Dear UMMC Students,

As I take the reins of the Associated Student Body (ASB) for the upcoming school year, I am both excited and a bit intimidated, knowing that I have large shoes to fill. Brad Deere and his team (from the 2013-14 academic year), as well as ASB leaders from the past, have done wonderful work, and have a great foundation laid out for us.

Being a leader in any capacity is a tremendous responsibility, and it is with this realization that I plan to work hard for all students on campus. We have a fantastic leadership team assembled (introduced below), and I look forward to what the year holds. Huge thanks go out to Dr. Jerry Clark, who has already made us feel supported, comfortable, and oriented in our roles.

A major goal for the ASB leadership this year is to continue to increase community among students within and between our six schools. We will be working together in healthcare delivery and research teams throughout our careers, and it is thus imperative for us to establish relationships with those outside of our own schools. As our administration moves toward increasing interprofessional education on campus, we want to contribute to this from the social perspective.

Another goal of ours is to keep students well informed about upcoming activities and be transparent in the decisions we make. To this end, we will be sending out e-mail newsletters ("ASB Updates") once every two weeks that will keep students abreast of what is going on with campus activities. We will also actively update our social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter) and our website (www.umc.edu/asb). The ASB leaders meet once per month with representatives from all of the UMMC schools and once per month with Dr. Keeton and Dr. Woodward. We will do our best to keep you in the loop concerning our discussions.

We want to be accessible and receptive to all students on campus. If you have a suggestion on something that the ASB can do to make life easier for students, or advice on what we can do better, we would love to hear it. Each officer has a distinct role, so feel free to contact any one of us. Below is the ASB team for the 2014-15 academic year:

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We look forward to serving you this year.

Sincerely,
Peter Mittwede, ASB President
We are ushering in the soon start of a new academic year for UMMC students, and with a new year comes a transition of leadership. Brad Deere, M4 and your outgoing ASB President, handed over reigns to your incoming President, Peter Mittwede, MD/PhD candidate at the Officer Installation Ceremony on May 5. Be sure to read Peter’s monthly column in The Murmur on page 4! Our ASB team is excited to have Peter and a great ASB advisor, Dr. Jerry Clark. Pictured below are some of your new officers. We want to hear from you with ideas, comments, suggestions, and needs! 2014-2015 is going to be a great year!

Pictured from left: Madiha Ahmad, Medic Co-Editor; Daniel Lyons, ASB Treasurer; Whit Whitlock, School Cup Chair; Peter Mittwede, ASB President; Dr. Jerry Clark, ASB Advisor; Kevin Randolph, ASB Vice President; Kelly Pippin, ASB Secretary; John Clemmer, Mentoring Chair; Lauren Tardo, Medic Co-Editor; Grant Saxton, Intramurals Chair; Wilfreda Lindsey, Interprofessional Chair

Not Pictured: Erin Peeden, Global Outreach Chair; Jarrett Morgan, Multicultural Affairs Chair; Jennie Thomas, Editor of The Murmur; Elizabeth Barrett, Philanthropy Chair; Will Davis, Web Chair
Teaching Is Back in Style

2014 Regions Bank T.E.A.C.H. Prize
Winner and Norman C. Nelson Order of Excellence Award

This past Monday, May 12, marked identification of the recipient of the 2014 Regions Bank T.E.A.C.H. (Toward Educational Advancement in Care and Health) Prize, a $10,000 award given to the one individual on the Medical Center campus whose dedication to student engagement, innovation in teaching and excellence in delivery of content has been recognized by students, faculty and administrators. Ian A. Paul, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, was selected as the Regions Bank T.E.A.C.H. Prize winner following a rigorous, campus-wide process that involved a three-stage winnowing that included voting by students and faculty, identification by a dean and a final competitive review by a panel of faculty and students.

Dr. Paul learned of this honor at a luncheon attended by campus leaders and members of the top tier of management at Regions Bank. To ascend to this lofty pinnacle, Dr. Paul was first recognized by a student vote in the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences, where he was selected as that school’s choice for inclusion in the Nelson Order. Nelson Order recipients were then selected by a University-wide competitive review by a panel of faculty and administrators. The dean of each school, upon advisement from the faculty of that school, then selected one Nelson Order recipient to become one of the six finalists for the Regions Bank T.E.A.C.H. Prize. These six finalists are pictured below.

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The 20 members from our six schools are as follows:

- Dentistry: Roger Johnson, DDS, PhD
- Stanley Smith, PhD
- John Smith, DMD
- Stephen Pollock, DMD

- Medicine
  - Ken Ball, MD
  - Thais Tonore, MD
  - Demondes Haynes, MD
  - Stephen Stray, PhD
  - Bill Daley, MD
  - Kimberly Simpson, PhD

- Nursing: Sarina Schoenhofer, PhD
- Susan Lofton, PhD
- Keayshawa Fittman, MSN
- Mary H. Jackson, MSN

Finally, a group consisting of the officers of the Associated Student Body and the Faculty Development Committee reviewed the curriculum vitae, teaching philosophies and educational activities for the six finalists in detail before selecting Dr. Paul as the Regions Bank T.E.A.C.H. Prize recipient. This process was described in an earlier issue of The Murmur. The educational attributes of these six finalists was a credit to the outstanding nature of the teaching faculty at the Medical Center.

Dr. Paul maintains an active research laboratory delving into the effects of gestational and early postnatal exposure to antidepressant drugs on adult social and affective behaviors. He developed the graduate program in Neuroscience at the Medical Center and served as first Director of that program. In these capacities he has trained dozens of graduate students, as well as medical students in summer training, who nationwide competitively applied for credentials of grant funding, publications and presentations, study section service and related research accolades, and with exemplary administrative service, Dr. Paul is a well-established and valued faculty member. Perhaps less well recognized is his alter ego as Dr. Myomancer (www.drmymancer.wordpress.com), the creator of a blog that explores the nature of learning and its relation to behavior.

Dr. Paul’s approach to teaching at the Medical Center is exemplified by this passage from Dr. Myomancer:

"The reality is that the lecture, except in the hands of an exceptional few, has never been a very good means of teaching. At best, it has been a necessary evil and, at worst, something akin to "anti-education"—sucking knowledge, ideas and creativity out of the classroom. As a medium for conveying facts, the lecture is generally superior to clay tablets, but only because it weighs less. For generating ideas, stimulating creative thinking and problem solving, the lecture is frequently the equivalent of substituting cinderblocks for floaties for a child learning to swim....The problem is that real learning is an active process and the lecture delivers passive content."


The aversion to "substituting cinderblocks for floaties" drives exploration of novel means not only of both transmitting mission (i.e., professional education) critical content but also of stimulating independent thinking and higher order problem-solving thought in the students with whom he interacts.

The Regions Bank T.E.A.C.H. Prize Winner and the Norman C. Nelson Order of Teaching Excellence will continue to highlight excellence among our teaching faculty for years to come.
Medical School Family Alliance (MFSA)

Wisdom Dinner

The UMMC Medical Student Family Alliance (MSFA) held its annual Wisdom Dinner on April 8, 2014, at the Fairview Inn. MSFA members enjoyed dinner and talked to M4 couples about the Match Process, Step Exams, Financials, the Interview Process, and more.

Membership in the MSFA is open to all medical students and their significant others. The MSFA regularly holds social events like the Wisdom Dinner, service projects like Spooky U, and more.

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Walgreens Health Fair with Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP)

By: Christa Curtis, PY3

The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy is pleased to announce that we have started a new organization on the UMMC campus—Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP). This organization serves as a student chapter of the national organization, American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). ACCP’s mission is “to advance human health by extending the frontiers of clinical pharmacy.” To carry out this mission, ACCP strives to provide leadership, professional development, advocacy, and resources that enable clinical pharmacists to achieve excellence in practice, research, and education. SCCP has been able to practice some of ACCP’s core values recently in a health fair including “passion for extending the frontiers of clinical pharmacy,” “dedication to excellence in patient care,” and “commitment to challenge the status quo, state our beliefs, and act on them.”

On April 16, under Josh TerKeurst’s leadership, SCCP served approximately 35 people at a health fair hosted by the Walgreens on Ellis Avenue in Jackson. Services provided by pharmacy students included blood glucose and blood pressure screenings. Patients were eager to be screened. Several interventions were made based on results. Students counseled patients on better lifestyle choices to help lower their blood pressure or blood glucose. Students also counseled patients on medication adherence and ways to help patients remember to take their medication. Patients were very receptive to the advice and the event was a success. President elect Justin Mathis said, “Without this project these patients may have continued being unaware that their condition was dangerous. This depicts how important pharmacists are to the healthcare field based on clinical knowledge and accessibility.” SCCP is grateful to Walgreens on Ellis Avenue for allowing them to organize the health fair at their location.

Dental Hygiene JUNIORS

Juniors in Dental Hygiene School visited the DaVita Dialysis Center in Canton, Mississippi, to educate patients and their families on good dental hygiene practices.

By: Tarek Ibrahim

Medical Pharmacology PhD students recently hosted a guest speaker, Dr. Navar. After a full day of events with him, we held a party of the department chairman, Dr. Richard Roman. The party was much fun, and we actually bonded with of our professors who attended. The speaker praised both us students and UMMC as a whole, and he enjoyed his time here. According to our chairman, it was a point of pride for the entire department.
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Champion Spotlight

• Kickball Champions - M4s “Kicking Wings”
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• Women’s Softball Champions - Physical Therapy
• Men’s Softball and Outdoor Soccer Champions TBA

“I would like to extend a big thanks to everyone who participated in intramurals this year. I hope you all have enjoyed this year as much as I have. Good luck in all your future endeavors.”

-Carson Kisner
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