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OPENING STATEMENT: A FOND FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2026

-Scott T. Reeves, MD, MBA



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On June 19, we celebrated the graduation ceremony for the class of 2026 which consisted of 17 residents, 3 cardiac fellows, 2 critical care fellows and one chronic pain fellow. Several new departmental milestones were achieved with 11 of our 17 residents going into fellowship for a 65% rate. This is much higher than the national average. We graduated our first two emergency medicine trained critical care fellows. Finally, we graduated our first chronic pain fellow in many years. I want to personally thank all the faculty and the whole department for your support in their education.

In addition, we announced our outstanding residents and faculty of the year awards which are highlighted below.



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GRADUATION PROGRAM

Graduation Program

6:00 pm Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

6:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Graduation Ceremony & Awards

Welcome Scott Reeves, M.D., MBA
Department Chairman

Faculty Awards 2025-2026 Chief Residents
CA-1 Teacher of the Year
CA-2/3 Teacher of the Year
Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year

Resident Awards GJ Guldán, M.D.
Residency Program Director
Dr. Laurie Brown Resident Teacher of the Year
Dr. John E. Mahaffey Resident of the Year Joel Sirianni, M.D.
Dr. Jerry G. Reeves Resident Researcher of the Year Associate Residency Program Director
Associate Residency Program Director
Robert Bowen, M.D.
Associate Residency Program Director
Nicole McCoy, M.D.
Director of Resident Research

Senior Superlatives 2026-2027 Chief Residents

Resident Diplomas GJ Guldán, M.D.
Residency Program Director

Fellow Diplomas George Whitener, M.D.
Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Fellowship Director
Jeffrey McMurray, M.D.
Critical Care Anesthesia Fellowship Director
Meron Selassie, M.D.
Pain Medicine Fellowship Director

Hippocratic Oath GJ Guldán, M.D.
Residency Program Director

2025-2026 Graduating Residents

Gregory Alex Berghorst, D.O.
Pediatric Anesthesia Fellowship
Phoenix Children's Hospital, Phoenix, AZ

Richard Harris Burton, M.D.
Pediatric Anesthesia Fellowship
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Daniel Couper, M.D.
Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Fellowship
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

Brenden Drerup, M.D.
Pain Medicine Fellowship
MUSC, Charleston, SC

Andrew Thomas Gianos, M.D.
Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Fellowship
Duke University, Durham, NC

River Hames, M.D.
Pediatric Anesthesia Fellowship
Children's National Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Tyler Kalajian, M.D.
Interventional Pain Fellowship
Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

Remi Kessler, M.D.
Anesthesiologist
MCC, Spartanburg/Greenville, SC

Zachary Lee, M.D.
Joining Anesthesia Faculty
MUSC, Charleston, SC

Rachel Liedberg, D.O.
Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Fellow
MUSC, Charleston, SC

Benjamin Maxner, M.D.
Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Fellow
MUSC, Charleston, SC

Gunnar Nemitz, M.D.
Anesthesiologist
Ralph H. Johnson VA, Charleston, SC

Michael Reynolds, M.D.
Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Fellowship
MUSC, Charleston, SC

Caroline Schlee, M.D.
Pediatric Anesthesia Fellowship
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

2025-2026 Chief Residents

Austin Hogan, M.D.
Pediatric Anesthesia Fellowship
Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

Madison Geating, M.D.
Anesthesiologist
Anesthesia Assoc. of Chas., Charleston, SC

Olivia Waldthausen, M.D.
Anesthesiologist
Anesthesia Assoc. of Chas., Charleston, SC

Medical University of South Carolina



The Department of Anesthesia
and Perioperative Medicine

presents

2026
Resident and Fellow Graduation

Trinity Hall
Charleston, SC

June 19, 2026
at six o'clock in the evening

2025-2026 Graduating Fellows

Cardiothoracic Anesthesia

Stephanie DeFord, M.D.
Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist
Private Practice, Chattanooga, TN

Nolwenn Phan, M.D.
Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist
Tacoma General Hospital, Tacoma, WA

Whitney Wolaver, M.D.
Locum Tenens Physician
Private Practice, Charleston, SC

Critical Care Anesthesia

John Conway, M.D.
Critical Care Anesthesiologist (CTICU)
Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY

Avery Elifritz, D.O.
Critical Care Anesthesiologist (CTICU)
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Pain Medicine

Christopher Wallace, M.D.
Interventional Pain Physician
SC Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Center, North Charleston, SC

GRADUATION



GRADUATION AWARDS



CA 1 Faculty Teacher of the year

Dr. Latha Hebbar



CA 2/3 Faculty Teacher of the year

Dr. Amanda Faulkner

The 2024-2025 Outstanding Faculty of the Year

Dr. Amanda Faulkner



The Dr. Laurie Brown Resident Teacher of the Year Award

Dr. Michael Reynolds



The Dr. John E. Mahaffee Resident of the Year Award

Dr. Benjamin Maxner



The Dr. J.G. Reves Resident Research Award

Dr. Rachel Liedberg

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT

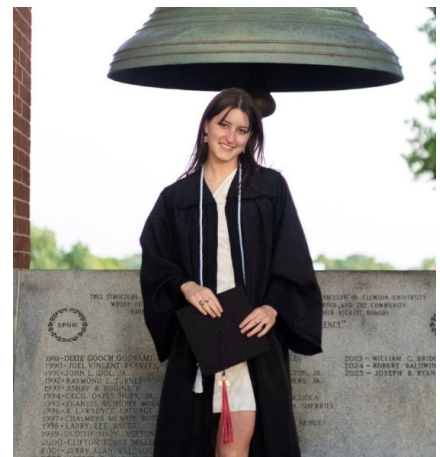


Zach Lee

Assistant Professor

Hi everyone, many of you may already know me, but my name is Zach Lee, and I am thrilled to be joining the department as faculty in July. I was born in Philadelphia, PA, where I spent a brief three weeks before moving to North Carolina, which I called home for the next 26 years. During that time, I lived in Winston-Salem for 10 years before moving to Chapel Hill, where I spent the following 16 years. If you couldn't tell from the scrub caps and lanyard, I attended both undergraduate and medical school at the University of North Carolina (aka Carolina—Go Heels!). I then had the privilege of matching at MUSC for residency in 2022, where I have spent four fantastic years meeting wonderful people, learning from you all, and making lifelong friends along the way. I live downtown in Charleston with my wife, Aurelia, who is a rising PGY-2 in the ENT Department here at MUSC. We are excited to continue exploring Charleston's food and bev scene and to take advantage of every opportunity to travel and see more of the world. I look forward to having the chance to work with you all as faculty!

Hello! My name is Elliot (or Ellie) Magaldi. I recently graduated from Clemson University with a B.S. in Animal Science and minors in biological sciences and music. While at Clemson I was a TA for anatomy and I participated in research projects involving both psychology of performance and quantitative ecology with a focus on avian species and arctic mammal populations. I was the first chair bassist in the Clemson symphony orchestra, and president of the comedy improv club. I have always been passionate about science, and I am excited to be working in the anesthesia department while preparing for medical school. Outside of work I enjoy playing bass, sewing, trying new food, and spending time with my dog!



Ellie Magaldi

Research Assistant



Farrah Speaks

Research Assistant

Farrah is a recent graduate of the University of South Carolina, where she earned a B.S. in Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience. She intends to attend medical school and then specialize in anesthesiology. As a research assistant, she is excited to be immersed into the anesthesia field and absorb everything she can learn about it. In her free time, she enjoys reading, photography, watching various sports, and acting.

NEW CARDIOTHORACIC FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR

Dr. Loren Francis

Dr. Loren Francis is excited to begin her tenure as the new Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesia Fellowship Program Director this summer. She has been a grateful member of the MUSC community since beginning her residency here in 2013 and subsequently completing her CT fellowship in 2018.

Dr. Francis is board certified in Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology, a Diplomate of the NBE for Advanced Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography, and a Fellow of the American Society of Echocardiography (FASE). Her particular clinical interests include heart and lung transplant anesthesia. Currently serving on the Council on Perioperative Echocardiography (COPE) for the ASE, she has also served as Resident Cardiac Rotation Director and Associate Fellowship Program Director since 2020 under the mentorship of Dr. George Whitener. She is profoundly grateful to him for being an exceptionally supportive friend, champion, and mentor throughout her time in leadership. As she takes the reins of the fellowship, she'd also like to thank Dr. Alan Finley (don't tell him she said that) and Dr. Tim Heinke for their incredible examples in leadership. Looking ahead, she is thrilled to channel that same spirit of mentorship into training the next generation of CT anesthesiologists, and she counts herself lucky to have such a strong class of internal fellows to begin the upcoming academic year.

Outside of her clinical and academic pursuits, she enjoys family life in Charleston with her husband and two boys, spending her free time reading, gardening, and tackling complex jigsaw puzzles.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE TEACHING AWARDS BY GJ GULDAN, MD

Each year the COM recognizes both faculty and residents who excel in teaching and mentorship through the Golden Apple award process. This year I'm proud to share the following, residents and faculty nominated for awards by our medical students. Please congratulate them for a job well done. I am so proud of our fantastic faculty and resident educators!

Residents:

Dr. Maxwell Rubin and Dr. Jacqui Morey were nominated for The Clinical Preceptor Excellence in Teaching Award.

Faculty:

Dr. Katie Hatter was nominated for the Clinical Student Research Mentor Award and the Clinical Student Careers in Medicine Advising Award.

Dr. Nicole McCoy was nominated for the Clinical Student Careers in Medicine Advising Award.

Dr. David Stoll was nominated for the FPC teaching award

Dr. Mariah Tanious was nominated for the Teacher of the Year Award.

MEET OUR NEW INTERNS



Yusuf Aboutabl, M.D.

Dr. Aboutabl is a long time Virginia native, where he grew up running track competitively and spent time hiking in the Shenandoah Valley. He received his undergraduate degree from James Madison University and worked as a chemical engineer before attending medical school at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. In his free time, he enjoys going to the gym, watching Formula 1, and spending time with friends and family.



Noah Ashley, M.D.

Dr. Ashley has lived in South Carolina his entire life, born and raised in Spartanburg, SC. He completed his undergraduate years at Clemson University, majoring in Bioengineering. There, he met his wife Avery. They moved down to MUSC for medical school and decided they didn't want to leave! They have a sweet Aussiedoodle puppy named Remi who takes up the majority of their free time. Dr. Ashley enjoys being involved at their church, getting out on the water, going to local coffee shops, and enjoying the incredible food scene CHS has to offer.



Grace Bennfors, M.D.

Dr. Bennfors was born in England and raised in New Jersey before attending the College of Charleston. After spending several years working in marketing in San Francisco, she returned to Charleston to attend medical school at MUSC. In her free time, you can find her whipping up elaborate meals, making candles, or searching for the best local live music.



Brian "Nick" Boehm, M.D. M.B.A.

B. Nicholas Boehm is a graduating MD/MBA student at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. He studied Finance and Biochemistry at the College of William & Mary and previously worked as a consultant at Deloitte, supporting national defense and healthcare clients. Outside of medicine, he enjoys weightlifting, training for endurance races, dialing in espresso, and travel.



Gwyneth Bradley, M.D.

Dr. Gwyn Bradley was born and raised here in Charleston. She went to UVA for undergrad and spent 3 years living in Washington, DC before coming to MUSC for medical school. She is a dual citizen of New Zealand, and loves traveling whenever she gets the chance. Outside of medicine, she enjoys skiing, running, hiking, boating, and books!



Benjamin "Ben" Brandes, M.D.

Dr. Brandes was born and raised in Lexington, SC. He attended Clemson University for his undergraduate degree majoring in biochemistry and completed medical school at MUSC. He is excited to stay in Charleston for residency to continue enjoying the good weather and ocean breeze! In his free time, he enjoys traveling to new places, kayaking on Shem Creek, going to indie music concerts, or hiking high up in the mountains.



Tyler-Gall Carlson, M.D.

Before attending Tulane University School of Medicine, Dr. Carlson worked in Charleston as a professional classical singer and a registered nurse. She finds joy outside of medicine by spending time with her husband and their three small children.



Jordan Harrell, D.O.

Dr. Harrell was born and raised in Pasadena, MD. She received her undergraduate degree from Coastal Carolina University, where she was a member of the Women's Division One lacrosse team. She then moved to Charleston to work as a scribe at MUSC for a year before attending LMU DCOM for medical school. In her free time, she loves to relax at the beach, watch Philadelphia sports (Go Birds!), and cook elaborate meals with her husband.



Madison Hazelwood, M.D.

Dr. Hazelwood, or Madi, is originally from Cumming, GA and attended the University of Georgia for undergrad, where she majored in genetics and psychology before attending medical school at the Medical College of Georgia. Outside of medicine, she loves traveling, being outdoors and generally anything that gets her out of her comfort zone, as well as creative projects. She also loves hosting people, planning trips or get-togethers, and bringing friends together. She's especially interested in cardiac anesthesiology and is so excited to be joining the MUSC Anesthesiology department!

MEET OUR NEW INTERNS



Connor Malark, M.D.

Dr. Malark is from Charleston, South Carolina. He attended Tulane University, where he majored in neuroscience and minored in marine biology, before returning home to attend medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina. In his free time, Dr. Malark enjoys fly-fishing and working out.



Maddison "Maddie" McClune, M.D.

Maddie was born and raised in Metro Detroit, Michigan. She attended the University of Michigan for undergrad and Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine for medical school. She is excited to make the move to Charleston to begin residency at MUSC alongside her husband, Brad, and is already looking forward to trying all the local restaurants and coffee shops. Outside of medicine, she enjoys golfing, working out, hosting game nights with friends, and spending as much time at the beach as possible.



Emily McGill, M.D.

Dr. McGill, a South Carolina native, originally from Greenville, SC. She completed her undergraduate studies at Clemson University (Go Tigers!), where she majored in Biological Sciences. After graduating, she worked as a perioperative technician for a year and a half before earning her medical degree from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Columbia, SC. Outside of the hospital, Dr. McGill enjoys attending fitness classes, running, traveling, and spending time with her husband and two dogs (Moose and Marlo).



Makeba Phillip, M.D.

Dr. Phillip was born and raised in Clearwater, Florida. He went to undergrad at the University of South Florida in Tampa before moving to Bowling Green, KY for medical school. Outside of medicine, he enjoys traveling, exploring new cultures, going to concerts, and spending time with family and friends. He also enjoys photography and competition challenge shows like Big Brother and The Traitors.



Ramsey Regen, M.D.

East Tennessee born and raised, Dr. Regen stayed close to home for her undergraduate studies in Biological Sciences at the University of Tennessee before continuing on to ETSU Quillen College of Medicine. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, trying new group fitness classes, and getting outdoors whenever she can. She'll never stop rooting for the Vols, but is excited to make South Carolina her new home!



Paris Rizzo-Thompson, M.D.

Dr. Rizzo-Thompson was born and raised in Summerville, SC, before attending Presbyterian College for her undergraduate education (Go Blue Hose!). She then returned to the Lowcountry for medical school at MUSC and is thrilled to stay for her anesthesia residency. She and her husband, Chris, enjoy shark tooth hunting, saltwater fishing, traveling, and spending time with their two cats, Pancho and Garlic. She also enjoys painting, antiques, and spending time with her family.



Amber Sisler, M.D.

Dr. Sisler was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. She attended University of South Florida in Tampa, FL for undergraduate and received her medical degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She loves the beach, backpacking internationally, scuba diving and spending time outdoors with her Australian Shepherd Ziggy. She and her husband recently got married in Thailand and they are excited to live in Charleston.



Madeline "Grace" Smith, M.D.

Dr. Smith is originally from Rome, GA. She attended Auburn University, where she earned her undergraduate degree in Biomedical Sciences and met her husband, Valdon. For the past four years, they've been living in Savannah, GA. Outside of school, she loves traveling, fishing, spending time on the water, cooking and baking, exploring new restaurants, and spending time with friends. Dr. Smith is so excited to join MUSC, get to know everyone, and explore everything Charleston has to offer!!!



Joseph Thiel, M.D.

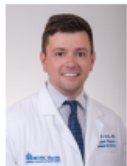
Dr. Thiel was born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania (yes, like The Office). He attended the University of Scranton, where he majored in Biochemistry with a minor in Psychology, before going on to Drexel University College of Medicine for medical school. In his free time, he enjoys working out, golfing, reading, watching sports (Go Bills!), and spending time with friends.

2026-2027 CA1 CLASS



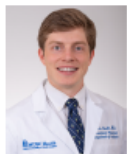
Richie Cardillo, D.O.

Dr. Cardillo grew up in Asheville, NC where he spent much of his time enjoying the mountains and outdoor activities. He and his wife just had a daughter in February of this year and they are excited to see her grow up on the beach. They also have a dog and 2 cats that will be traveling to Charleston with them. Prior to medical school, he worked as a Physician Assistant in orthopedics. Dr. Cardillo is excited to start this journey as a resident at MUSC!



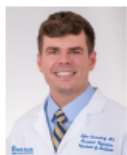
Joseph Caruso, M.D.

Dr. Caruso was born and raised outside of Philadelphia in Voorhees, NJ, where he grew up a huge Philly sports fan, playing baseball, and spending summers at the Jersey shore. This will be his second stint in the state of South Carolina after graduating from Clemson University in 2019. He attended medical school at the University of Virginia and couples matched at MUSC with his girlfriend Alyssa who matched into orthopedic surgery. They enjoy staying active, watching sports, and trying new restaurants.



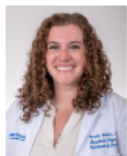
Chris Cooke, M.D.

Dr. Cooke is an SC native, born and raised in Columbia, SC. He attended Clemson University, where he earned a degree in Biology and witnessed two national championships (Go Tigers!). After Clemson, he moved back home to attend medical school at USC-Columbia. When he is not at work, he loves to exercise, play pickleball and spend time with family and friends.



Tyler Elmendorf, M.D.

Dr. Elmendorf was born and raised in Leawood, KS. He earned his undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Arkansas before returning to Kansas City to attend medical school at the University of Kansas. In his free time, Dr. Elmendorf enjoys playing golf and tennis, fishing, and cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs.



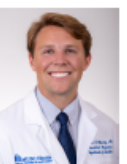
Sarah Fuller, M.D.

Dr. Fuller was born and raised in Daphne, AL where she played five sports in high school. She attended Florida State University for her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry while also twirling for the FSU Majorettes, winning a few national championships and working up the ranks to become the Feature Twirler. She moved back to Alabama to obtain her medical degree from the UAB Heersink School of Medicine. She recently got married to her husband, Camden, and together they have a cat and dog that they love to spoil! In her free time, Dr. Fuller loves to bake, watch sports, and do various arts and crafts like painting her nails and making bracelets.



Chamara Gunaratne, M.D.

Dr. Gunaratne is from Tallahassee, FL. He attended the University of Florida for both undergrad and medical school. In his free time he enjoys watching TV shows, playing video games, rock climbing, trying new restaurants and experimenting with making different types of espresso drinks. He is excited to be starting at MUSC and can't wait to meet everyone!



Adam Hoesley, M.D.

Dr. Hoesley was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. He attended Auburn University, where he earned a degree in biomedical sciences, before returning home for medical school at UAB. He moved to Charleston with his wife, Annie, who is a registered nurse. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, trying new restaurants with his wife, and all things sports—as a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan and a loyal Auburn graduate.



Erin Kelly, M.D.

Dr. Kelly was born and raised outside of Philadelphia. She went to Penn State (We Are!) where she majored in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. After completing her undergraduate degree, she attended Drexel University College of Medicine to complete medical school. In her free time, she enjoys going to the beach, oil painting, going for runs, and spending time with family and friends.



Luke Lancaster, M.D.

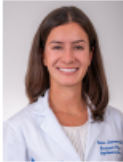
Dr. Lancaster is a South Carolina native, born and raised in York. He studied biology at Emory University before attending MUSC for medical school. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family including his wife Morgan, son Monroe, and daughter Merritt. His hobbies include going to the beach, flounder gigging, and playing golf.

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Lane Langston, M.D.

Born and raised in Norcross, GA, Dr. Langston is a Georgia native through and through. He went to the University of Georgia for undergrad (Go Dawgs!) and earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. He couples matched at MUSC with his amazing wife, Erin, who's also starting her internal medicine residency this year. When he's not in the hospital, you'll probably find him playing golf, pickleball, tennis—or pretty much any sport he can convince someone to play with him. He's also a big music fan and loves playing the guitar and catching live shows. As huge beach lovers, they are excited to be moving to Charleston, and can't wait to spend their days soaking up the sun, surfing with friends at Folly Beach, and introducing their dog, Margeaux, to the ocean for the first time.



Emma Lawrence, M.D.

Dr. Lawrence is originally from Charleston, South Carolina. She received her BS in Nutrition from Clemson in 2021, followed by her medical degree from MUSC. In her free time she enjoys going to the beach, out on the boat, or to group fitness classes!



Matthew McCarron, M.D.

Dr. McCarron was born and raised in Virginia. He completed both his undergraduate and master's degrees in chemistry at the College of William & Mary before earning his medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School. He is excited to begin his anesthesiology residency at the Medical University of South Carolina where he is committed to providing compassionate, patient-centered care. Outside of medicine, Matt enjoys spending time with family, reading, and woodworking.



Jacqueline Morey, M.D.

Dr. Morey is originally from St. Louis where she attended Wake Forest for her undergraduate studies before heading to Michigan for medical school. Growing up, she did competitive gymnastics with her two older sisters, which has shaped her into who she is today. In her free time, she enjoys photography, surfing, traveling/travel advising, hiking, and listening to live music. She looks forward to meeting everyone and exploring more of Charleston!



Naveen Perisetla, M.D.

Dr. Perisetla was born in Newark, NJ, and spent a year living in India before moving to Florida. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Central Florida, where he also worked as an EMT in Orlando, and went on to receive his medical degree from the University of South Florida. Outside of medicine, he enjoys cooking (his specialties include spatchcocked chicken and banana pancakes) and lifting weights. A former college tuba player, he now enjoys a variety of music genres, including alternative, hip hop, and rock.



Madison Rabel, M.D.

Dr. Rabel grew up in Greenville, South Carolina, and completed her undergraduate studies at Clemson University before attending medical school at MUSC. She's thrilled to be staying in Charleston for residency. When she's home, she enjoys spending as much time as she can on the water or taking her dog to the beach. She also loves to travel and try to find time for hiking, camping, or snowboarding on her trips.



Natalie Shugart, M.D.

Dr. Shugart was born and raised in Piedmont, South Carolina. She completed her undergraduate degree in Communication and Spanish at Clemson University. She then spent a year scribing in Pulmonology and married her husband, Will, before starting medical school. She and Will both attended MUSC for medical school and couples matched into Anesthesiology and Pediatrics. In her free time, Natalie loves running, playing golf, reading books, and painting.



Michael Stephens, M.D.

Dr. Stephens was born and raised in Melbourne, FL and is excited to be returning to the beach after four years of living in the mountains of West Virginia. Before pursuing medicine, he served for over a decade with Naval Special Warfare at SEAL Team 2. During this time, he held the position of platoon lead Special Operations Combat Medic (SOCM). He's married and proud to be a father of four, including a set of energetic twins.



Anthony Waters, M.D.

Dr. Waters was born in Orlando, Florida, and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida. Though he will always be a gator, he fell in love with Charleston as a medical student at MUSC and chose to stay for training. In his spare time, he enjoys the outdoors, local trivia, spending too much money at Costco, haggling at vintage markets, working out, and geeking out about space.

2026-2027 FELLOWS

Critical Care Anesthesia

**Jordan Maranda, M.D.**

Dr. Jordan is from Cincinnati, Ohio originally and just completed her Emergency Medicine residency in Akron, Ohio. Going to the beach is one of her favorite things to do so she's super excited to live near the beach for the first time in her life! She can't wait to learn more about Charleston and MUSC.

**Jack Sudduth, M.D.**

Dr. Sudduth is originally from Mississippi and completed residency in Emergency Medicine. He enjoys pickleball, CrossFit, bourbon collecting, the mountains, hiking, skiing, and being outside. He has a wife, three kids, and two dogs. They're really excited to live close to the beach in Charleston!

Pain Medicine

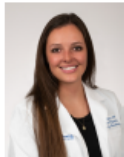
**Brenden Drerup, M.D.**

Dr. Drerup grew up in the small town of Ottawa, OH, before receiving his undergrad degree from Ohio Dominican University. He obtained his MD at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in Dayton, OH, before coming to the Lowcountry for residency and fellowship. In his free time, he and his wife, Jen, love visiting local restaurants and breweries, boating all around the Charleston waterways, golfing, and walking on local beaches with their pup, Pickle.

**Mia Robb Stahler, D.O.**

Dr. Robb Stahler is a new mom to an awesome little boy. Originally from the Philadelphia area, she spent a few years in Dallas for residency and is excited to be back on the East Coast. She's happiest outside—whether that's a walk, a bike ride, or exploring more beach time now that they're so close to the ocean.

Cardiothoracic Anesthesia

**Rachel Liedberg, D.O.**

Dr. Liedberg was born in Lakeville, MN, and moved to Atlanta, GA, when she was 15. She completed her BS in Biology at Georgia College and earned her medical degree at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Auburn (War Eagle!). She then completed her anesthesiology residency at MUSC. She loves exploring Charleston in her free time, whether it be hanging out on the beach or trying out different breweries and restaurants.

**Ben Maxner, M.D.**

Dr. Maxner was born and raised in Beverly, MA, just north of Boston. He graduated from Boston University with a degree in Human Physiology followed by medical school at the University of Massachusetts. Outside of the hospital, he enjoys going to the beach, trying all the fantastic breweries in Charleston, and rooting for every Boston sports teams.

**Michael Reynolds, M.D.**

Dr. Reynolds was born and raised in Charleston, SC, and attended Furman University where he majored in Mathematics-Economics. He went to MUSC for medical school and residency. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing golf, fishing, and watching football.

Pediatric Anesthesia

**Falzah Miah, D.O.**

Raised in Greenville, NC, as part of a close-knit family of ten, I am a proud first-generation American whose roots have shaped my drive and determination. I am a devoted mother of two — my energetic six-year-old son, Arham, and my newest blessing, Amirah, born on May 18th, 2026. Balancing the joys of motherhood with my passion for medicine, I am eagerly pursuing a career in pediatric anesthesia, where I hope to bring comfort and care to children and families during their most vulnerable moments.

PATIENT COMPLIMENT*Andrew Mendelson, DO***Patient and Family Compliments**

We receive wonderful feedback from our patients about the care they receive. Each week, we include a few examples from patient experience comments. If you know someone being recognized, please share!

Andrew Mendelson, DO

Dr. Mendelson is absolutely the best of the best. His medical knowledge, ability to convey the information and formulate a treatment plan while being kind, compassionate and understanding of the challenges I have been facing and at the same time giving me hope for the possibility of a better outcome is beyond compare. He is truly a superstar and an asset to the MUSC team. I feel blessed and grateful to have him as part of my MUSC care team.

FACULTY OF THE QUARTER

“Dr. Steine is hands down one of the most supportive and knowledgeable attendings we have. As residents we are still learning every aspect of patient care from procedures to physiology to advanced anesthetic techniques- we are here to learn and Dr. Steine always remembers that. No matter how busy or chaotic a day is he is never harsh or cruel and always takes time to provide real time feedback that is designed to help you grow as a person rather. He never hesitates to answer a question without judgement even if you're a CA3 asking a CA1esque question Dr. Steine takes the time to explain the topic fully and makes sure you understand it. Outside of that he attends journal clubs and grand rounds. He is always present at department functions and goes out of his way to be social and engaged with the residents. We frequently are very hard on ourselves and Dr. Steine takes time to highlight the positives that we had success with that day and providing constructive feedback. I don't know how to explain it other than I feel completely safe with Dr. Steine. I can ask anything, any time without fear of reprisal. I learn from him everyday and literally jump for joy anytime I see his name next to mine on the schedule. He is someone I definitely hope to emulate in my practice and I am very thankful to have him as an instructor.”



RESEARCH CORNER

REVIEW ARTICLE

Informed Consent Practices in Anesthesiology: A National Survey of Informed Consent Preferences and Perceptions Among Practicing Anesthesiologists

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not be able to readily assess the risks and benefits of a proposed course of treatment, and that it is incumbent upon

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Activation of Insula-Accumbal Projection Neurons Is Required for Relapse-Like Behaviour Following Opioid Self-Administration

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POSITIVE PATIENT EXPERIENCE COMMENTS FROM SMP

"Dr. Redding was wonderful"

"Dr. Furse is always incredible and so supportive of family and patient needs. He provided incredible care and let me come back at the last second for PPI when my son would not go with child life. Katie, Dr. Furse, and Dr. Russell all made it a wonderful experience."

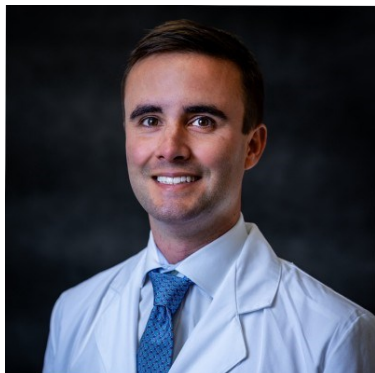
"Dr Tanious was amazing with Owen and so kind. We appreciate her taking care of him."

"The anesthesiologist was wonderful. His name was **Dr. White** if I remember correctly. He was very empathetic and eased our nerves speaking to him before my son's surgery. He was very nice and was able to answer every question we had for him. He let us go back with our son to the OR and he let me be right beside him as he fell asleep from the anesthesia. I truly appreciated that."

**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: CA3 COMPLETE NEW OSCE SIMULATION**

In response to both feedback from residency alumni and a recent slide in national exam passage rate, Drs. Rebecca Bonaroti, Cecelia Taylor and Steven Vranian created a new simulation exercise for graduating CA3 residents. Modeled after the ABA Applied OSCE exam, the simulation featured both technical assessments and communication/professionalism stations (staffed by standardized patients). The goal of this new simulation is to provide the graduating seniors a glimpse into what to expect on exam day. We would like to thank the CCET staff and Dr. Catherine Tobin for the help in making this project a success in short order.



GRAND ROUNDS—JULY 2026**“Complex Regional Pain Syndrome: Diagnosis and Management”****Chris Wallace, MD, Pain Fellow****July 7, 2026****Dept. of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine
Medical University of South Carolina****“TBD”****Bhavala Yalamuru, MBBS, Assistant Professor****July 14, 2026****Dept. of Anesthesiology
UVA Health****“TBD”****Shravani Durbhakula, MD, Associate Professor****July 21, 2026****Department of Anesthesiology
Vanderbilt University Medical Center****“Show me the money: An Overview of Anesthesia Billing and Reimbursement”****Steven Vranian, MD, Assistant Professor****July 28, 2026****Dept. of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine
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Future Events/Lectures

CA 1 Lecture Series

7/9—OR Setup + Monitoring + Airway—Rishi Patel

7/29—Preop → PACU + ENT - Emily Nasser



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Please don't forget to nominate your co-workers for going 'Beyond the Call of Duty.' I Hung The Moon slips are available at the 3rd floor front desk and may

"I would like to give a shout out to Leslie Schwade and Gina Speziani at West Campus. We were able to complete six total joints (with one surgeon) by 4:30 on a late-start Tuesday. Thanks for a great day of teamwork!" - Steven Vranian, MD



Resident Welcome Party
July 5th—11am-2pm
Bowens Island

Holiday Party
Saturday, December 5th
Carolina Yacht Club

[ONE MUSC Strategic Plan](#)

We Would Love to Hear From You!

If you have ideas or would like to contribute to *Sleepy Times*, the deadline for the August edition will be July 18, 2026.