
AΩA VISITING PROFESSORSHIP SUMMARY

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Visiting Professor:** Barbara Pettitt, MD, Emory University School of Medicine, bpettit@emory.edu
- **Title of Lectures:** “Why do people have to be so HUMAN?”, “Leadership in a Dynamic Health Care Environment: The Role of the Young Physician”
- **Hosting Institution:** University of Central Florida College of Medicine (UCF COM), 6850 Lake Nona Blvd, Orlando, FL 32827
- **Chapter Councilor:** Colleen Moran-Bano, MD, colleen.moran-bano@ucf.edu
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LOGISTICS

- **Transportation:**
 - Coach flight to and from Atlanta, GA and Orlando, FL.
 - Arriving flight: Arrive MCO March 8, 4:43PM.
 - Departing flight: Depart MCO March 10, 5:00AM.
 - Rental car for local transportation in Orlando.
- **Accommodations:** Residence Inn Orlando Lake Nona, (6955 Lake Nona Blvd, Orlando, FL 32827) for 2 nights

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- **10:00AM - 11:00AM:** Tour of the UCF COM campus with AΩA Student Co-Presidents (UCF COM).
 - Objectives
 - Introduced Dr. Pettitt to the UCF COM campus and facilities.
 - Discussed the innovative medical education available at UCF COM.
- **11:00AM - 12:00PM:** Introductory meeting with select members of the Alpha Omega Alpha Zeta Chapter. Visiting professor led an interactive small group seminar entitled “*Professionalism, Leadership, and Balance*” (UCF COM 102).
 - Objectives
 - Highlighted the importance of physician stewardship of the health care system.
 - Identified specific ways young physicians can develop an understanding of the health care system.
 - Investigated specific opportunities available for young physicians to become physician leaders and impact the health care conversation, especially in medical education.



- **12:00PM - 1:00PM:** Noon address to medical school community via an afternoon Grand Rounds lecture entitled “*Leadership in a Dynamic Health Care Environment: The Role of the Young Physician*” (UCF COM 102). Lunch was provided.
 - Objectives
 - Discussed the definition of leadership as it pertains to medical education.
 - Empowered students and faculty to make leadership a conscious effort and component in medical education.
- **1:00PM - 2:30PM:** Visiting professor met privately with medical student leaders and held an interactive group seminar to share thoughts on the role of women as leaders in medicine (UCF COM 102). Event was attended by the leadership of the following UCF COM student organizations: Association of Women Surgeons, American Medical Women's Association, Pediatrics Interest Group, Surgery Interest Group, and Narrative Medicine Interest Group.
 - Objectives
 - Shared experiences as a female physician who holds leadership roles while concurrently serving as a pediatric surgeon.
 - Provided insight and mentorship to young student leaders at UCF COM, specifically with regards to navigating spaces with gender disparity.
- **5:45PM - 9:00PM:** Alpha Omega Alpha Annual Induction Banquet, Keynote Address: “*Why Do People Have To Be So HUMAN?*” (UCF COM Atrium). Dinner provided.
 - Objectives:
 - Promoted compassionate patient care through understanding the complexities of human behavior in ourselves and our patients.
 - Discussed the prestigious nature of selection to Alpha Omega Alpha, and inductees’ responsibilities as future leaders in medicine.
 - Encouraged new members of Alpha Omega Alpha to build upon their success as they begin a career in medicine and to always Be Worthy of Serving the Suffering.



MEDIA

- UCF COM Webpage: <https://med.ucf.edu/news/twenty-students-inducted-into-med-school-honor-society/>
- UCF COM Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ourMedicalSchool/videos/10155219294542859/>

NOTE FROM CHAPTER

It was an absolute honor to host Dr. Pettitt for our chapter’s first AΩA Visiting Professorship.

Throughout the entire day, we felt that Dr. Pettitt was able to enrich the learning of our students and augment the teaching skills of our faculty here at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine. As a new medical school, we are always looking to learn from innovative leaders in medical education, and to this end, Dr. Pettitt was an excellent fit to speak at our institution. We have already received feedback from multiple students and faculty who attended her lecture and workshops that her talks on leadership and compassionate patient care were hugely beneficial and necessary. Students were particularly moved by her sessions on actively practicing leadership through intentionally building interpersonal relationships with people encountered daily.

Overall, this was an extremely positive and refreshing experience for all involved, and our chapter looks forward to our next AΩA Visiting Professorship in 2018.

This day of events would not have been possible without the generosity of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to host an entire day’s worth of thought-provoking conversations, empowering lectures, and engaging seminars—thank you.