After taking a year off because of COVID-19, the university-wide day of giving, Give 4 Garnet,
returned for its third year. The Carolina Fund, which supports the school's areas of greatest need, was selected as the focus of our Give 4 Garnet campaign. In 18 hours and 1 minute on Wednesday, April 21st, together we raised **$35,963 from 339 gifts**, with the majority of our contributions coming from alumni. Out of 23 units participating in Give 4 Garnet, **SOMC came in 4th place** on the leaderboard for the number of gifts given throughout the day. Challenge gifts were generously matched by faculty members, **Drs. Stallworth and Augustine**, and **Alumni Association Board President Steve Corso**. The icing on the cake was **winning both the Early Bird and Power Hour challenges to unlock an extra $10,000 for our fund**. We are thrilled with the outcome, and appreciate everyone who participated by promoting awareness and contributing financially!

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**FOCUS | Alumni Awards Nominations**

Each year, the School of Medicine Columbia presents a number of prestigious awards to our alumni and friends who have demonstrated outstanding achievements or service to the school.

We are now accepting nominations for our seven awards that will be presented during the 2021
Alumni and Dean's Awards Dinner that is tentatively scheduled for this fall.

CLICK HERE FOR CRITERIA AND TO NOMINATE

The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, June 4, 2021.

Award categories include:
- Distinguished Young Alumni Award
- Distinguished Master's Alumni Award
- Distinguished Genetic Counseling Alumni Award
- Distinguished Doctorate Alumni Award
- Distinguished Physician Alumni Award
- Distinguished Humanitarian Alumni Award
- Alumni Association Honorary Life Membership Award

CLICK HERE TO VIEW PAST RECIPIENTS

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of our first class of students graduating from the Doctor of Medicine program. Throughout the year, we will be featuring members of the inaugural class.

REFLECT | Medicine was Compton's 'Field of Dreams'

All through high school and part of college, Ken Compton had no idea where his future path lay – he only knew that he wanted to pursue a career that would allow him to serve others.

“I never thought of myself as a great student,” Compton says, “but I was enough of a good student that I was interested in
learning things.”

Compton grew up in Spartanburg, South Carolina, attending Dorman High School. Undergraduate studies brought him to the University of South Carolina where he earned a bachelor’s degree in biology. It was during his junior year that he began to seriously consider what he might want to do with the rest of his life.

“My first two years of college were markedly different than my last two,” he says. “I had never had much experience with doctors. I’ve always been pretty healthy, no broken bones, so I didn’t really have a mentor or model for that. Maybe the Lord moved me in that direction but it just came to me that being a physician would be the best way that I could help people.”

Compton was a member of the first class of students to matriculate to the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia in 1977, but he did not really have a sense at the time of what that truly meant. Click here to read the full story about Dr. Compton.

DISCOVER | Opportunities for Engagement
LAST CALL FOR VIDEO ENTRIES

1. Record a 1-2 minute cell phone video telling your COVID-19 story; talk about the role you played, the challenges you faced, and how you persevered.

2. Send your video to the Alumni Office to pass on to Coach Beamer. Email your video file to Holly.Jefferson@uscmed.sc.edu or text it to (803) 960-8876.

3. We'll share a recorded video message from Coach Beamer announcing the winner of the 2021 SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS.

DEADLINE IS MAY 1ST AT MIDNIGHT

Join us as we say Adios to the Class of 2021

Cinco de Mayo Lunch Drop-In

Wednesday, May 5 | 11am-1pm | Craft & Draft
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

2021 ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

POSTPONED

NOW ACCEPTING Alumni Awards NOMINATIONS

CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE AN ALUMNUS/ALUMNA
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS JUNE 4, 2021
Join the UofSC School of Medicine Alumni

SOM Alumni Private Group

Research. Clinical. Day to day. All medical careers.

Give the gift of your time.

Our students are looking for shadowing opportunities.

CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER
**REVERE | Class Kudos**

Where on Earth are you now?

Click here to update your contact information

**DID YOU KNOW...**

When you graduate from the UofSC School of Medicine, you are automatically a member of the SOM Alumni Association?

Please contact Paige Stiles at paige.stiles@uscmed.sc.edu to learn ways you can get involved!
Sara Infield, MD ('20) and Kelan Drake-Lavelle, MD ('20) were married on Saturday, April 10, 2021 in Pawley's Island, SC. They live in Greenville with their two dogs, Cooper and Brooks, and are currently finishing up their first year of residency at Prisma Health Upstate. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Three of our alumni were selected for election into Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), the honor medical society recognizing, advocating for, and inspiring physicians in the care of patients and promotion of health. Congratulations to Eva Imperial, MD ('00), Chris Goodman, MD ('10), and David Giovannini, MD ('14).

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