Upcoming

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine Proudly Presents its First Distinguished Lecturer Series - Feb. 13, March 20 and April 17

Medical Student Research, Scholarship and Community Service Day - March 13

Match Day - March 20

Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society - March 24

Graduation - April 24

Honors & Recognition

David J. Bjorkman, M.D., M.S.P.H., Dean and Executive Director of Medical Affairs, was recently appointed to the American Board of Medical Specialties Special Committee on Physician Executives and Continuing Certification. Certification by medical specialty boards has become an increasingly

VGTI Seeks to Collaborate With FAU Scientists

John Schatzle, Ph.D., Director of Scientific Operations at the Vaccine & Gene Therapy Institute of Florida, emphasized VGTI's desire to work with FAU scientists during a presentation he gave last week at FAU's Center for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology.

"Collectively, we are better than each individual component," Schatzle said.

While the VGTI's principal investigators all hold adjunct appointments in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine and are active on its committees, Schatzle sees opportunity for more research collaboration on additional projects, including the submission of joint grant applications. Currently, VGTI hosts FAU students at its Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program and also trains graduate students in its laboratories.

In October, VGTI launched its Center for Diseases of Aging, a significant step in the journey toward discovery of prevention and treatment strategies for diseases associated with aging. It's partnering with world-class scientists from Sweden's Karolinska Institutet. Through a state-funded collaboration, VGTI and the institute study immune therapies with regenerative medicine, while
important indicator of physician competency and ensures healthcare quality.

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**Anthony Dardano, D.O., F.A.C.S.,** Associate Professor of Clinical Biomedical Sciences and Founding Program Director of General Surgery Residency Program at the College, will present "The Use of Botulinum Toxin A Elongates the Lateral Abdominal Wall Prior to Surgery for Giant Complex Ventral Hernias and May Replace Component Separation" at the 1st World Conference on Abdominal Wall Reconstruction. The conference will be held in Milan, Italy, from April 25-29.

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**Lindsey Henson, M.D., Ph.D.,** Vice Dean of Medical Education and Student Affairs at the College, has been named to the External Advisory Committee for the Harvard Medical School Program in Medical Education by Harvard's Dean.

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**Xupei Huang, M.D., Ph.D.,** Professor of Biomedical Science at the College, and Associate Editor in Cardiology, along with Dr. Jeffery Borer, Professor and Chief, Division of Cardiovascular Research in the Department of Medicine at the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, recently visited Fudan University in Shanghai, China, to present a lecture at the Center of Translational Research, entitled "Mechanism and therapeutic targeting for diastolic dysfunction and heart failure."

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For more information on the VGTIFL/KI partnership and their current research focus, [click here to see the slide presentation](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1119767502111&format=html&printFrame=true) from Dr. Schatzle, or visit the [VGTI website](http://www.vgti.org).

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**Wood, Drowos Attend Prestigious Harvard Educator Institute**

**Sarah Wood, M.D.,** Assistant Professor of Biomedical Science and Assistant Dean for Curriculum, and **Joanna Drowos, D.O.,** Assistant Professor of Clinical Biomedical Science and Associate Chair of the Integrated Medical Science Department, attended the [Harvard Macy Institute for Medical Educators](https://macysinstitute.harvard.edu/) in Boston earlier this month.

This prestigious program facilitates relationships with leading medical educators from more than 800 institutions across the world. The Spring session focuses on medical education including strategies for enhanced learning and teaching, elements of effective curriculum design, methods of evaluation and assessment, leadership styles and conflict resolution, and educational technology. "We hope to gain cutting-edge techniques for implementing educational projects at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine," Dr. Drowos said.

The Harvard Macy Institute was created in 1994 as an inter-professional, international incubator for innovators in healthcare education. Over the past 20 years, the Institute has been an engine of change in education, creating innovation-inspiring communities, including over 3,500 scholars representing more than 800 institutions worldwide.

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**College Receives Record-Breaking**
Mario Jacomino, M.D., and M4 students, Kathryn Anderson and David Dillon, attended the Gold Humanism Honor Society Biennial Conference, held in Atlanta last October. The conference brings together students, chapter advisors, residents, fellows, attending physicians, community practitioners, researchers, and community advocates for the common goal of ensuring that medical care is provided with kindness and compassion.

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The College is delighted to accept its first Fulbright Scholar into the Biomedical Science Graduate Program. Last fall, Olga Bakina, 24, joined Dr. Kantorow's laboratory as his research assistant. She plans to complete a Master's Degree in Biomedical Science. We are honored to have Olga, who is from the Ukraine, in our Graduate Program and congratulate her on all of her accomplishments, including having been awarded FAU's Provost Fellowship for the 2013-2014 academic year.

This & That

Call for Abstracts!

FAU researchers are invited to submit a poster to the upcoming CANESEARCH event. The abstract submission deadline has been extended to Feb. 9. The theme this year is translational research. Please click here for additional submission guidelines.

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FAU Launches Smoke-Free Initiative

Application Numbers

Nearly four years since its inception, the College has received a record-breaking 4,370 applications for 64 positions for the incoming class of 2015, and 4,739 applications for 36 positions in the University’s first residency program in internal medicine. These numbers represent a 35 percent increase in medical school applications from last year, and a 22 percent increase in applications for the residency program from the previous year.

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New Academic and Research Support Team Launched

The new Academic and Research Support team at the College assists with developing content for the College’s newsletter, web site, social media pages, and works with the College Development office’s event staff and other units to facilitate Creative Services’ requests for invitations, flyers and ads.

Carrie Perez, Anne Fennimore, and Autumn Rugletic are also available to help faculty and students with grant applications and journal article submissions, human subjects training or protocol development.

Contact them directly with any questions or for any of the above needs.

College Launches Lecture Series

The Biomedical Science Graduate Program launched its first "Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine Distinguished Lecture Series" Dec. 5, 2014, with invited speaker, Andrew Oleinikov, Ph.D., who presented, "High
Commencing Jan. 1, Florida Atlantic University has officially become a smoke-free campus. Accordingly, all public areas on campus, including smoking in your car in a parking lot, is off limits. As part of the smoke-free initiative, eCigarettes and vapor cigarettes are also included on the list of banned smoking activities.

Upcoming spring lectures are as follows:

**Friday, Feb. 13** - Patrick Duffy, M.D., Chief, Laboratory of Malaria Immunology and Vaccinology, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

**Friday, March 20** - Sue Menko, Ph.D., Professor & Vice Chair, Anatomy, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, Philadelphia, PA.

**Friday, April 17** - TBA

Seminars are from **2-3 p.m. in BC 128**. Lunch is served from 1:15-2 p.m. preceding each seminar. For more information, please contact Carolina Clark in the Graduate Program Office at 561.297.4549, or visit room 206-A.