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Message from the Chair

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It is my pleasure to provide my first MUSC Radiology Department Update for the Alumni Newsletter. After 17 years as Chair of the Department, Dr. Phil Costello retired, although not fully as he continues to work part time in the Cardiothoracic Division. Under his leadership, the department experienced tremendous growth and success. Over 41 faculty were hired, imaging volumes and wRVU numbers tripled and overall revenue increased 5-fold. Most important, the department has graduated outstanding radiologists who provide excellent patient care. Please join me in thanking Dr. Costello on a job well done and congratulate him on his retirement.

I am proud to be returning home to MUSC. My wife, Marthe, and I are alumni (x2) of MUSC. She is a graduate of the MUSC College of Medicine and previously the Physician Assistant program. I also am a graduate of the School of Medicine and previously the School of Dentistry. We both completed radiology residency at MUSC and for the past 20+ years we have been in Houston, Texas at the Texas Medical Center and more recently at Wake Forest School of Medicine. We are both native South Carolinians, she from Charleston and I from Orangeburg and Holly Hill, so it is really great to be back home!

As with everyone, this has been a most unusual year, and I trust we will be able to continue moving forward with recovery from the pandemic. At the last

annual update, Dr. Costello reported the expanding areas where we provide radiology services and this year the expansion continues. MUSC is now providing healthcare services in a number of locations in Charleston, Florence, Lancaster, Marion, and Chester and most recently Columbia and Camden (formerly known as Providence Hospital System). In my role as Chief of the MUSC Integrated Center of Clinical Excellence (ICCE) – Radiology, I work with Ron McKee, System Administrative Officer for MUSC Health Imaging, to coordinate and manage the imaging at all of these facilities.

The department has weathered the COVID-19 pandemic well. Annual examination volumes and RVUs increased approximately 4% with a similar increase in revenue. We are well staffed and continually recruiting faculty. In addition to Dr. Costello, this year two of our favorite faculty will be retiring: Dr. Leonie Gordon and Dr. Bill Conway. Both have served MUSC admirably and will be greatly missed, although like Phil we anticipate them working part time. I know many of you will want to wish them well and thank them for all their service and guidance.

We continue to lead in our research and education efforts. We are fortunate to have installed the first Siemens Photon Count CT scanner in the region and only one of several in the world. This is the next generation CT scanner, and we look forward to investigating the application of this technology.

The residency and fellowship programs are doing very well. The radiology residency remains the only training program in South Carolina and one of the top programs in the Southeast. As you know, our trainees are well prepared for a successful career in private practice or academics. We are very proud of their success and thank our Program Director Madelene Lewis and Associate Director Seth Stalcup for the diagnostic residency program and Program Director Ricardo Yamada for the IR/DR program. As done last year, all interviews for residency this fall will be conducted virtually due to COVID restrictions. Last year we had over 700 applications, interviewed 175 and matched 11 DR and 2 IR/DR into the residency programs; we anticipate similar numbers this year. Truly an outstanding job by our Directors and residency recruitment team.

It is an honor that I get to serve as the new Chair of Radiology. I hope we all get the opportunity to visit in person this coming year. I wish you and your loved ones all the best.

Sincerely,
Reggie

Alumni News

Dr. Jeanne Hill

Diagnostic Radiology Class of 1993
Pediatrics Fellow Class of 1995

"The Dean's Office is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Jeanne Hill, Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics, as the Associate Dean for Career Planning and Advising. Throughout Dr. Hill's 28



years as a College of Medicine faculty member, she has enjoyed tremendous success in mentoring and advising students and residents in her role as Director of Medical Student Education for the Department of Radiology and Residency Program Director for Diagnostic Radiology."

[Read More](#)

Dr. Manuel Fortes
Vascular & Interventional Radiology Fellow, Class of 2010

Dr. Fortes moved to the Washington DC metro area last year.

He is now an Interventional Neuroradiologist at Fairfax Radiological Consultants., and he works at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Dr. Fortes is pictured with his son, Arthur.

Twitter: @fortesmd

Dr. Michael Muhlert
Vascular & Interventional Fellow, Class of 2010

"I am still working in Memphis with my same group, Memphis Physician's Radiological Group and have become the president of the group this year."

Dr. Mike Couden
Vascular & Interventional Radiology Class of 2002

"I'm still in private practice in Nashville, Tennessee with Advanced Diagnostic Imaging. Coming up on 20 years with the practice."

Alumni Publications

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Alumni We Don't Know How to Contact

If you know any of the Alumni listed below, please forward this newsletter to them. If they like it, hopefully they will contact us to add them to our mailing list! We'll put a short list in every newsletter and hope that we keep hearing from everyone to fill in the blanks!

Pavel Krapiva

Andrew Kreek

Rumman Langah

Mark Lovern

Jason Lynn

Troy Marlow

Francesco Massari

Bernard "Tripp" Masters

Joel Mazzella

Carl Mazzola

Sam McCown

Russell Eugene McWey

Jared Mills

Luann Moore

Patrick Mullen

John J. Murphy

Projects



Radiology Library Fundraiser

We currently have our Radiology Library enclosed in two cabinets in the break room, as seen at left, but we are working on an upgrade.

We are raising funds to procure classic barrister bookcases with glass fronts that are lockable. These new bookcases would be located near the Education Director's office and would have enough room for our entire library! (Currently our cabinets are stuffed with books stacked every which way.) If you would like to see what they will look like, click [here](#). We have been quoted a price of \$6,791.35 so that's our goal!

If you choose to donate, your name will be listed on a plaque honoring your donation. We hope you will consider contributing to this project. Thank you!

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