State of the Woodruff Health Sciences Center 2013

Appreciation reception to follow on the plaza
School of Nursing Appoints Associate Dean for Research

Elizabeth Corwin became associate dean of research for the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing on March 1, 2012. Her role includes developing a research strategic plan, building a research infrastructure, leading high-impact research, and promoting the scholarship of the school’s students and faculty.
Renowned Epidemiologist Honored for Social Courage

The Georgia Institute of Technology awarded William Foege with the 2012 Ivan Allen Jr. Prize for Social Courage. The award recognizes those who, by standing up for moral principle, have positively affected public discourse at significant risk to themselves.
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Ethics Center Director Appointed to Committee on Responsible Science

Paul Root Wolpe, director of the Emory Center for Ethics, was appointed to the National Research Council's Committee on Responsible Science. This committee has the significant task of revising a second edition of the 1992 report, *Responsible Science: Ensuring the Integrity of the Research Process.*
EUH Midtown Receives Advanced Primary Stroke Center Certification

Emory University Hospital Midtown (EUHM) was awarded Advanced Primary Stroke Center Certification for its excellence and high-quality care in diagnosing and treating stroke patients. The distinction from The Joint Commission of Disease-Specific Care signifies that the hospital follows the best practices for stroke care.
Emory CIN Partners with Blue Cross Blue Shield

Emory Healthcare has been working with clinicians to build an infrastructure for a new clinically integrated network (CIN). The Emory CIN received its first major external endorsement last fall, when Emory Healthcare signed a contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Georgia to provide care to BCBS-covered patients.
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Emory Cardiologist Helps Rank Nation’s Top Diets

Emory Heart & Vascular Center cardiologist Laurence Sperling served on an independent panel of 20 experts evaluating the country's most popular diets. The results were published in *U.S. News & World Report*’s third annual Best Diets 2013 rankings.
Emory Researchers Awarded Brain & Behavior Research Foundation Grants

The Brain & Behavior Research Foundation awarded three grants of up to $100,000 each to Emory researchers to help identify the causes, improve treatments, and develop prevention strategies for mental illness. Gary Bassell, Barbara Rothbaum, and Stephen Traynelis were three of just 15 investigators nationwide to be selected.
NIH Grant Supports Next Generation of Nurse Scientists

A $1.5 million training grant awarded by the National Institutes of Health will allow the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing to train 17 predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows over the next five years to improve outcomes for patients with chronic illnesses.
Winship Gets $10M for Breast Cancer Center

The Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation made gifts totaling $10 million to Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University to fund a center for breast cancer research and treatment. These gifts name the Glenn Family Breast Center at Winship and will focus on support for the breast cancer program’s research priorities.
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Alzheimer’s Diagnostic Tool Named Emory’s Licensing Deal of 2012

Stuart Zola’s contributions to the development of “Web-Based Diagnostic for Identification of Alzheimer’s and Cognitive Impairment,” now licensed to Neurotrack, Inc., has been selected as Emory University’s Licensing Deal of 2012. Dr. Zola’s team included Elizabeth Buffalo, Cecelia Manzanares, Eugene Agichtein, and Dmitry Lagun.
Wagner and Schinazi Named National Academy of Inventors Charter Fellows

The National Academy of Inventors named James Wagner and Raymond Schinazi as Charter Fellows. Election is accorded to academic inventors who have demonstrated a spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development, and the welfare of society.
New Chair Selected for Department of Urology

Martin G. Sanda, an internationally recognized prostate cancer surgeon and scientist, has been appointed chair of the Department of Urology at Emory University School of Medicine and service chief for Emory Healthcare effective February 28. He also will serve as director of the Prostate Cancer Center, which will be established within Emory's Winship Cancer Institute.
Emory Performs First Triple Transplant in Georgia

A 38-year-old mother of two received a triple organ transplant at Emory University Hospital, the first triple transplant ever performed in Georgia and one of only six performed in the United States since 2009.
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Neuroscientist Larry Young Receives National Award

Larry Young received the 2012 Daniel H. Efron Research Award from the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP). The organization presents this award, its highest honor, to an individual on the basis of outstanding basic research contributions to neuropsychopharmacology.
School of Nursing Appoints Dean of Educational Innovation

Melissa Faulkner, a nationally recognized nurse scientist and educator, was appointed associate dean for educational innovation for the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing. She oversees and implements innovative educational initiatives across the School’s undergraduate and graduate programs.
Emory Transplant Center Names New Executive Director

Thomas C. Pearson was named executive director of the Emory Transplant Center. He has been associate director of the Center since its founding in 2001. He is surgical director of the kidney and pancreas transplant program and Livingston Professor of Surgery in the School of Medicine. He also is an affiliate scientist at Yerkes National Primate Research Center.
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Contract Establishes Malaria Consortium

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases awarded a five-year contract up to $19.4 million to establish the Malaria Host-Pathogen Interaction Center. The consortium includes researchers at Emory University, with partners at UGA, Georgia Tech, and CDC. The Yerkes National Primate Research Center will administer the contract.
Professor Receives Top Teaching Honor

Judith L. Wold, clinical professor for the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, was named the 2012 Georgia Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Wold was selected from nearly 300 professors across the United States.
Kaslow Named President of American Psychological Association

Nadine J. Kaslow, professor and vice-chair in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Emory University School of Medicine, has been elected 2014 president of the American Psychological Association (APA). She will serve as APA's president-elect in 2013 and president in 2014.
Brigham, Johns Publish Predictive Health Book

A book by Kenneth Brigham and Michael Johns proposes a new approach to health care: focusing on health first instead of disease. Rather than targeting the occurrence of disease and then administering treatment, the authors suggest that the detection of biomarkers — signals of disease risk — can promote early intervention.
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Emergency Physician Appointed to Board of Community Health

Governor Nathan Deal appointed Kiera von Besser, assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine, to the Georgia Board of Community Health (GBCH). The GBCH establishes the general policy for the Department of Community Health, which serves as the lead agency for health care planning and purchasing in Georgia.
Emory Earns Top Award for Green Building

The Claudia Nance Rollins Building was awarded a silver level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance, environmentally efficient buildings.
NIH Awards $20 Million Transplant Grant

A $20 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases will allow physician/researchers to develop better treatments for organ transplant recipients that help avoid both organ rejection and drug toxicity. The new grant builds on more than 18 years of groundbreaking research by Emory scientists that already has significantly advanced the transplant field.
Breiman to Direct Global Health Institute

The Emory Global Health Institute (EGHI) has named Robert F. Breiman as director, effective April 2013. Breiman is currently country director for Kenya for the CDC and head of the Global Disease Detection Division for CDC-Kenya. Jeffrey P. Koplan, founding director of the Emory Global Health Institute, will continue as vice president for global health at Emory University.
Ressler Elected to Institute of Medicine

The Institute of Medicine has elected Kerry Ressler, a researcher at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center, an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Emory School of Medicine, and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator. Election to the IOM is one of the highest honors in health and medicine, recognizing individuals for outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service.
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Nursing Faculty Named American Academy of Nursing Fellows

Rebecca Gary and Susan Shapiro, professors at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, were inducted into the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) Fellowship – one of the highest honors in nursing. Fellows are considered nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, and research.
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Emory Hospitals Take Top Rankings in Metro Atlanta/State

*U.S. News & World Report* named Emory University Hospital (which includes Emory University Orthopaedics & Spine Hospital) the top hospital in both metro Atlanta and in Georgia in its 2012 guide to "America's Best Hospitals." Other rankings include:

- Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital – 2nd in Atlanta, 3rd in Georgia
- Emory University Hospital Midtown – 4th in Atlanta, 5th in Georgia
- Saint Joseph's Hospital – 7th in Atlanta, 12th in Georgia
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Autism Grant Links Atlanta Partners

An Autism Center of Excellence (ACE), funded by a grant of more than $8.3 million to Emory University from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will create a comprehensive and collaborative research effort among Marcus Autism Center at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, the Department of Pediatrics in Emory University School of Medicine, and Yerkes National Primate Research Center.
Martin Named Director of Center for Health Discovery and Well Being

Emory University has named Gregory S. Martin as director of the Center for Health Discovery and Well Being, a component of the Emory-Georgia Tech Predictive Health Institute. Martin is an associate professor of medicine in the School of Medicine and associate division director for critical care in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care.
Wenger Receives Highest Honor for Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Contributions

Nanette Wenger, professor of medicine in the division of cardiology, was named a Master of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. This honor is given in recognition of her continued outstanding contributions to the field of cardiopulmonary rehabilitation and to the care of persons with cardiovascular and pulmonary disease.
Emory Receives $6 Million AIDS Vaccine Grant

A team of researchers at Emory received a three-year grant of $6 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as part of a worldwide effort aimed at developing an effective vaccine for HIV/AIDS. Bali Pulendran will lead the team, which includes researchers from Yerkes and the Emory Vaccine Center. Rafi Ahmed, director of the Vaccine Center, is co-principal investigator.
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New Spina Bifida Center Launches

Researchers in the Rollins School of Public Health and the Department of Pediatrics, in partnership with Sophie’s Voice Foundation, are launching an international research and prevention center to fight spina bifida. The primary goal of the new center is to globally prevent spina bifida by 2022 and to help improve quality of life for individuals living with it.
Horowitz Named Chair of Gynecology and Obstetrics

Ira R. Horowitz was appointed chair of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Emory University School of Medicine, and section head of Gynecology and Obstetrics for the Emory Clinic. He had served as interim chair of the department since the fall of 2010.
Emory Receives Grand Challenges Explorations Grant

Emory University received a Grand Challenges Explorations award, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Joshy Jacob, associate professor of microbiology and immunology in the School of Medicine and the Emory Vaccine Center, will pursue an innovative global health and development research project to improve infant immune responses to vaccines.
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Cantrell Receives CIO of the Year Award

Dee Cantrell, Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Emory Healthcare, received the 2012 CIO of the Year Award in the nonprofit/public sector from the Georgia CIO Leadership Association. She is the only two-time recipient of this award. The CIO of the Year Awards honor technology executives who have shown excellence in managing enterprise-wide information systems.
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Atlanta Research Partnership Receives NIH Grant

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded $30.7 million over the next five years to the Atlanta Clinical & Translational Science Institute (ACTSI) for the renewal of its NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). The ACTSI is an Atlanta research partnership focused on transforming the quality and value of clinical research and translating research results into better outcomes for patients.
Emory Hospitals Named to Honor Roll

Five Emory hospitals have been named to the Georgia Hospital Association’s Partnership for Health and Accountability Core Measures Honor Roll:

- Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital – Chairman’s category
- Emory Johns Creek Hospital – Presidential category
- Emory University Hospital, Emory University Hospital Midtown, Emory Adventist Hospital – Trustee category
Emory Celebrates 50th Service Anniversary of Dr. Charles Hatcher

In July, Emory celebrated the 50th service anniversary of a man whose singular vision and leadership propelled the Woodruff Health Sciences Center to new heights of achievement: Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Emeritus Dr. Charles Hatcher, who joined the faculty in 1962 and still actively contributes to Emory’s success.
Emory Receives PCORI Award to Study Patient-Centered Care in Hospital Settings

Emory University received $600,000 from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to study patient-centered care. Edmund R. Becker, professor of Health Policy and Management at Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health, will lead the two-year research project. The Emory project will focus on patient-centered care in hospital settings.
Woodruff Leadership Academy Launches

A diverse group of 20 new fellows of the Woodruff Leadership Academy (WLA) have embarked on a semester-long program designed to give emerging leaders from across the health sciences the skills and insight needed to strengthen their leadership potential. Now in its 11th year, WLA has a total of 254 alumni.
New ICU Opens at EUH Midtown

A new state-of-the-art, specialty intensive care unit opened at Emory University Hospital Midtown, an addition that was needed to meet the increasing demand of critical care patients admitted to the hospital. The 12-bed unit, known as Unit 11 ICU, features the most advanced technology and critical care design, supported by skilled caregivers to care for patients and their families during difficult times.
El-Rayes Named Associate Director of Clinical Research for Winship

Bassel El-Rayes was named Associate Director for Clinical Research at the Winship Cancer Institute. El-Rayes has been serving as Medical Director of Clinical Trials at Winship since 2010. Now, as Associate Director, he will oversee all phases of the clinical research process and its ongoing development within Winship and its affiliated network of institutions.
Emory University Hospital Stroke Program Receives National Recognition

Emory University Hospital received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes Emory University Hospital's success in implementing excellent care for stroke patients, according to evidence-based guidelines.
New Division Chief Named for Pediatric Rheumatology

Sampath Prahalad has been named division chief of pediatric rheumatology in the Department of Pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine. Prahalad was recruited to Emory in 2009 and holds dual appointments in the Departments of Pediatrics and Human Genetics.
Foege Receives National Medal of Freedom

President Barack Obama presented William Foege, professor emeritus in the Rollins School of Public Health, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The award is the Nation’s highest civilian honor, presented to individuals who have made meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.
Downes Named Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) inducted Emory University nurse educator Elizabeth Downes into its 2012 Fellowship class in June. Induction into the AANP Fellowship is considered one of the highest honors for nurse practitioners, recognizing outstanding contributions to health care.
Miller Named 2012 Distinguished Investigator

The Georgia Research Alliance named Gary Miller, associate dean for research and Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Environmental Health, a 2012 Distinguished Investigator. The GRA has only named six Distinguished Investigators in its 22-year history.
Nursing School Receives Major Research Grants in 2012

The Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing received several major research grants in 2012:

- $4.5 million to improve maternal and newborn survival in Ethiopia
- $1.5 million to train nurse scientists to improve chronic illness outcomes
- $2.1 million to establish a Center for Cognition, Affect, and Symptom Science