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2022 ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATIONS DEADLINE

JUNE 3, 2022

MAGNIFY  |  Welcome to the SOMC Alumni Family, Class of 2022!
We're excited to welcome the newest class of M.D., Master’s, Ph.D. and Certificate graduates to the alumni family! Despite the many challenges they faced due to the pandemic, all programs from the Class of 2022 were finally able to celebrate together with in-person hooding and commencement ceremonies that took place on Thursday, May 5, and Friday, May 6, where we gifted them with our annual SOMC branded padfolios.

**Class of 2022 Graduation Numbers**

- Medicine - 99
- Nurse Anesthesia - 36
- Physician Assistant - 30
- Biomedical Sciences - 12 (3 Ph.D., 8 M.S., 1 Certificate)
- Rehabilitation Counseling - 10
- Genetic Counseling - 9

To carry on the tradition of saying "Adios!" in style, we hosted our second annual Cinco de Mayo Send-Off for graduating students from all programs on Wednesday, May 4. The Alumni Office rented the patio area at Craft and Draft on Devine Street and provided attendees with $10 vouchers for a Mexican lunch from Moctezuma Taqueria.
To the Class of 2022: we are so proud of you and can't wait to connect in the future! You'll receive an email from our office later this summer about quick and easy ways you can remain engaged with the UofSC SOMC. If you want to get a head start, here are the best ways to stay in the loop:

**Alumni Contact Information Form** - once you get settled to wherever you're headed, fill out this detailed form. Every time you move or start a new job, it's always a good idea to revisit this form and send us new information!

**Alumni Facebook Group** - a private group we use to update weekly with our efforts and serve as a sharing community amongst alumni since so many are on FB. Feel free to share job postings, educational opportunities, community events, or anything and everything in which all alumni could find value.

**The Garnet Microscope** - this is your first issue! Click on the link to confirm your subscription to make sure it doesn't go to your spam folder in the future. We also archive all of our past issues, so click here to get acquainted with the kind of information we provide.

**FOCUS | Grateful 4 Garnet: We Did It.. & MORE!**
Thanks to our generous donors, we achieved our #StriveFor25 goal which unlocked a $100,000 scholarship for underrepresented medical students pledged by Dr. Mike Ribadeneyra (’96) and his wife, Evelyn. As a unit, we raised $171,267.12 that will benefit the school in its entirety through funds our donors chose to support. Those funds include:

- The Michael and Evelyn Ribadeneyra Endowed Scholarship for Medical Students
- Carolina Fund
- SOMC Alumni Scholarship Fund
- SOMC Genetic Counseling Forever Fund
- School of Medicine Library Department Fund
- Department of Pathology Microbiology and Immunology
- Cardiovascular Translational Research Center
- Ovarian Research Fund
- Kaska Endowed Professorship in Surgery

Out of 31 units across campus that participated in Give 4 Garnet, the SOMC came in first place for the most dollars raised! Our alumni network may be smaller in number compared to powerhouses like the School of Business and Department of Athletics, but we are MIGHTY.

Together, the university as a whole raised $1,102,963 from 3,177 donors during the 18 hours and 1 minute of giving. Click on the video above to hear how Grateful 4 Garnet we are!
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THROUGH THEIR LENS  | CRNA Student Bradley Quarles Receives Order of the Silver Crescent from Governor McMaster

During his sophomore year, nursing student Bradley Quarles lost a family member to suicide. That
experience, combined with the medical knowledge he learned in his studies, spurred Quarles to look for ways to prevent suicide and promote mental health on campus.

His work resulted in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline phone number to be included on the back of all University of South Carolina identification cards, and it was the catalyst for the state’s Student Identification Card Suicide Prevention Act. This bill, signed in 2021, requires public schools in South Carolina serving grades 7-12 and public and private colleges and universities to provide the Lifeline phone number and an additional crisis resource of their choosing on school-issued student identification cards.

“Every student and employee receive a Carolina Card when they begin UofSC. I thought adding the hotline number to something so prominent on campus would provide an easy access tool for members of the Carolina community,” Quarles said at the time.

Quarles, a College of Nursing alumnus, is now studying to be a certified registered nurse anesthetist at the UofSC School of Medicine Columbia. Gov. Henry McMaster recently awarded him the Order of the Silver Crescent, the state’s most prestigious service award, for his efforts in adding the Lifeline number to the back of Carolina Cards. Quarles is believed to be the first College of Nursing and School of Medicine Columbia student to receive the award. Click here to read more of this story.

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**IN MEMORY OF | Dr. T. Jefferson Crane**

With sorrow, we share that MD Class of 1986 alumnus, Thomas Jefferson Crane, lost his battle with cancer on May 6, 2022. A funeral service was held on May 10 at First Baptist Church in Sumter, SC.

As a 2018 recipient of our Distinguished Humanitarian Alumni Award, he was most revered for his medical missionary work in Ukraine. He was a great asset to the medical community and the entire world.

Thoughts and prayers are sent to those closest to him. Click here to view his obituary.
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REVERE | Class Kudos
Douglas Morrison, MD ('95) serves as the Emergency Department Director for the Braselton Campus of the Northeast Georgia Health System where he's starting an emergency medicine residency program that will welcome their first interns this June. Congrats and good luck, Dr. Morrison!

Click Here to Contact Holly Jefferson

Deadline to submit Class Kudos is June 20th.

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