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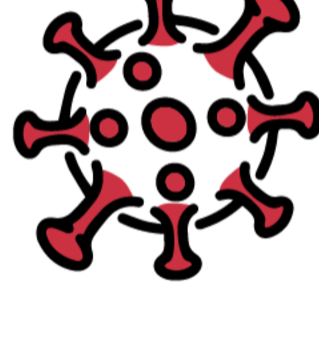
A monthly newsletter featuring news for the faculty and staff of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia.

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Announcements

COVID-19 Updates

- A **Virtual Town Hall** for faculty and staff will be held via WebEx on April 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Questions for the town hall can be submitted [online](#).
- All in-person events have been canceled until the end of Summer II, including the Graduate Hooding and the Commencement for the Schools of Medicines. A virtual graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 8.
- Although the SOM Library's physical space is closed, the Library's resources, librarians and staff are online and open for business. When you're away from campus, you may still access the Library's resources via the [SOM Library website](#).
- There are a number of COVID-19 scams out there as well as many malicious emails related to the pandemic. Everyone should be careful with email, texts, and social media. Also remember that there are multiple options for online meetings. Contact [Gene Palmer](#) for assistance.



In the News

Our students have been helping fill voids in the community by volunteering to run errands for susceptible populations, preparing meals at The Salvation Army, and creating hygiene kits for residents of a local homeless shelter.

[Watch a WLTX story about their efforts to learn more.](#)

COVID-19 Resources

Visit the school's [COVID-19 webpage](#) for a list of resources related to the novel coronavirus. Available resources include:

- [Coronavirus Information Resources Guide](#)
- [COVID-19 Ultrasound Resource Guide](#) [PDF]
- [Rural Health Daily Digest](#)
- [Remote Work and Learning Wellness Guide](#)

Share your COVID-19 Stories and Expertise!

We'd like to showcase the strength and resilience of the Gamecock community. Visit the School of Medicine Columbia's coronavirus [webpage](#) or email [Alyssa Yancey](#) to share any ideas you come across about students, faculty, staff members or alumni going above and beyond during these difficult times. Main campus also is [compiling a list of subject matter experts](#) who can do interviews on COVID-19-related topics. If you'd like to be included on the list email [Alyssa Yancey](#).

News



M.D. Program celebrates successful Match Day!

The M.D. Class of 2020 had a very successful Match Day with a 98% match rate. Many of our students are staying local with 25% matching into Prisma Health residencies and 35% staying in South Carolina. Of our students 67% will enter residencies in primary care specialties or in specialties greatly needed in South Carolina, compared to 61% of graduating students entering those specialties nationally. The [full Match Report](#) is available on our website.

You also can [read a story](#) about one of our graduating students who overcame almost insurmountable odds to get to Match Day.

More News:

- [Mayeaux stepping down as chair of Department of Family and Preventive Medicine; Steen to serve as interim chair](#)
- [Anderson has left School of Medicine for new leadership role](#)
- [New assistant dean appointed for Florence Regional Campus](#)

Upcoming Events

SOAR Virtual Poster Session

The SOAR program is hosting a Virtual Poster Session! Join us April 20-24th to interact with over 25 posters highlighting UofSC School of Medicine Student and Faculty research from SOAR 2019 participants. Presenters will be available during that week to answer questions and respond to discussions. Visit <https://uscrcrth.wixsite.com/soar> to participate.

Virtual Town Hall

A Virtual Town Hall will be held for faculty and staff from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22. The event will be hosted on WebEx. Faculty and staff should have received an Outlook invitation to participate. Questions can be submit in advance using our [online form](#).

Virtual Graduation Ceremony

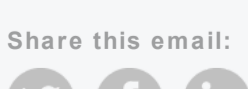
The UofSC School of Medicine Columbia will hold a virtual commencement on Friday, May 8 at noon. Student Services will send out a link to the ceremony within the next two weeks. Depending on the physical distancing rules, the ceremony will either be livestreamed from the MII classroom or prerecorded. The Commencement Bulletin will be available in PDF format by May 8.

Congratulations

- The American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) Division for Behavioral Pharmacology is honoring **Susan Wood**, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience, with the [2020 J.H. Woods Early Career Award in Behavioral Pharmacology](#).
- **Wood** also received the university's [Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor](#) award for 2020. This award recognizes faculty throughout the UofSC system who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring undergraduate researchers.
- **Norma Frizzell**, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience has received the university's [Distinguished Research Service Award](#). Recipients have demonstrated exceptional commitment to UofSC's research community through consistent service as reviewers and committee members for our internal funding and awards programs.
- **Reilly Enos**, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, [has been awarded a K01 grant](#) in the amount of \$716,000 from the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health/National Institutes of Health. The five-year grant runs through the year 2025.
- **Ken Walsh**, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience recently received a 30-year State Service Award.
- **Claudia Grillo**, research associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience, received a National Science Foundation (NSF) award for the "Stress Neurobiology Workshop" for \$14,400.00 to sponsor student travel awards.
- **David Weil**, MMSc, PA-C, assistant program director for the Physician Assistant Program, has been selected to receive a 2020 Garnet Apple Award for Teaching Innovation. This annual award honors the University of South Carolina's most exceptional faculty who demonstrate a commitment to best teaching practices and an ongoing record of developing innovative strategies to enhance student learning in their courses.
- **Ben Jackson**, M.D., clinical assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, was listed as one of [The State Newspaper's "20 under 40"](#) honorees for people in the Midlands under 40 years old who are having a significant impact on the Midlands community.
- Three students in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience were [awarded 2019-2020 SPARC Awards](#) from the Office of the Vice President for Research. SPARC, or Support to Promote Advancement of Research and Creativity, graduate students compete for internal funding of up to \$5,000 to fund their research, creative and scholarly projects. The School of Medicine recipients are
 - Nick Maxwell ([Claudia Grillo](#) mentors)
 - Jennifer Erichson ([Jim Fadel](#), [Larry Reagan](#) mentors)
 - Josh Bratsch-Prince ([David Mott](#) mentor)

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