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MAGNIFY | Alumni Reunion Weekends
This year marks the 40th anniversary of both the first class of students graduating from the Doctor of Medicine program and the creation of the Biomedical Sciences program, two very important milestones in the history of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia. With guidance and support from Dean Les Hall, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations has made the decision to move forward with planning in-person events for only the Class of 1981 and the Biomedical Sciences Program in the fall of 2021. We hope to honor the MD Classes of 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016 with in-person events in the spring of 2022. The health and safety of our alumni is our top priority, and as a school of medicine, we want to remain cautious and responsible during this transitional period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many details are still being solidified for the fall, but we hope members of the MD class of 1981 and our BMS graduates can save the date for the following weekends.

**MD CLASS OF 1981: 40-YEAR REUNION | SEPTEMBER 17-18**
Friday, September 17 | Welcome Cruise on Lake Murray
Take an evening cruise on Lake Murray with classmates aboard a small fleet of rented pontoon boats, and enjoy some light nibbles and sips.

Morning of Saturday, September 18 | Class of 1981 Brunch
Enjoy brunch at one of Columbia's hottest spots, and explore the city at your own leisure.

Evening of Saturday, September 18 | 40-Year Reunion Reception
Members of the MD class of 1981 and long-standing faculty are invited to an intimate, outdoor dining experience in the heart of downtown Columbia.

Tickets will go on sale in late summer.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES | OCTOBER 22-23
Afternoon of Friday, October 22 | BMS Student/Alumni Speed Networking
Engage with current PhD, Masters, and certificate students by participating in a speed networking activity, where students can ask questions about alumni experiences, career paths and/or research, and make connections for the future.

Evening of Saturday, October 23 | 40th Anniversary of Biomedical Sciences Reception
Join us for the first-ever BMS reunion event while celebrating 40 years since the program's inception. There will be a small presentation by current leadership, and reception-style eats and drinks.

Tickets will go on sale in late summer.

FOCUS | Alumni Table Talk Series
It's happening, folks! We introduced the concept of the Table Talk Series in the February issue of TGM, and are now moving forward with scheduling test pilots in the months of August and September. In an effort to support as many students as possible in both our medical and graduate programs, we have decided to take a more thematic/interdisciplinary approach to our first offerings. We are looking to engage medical and graduate alumni currently working in the following specialties:

- Emergency Medicine
- Orthopedic and Sports Medicine
- Pediatrics

In an intimate, very informal setting, alumni will have the opportunity to discuss the ins and outs of their career and provide specifics on issues they wish they would have known prior to graduating. No question is off the table, so volunteers must be comfortable with answering personal questions about their field and experiences. The purpose of this program is to provide a safe space for students to learn and gain insight. All conversations will remain confidential and nothing will be recorded or transcribed.

If you are interested in serving as a virtual Table Talk Host for a group of 4-5 students, please complete the form below.

Table Talk Host Form

NOTES | From the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Greetings, UofSC SOMC Alumnii
On behalf of the Office of Student Affairs, I would like to thank the alumni family for your ongoing support of our students. The bond between our students and graduates is stronger than ever, and will only get better thanks to the collaboration between the Alumni Relations Office and volunteers like you.

This past year was a tough one for the entire student body. Many challenges came with the COVID-19 pandemic: lots of cancellations, disappointments, and deviations from the norm. One ever-present constant was your dedication to the preparation and growth of our students, whether it was financially or through direct interaction.

For the second year in a row, white coats were fully funded for the MI class thanks in large part to the alumni family. They treasure the notes of encouragement and congratulations from you that they found in their coat pockets. When times get tough for them, we refer students to those messages so that they can “hear” again from someone who has been there and know what they’re going through.

Through scholarship support, you also provide an opportunity for prospective students to pursue a vital role in health care or academia, who would consequently be shut out of medical or graduate school due to financial constraints. For those who are already enrolled, your gifts help to alleviate their concerns about student loan debt, and support current programming that encourages growth and a healthy well-being.

You came in full force last fall during residency interview cycle for MIVs. More than 50 MD alumni conducted virtual mock interviews for 103 students, making this the largest student/alumni engagement interaction to date; after they matched, you showed up again to welcome those who were coming to your city or program.

Recently our office has started the transition to supporting the entire student body, and I’m looking forward to offering more opportunities to engage graduate program alumni in ways we haven't done before. We find value in investing in the student experience because in turn, it plays a major role in their decision to become engaged alumni and pay it forward to the next generation of health care professionals and scientists.

If there is ever anything that our office can do for you, please let us know. You’re a significant member of the UofSC SOMC family, and our family is always welcome at this table.

Eric R. Williams, MD
DISCOVER | Opportunities for Engagement

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July 16th

VIRTUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SUMMER BOARD MEETING

Now Accepting Board Nominations for the School of Medicine Alumni Association

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

We will have several At-Large Member openings starting in Fall 2021.

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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!

REVERE | Class Kudos
John Ropp, MD ('01) was inaugurated as the South Carolina Medical Association's 160th President on June 2, 2021 during a ceremony held at the Governor's mansion. He is the third SOMC alumnus to serve in this capacity. He has been a SCMA Board Member for 14 years, and was the first SOMC graduate to serve as the SCMA Chairman from 2018-20. He currently resides in Hartsville, SC where he practices family medicine.