National Doctor’s Day is celebrated to recognize the contributions of physicians to individual lives and communities. The idea came from Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond, and the date chosen was the anniversary of the first use of general anesthesia in surgery. On March 30, 1842 in Georgia, Dr. Crawford Long used ether to anesthetize a patient and painlessly remove a tumor from his neck. In 1990, President George Bush signed a bill designating March 30th as National Doctor’s Day.

Happy Doctor’s Day to our MD Alumni! May your continuous efforts toward improving the scope of health care never go unnoticed. We are in awe of your dedication in the field and compassion for others, and hope you know how appreciated you are EVERY DAY, not just on March 30th.

“Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity.” - Hippocrates
FOCUS | 2019 Alumni Reunion Weekend

Thank you to everyone who attended Class Reunion events and the 18th Annual Black Tie White Coat Gala in Columbia on Saturday, March 9!

Class Reunion Brunches and Cocktail Hour

Reunion alumni from the classes of 1984, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2014 enjoyed brunch with fellow classmates and guests in an intimate, modern atmosphere overlooking Main Street in downtown Columbia at Hendrix. A huge thank you is extended to Dr. Judy Burgis from the class of 1989 for hosting brunch for her classmates at her home in Forest Acres. Later that evening, reunion alumni from all classes celebrated together for a pre-Gala cocktail hour at the South Carolina State Museum where the results of the Class Reunion Fundraising Challenge were revealed.

Top Docs Award - Given to the class that contributed more than any other reunion class in the fiscal year of the reunion. Winner: Class of 1999 raised $7,624.

Golden Piggy Bank Award - Given to the class with the highest overall percentage of giving amongst classmates in the fiscal year of the reunion. Winner: Class of 1999 with 28.36%.

Golden Stethoscope Award - Given to class that had the highest percentage of attendance for the Alumni Reunion Weekend. Winner: Class of 2009 with 18 class members.

Together, the seven reunion classes raised $27,719!

We are so grateful for this collective contribution that supports medical breakthroughs, educates future healthcare professionals, and improves community health across the state of South Carolina and beyond.

View and download Class Reunion images here.
Black Tie White Coat Gala

New look, new venue, new feel ... same great initiative! The 18th Annual BTWC Gala was held at the South Carolina State Museum, and included an exclusive alumni-only lounge, located on the mezzanine level overlooking the dance floor, and a UofSC School of Medicine film premiere shown in the museum's planetarium theater. This year's event broke a fundraising record with $65,696 that will benefit student scholarships and The Free Medical Clinic. Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Black Tie White Coat Gala in all capacities, whether you sponsored, donated, attended, or bid in our auction; we appreciate you!
More 2019 Black Tie White Gala photos will be available soon!

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**2019 Match Day**

83 Students Matched (96.5%)

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REVERE | Class Kudos

Nedra Jackson, MD ('87) has recently completed and passed a Buprenorphine Training course that grants her approval from the Federal DEA to treat opioid patients in her practice in Brentwood, TN. She is also involved with the Nashville chapter of the My Carolina Alumni Association, which holds multiple social events per year, including a Gamecock Basketball Watch Party this past Saturday. Please contact Nedra if you'd like to get involved!

Please contact Paige Stiles by April 15th if you have any exciting news that you’d like to share!

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