

IMPACT REPORT



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Greenville**

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TRANSFORMING MEDICINE *One Doctor* AT A TIME

We believe that improving the health of our communities requires rethinking the patient/doctor relationship and the role of traditional health care in the well-being of the people in our communities, and our contribution is training physicians to be a part of that change.



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A letter from
**Dean Marjorie R. Jenkins, MD,
 MEdHP, FACP**
IN HER OWN WORDS

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Imagine a medical school that not only creates the next generation of doctors trained to treat disease, cure illness, and save lives, but does so in a deliberately different way. And imagine that it's located in Greenville, South Carolina.

It is my honor to present to you the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville (SOMG) Impact Report, a testament to how we embody our mission to prepare physicians committed to improving health and wellness through creative teaching, innovative research, and quality clinical care.

Our vision to cultivate a culture of curiosity and commitment to others is more than an ideal; it is the foundation of every initiative we undertake.

This report highlights unique programs that distinguish School of Medicine Greenville among peer institutions. From the community-based Root Cause initiative, which empowers our students to address real-world health challenges, to the immersive experiences fostered by Lifestyle Medicine Education (LMed) and the rigorous training of our EMT program, we are committed to fostering environments where learning transcends the classroom and becomes a profoundly

enriching journey of discovery.

Our innovative research efforts will soon culminate in our Data Innovations Biohub. Located in downtown Greenville on Main Street, here we will partner with Prisma Health to tackle real life issues with transformational research.

These activities exemplify our commitment to a curriculum that is not only comprehensive but profoundly impactful, ensuring our graduates are not just skilled clinicians but compassionate leaders ready to transform community health.

Our unique approach is made possible through the generous commitment of our donors, whose contributions fund scholarships, vital research, and the growth of our groundbreaking programs.

Your support fuels our mission and enables our vision. It allows us to offer exceptional experiential learning that prepares our students to excel in a complex healthcare landscape.

Thank you for your continued partnership and belief in our mission. We invite you to immerse yourself in the stories that define us, inspire us, and propel us to continue transforming medicine, one doctor at a time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jenkins



Located in Greenville, at the heart of Prisma Health – Upstate, the region's largest care provider



1,200 Clinical Faculty Members via partnership with Prisma Health



Students are EMT certified in year one of medical school



Only U.S. medical school to incorporate LMed into all four years of curriculum



“We love seeing what everyone is accomplishing now and where your medical training has taken you.”

changing
the future

1
one student at a time

C. DAN
ADAMS



Several years ago, in conversations with USC School of Medicine Greenville Founding Dean, Jerry Youkey, businessman and community philanthropist Dan Adams realized the importance of an innovative medical school to help address an ongoing shortage of doctors and the need for financial support for prospective future physicians to obtain that education.

“I could see the doctor shortage that we currently have and will have on into the next decade.” Adams said.

Adams, owner of The Capital Corporation, a merchant and investment banking firm located in Greenville, wanted to do his part to help close that gap by helping deserving students who may not be able to afford medical school otherwise to obtain their medical education at SOMG. Fast forward to 2024 and thanks to his generosity, two significant changes will have a lasting impact at SOMG for years to come — in the form of a new name for SOMG’s lecture hall and the creation of the Adams Foundation Endowed Scholarship.

His dedication to philanthropy earned Adams the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award from the University of South Carolina Upstate and recognition as one of Greenville’s Most Influential People Hall of Fame in 2018. Adams’ desire to help the community is seeded in a love of his community. His father graduated from Furman University. “I have always had friends and relatives in the area, and I moved back to Greenville full time 20 plus years ago,” Adams said.

“Greenville is such a wonderful place to live and raise a family,” Adams said. “We all need to work hard and keep our medical community the best that it can be.”

SOMG’s visionary approach to training the next generation of physicians will benefit those who call Greenville home and the companies that invest in our region, Adams believes.

“I think School of Medicine Greenville’s emphasis on emergency medicine and reaching the population where they are at will be meaningful in addressing our communities’ health needs and understanding people where they are every day and what they face. I hope through that, they develop a sense of empathy as they are trained as physicians that they never forget the people and the community and where they come from.”

“Healthcare is at the forefront of economic development,” he adds. “Our employees need and deserve first-rate health care. As an employer we can see that the healthcare system nationally is challenged in many areas. I hope many business leaders will step up and help stand in the gap in areas they can to help our healthcare community to both improve and thrive in a time of change in the healthcare industry.”

“Mr. Adams’ support has been tremendous and I’m grateful I do not have to worry about crippling student loans. I am doing very well in residency. I’m currently a second-year resident at the UNC Internal Medicine program. I will be going into primary care. I think this is one of our greatest undervalued sub-specialties in our country.”

Rose Nganga, MD | Class of 2022

First Recipient of The Adams Foundation Endowed Scholarship

“Being an Adams Foundation scholarship recipient means everything

to my family and I, as it shows that people truly believe in me here at USC SOMG. As a low income student, this generous investment has given me an opportunity to pursue my dream with less financial burden, consequently improving my ability to focus on academics and facilitating my growth and success as a student.”

Devin Wilkerson | Class of 2027

Recipient of The Adams Foundation Endowed Scholarship

Alumni Relations Program

We are so excited to improve our ***Alumni Relations Program*** and begin planning events and opportunities for alumni engagement.

We love seeing what everyone is accomplishing now and where your medical training has taken you since graduation.

Scan the QR code
to update your
information



Engaging you as alumni means keeping you informed about the school, providing opportunities for you to make an impact on its current students and inviting you to demonstrate your School of Medicine Greenville pride.

Student Involvement

From shadowing experiences, to speaking to students about your career, you have the chance to make an impact on the professional growth of our future medical professionals. The support our alumni give our current students can impact their professional growth immeasurably. Mentoring, guest speaking and hosting residency candidates are just some of the ways our graduates can engage with these future alumni.

Get a Shadow

There's no better way for a student to see what life is like outside the classroom than by experiencing it firsthand. We invite our alumni to allow a student to shadow them during their workday, offering them an opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom to real scenarios.

Be a Speaker

Many of our student groups are actively looking for alumni to speak about their specialties and experiences. This helps students learn more about their career options and gives you the opportunity to mentor your future colleagues. We are so excited to improve our Alumni Relations program and begin planning events and opportunities for alumni engagement. We love seeing what everyone is accomplishing now and where your medical training has taken you since graduation.

We consider you to be our family and forever committed to finding meaningful ways to interact past graduation.

ALUMNI *Spotlight*

Dr. Josh Tadlock is a graduate of the SOMG Class of 2017 and is currently finishing up a Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery fellowship at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego.

How did your time at SOMG prepare you for where you are today?

"I think it prepared me a great deal to be the surgeon that I am today. So much of my education in residency and now fellowship has been based around small group discussions of cases/patients/pathologies that mirrors what you start from Day One at SOMG."



Class of '17 - Dr. Josh Tadlock

Dr. Ahmer Mohammad Ansari, MD is a graduate of the charter class of 2016 and is completing a Hematology and Oncology Fellowship at Wake Forest Baptist Health.

What person, course, or experience most influenced you while at SOMG?

"The biggest thing that influenced me most at SOMG was the camaraderie with the other medical students and faculty. This helped me always feel like I was part of a community. This was key in my success."



Class of '16 - Dr. Ahmer Mohammad Ansari

Dr. Maglin Halsey-Nichols is assistant professor of Emergency Medicine at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Best memory of your time at SOMG?

"The hours spent studying and rotating through clerkships were challenging, but knowing my classmates were all nearby working through the same material and going through the same clinical rotations and then getting to celebrate many milestones along the way was so fulfilling and exciting."



Class of '16 - Dr. Maglin Halsey-Nichols

Dr. James "Tee" Griscom III is a board eligible general surgeon and current MIS Surgical Fellow at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

How did your time at SOMG prepare you for where you are today?

"Everything about Greenville prepared me for life now — how to speak to patients, colleagues, and staff. It prepared me academically, mentally, and physically with the amount of studying and time spent in the hospital."



Class of '18 - Dr. James "Tee" Griscom III

In June, Dr. Pendergrass will serve as Chief Resident for 2022-2023 at Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital.

Best memory of your time at SOMG?

"My best memory of SOMG was surely Match Day. I had about ten of my closest friends and family join me for the special occasion. It is surreal to be able to share such a moment with your biggest supporters and have your dreams come to fruition. I matched at my top choice and the feeling was unimaginable."



Class of '19 - Dr. Jasmine S. Pendergrass

“I am so pumped,”
 said SOMG student *Elliot Cooper*, after learning of his match at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis Emergency Medicine.
“This is literally the best day ever.”



Celebrating Match Day

It was all smiles as SOMG medical students gathered for a group photo, despite the chilly and gray weather. Then a cheer rang out, a celebration of the major career milestone on this Match Day.

Match Day, the celebrated and anticipated cumulative event, was held at Fluor Field on Friday, March 17, 2023. It was moved to the covered

stadium concourse due to the rainy weather.

Moments later, students opened their envelopes, learning the next step in their medical training. This was the moment in which fourth-year medical students at SOMG learned where they will go after graduation for their residency training.

I Matched!

The journey leading up to Match Day is a rigorous one for SOMG students. Many hours of research have been performed, many questions asked, and many career decisions made. Add to that the process of residency program interviews and mutual rankings based on preference, and you can see why Match Day is such an exciting and emotional day for all involved.



100%

Of medical students in the SOMG class of 2023 matched to a residency program.

MATCH DAY 2023

STUDENTS BY NUMBERS

4 @ Medical University of South Carolina

3 @ Prisma Health Midlands

12 @ Prisma Health Upstate

1 @ Lexington Medical Center

2 @ Spartanburg Regional

RESEARCH *Highlights*

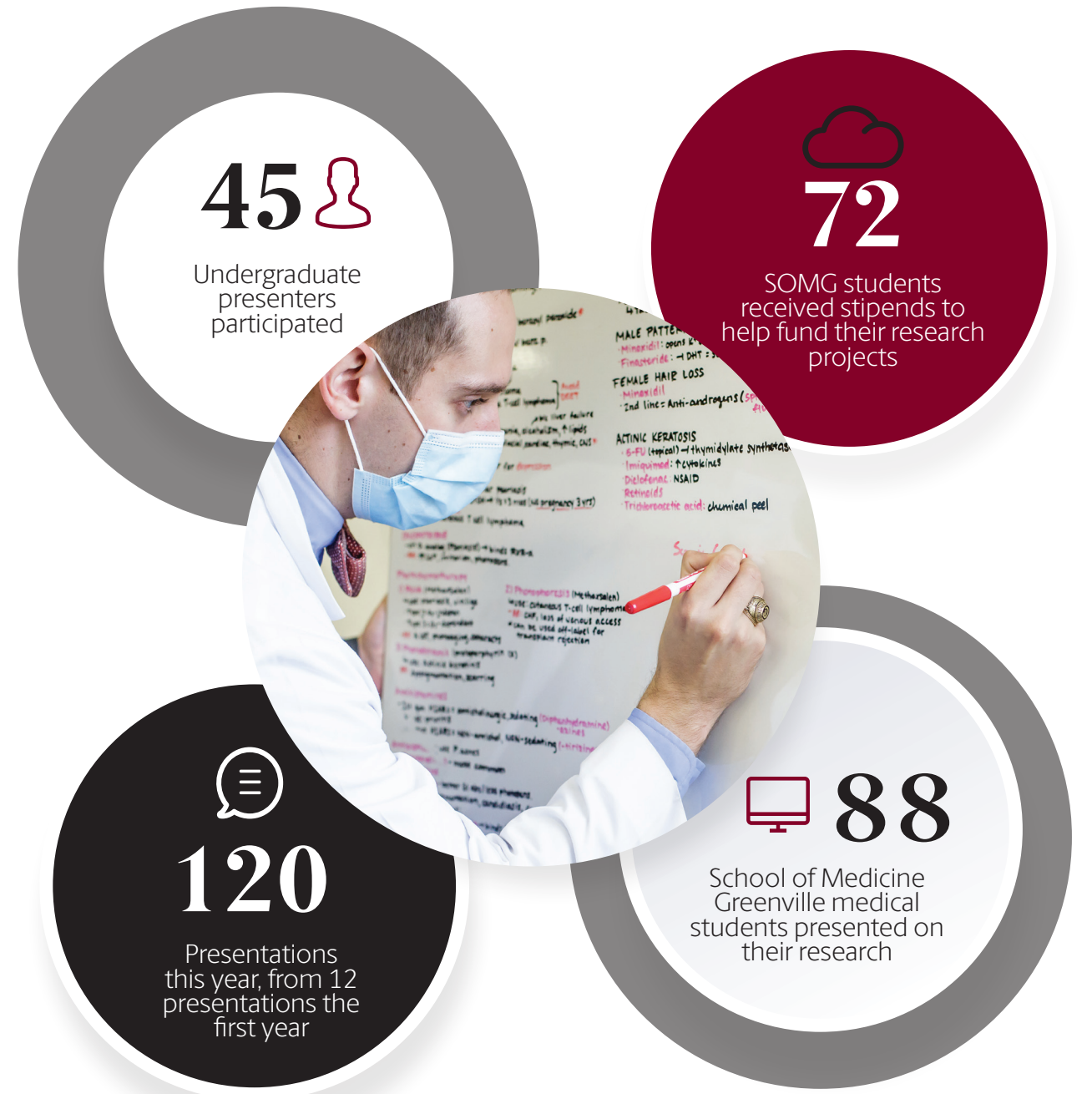


“...making discoveries that can help save lives.”

-DEAN MARJORIE JENKINS

98%

First year medical students participate in research projects




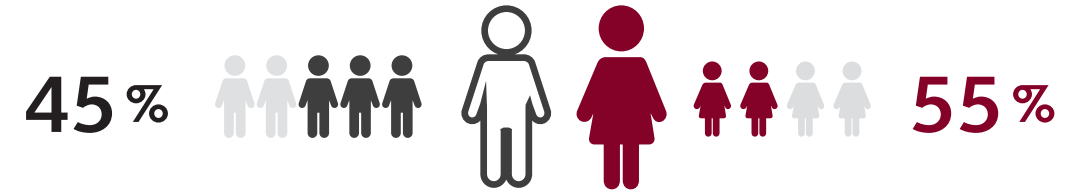
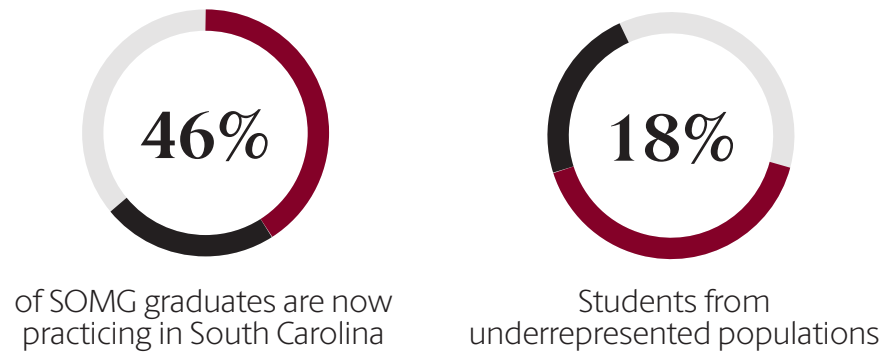
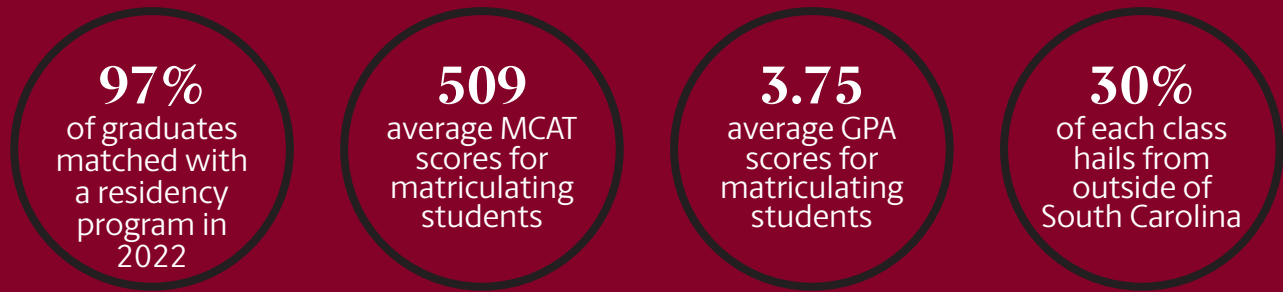
Research Symposium

Rising M2 medical students at SOMG presented their research efforts from the spring and summer. This annual event included student oral presentations, poster sessions, an award ceremony and networking opportunities for students and research mentors.

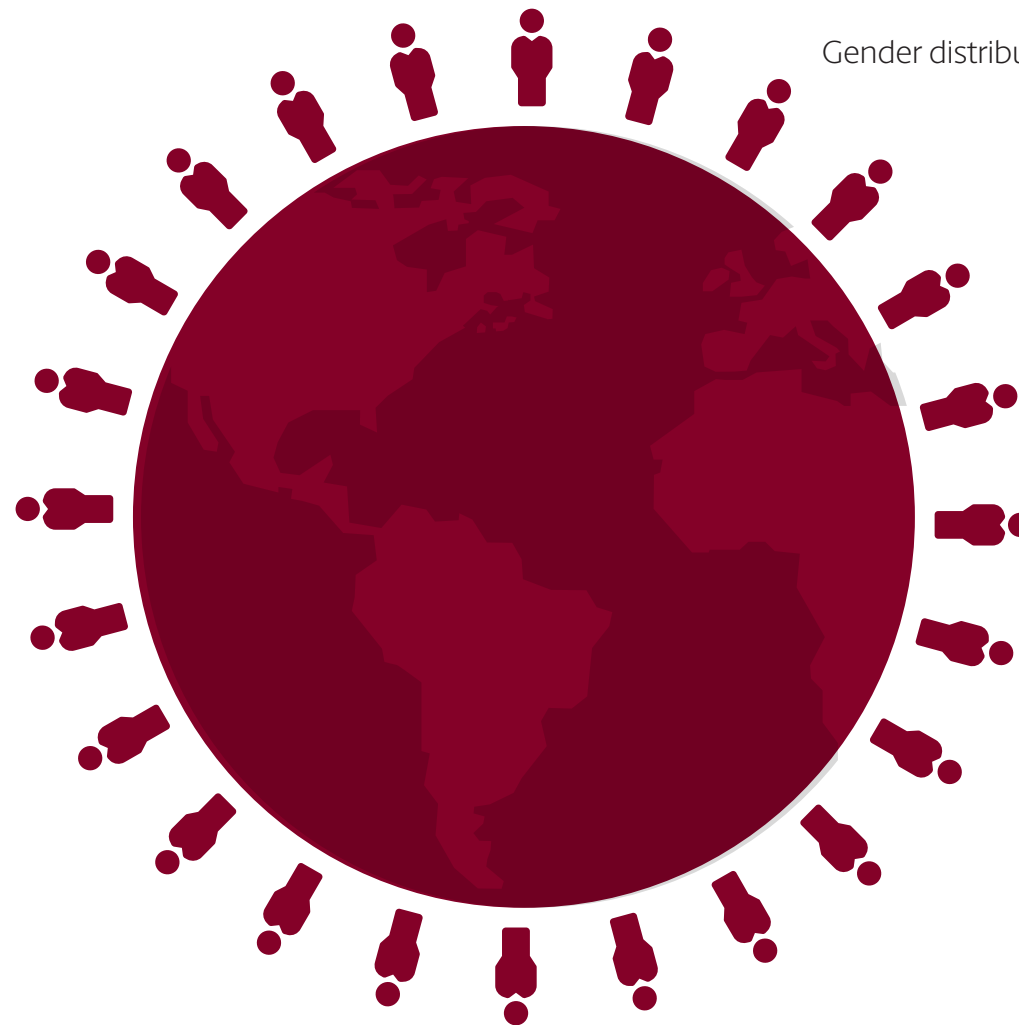
The research presentations covered a range of topics, exploring many of the most important aspects of modern health care. Presentation topics included: robotic assisted surgery, diabetes management through a mobile clinic, mechanisms by which a strain of COVID-19 contributes to host immune evasion and host RNA regulation; and severity score variability for pediatric Respiratory Synitial Virus (RSV) infections, to name just a few.

BY THE Numbers

1 ^{out of} 5

 Apple Distinguished Medical School



Gender distribution of enrolled students at School of Medicine Greenville

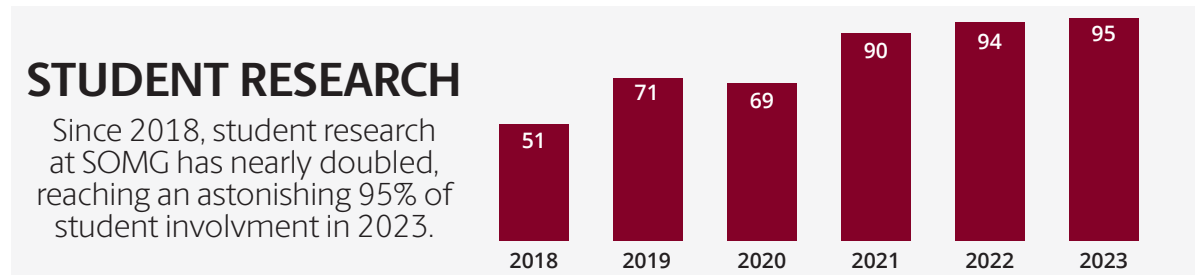
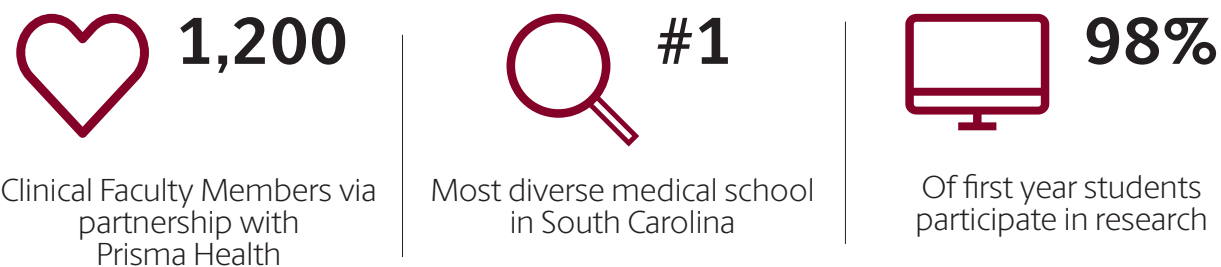
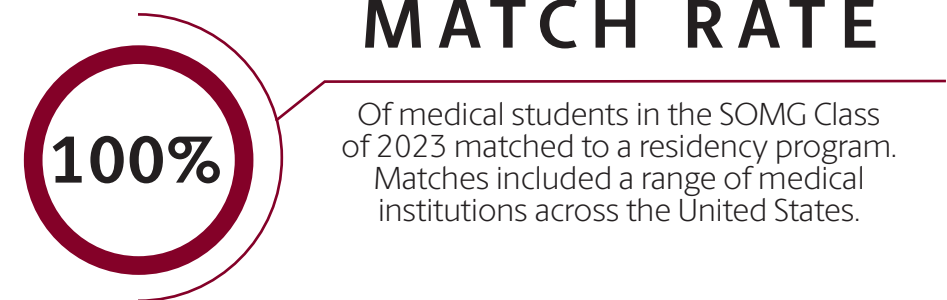


\$450M

Economic Impact in First Decade

11,316

Student volunteer hours between 2019-2023



A *Deliberately Different* MEDICAL SCHOOL



We're redefining medical education with a holistic approach, hands-on experience, and community engagement.

There's a different kind of medical school in Upstate South Carolina, a place where tomorrow's doctors train alongside today's physicians and all members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team from day one. The University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville offers a hands-on, real-world experience that isn't a mere promise for the future, but a way of life.

We're redefining medical education with a holistic approach, hands-on experience, and community engagement. Our Lifestyle Medicine Program prioritizes holistic health, embedding preventive care skills throughout the four-year curriculum. We're breaking new ground as the first school in the country to seamlessly integrate EMT training into the

first-year program, offering students a unique hands-on experience in real-world health crises. This initiative builds crucial skills in communication and patient safety and bridges the gap between classroom learning and clinical practice.

We exemplify community commitment through Root Cause, a monthly health fair organized by students in collaboration with faculty, Prisma Health-Upstate, and community partners. These deliberate efforts in holistic education, hands-on training, and community engagement position our medical school as an innovative and impactful institution, setting a global standard for medical education and patient outcomes.



Root Cause is a monthly health and public services fair to engage and inform our neighbors in the local Dunean community.



School of Medicine Greenville was the first school in the country to integrate EMT training and certification into its first-year medical curriculum.



**100% EMT
CERTIFICATION**

Lifestyle Medicine Education focuses on expanding lifestyle medicine curricula in U.S. medical schools.



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TRAINING
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OF THE
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for 3 days of tastes, tunes & taps in downtown Greenville



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11-13, 2024

RIDE-ALONG WITH EMT & FIRE • LEARN IN THE FIELD
REAL-TIME EVENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE



Be a part of Fall for Greenville!

Through our partnership with the City of Greenville, USC School of Medicine–Greenville students can ride along with the Greenville City Fire Department on up to four (4) first responder gators, shadowing the City Fire Department in the case of an emergency. The City EMT and Fire Departments serve as lead contacts, and our students learn in the field, assisting in real-time as needed at Greenville's largest street festival, Fall for Greenville.





SOMG prides itself in taking a praxis approach to inclusivity and belonging.



Prisma Health annually offers the MedEx Academy, a health care career exploratory program for students.



We believe that when you train physicians differently, they'll treat patients differently.



Our students train alongside all members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team from day one.

“We are poised to build upon the successes of the school’s first decade and invite you to continue this journey with us.”



A letter from **The Dean’s Council** **INNOVATION AHEAD**

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the transformative journey undertaken by SOMG, we, the members of the Dean’s Council, wish to express our profound gratitude for your commitment and collaboration. Our roles as council members embody our shared conviction in the transformative power of community and collaboration.

Through strategic engagement, we have significantly advanced our mission. We’ve successfully garnered crucial private, corporate, and foundation support that fuels the school’s philanthropic initiatives. Our role as ambassadors has deepened relationships with USC alumni, enhanced our community ties, and connections with state leaders, all while championing a visionary approach to medical education.

We are united in our commitment to the school’s mission – to improve health and wellness through pioneering research, impactful education and quality clinical care. We are poised to build upon the successes of the school’s first decade and invite you to continue this journey with us. Your engagement and enthusiasm are crucial as we advance our mission and expand our impact on the health

of our community.

Thank you to our dedicated Dean’s Council members and our community at large for your commitment to our cause. It takes everything from community members welcoming M1 students into their homes to folks investing their hard earned dollars into the future of this school. Together we are the School of Medicine Greenville family.

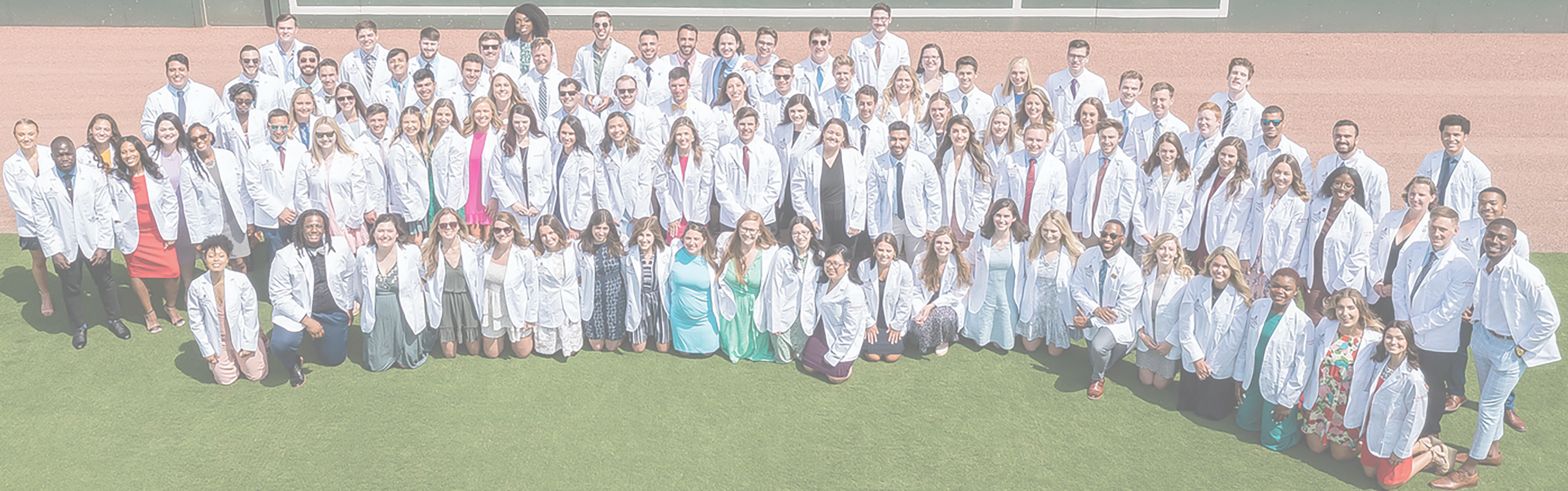
If you would like to learn more about our approach to medical education, the impact of our programs, or how you can be part of our journey, we invite you to reach out.

Please feel free to connect with our Development Team to explore opportunities for collaboration and support. You are invited to schedule a visit or join us at one of our upcoming events to experience first-hand the dynamic environment that makes the USC School of Medicine Greenville a leader in medical education.

Together, we can shape the future of healthcare – Transforming Medicine One Doctor at a Time. Thank you for your continued trust and collaboration.

Sincerely,
Dr. Hal Shaw and Mrs. Lisa Stevens
Co-Chairs of the Dean’s Council

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