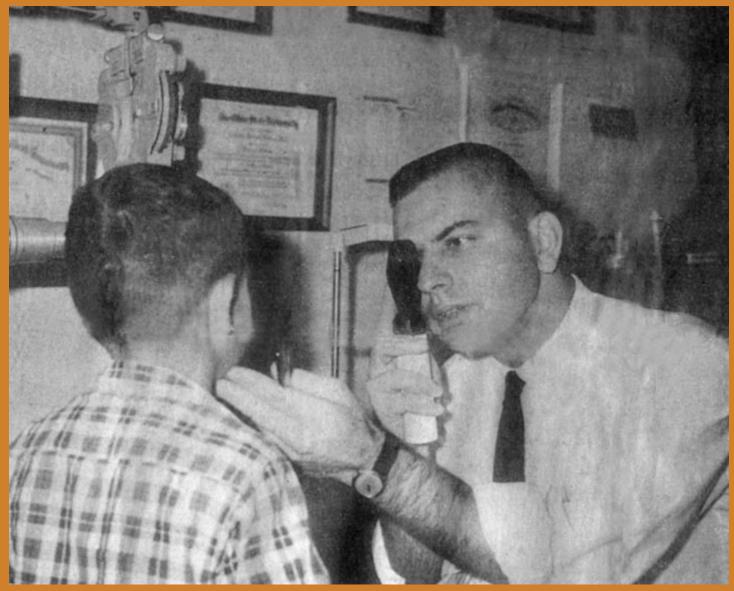


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A look back in honor of Collier County Medical Society's 65th Anniversary



Nick Kalvin, M.D.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Saturday, July 16, 6:30pm CCMS 65th Annual Meeting Arthrex One Conference Center Open to the public

Friday, August 5 – Sunday, August 7 FMA Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, Orlando Details at flmedical.org

Monday, August 15, 6:30pm Foundation of CCMS Wine Dinner Fundraiser Bar Tulia Mercato Open to the public

Saturday, September 24, 8:00am Foundation of CCMS Docs & Duffers Charity Golf Tournament Bonita Bay Club Naples Open to the public Support opportunities at ccmsonline.org

Thursday, September 29, 6:00pm CCMS Women Physicians Social Seasons 52

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A Message from the CCMS President

Alejandro Perez-Trepichio, M.D., Board President, Collier County Medical Society



It has been almost a year that I was installed as the 64th president of CCMS. While the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to create a burden for us and our community, your support simply from being a member has allowed CCMS, our local medical society, to remain strong and united as we move forward. In addition, your care for our community has been inspiring, and I and your board of directors will do our best to ensure that CCMS continues to provide the support and services that you have come to expect.

Not only does this include advocating for legislation that helps physicians help their patients, continuing to make physician wellness a priority, providing venues for networking with your colleagues, and offering educational opportunities, our representation on behalf of members also extends to state and national organized medicine at the Florida Medical Association and American Medical Association.

Drs. Corey Howard and Rafael Haciski recently returned from representing us as part of the

FMA delegation at the AMA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Dr. Howard has chaired this delegation since 2011. Thank you to Dr. Howard and Dr. Haciski for taking the time out of your busy schedules to communicate the needs of Florida's physicians and patients to the national medical community.

Your CCMS delegation to the FMA is preparing for the FMA's 2022 Annual Meeting and House of Delegates (HOD) in Orlando, August 5-7. We will meet with our Lower West Coast Caucus soon to review resolutions put forth by various FMA members and to represent CCMS members with our votes. We have submitted our own resolution in conjunction with CCMS member Dr. Raymond Phillips, "Promoting, Supporting Clinical Research." Read about this resolution and others in the HOD Handbook at https://bit.ly/3tKM5CQ. We will also support Dr. Rafael Haciski in his bid for re-election to the AMA delegation.

Thank you to our FMA delegates joining me at the FMA this year: Drs. Rebecca Smith, Gary Swain, Zubin Pachori, George Brinnig, Glenn Groat, and Alexandra Grace with alternate delegates Drs. Rafael Haciski and Erik Hiester. Additionally, we have Drs. Rebekah Bernard and Catherine Kowal who will participate in the HOD as members of the FMA Board of Governors, as well as Drs. Jose Baez and Cyndi Yag-Howard serving on their specialty society delegations.

Feel free to contact any delegates, or the CCMS office, with your thoughts, concerns, or suggestions on the issues to be discussed at the Annual Meeting. Consider also attending yourself to take advantage of a variety of CME options; register at https://bit. ly/3OqLQ7B.

While most physicians in our community do join CCMS, our membership in the FMA is not as robust. It is critical that we have a strong voice at the FMA to represent our Collier County physicians and patients. If you are not a member of the FMA, I encourage you to consider joining/renewing, which will increase our delegation allotment and strengthen our voice at the FMA House of Delegates. If every CCMS member joined the FMA, we could double our allotment. Visit flmedical.org to learn more.

Finally, congratulations to the members on the CCMS slate of candidates for 2022-23 and incoming president Dr. Rebecca Smith. I look forward to their installation on July 16th at Arthrex One Conference Center. As always, please feel free to reach out to any of us with your thoughts, questions, and ideas. We also welcome all members' participation on CCMS Committees to assist our board. If you are interested in serving, please see the committee list at https://bit.ly/3zPF2fH and contact the CCMS office or email Executive Director April Donahue at april@ccmsonline.org.

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission to serve the needs of our physician members, so they can better serve the needs of the community.

CCMS names Dr. Catherine Kowal Physician of the Year

Collier County Medical Society



Collier County Medical Society is pleased to announce that Catherine Kowal, M.D. is the recipient of the 8th Annual CCMS Physician of the Year Award. This award honors a CCMS member who deserves special recognition for exemplary contributions to the practice of medicine and/or outstanding service to our community. Members of the Medical Society submitted nominations for this prestigious award to the CCMS Board of Directors, who have selected Dr. Kowal from the talented pool of candidates.

The award will be presented at the CCMS 65th Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers on July 16th. You can register for the event at ccmsonline.org/events, or by contacting CCMS: (239) 435-7727 or info@ccmsonline.org. Sponsorships are also available, please contact CCMS for details or visit ccmsonline.org/support.

"I am honored and humbled by this award. My goal has been to be the best for my patients along with my community and for the future of medicine," said Dr. Kowal. "Times are difficult

in all aspects, but we can make a difference. I hope to continue to help the field of medicine, all our members, do the best for our patients. Thank you for this honor."

Dr. Kowal was nominated by her colleague Dr. Rebekah Bernard, who described her numerous leadership activities at the local and state level, her successful rheumatology practice, legislative advocacy representing physicians and patients, and efforts on behalf of physician wellness and the CCMS Women's Health Forum public service event.

"Dr. Kowal is almost always in attendance at every CCMS function where she provides support and mentorship for her fellow physicians," shared Dr. Bernard. "I think we can all try to 'Be like Cathy!' especially in her poise, tact, diplomacy, kindness, and compassion."

"We are honored to recognize those physicians who are doing outstanding work in their practices and have displayed a steadfast commitment to our community by sharing their time, talents and expertise to go above and beyond," commented CCMS Board President, Dr. Alejandro Perez-Trepichio. "Congratulations, Dr. Kowal, we appreciate all you do to promote good health in Collier County."



Nick Kalvin, M.D., Past President, Collier County Medical Society



Noon, of Friday, July 1, 1966, my young sons Tom and Jim, late ex-wife Gerri, and I arrived. We stopped at a traffic light by Red Graber's gas station at the corner of US 41 and 5th Avenue South – at the time, Naples' only service station and traffic light. Then we drove north several blocks.

On previous visits I had arranged to rent a small

home very near the 1-story, 40-bed NCH on 5th Avenue North near Palm Circle, and a tiny office in the Medical Arts building, right across from the original NCH ER entrance. I rented both from Dr. Louis Moore for \$60 or \$70 each per month. The price would go up \$10/month on the anniversary date for the next three years.

When our furniture and house goods arrived the next day from South Miami, the moving crew would not unload unless paid in cash, refusing our check from a South Miami bank. So, 4th of July weekend, I went to Wynn's Hardware on Saturday. There, Mr. Wynn himself greeted me, opened a charge account, and cashed my check allowing us to pay the movers. He was typical of many, kind "Old Timers."

Between NCH and the beach were a few scattered homes. It reminded me of the Bahamas. Many people didn't even lock their doors.

Even before any of my ophthalmic equipment arrived, Dr. Moore, Dr. Bruce Boynton, and others gave me long lists of patients eager to get eye exams ASAP.

Four other physicians arrived here that month: Drs. Ed Dean and Fred Butler, internists; Dr. Moses Howard, urologist; Dr. Gene McCree, OB-GYN. Hospital mailboxes were given out in order of acceptance to staff; mine was box 13. We almost doubled the number of full-time physicians who actually saw patients.

The battle-fatigued, older medical staff gave us doubled 24-hour ER duty, an unpaid job, long before the days of hospitalists and ER specialists. So, each of us donated 72-96 hours of time per month to NCH for the first 2 years. For the next 18 years only one or two 24-hour, general medical duty days per month. Of course, each solo specialist was on call 24/7 in his or her area.

The two general surgeons, Drs. John Meli and Bill Bailey for years shared surgical call and did regular ER call. One was usually in the hospital after hours for emergencies. When they needed help in the OR, John or Bill would summon the ER Doc as an assistant. Dr. "Swede" Gwaltney did all of NCH anesthesia, ran his family practice, and did his own 24-hour ER duty.

It took two weeks to get my office equipment, hire a secretary, and start seeing eye patients. For a year or two, I worked alone (except for the front desk), doing everything from history taking, checking old glasses by hand, all preliminary screening procedures, checking vision, blood pressure, color vision, instilling drops.

Then I would start doing the more intricate doctor's part: refraction, slit lamp exam, direct and indirect fundoscopy, neuro-ophthalmology portion (gross visual fields, pupils, cranial nerve reflexes, motility, tendency of eyes to wander, cause double vision or diplopia, as with tropias or phorias), note eye pressures, look for nystagmus, scars, cataracts, external disease of the eye including skin cancers, tear flow, and so on. I was a busy guy.

Then I was able to hire a young, former USN ophthalmic corpsman, Jim Davis. He was excellent, kind, efficient, and helped me see 2-3x more patients. Years later Jim was killed by a drunk driver in old Bonita Springs, while driving to visit his mom.

I was amazed at the scope of a solo ophthalmology practice. I handled every problem in the area. I was also the closest thing to a dermatologist, neurologist, ENT, and facial plastic surgeon in the area. I was called in for consult on comatose and unconscious patients, head-face-neck injuries, strokes, face/ skull fractures, and seizures.

We five became aware that Collier County had more charity cases than even the full winter population by a factor of two or three, according to Federal Government Health, Education and Welfare statistics. Back then, almost all of today's communities, golf courses, and shopping plazas in Greater Naples were huge farms on leased land, each with a shack village for migrant workers and families. This meant most ER patients and office consults were no-pay, especially in OB and pediatrics.

I was due for ER call Christmas Eve, 1966 starting at 7 AM. But the head nurse phoned a couple hours before that time. She said Dr. McCree was swamped. So, my shift started early and lasted late. I was in NCH 30 hours or more, with one break.

I don't know how many patients Gene saw. But, during my holiday ordeal, I saw over 100, including sick migrant children, two gun-shot victims, and a male teen with a fatal head injury who had been on a motor scooter and hit by a car. I assisted on two surgical cases with Dr. Bailey, admitted a heart attack, a seizure, and a bizarre case of sudden onset dementia in a middle-aged preacher's wife. When she was in X-Ray, I noticed continued on page 7

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a pink stain on her underwear. A sister told me she was postmenopausal. It turned out the diagnosis was acute porphyria, the first and only case I ever saw.

Dr. Bruce Boynton relieved me for an hour at midnight, so I could sing a solo at Emanual Lutheran Church. I did so, unshaven, grubby, blood splattered, then went right back to NCH.

I got home about noon, Christmas day after making rounds, checking labs, writing chart records and orders. It was the worst 30-plus hours of my career, more strenuous than any as an intern, Navy Flight Surgeon, or resident. I toppled over, sitting by our Christmas tree, as my boys unwrapped gifts. My wife put a blanket over me and a pillow under my head, and I slept there until 8 PM that night.

During those early years, in winter, it was almost impossible to run a routine office schedule with all the ER interruptions. I still had to staff and keep the office open. Looking back, I'd say the early medical staff donated more to NCH, percentwise, of our time and wealth than any philanthropist or retiree.

One of the most interesting, difficult ophthalmic cases was surgically repairing a man who had one eye gouged out during a fight behind the old Anchor Bar on 41, near 5th Avenue. I had to find and reattach 3 of the 6 eye muscles. He did fine, amazingly.



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One Saturday morning, he was scheduled to come in for a final check. (I often saw post-op patients with jobs on weekends so they could avoid lost work hours). His wife called me and said he left with a gun. I called the police. One waited with me when the patient arrived, pretending he had something in his eye. My patient had a on T-shirt, jeans, and no pistol. I always wondered if after the visit, did he go out? Settle a score?

Almost always when I fixed up a slashed or beaten man in the ER, police came in to question the victim. Each said he couldn't ID his attacker. After the police left, the victim would whisper, "Finish this fast, Doc. I gots to go out and get that S.O.B!"



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CCMS Alliance Annual Report 2021-22

Amy Howard, Co-President, CCMSA

The Collier County Medical Society Alliance continued to carry out its mission within the community during 2021-2022 despite the changing rules regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. Our book club continues to be chaired by Kim Hochman and has thrived in various formats, meeting every six weeks at venues around town. We continue to support the Teenage Parents Project (TAPP) in Immokalee by providing gifts at the holidays. Several members generously donated gently used maternity and newborn clothing to the students and their newborns. Additionally, our members have volunteered at the Medical Society's Annual Women's Health Forum.

We resumed Alliance Nights Out which resulted in renewed member interest and new friendships. Our most recent event was a combined Alliance Night Out and Lilly Pulitzer shopping event. We were fortunate to receive 10% of all sales at Lilly Pulitzer Waterside that day which resulted in an additional \$3979 that we will be able to use towards scholarships and community participation projects.

The CCMS Alliance Foundation awarded a total of \$5000 in scholarships to six people from the Collier County Public Schools who are going into medical fields. Three of these recipients will have their LPN degree from Lorenzo Walker Institute upon graduating and will be going for advanced degrees locally.

The CCMSA just wrapped up the year with our spring luncheon at Kalea Bay on May 13, 2022. We installed a new board and will be acting together to lead the Alliance for the next year. The 2022-2023 board members are Marisol Baez, Sheryl Guttman, Amy Howard, Serena Josephson, Candice Marquina, Barbara Rougraff, Karen Swain, and Chrissy Winzenried. We look forward to a great year resuming some of our successful endeavors and starting some new traditions.

Please visit our website at ccmsalliance.info or email us at colliercountymsa@gmail.com if you would like more information about CCMSA.

2022 Scholarship Recipients:

Alina Zankevich - Barron Collier High - \$1,000 Liset Herrera Uria - Lorenzo Walker - \$1,000 Camessuze Sagesse - Lorenzo Walker - \$1,000 Lory Abigail Garraux - Lorenzo Walker - \$500 Joodlhy Charelus - Lorenzo Walker - \$500 Connor Bricco - Naples High - \$1,000



Karen Swain, Sheryl Guttman, Amy Howard



Attendees at the Alliance Spring Luncheon



CCMS Member Notice Slate of Candidates 2022-2023

The CCMS nominating committee is pleased to present to the membership the 2022-2023 Slate of Candidates.



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The Slate of Candidates will be presented to the active membership for a vote at the CCMS Annual Meeting, July 16th at the Arthrex One Convention Center. CCMS physician members may register at ccmsonline.org/events. Nominations from the floor are accepted from a member in good standing and with the consent of the nominee.

Thank you to the 2022 CCMS Nominating Committee: Glenn Groat, M.D. – Chair Cesar DeLeon, D.O.; Alexandra Grace, D.O.; Alejandro Perez-Trepichio, M.D.; Rebecca Smith, M.D. Page 10

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Helping Physicians Practice High Quality Medicine in Our Community

MISSION

Serve the needs of our physician members so they can better serve the needs of the community

CORE VALUES

Collegiality, Professionalism, Leadership, Advocacy, Education, Communication, Physician Wellness



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CCMS Annual Highlights

Thank you to all our CCMS members for being part of your local medical society and supporting our mission, particularly during the difficulties of the last 2+ years during the pandemic. This past fiscal year's activities indicate a near-return to pre-COVID times, while adapting to the way our lives and work have changed.

- Continuing to curate news and developments on COVID-19 and the healthcare industry to keep our membership aware of the latest information.
- Providing 157 confidential, cost-free psychological counseling sessions for physician members through the CCMS Physician Wellness program, up from 128 the previous fiscal year.
- Safely converting back to in-person activities with 8 CCMS member events, offering virtual or hybrid meetings for CCMS committees, and continuing to maintain the private SWFL Physician Facebook group and the private Facebook group for our members' office staff.
- Educating legislators on important healthcare issues that affect the practice of medicine and public safety, participating with the Florida Medical Association's legislative activities, and returning to an in-person FMA Annual Meeting to represent our members at the state level.
- Continuing to assist physicians and patients with CCMS member physician referrals via the CCMS member physician directory, our online "find a doctor" search, and phone calls to CCMS.
- In addition to the two full-time staff, executive director April Donahue and executive assistant Nancy Wood, utilizing parttime, remote-work staff to help provide operational support and services to our members.
- Supporting the efforts of the Foundation of CCMS to sustain their charitable activities in healthcare, and the CCMS Political Action Committee, to help elect medicine-friendly candidates for state and local office.
- Researching and selecting a company to revamp the outdated CCMS member database, a project that will use funds added to our reserves during 2020-22 fiscal years.
- Extending our trend of increased membership counts each year culminating in a 37.6% increase over the last 9 years, and our trend of increased net assets, with an increase of 196% over the last 9 years.

Membership

Total Membership 2021-2022: 713

New Members, April 2021-March 2022:

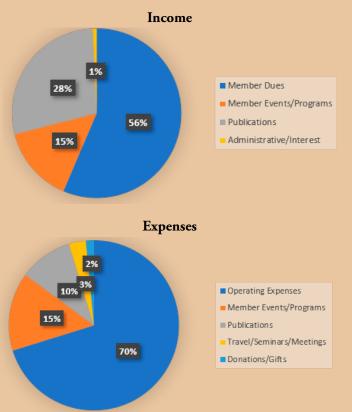
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Income and Expenses



Net Assets Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022: \$495,547 *Based on unreviewed financial statements, pending CPA review

CCMS PAC Report 2021-2022

The CCMS Political Action Committee (PAC) provides funds to local and state candidates who are physician and patient friendly. CCMS members and spouses are encouraged to contribute \$100 each to the PAC to help make an impact on elections in Collier County and Florida. Contact CCMS or visit ccmsonline.org/membership to contribute.

Your PAC had \$3,650 in income last fiscal year and \$1,000 in expenses, with a bank balance of \$7,866 on March 31st. During this period, the board's primary goal was to save funds for the busy 2022 election season, which will see all state legislators up for election as well as two Collier County Commission districts.

This summer the PAC Board began interviewing candidates for these local elections. To date, the board has decided to make financial contributions to the campaigns of Reg Buxton for County Commission District 2, Penny Taylor and Michelle McLeod for District 4, and State Senator Kathleen Passidomo.

If you have questions about voting, the PAC, or its endorsements, visit ccmsonline.org/advocacy or contact any of the PAC Board: Dr. Rolando Rivera – Chair/Treasurer, Dr. Mitchell Zeitler, Dr. Julian Javier, Dr. Catherine Kowal, or April Donahue at CCMS. Thank you to all our PAC contributors and future contributors.

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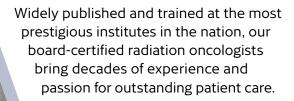
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Foundation of CCMS 2021 Annual Report

Rolando Rivera, M.D., Foundation Chair



It is my pleasure to provide 2021 the report from Medical Society's our 501c3 charitable arm, the Foundation of CCMS. We continued our pandemicinduced hybrid fundraising options while sustaining our support of scholarships to future medical professionals and donations to local healthcare programs in need.

We awarded 5 scholarships

in 2021, including our 7th annual Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship for Florida medical students who excel in community service, in the amount of \$12,500. Award recipient Alexzandra Mattia from Naples and student at Florida State University College of Medicine, exemplified Dr. Lascheid's dedication to service.

Read more about all our 2021 winners at ccmsfoundation. org/#scholarships, where interested applicants can also download applications for next year's scholarships, which will be due March 31, 2023. We have recently named our 2022 Dr. Lascheid Scholarship winner and are currently reviewing the deserving applicants for our 2022 healthcare scholarship awards.

Our 8th Anniversary Docs & Duffers charity golf tournament was held in September 2021, and again with a to-go lunch and virtual auction due to COVID. We welcomed 100 golfers who enjoyed a wonderful day outdoors at Bonita Bay Club Naples winning prizes and raising funds for worthy healthcare needs in our community. We were fortunate to have 21 sponsors and 19 volunteers supporting the event, which raised over \$26,000 in net proceeds.

We also hosted two virtual fundraisers, our Spring Wine & Whiskey Pull and our Fall Wine Pull. These were fun, creative ways to raise awareness and funds in lieu of in-person events, while we were all busy coping with the pandemic.

Another highlight of 2021 was our continued support of the CCMS Physician Wellness Program, with a grant of \$3,500 (issued in early 2022). This important initiative to help our members treat and prevent burnout is critical to improving access to quality healthcare in our community, particularly during this pandemic.

As we look ahead, one of our goals is to continue building the endowment fund we launched in late 2017, managed by the Community Foundation of Collier County. Our endowment fund is an important asset, working for us to help create Our mission: Provide support and leadership to programs that address access to healthcare and promote health education.

long-term sustainability. In addition to unrestricted gifts, we can also accept designated gifts for our endowment, or for scholarships, charitable healthcare program funding, and the CCMS Physician Wellness Program. Supporters can provide their gifts in a variety of ways – financial, property, planned giving, and more. Please contact us for details.

Gross income for 2021 was over \$63,000, including donations from members and friends, support from CCMS, and fundraising events. Total expenses for 2021 were approximately \$46,600, including programming expenses, our scholarships, and low operations costs. At the end of our fiscal year, our balance of total assets was up to approximately \$73,200, with favorable gains in our endowment.

Thank you to all the member physicians and friends of the Foundation who have made contributions over the last 9 years since our founding. Your support is critical to our success, and we look forward to continued growth for the years to come. We encourage all our members to consider the Foundation in your charitable giving plans. You can donate at ccmsfoundation.org or call us at 239-435-7727 for details.

We invite everyone to participate in our upcoming 9th Annual Docs & Duffers golf tournament and raffle, Saturday, September 24, at Bonita Bay Club Naples. You are welcome to golf, be a sponsor, volunteer, raffle entrant (need not be present to win), and/or donate prizes. Register or learn more about the tournament and raffle at CCMSFoundation.org.

Please contact any one of the FCCMS board members for information on the Foundation's activities and mission, or reach out to April at the CCMS office, (239) 435-7727 or april@ccmsonline.org. We also hope you will follow us on Facebook, fb.com/ccmsfoundation. On behalf of all of us, thank you again and we look forward to working with you to improve the health of our community.

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2022 Dr. Lascheid Memorial Scholarship Winner



The Foundation of CCMS is pleased to announce that Yordan Urrutia, graduate of Lorenzo Walker Technical High School in Naples in the class of 2024 at Florida State University College of Medicine, is the winner of the Foundation's 2022 Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship for Medical Students.

This \$12,500 award

recognizes future physicians who are Florida residents and have demonstrated excellence in community service, in memory of Dr. Lascheid, co-founder of the charitable Neighborhood Health Clinic in Naples and a Past President of CCMS. It is the eighth year the Foundation has provided this scholarship.

"A primary goal of our Foundation is to provide much-needed financial aid to future medical professionals and reward students who give their time and talents to charitable causes," said Dr. Rolando Rivera, board chair of the Foundation. "Mr. Urrutia is an outstanding example of Dr. Lascheid's dedication to caring for vulnerable members of our community, and we are honored to award him this scholarship."

"The Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship clearly embodies my husband's mission of providing quality medical

The Foundation of CCMS care for low-income workers who are in need," said Nancy is pleased to announce that Lascheid, co-founder of the Neighborhood Health Clinic. Yordan Urrutia, graduate of Lorenzo Walker Technical commitment to volunteerism, philanthropy, and making a High School in Naples in positive impact on the medical outcomes of the underserved."

> Mr. Urrutia received his bachelor's in psychology at FSU as a first-generation college student. His community service activities have included volunteering with Who We Play For! ECG Heart Screening; Leon County Dept. of Health (DOH) Vaccine Clinic; Leon County DOH Door-to-Door Community Outreach; Westminster Oaks Retirement Community's flu clinic; and St. Matthew's House Homeless Shelter. In addition, he served as Coordinator for FSUCares Immokalee and Panama Donation Drives; Medical Assistant Volunteer for Judeo Christian Free Health Clinic; Mentor and Tutor with SSTRIDE High School program; and Hospital Intern/Volunteer with the Hôpital d'Enfants de Rabat in Morocco.

> "It is an incredible honor to be the recipient of the 2022 Dr. William Lascheid Memorial Scholarship," said Mr. Urrutia. "Arriving from Cuba in 2004, and growing up and beginning my academic journey in Naples makes this award that much more special to me. Thank you to the Foundation for continuing to inspire and motivate me throughout my medical journey. My love for science and ambition for service continuously drive my passion to provide patient-centered health care; and I commit to continue to serve my community through empathy, education, and advocacy."



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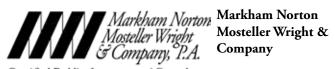


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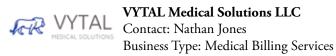
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