AU/UGA Medical Partnership
INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM
at St. Mary’s Health Care System
Athens, Georgia

2016-2017
We are excited to offer a categorical Internal Medicine Residency Program as a joint effort between the Augusta University/University of Georgia (AU/UGA) Medical Partnership and St. Mary’s Health Care System.

We hope to train you, the next great leaders, to shape the future of healthcare.

I am pleased you are interested in our residency program in Athens, Georgia. The residency years are perhaps the most memorable, challenging, and inspiring of your medical career. We are committed to improving the health of those in the communities we serve by training caring, compassionate, and competent physicians that will provide the highest level of medical care for their patients. We strive to accomplish this goal daily with patient-based teaching, mentorship, scholarly activity, and community outreach.

This program provides you with the opportunity to work with excellent residents and faculty from diverse backgrounds, educational pursuits, and life experiences. You will care for patients from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds, with cases ranging from routine care visits to complex, high-acuity illnesses. We feel that each individual resident brings special and unique qualities to the residency program. We believe in mentoring each individual resident to his or her fullest potential.

I hope you choose to join us in Athens for your residency training. I look forward to answering any of your questions and making residency the best experience in your professional career.

Sincerely,

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Welcome to the future of medical education. A partnership of two prominent state institutions plus a supportive medical community and the energy of Athens equals an unparalleled opportunity for the education of future physicians. The AU/UGA Medical Partnership is educating outstanding future physicians in keeping with the high standards of Augusta University and the University of Georgia. Our goal is to shape the future of medicine by providing the best education possible, and I’m glad you’re interested in being part of that future.

Through collaboration and support from our community partners, the Medical Partnership will continue to provide high quality, innovative education to our students and residents so they are prepared to practice in this ever-changing healthcare environment. I hope that you’ll consider the AU/UGA Medical Partnership when applying to your residency programs!

Michelle A. Nuss, MD
AU/UGA Medical Partnership Campus Dean,
Designated Institutional Official & Internal Medicine Core Faculty

Welcome to St. Mary’s Hospital in Athens, Ga. – a city repeatedly recognized nationally as one of “America’s Prettiest Towns” by Forbes, “America’s Coolest Music Towns” by DreamPlanGo, and “16 Under-the-Radar Southern Food Destinations” by Zagat. The accolades of Athens extend to its healthcare system as well.

St. Mary’s Health Care System is a multiple-award winning health care system serving the population of Northeast Georgia for the last century. As the main participating site for the AU/UGA Internal Medicine Residency Program, St. Mary’s is nationally recognized by Healthgrades as a leader in the care of patients with stroke, women’s health, general surgery, and joint replacement, as well as a leader in patient safety and patient experience. St. Mary’s was named the 2015 Large Hospital of the Year by the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals. We also were named one of America’s 100 Best Hospitals nationwide in 2016 by Healthgrades.

At St. Mary’s we deliver quality patient care, as evidenced by the “A” grade recently bestowed upon us by The Leapfrog Group, a nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality and safety of American health care by holding hospitals nationwide to rigorous quality standards. As a member of Trinity Health, St. Mary’s is part of one of the largest Catholic healthcare systems in the country. St. Mary’s is committed to being a compassionate and transforming healing presence in the communities we serve. We strive continually to provide quality care to those we serve and continue to enhance our facilities and services to better meet the needs of the communities for which we care. We are delighted you are interested in joining the residency program and hope you choose to join us in our mission to provide quality and compassionate care.

Bruce Middendorf, MD
Chief Medical Officer
St. Mary’s Health Care System

Ashley Cown, RN of St. Mary’s Health Care System welcomes residents to St. Mary’s Neurosciences department.

Don McKenna, FACHE
President & CEO
St. Mary’s Health Care System
Why Choose Us?

The Internal Medicine Residency Program offers comprehensive exposure to general internal medicine. The educational program’s overall goals and objectives are to graduate outstanding competent, knowledgeable, and qualified physicians who specialize in internal medicine.

So why choose us?

- We offer a unique and dynamic learning environment for residents with a curriculum tailored to their individual passions and interest
- We provide quality and excellence in patient care and teaching
- We provide state-of-the-art hospital facilities including a Resident Ambulatory Practice staffed by AU/UGA Medical Partnership faculty
- We provide the latest advanced technology
- We have dedicated inpatient teaching faculty including Hospitalists, Neurohospitalists, and Intensivists
- We recognize residents as a part of the hospital team
- We offer diversity in our training opportunities including Palliative Care, Alzheimer’s/Dementia Care, Home Health and Hospice Care, Geriatrics, Allergy and Immunology, Dermatology, ENT, Non-operative Orthopedics, Office Gynecology, Psychiatry, Sleep Medicine, and much more!

Internal Medicine Program Team

Karan Julka, MD
Core Faculty

John W. Layher, MD
Core Faculty

Robert J. Meyer, MD
Core Faculty

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Core Faculty

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Nephrology

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Oncology

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Gastroenterology

James E. Splichal, MD
Hematology

Mark P. Visitacion, MD
Infectious Disease

Milestones in the History of the Augusta University Medical Partnership University of Georgia

1785
University of Georgia founded as the United States’ first state-chartered university.

1828
Medical Academy of Georgia received its state charter. The school received the right to award a bachelor of medicine degree after students attended one year of instruction.

1829
The doors of the Medical Academy of Georgia opened on October 1, 1829 in Augusta’s City Hospital with seven students and three faculty.
As a faith-based health care provider, St. Mary’s focuses on quality, safety, and innovation. The hospital’s mission is to be a compassionate and transformative healing presence in the communities served.

**Healthgrades® Awards**
St. Mary’s is honored to be recognized by Healthgrades in numerous areas, including:

**Excellence Awards:**
- Clinical Excellence
- Patient Experience
- Patient Safety
- General Surgery
- Gastrointestinal Care
- Joint Replacement
- Stroke Care

**Five-Star Awards:**
- Treatment of Heart Failure
- Treatment of Respiratory Failure
- Treatment of COPD
- Gallbladder Surgery
- Gastrointestinal Care
- Joint Replacement
- Treatment of Stroke
- Total Knee Replacement
- Total Hip Replacement
- Treatment of GI Bleed

St. Mary’s was named by Healthgrades as one of America’s 100 Best Hospitals 2016

**Joint Commission**
Continuously accredited since 1954 Specialty certifications:
- Advanced Primary Stroke Care
- Advanced Inpatient Diabetes
- Heart Failure
- Total Hip & Knee Replacement
- Spine Surgery
- COPD

**Stroke Services**
St. Mary’s has been recognized seven years in a row with the American Heart/Stroke Association Get With the Guidelines Gold Plus Award for stroke care.

**Chest Pain Center**
St. Mary’s has received full accreditation as a chest pain center with PCI – the technical term for emergency balloon angioplasty and stent implantation – from the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care (SCPC).

**Continuum of Care**
St. Mary’s launched Georgia’s second hospital-based home health care service in 1970. Today, the continuum of care includes primary and specialized physician practices, outpatient services, home health care/hospice services, a CARF-accredited acute rehabilitation center, inpatient hospice house, a retirement community with assisted living and memory care, a center for wound healing, and a free-standing diagnostic, rehab and wellness center.

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1833
Medical Academy of Georgia officially changed its name to the Medical College of Georgia.

1859
UGA purchased what is now the Health Sciences Campus (HSC) for preparatory school.

1873
MCG became Medical Department of the University of Georgia.

1888
First formal residency training for MCG started at City Hospital in Augusta.
Scholarly Activity
Residents will develop specialized knowledge and skills during residency and solidify the skills necessary to be the next leader of medicine. With access to AU, UGA, and Trinity Health, residents can choose from a variety of activities including traditional bench research, clinical trials and translational research, data-driven health services research, and medical education research.

With the help of a mentor, residents will present their scholarly activity at local, regional, and national conferences as well as publish their results in scholarly journals. Residents will have opportunities to take special electives to dedicate time towards completing scholarly activity as well as an educational stipend and protected time for conference attendance.

Quality Improvement & Physician Leadership
Residents participate in a longitudinal experience devoted to improving patient safety and quality as a partner with St. Mary’s Health Care System. As a member of the healthcare team, residents work to improve upon hospital initiatives while learning about the health care system in greater detail and developing their skills in process and systems analysis, data collection, and statistical analysis. Residents participate in a longitudinal experience devoted to improving understanding of the business of medicine. As members of integral hospital committees, residents are mentored to be productive leaders of the hospital’s medical staff.
**Technology at Work**
As medical knowledge and technology have grown, the ability to easily and effectively access information is critical. Combined with their remarkable portability and online connectivity, tablet computers have reshaped how we practice medicine and care for our patients. Our program is committed to providing the tools to excel in the fast-paced, modern world of health care. With that in mind, we supply each resident with a tablet computer at the beginning of their residency program.

**Simulation**
All residents participate in the simulation curriculum. Residents learn, perform, and perfect skills, such as lumbar punctures and central lines, on state-of-the-art equipment provided in the Simulation Laboratory at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership. Residents work individually and as teams during the simulation curriculum and receive personalized feedback. The Simulation Lab is open to residents at any time who wish to practice and perfect their technique.

**Clinical & Translational Research Unit**
The Clinical & Translational Research Unit (CTRU) is located on the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus. Its mission is to provide resources for investigators in Georgia to conduct clinical and translational research with human participants, with the goal of improving health through advancing the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. The unit provides opportunities to gain experience in clinical research and learn how laboratory discoveries are translated into improved patient outcomes. The CTRU is available to residents for research studies and scholarly activity endeavors. Visit [http://ctru.uga.edu/about/overview/](http://ctru.uga.edu/about/overview/) to learn more.

**Historical Notes**
- **1906**: St. Mary’s Hospital opened by Drs. Henry Marshall Fullilove and J. Peebles Proctor on N. Milledge Ave.
- **1912**: UGA assumed control of the Medical Department of the University of Georgia.
- **1919**: First residency program at University Hospital in Augusta started.
The goal of the Internal Medicine Program is to train caring, compassionate, and competent physicians who will provide the highest level of medical care for their patients. Our patient-based teaching will include direct interaction between the resident and faculty, bedside teaching, discussion of pathophysiology, and the use of current evidence in diagnostic and therapeutic decision-making.

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) have adopted six general competencies for residency training. The resulting standards are listed below and are embedded in our residency program:

1. Patient Care
2. Medical Knowledge
3. Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
4. Interpersonal and Communication Skills
5. Professionalism
6. Systems-Based Practice

**Academic Half-Day and Core Conferences**

Our residents participate in interactive sessions at an Academic Half-Day, led by our Internal Medicine faculty. The sessions are held every Wednesday afternoon. The Academic Half-Day topics are based upon the core curriculum of Internal Medicine. The interactive sessions include lectures, case presentations with discussion, web-based content, and podcasts. The sessions afford each resident an opportunity to review all of the core curriculum topics. In addition, the sessions provide opportunities for residents to interact with other subspecialty faculty in educational sessions.

The Internal Medicine Residency Program schedules educational conferences throughout the year. These include the following:

- Journal Club
- Grand Rounds
- Morning Report
- Morbidity and Mortality Conference

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Loree Florence (front row, center) became the first woman to graduate with an M.D. degree in the school and state's history from the Medical Department of the University of Georgia.

Board of Regents closed the Medical Department of the University of Georgia.

Gov. Eugene Talmadge reopened the Medical Department of UGA as the UGA School of Medicine.
Clinical Experiences

Clinical Rotations
The calendar year consists of twelve month-long blocks. The following is an example of the rotations by year:

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Participation in a residency program based in a community hospital setting provides a wide variety of clinical experiences and training opportunities.

St. Mary’s Hospital is dedicated to meeting the total health care needs of the community by providing care through specialized inpatient service teams. Residents work and train alongside these dedicated groups of physicians during all three years of the training program. St. Mary’s hospitalists, intensivists, and the region’s first neurohospitalist program ensure seamless patient care and treatment.

The Internal Medicine Program also provides ample experiences in different subspecialty and elective outpatient settings. Subspecialty rotations include cardiology, inpatient neurology, gastroenterology, pulmonary, infectious disease, geriatrics, nephrology, rheumatology, palliative care, and more. Elective rotations are available in various specialties including allergy and immunology, dermatology, ENT, medical ophthalmology, non-operative orthopedics, office gynecology, psychiatry, sleep medicine, and many more.

Residents have regular ambulatory practice exposure throughout their training, including an intensive ambulatory month-long block.
First-year residents are the first faces that new patients and families see while in the hospital. As an AU/UGA Internal Medicine intern, you will complete the initial history and physical, develop a diagnosis and treatment plan, write orders, initiate care, and work with the interdisciplinary team to ensure the patient's care needs are met. You will be directly supervised by a senior resident and a skilled teaching attending is readily available. The Inpatient Experience allows you to develop your clinical and leadership skills in a supportive teaching environment.

RESIDENCY FACILITIES

Above: GME conference room, classrooms with state-of-the-art SMART Board® technology, & sleep rooms, complete with nightstand and computer access. Below: Physicians’ Lounge, with 24-hour access to meals, snacks, coffee, leather seating, & TVs. Residents’ computer lab within the GME Suite.

1953
U.S. Navy purchased the HSC from UGA and established the Navy Supply Corps School.

1954
St. Mary's received accreditation from the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals.

1966
St. Mary's moved its location from North Milledge Ave. to Baxter Street which included an ICU.

1970
St. Mary's started the St. Mary's Home Health Care Services, the second hospital-based home health care service in Ga.
Benefits & Program Perks

Annual Resident Compensation*
Residents will be paid monthly by direct deposit through the University of Georgia.

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Benefits at UGA
At the University of Georgia Human Resources Site, [www.hr.uga.edu/benefits](http://www.hr.uga.edu/benefits), residents can review a variety of “health and welfare” benefits offered as a result of employment at UGA. Benefits selections are payroll deducted.

The website provides summaries and detailed information about the various benefits offered by UGA, allowing residents to select options best suited for their needs and those of their eligible dependents.

*Benefits are subject to change year to year.

Snapshot of Benefits
Life insurance | All benefits-eligible employees receive $25,000 in personal life insurance at no cost.)

The following benefits and services may be payroll deducted:
- Health insurance
- Dental insurance
- Vision insurance
- Accidental death & dismemberment insurance
- Long-term disability insurance
- Short-term disability insurance
- Tax deferred savings plans: 403b and 457b
- Spending accounts (FSA, HSA, LPFSA)
- Accident insurance
- Critical illness insurance (including cancer)
- Retirement
- Services for domestic partners

Employee Liability Insurance | Physicians in residency training programs at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership are insured for professional liability by the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). This insurance covers all activities within the scope and course of a resident enrolled in a AU/UGA Medical Partnership residency program, at any location, at no cost to the resident.

Paid-Time Off (PTO) | The AU/UGA Medical Partnership has adopted a PTO policy to cover all vacation, illness, holiday, or personal leave time. Full-time residents will be granted 30 PTO days allotted per twelve month period; 18 days allotted to annual leave with 12 days allotted for medical leave. Per applicable state laws, each resident must take a minimum of 12 PTO days per year. PTO must be taken within the contract period, and no compensation will be received for unused PTO days. Unused PTO days will not be carried over to the next fiscal year. (*Please note, the PTO policy differs from the UGA leave policy.)

General UGA services and activities | Please visit [www.hr.uga.edu/other-services-and-resources](http://www.hr.uga.edu/other-services-and-resources) for information regarding other campus services and resources.

Discounts for UGA Employees | UGA Extras includes optional discounts, services, and voluntary benefit plans (these discounts and benefits are in addition to UGA-sponsored insurance plans). Visit [www.hr.uga.edu/employee-discounts](http://www.hr.uga.edu/employee-discounts) often to review your choices. Your participation in these extra services and discount programs is totally voluntary. The University of Georgia neither promotes nor endorses one product over another.

Ramsey Fitness Center | Memberships are available to faculty, staff, and UGA retirees as well as their spouses/domestic partners and can be payroll deducted.

UGA Childcare | For more information please visit, [www.universitychildcarecenter.uga.edu](http://www.universitychildcarecenter.uga.edu)

Program Perks
- Educational Stipend for Professional Development
- Conferences/Meetings Attendance
- Meals at St. Mary’s Hospital
- Pagers
- White Coat
- Physicians’ Lounge
- Sleep Rooms
- Scrubs (1 set)
- Tablet Computers
- Free Parking at St. Mary’s Hospital

1980
MCG Research Institute established.

1983
St. Mary’s became licensed for 196 beds.

1990
St. Mary’s began providing hospice services to Clarke County.

1993
St. Mary’s legally changed its name to St. Mary’s Health Care System to better reflect the continuum of care it provided.

2000
St. Mary’s, in cooperation with MCG, began offering Children’s Specialty Services.
Life in Athens

Athens is located in northeast Georgia about an hour east of Atlanta, and is the home of the University of Georgia and the unique four year medical school campus – the AU/UGA Medical Partnership. Athens is one of the nation’s quintessential college towns, with a lively restored Victorian-era downtown bustling with shops, dining, and nightlife. Atlanta is just 70 miles away, and the scenic north Georgia mountains are only a short drive up Highway 441.

Athens is home to a thriving music community and has an esteemed place in American music history. Downtown is alive with a variety of venues and bars that offer entertainment suited to every musical preference. Though Athens does accommodate those who enjoy franchises and fast food joints, it is known best for its unique, independent restaurants. From Downtown to Normaltown, you can find southern soul food, sushi, steak, Tex-Mex, Italian, and locally-grown options. The ambience varies as much as the cuisine; whether you’re looking to lounge around and sip wine on an outdoor patio, or to quickly get in, eat, and get out, Athens is the place to be.

Saturdays “between the hedges” have been a Georgia Bulldogs tradition since 1929; if you’ve never experienced southern collegiate tailgating and football, this is definitely something that must be done. Though football is the most popular sporting event on campus, there are plenty of other exciting athletic events to choose from in Athens as well. Tickets also can be purchased for UGA’s gymnastics, basketball, baseball and hockey matches. All other sports – including soccer, equestrian, tennis, and swimming and diving – are free.

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<td>Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals named St. Mary’s “Hospital of the Year” in the large hospital category.</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>Local Redevelopment Authority approved UGA’s plan to establish the HSC on the old Navy School campus.</td>
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Quick Facts about Athens

- Athens is located along the North Oconee River in Clarke County and is known as Georgia’s “Classic City of the South”
- Located 70 miles from Atlanta, below the scenic Blue Ridge mountains in North Georgia
- Home to the University of Georgia, Jittery Joe’s coffee, R.E.M., the B-52s, Drive-By Truckers, and Widespread Panic
- Clarke County Area: 122 square miles, the smallest county in Georgia
- Population: 116,714 (according to 2010 U.S. Census)
- Weather: July: 90°F average high, January 33°F average low
- Excellent school systems in the public and private sectors
- Southern hospitality at its finest

Athens Attractions

The Classic Center Theatre • The Georgia Museum of Art • State Botanical Garden of Georgia • UGA Athletics • AthFest • Athens Twilight Criterium • Ciné • Morton Theatre • Georgia Theater

Athens Restaurants & Coffee Hits

Jittery Joe’s • The Last Resort • The Grit • Viva! Argentine Cuisine • Clocked • Transmetropolitan • Mama’s Boy • Pouch • The Globe • Amici’s •Automatic Pizza • Siri Thai • 2 Story Coffeehouse • 5 & 10 • The National • Porterhouse Grill • Creature Comforts Brewery • Terrapin Brewery

Athens Accolades

- America’s 10 New Best Craft Beer Cities (Fortune Magazine March 2016)
- Top 17 Most Affordable Cities (Mint.com June 2016)
- Best College Football Towns * No 2. Among Top College Towns in the SEC (Travel + Leisure Sept. 2015 and 247Sports April 2015)
- Athens: Georgia’s Gourmet Destination (CultureTrip May 2014)
- America’s Coolest Music Towns (DreamPlanGo April 2014)
- America’s Prettiest Towns (Forbes August 2013)
Application Requirements and Criteria for the Internal Medicine Program

- Applications are only accepted through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)
- NRMP number: 1744140C0
- Application deadline is December 1
- Applicant must be one of the following:
  A. Graduate of a medical school in the United States and Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)
  B. Graduate of a college of osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
  C. Graduate of a medical school outside the United States and Canada, and meeting one of the following additional qualifications:
     1. Holds a currently valid certification from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), or
     2. Holds a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a U.S. licensing jurisdiction in his or her current ACGME specialty/subspecialty program, or
     3. Has graduated from a medical school outside the United States and has completed a Fifth Pathway program provided by an LCME-accredited medical school
- Applicants must be either US Citizens, have a valid US Permanent Resident Card, or valid Employment Authorization Document (NO VISA SPONSORSHIP)
- Applicants must be within 4 years of either graduation from medical school or direct patient care activity
- All applicants will be ranked and matched through the National Resident Matching Program
- Applicants must have a Dean's letter (or MSPE)
- Applicants must have three Letters of Recommendation (the program does not require a Chairman's letter but is particularly interested in letters of recommendation from your attending physician during any medicine sub-internship or externship performed during your senior year)
- Applicants must have an official medical school transcript, including all grades for required clerkships (photo copy will not be accepted)
- Applicants must have an official transcript with score on USMLE/COMLEX Part 1, USMLE/COMLEX Part 2 CK and CS (due by date of rank list entry into NRMP)
- Applicants must provide a Personal Statement
- Applicants must provide a current Curriculum Vitae
- Applicants may provide an optional photograph (preferred to track applicants after interviews)
Interview & Selection Process

Interview and Selection Process
- Applications will be reviewed by the Program Director and/or Selection Committee once all the requirements have been received through ERAS
- Applications must be submitted and complete by December 1 to be considered for review by the Selection Committee
- Interviews take place from mid-October through mid-January and are granted on a first-come first-served basis
- Interviews are issued by email invitation only, through the ERAS post office to the applicant’s email address, as indicated on the ERAS application

It’s Your Residency
Starting residency is a huge milestone in your life. We understand your excitement and anxiety—this is a new, unknown chapter for you. The years you spend in residency will be demanding and challenging, but will truly be some of the most rewarding years of your life. Remember, it is possible to have fun while working and studying. Take advantage of all that Athens and Georgia have to offer. From the music scene in Athens, to the mountains and trails of North Georgia, to the relaxing beach getaways along coastal Georgia, it is possible to live life outside of residency.

Your Voice Will Be Heard
Residents are a respected part of the hospital team. Hospital and Program staff and administration are committed to improving the residency experience year after year. Residents have a voice. Resident Class Representatives are elected by their peers annually. These representatives serve as the voice of the residents acting as liaisons on committees and with the Program. Resident Forums are held quarterly. These forums are closed door and only residents attend to discuss issues of concern and to identify areas of improvement. Residents anonymously evaluate their attendings, rotations, co-residents, and program routinely. In addition to these evaluations, the Program Office and attendings are always interested in receiving feedback on how experiences and the program can be improved. The program encourages an open door policy to discuss any and all issues that residents, faculty, or staff may have.
Be for Community. Be for Education. Be for Patient Care.

CONTACT INFORMATION
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