D. (center), and K.C. Ogbonna, Pharm.D., the school’s associate dean for admissions and student services. *Photo courtesy of VCU School of Pharmacy*

Lecture Series Established in Ambulatory Orthopaedic Surgery



(L to R) Brian Thomas, MCV Foundation vice president and chief development officer; Margaret Ann Bollmeier, MCV Foundation president; and Harry Thalhimier, MCV Foundation board chair, accept a piggy bank representing MEDARVA Foundation's \$100,000 grant. Cheryl Jarvis, chair of the MEDARVA Foundation, and Bruce P. Kupper, MEDARVA president and CEO, present the piggy bank. *Photo: Eric Peters*

In October, the MEDARVA Foundation awarded the MCV Foundation a \$100,000 grant to create the annual MEDARVA Lecture Series in Ambulatory Orthopaedic Surgery. The first lecture is slated to happen this fall and will host nationally recognized orthopaedic specialists who are developing cutting-edge technologies and practices in their field.

"We're thrilled to have been given this opportunity, with the support of the MEDARVA Foundation, to help share knowledge in the ever-growing field of ambulatory orthopaedics," said Harry Thalhimier, MCV Foundation board chair. "VCU Health continues to be a key player in the advancement of medical practices around the world, and this speaker series is just the latest example of our position as a trailblazer within the healthcare community."

The \$100,000 MEDARVA Foundation grant is the latest in a string of donations to VCU Health and the MCV Foundation. Over the past several years, the MEDARVA Foundation has donated more than \$1.5 million to fund nearly a dozen cutting-edge research projects at VCU Health.

"The men and women at VCU School of Medicine are doing some incredible things in their fields," said Cheryl Jarvis, chair of the MEDARVA Foundation. "Here at

the MEDARVA Foundation, our mission is to surround ourselves with people who are making a difference in lives and shaping the future of healthcare. Our continued work with VCU School of Medicine is the perfect embodiment of that principle."

For four years in a row, VCU Medical Center has been recognized in the top 50 in the country for orthopaedics by *U.S. News and World Report*, ranking No. 34 for 2018-19. With MEDARVA's status as a leader in ambulatory care, Bruce P. Kupper – the healthcare provider's president and CEO – said partnering to help launch this series of lectures was in recognition of the orthopaedic department's leadership in advancing orthopaedic care in the region and across the nation.

"We've seen firsthand at our Stony Point and West Creek Surgery Centers the impact these new outpatient orthopaedic procedures have had on patients," Bruce said. "It's been a total gamechanger for patients in so many different ways."

The MEDARVA Lecture Series in Ambulatory Orthopaedic Surgery will be held on the MCV Campus and each lecture will be free to the public. ●

Honoring Nursing Alumni Leaders and Entrepreneurs

In 2018, Paul and Veronica Gross established the Paul A. and Veronica H. Gross Achievement in Nursing Award to recognize VCU School of Nursing alumni who have earned graduate degrees related to leadership and management. *Photo: Courtesy of Paul Gross*



THROUGHOUT HIS decades-long work in executive healthcare leadership, Paul Gross says he was blessed to witness the important, impactful roles and skills that registered nurses contributed. "I have seen, time and time again, the adept ability and the adaptability of the behavioral aspects of nursing performance," he told the VCU School of Nursing in 2018.

Paul's understanding of nurses' unique impact and potential is the reason a VCU Alumni article recently caught his eye.

The story highlighted 1978 School of Nursing graduate Lisa Feierstein, who earned an M.B.A. after graduating from VCU. Along with her husband Steve, Lisa combined her knowledge of business with what she learned in nursing school to start a successful company that specializes in providing medical supplies for patients with asthma and diabetes.

After drawing inspiration from the article, Paul, who earned his Master of Health Administration degree on the MCV Campus in 1964, spoke with Jean Giddens, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing. Paul and his wife Veronica, who is a registered nurse, established an award to motivate academically and entrepreneurially inclined School of Nursing alumni to move beyond clinical nursing

into leadership and management roles.

The biennial Paul A. and Veronica H. Gross Achievement in Nursing Award will recognize alumni of the school who have earned graduate degrees (at VCU or other accredited institutions) related to leadership and management. The inaugural award will be presented in spring of 2020.

Paul's influence is known across the MCV Campus. His support has stretched from the MCV Alumni Association of VCU to the College of Health Professions, and now to the School of Nursing. Paul is also a lifetime member of the MCV Foundation Board of Trustees, emeritus faculty at the College of Health Professions, a former professor and executive-in-residence in the college's Department of Health Administration and a 1995 recipient of a VCU Presidential Medallion. In recognition of Paul's extraordinary service and contributions, he received the Wayne Medal at VCU's May 2019 commencement. Read more about the Wayne Medal on page 14.

If you're interested in exploring ways to help MCV Campus students, faculty, staff or alumni through unique endowments and gifts that support issues important to you and your family, please contact Brian Thomas at 804-828-0067 or brian.thomas@vcuhealth.org. ●

New Outpatient Facility Will Improve Patient Experience, Care Delivery

A rendering of VCU Health's new outpatient facility shows the building's northwest corner. The 16-story, 603,000-square-foot facility is under construction at North 10th and East Leigh Streets. *Rendering courtesy of VCU Health*



LAST SUMMER, VCU Health administrators, patients, faculty, friends and neighbors gathered at the corner of North 10th and East Leigh Streets to break ground on the largest capital construction project in the health system's history.

The 16-story, 603,000-square-foot outpatient facility will consolidate the majority of VCU Massey Cancer Center's outpatient services on the MCV Campus and house a variety

of outpatient clinics currently at the Ambulatory Care Center, North Hospital and Nelson Clinic.

Developed with ongoing input from patient and family advisory committees at VCU Health, the facility will feature on-site laboratory services, medical imaging, women's services, rehabilitation services and an integrated parking deck with more than 1,000 spaces. Further consolidating

care, outpatient orthopaedics, pulmonology and urology, which previously were housed in adjacent locations, will relocate to the facility.

One particularly unique aspect of the facility's integration is its incorporation of the VCU School of Dentistry's patient care, which will provide general clinics, specialty care, such as oral surgery and endodontics, and advanced education programs on the eighth and ninth floors.

"One of the main driving factors for the project is the recognition that oral health is critical to overall health," said David Sarrett, D.M.D., dean of the VCU School of Dentistry and associate vice president for faculty affairs in the Office of the Vice President for Health Sciences. "Historically, dentistry and dental care has sat somewhat outside of the general healthcare model, but we now know, through a growing body of research, that inflammatory processes in the mouth may impact the heart, control of diabetes, and other organs or diseases throughout the body."

Dean Sarrett believes the new facility will lead to increased referrals between dental and other specialties and informal consultations among providers that will help them better understand and treat their patients.

"Collaboration is greatly enhanced by a facility that enables providers of all disciplines to function in an environment alongside one another," he said. "If an endocrinologist or resident is in the elevator with a member of the dental faculty or a dental student, and they have a question about an issue related to teeth or inflammation in the mouth of their patients with diabetes, a great deal of shared understanding and improved ability to treat patients can come from that two-minute conversation."

There are numerous philanthropic opportunities to support and name the clinical and educational spaces in the new facility that will support faculty and student providers.

For more information about these opportunities, contact Tom Maness, associate vice president for development on the MCV Campus, at 804-827-4936 or temaness@vcu.edu. ●

Inpatient Children's Hospital



A rendering shows the recently announced Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU inpatient facility. The hospital will be constructed between Broad and Marshall Streets on the MCV Campus. *Rendering courtesy of VCU Health*

In February, VCU Health and Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU announced plans to build an inpatient children's hospital on the MCV Campus. The facility will be adjacent to the outpatient Children's Pavilion that opened in 2016.

The complete Children's Pavilion, located between Broad and Marshall Streets, will be an integrated healthcare facility exclusively for children's inpatient and outpatient care, featuring private rooms, new operating rooms, imaging capacity, emergency services and family amenities — all dedicated to children and their families.

CHoR Accomplishments

- **Level 1 pediatric trauma center (first in Virginia)**
- **Nationally ranked among the nation's top children's hospitals for nephrology and pulmonology by U.S. News & World Report**
- **Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (only one in region)**
- **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-accredited CF Center**
- **American Diabetes Association-designated diabetes education program**

CHoR Reach and Impact

Referrals to CHoR range from pulmonary disease, physical therapy rehab and congenital heart problems, to highly specialized surgical procedures and bone marrow, stem cell and solid organ transplantation.

- **258,538 outpatient visits**
- **20,569 emergency room visits**
- **6,858 inpatient admissions**

In recent years, CHoR has cared for an average of 800 children from outside of Virginia each year — from 48 states and the District of Columbia, as well as internationally. ●

Dr. Buckley Named Chair-Elect of AAMC Council of Deans



Peter F. Buckley, M.D., dean of the VCU School of Medicine, has been named chair-elect of the Council of Deans of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Photo: Julia Rendleman, VCU University Relations

Peter F. Buckley, M.D., dean of the VCU School of Medicine, has been named chair-elect of the Council of Deans of the Association of American Medical Colleges. His year as chair-elect began in November 2018 and will conclude this year with his elevation to council chair.

As chair-elect of the council, Dean Buckley serves on the AAMC's 17-member board of directors, which provides strategic and fiduciary oversight for the association. He is not the first MCV Campus leader to serve on the board. Marsha Rappley, M.D., vice president for health sciences at VCU and chief executive officer of the VCU Health System, served as chair of the AAMC Board of Directors from 2016 to 2017.

The AAMC is the premier national organization for academic medicine. Its members include all 152 accredited medical schools in the United States and 17 accredited medical schools in Canada; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and more than 80 academic societies.

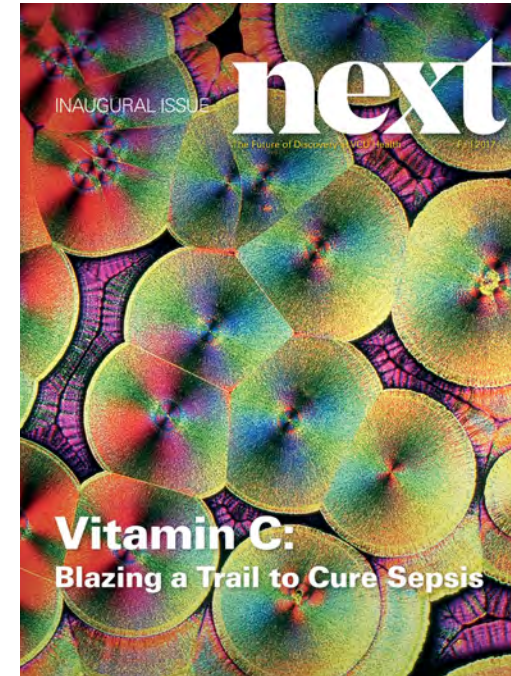
In addition to addressing policies that guide the AAMC's service and advocacy functions, the Council of Deans

supports deans' leadership roles in guiding individual schools toward excellence in medical education, research and patient care.

"It is a true honor to serve in these national roles," Dr. Buckley said. "The AAMC Council of Deans and the Board of Directors provide opportunities to address important issues in academic medicine including those of professionalism, diversity, inclusion and equity; wellness and resilience in physicians and trainees; research funding and the alignment of the clinical and education missions in academic medicine. Leadership and participation here will also provide opportunities for our faculty to contribute nationally and to advance VCU's national prominence."

Dr. Buckley has been a part of the 12-member Council of Deans since 2015. He also serves as chair of the council's fellowship program that mentors senior faculty members, including department chairs and assistant and associate deans, who are interested in being considered for deanships in the near future. ●

NEXT Magazine: Presenting MCV Campus Innovations



NEXT magazine articles have covered a broad range of topics, from the use of intravenous Vitamin C to treat sepsis, to the development of chimeritope technology to more effectively diagnose and prevent Lyme disease. The cover on the left features British photomicrographer Spike Walker's image of the beautiful structures that make up Vitamin C. The cover on the right shows an illustration of the Chimera, a hybrid monster from Greek mythology who inspired the name chimeritope technology.

We launched *NEXT* magazine to highlight the extraordinary innovations in patient care, research and education being discovered every day on the MCV Campus at VCU Health. ●

To read about these exciting advances that improve and save lives, please visit www.MCVFoundation.org/NEXT.

Make It Real Campaign

The **Make It Real Campaign** for VCU is nearing its goal of \$750 million. Gifts of any amount put us one step closer to that goal, while impacting the lifesaving work occurring on the MCV Campus every day.

We have many giving tools available that enable you to make gifts through your estate, establish annuities, create endowments or support current funds while honoring loved ones and improving the patient care, research and educational programs where your passions meet. Please visit www.MCVFoundation.org to learn more, or contact Brian Thomas at brian.thomas@vcuhealth.org or 804-828-0067. ●



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