Sources for the material in Emeritus are many: including news releases emanating from the institutional Strategic Communications office; the School of Medicine’s Dean’s newsletters and “Bridges”; the School of Dentistry’s “Dental Bites” and “Caementum,” and the School of Nursing’s “Nursing Momentum” as well as reports in the local print media.

Introducing the New Emeritus Faculty for 2013

Neal H. Barmack, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus, Physiology & Pharmacology

Marvin W. Harrison, M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Surgery

Dolores Judkins, M.L.S., A.H.I.P.
Associate Professor Emerita, Library

Bruce E. Magun, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus, Cell & Developmental Biology & Dermatology

Walter J. McDonald, M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Department of Medicine

Mark J. Merkins, M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Pediatrics

George D. Olsen, M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Physiology & Pharmacology

George A. Pantely, M.D.
Professor Emeritus, Department of Medicine

Mary Jo Rice, M.D.
Professor Emerita, Pediatrics

Emeritus Faculty Luncheon Scheduled

OHSU will host the annual Emeritus Faculty Luncheon on Thursday, November 21, 2013 and will be located within the BICC Gallery.

11:00am - 12:00pm - Social Hour
12:00pm-1:30pm - Lunch Service

Please feel free to RSVP your attendance by calling Janice Mayfield-Scott at 503-494-5162 or by emailing acad@ohsu.edu.

Official invitation and RSVP card will be mailed at a later date.
Appointments

In April the appointment of Phillip T. Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D. as dean of OHSU’s School of Dentistry was announced. He will join the faculty in September. Dr. Marucha will be the ninth dean of the dental school in its 114 year history. He was associate dean for research and director of graduate studies at the University of Illinois, Chicago College of Dentistry. OHSU Provost Jeanette Mladenovic, M.D., M.B.A., M.A.C.P., in making the announcement, said “Dr. Marucha is a national leader in dentistry, as a researcher, educator and clinician.” Dr. Marucha received his dental medicine degree from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine and later received a certificate in periodontology and a doctoral degree in immunology.

Susan Bakewell-Sachs Ph.D., R.N., P.N.P.-B.C. was named as Dean of the School of Nursing in March following a nationwide search. She will be the 11th dean of the School in its history and joined OHSU in July. Dr. Bakewell-Sachs comes to OHSU from the College of New Jersey where she most recently served as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. Prior to assuming her current role, she served as the Carol Kuser Loser dean and professor of nursing in the College of New Jersey. OHSU Provost Jeanette Mladenovich said, in announcing the appointment, “Dr. Bakewell-Sachs is a national leader in nursing and is just the kind of individual who can guide our school into the next era, especially as we embrace new models of care during health reform”.

Also in April, OHSU Foundation announced the selection of L. Keith Todd as its President, effective June 1. In addition he serves as senior vice president of OHSU.

Mr. Todd has worked in university advancement for more than two decades at nationally prominent academic health centers and public research universities. He came to OHSU from the position as interim vice chancellor for university development, University of Illinois at Chicago and senior vice president for the University of Illinois Foundation.

School of Medicine Dean Mark Richardson, M.D., M.B.A. in June named Kent Thornburg, Ph.D. as director of the OHSU Bob and Charlee Moore Institute for Nutrition & Wellness. The Moore Institute was created by a generous legacy gift from Bob and Charlee Moore in OHSU. Dr. Thornberg has served as interim director of the Institute since 2012. He is a professor in the department of medicine and holds joint academic appointments in three additional SM departments.

Andy Harris, M.D. has been selected as the new interim director of the Global Health Center. He has worked at OHSU since 2007, where he founded the Professionals’ Training in Global Health to provide comprehensive training for medical professionals. An ophthalmologist, Dr. Harris received his M.D. from the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

Sancy Leachman, M.D., Ph.D., was named new chair of the Department of Dermatology, School of Medicine, in January.

In April, Sharon Anderson, M.D., accepted the position as interim chair of the Department of Medicine, School of Medicine. Lynn Loriaux, M.D., Ph.D stepped down from his position as interim chair, a role he assumed in August 2012, after serving 18 years as department chair.

Tracy Bumsted, M.D., M.P.H has been appointed associate dean for undergraduate medical education in the School of Medicine.
Commencement
The first two weeks of June saw more than 1000 health care professionals receive degrees from Oregon Health & Science University in separate ceremonies.

On June 14 the **School of Dentistry** awarded 75 D.M.D. degrees and 17 advanced specialty degrees.

The **School of Medicine** held Commencement ceremonies on June 3 and presented a total of 530 degrees and certificates. It awarded 118 M.D. degrees; 36 Ph.D.s; 160 master's degrees, 12 “combined” degrees, M.D./M.P.H., and 8 M.D./Ph.D.; 28 Associate of Applied Science (Paramedic); 44 bachelor’s degrees (38 Clinical Laboratory Science and 8 Radiation Therapy); and 132 graduate certificates in biomedical informatics, dietetic internship, healthcare management and human investigation.

The **School of Nursing**’s graduation ceremonies for Portland and virtual campuses was held on June 3 (Ashland, Klamath Falls, LaGrande and Monmouth campus held separate ceremonies on June 14 and 15). A total of 492 degrees were awarded: 398 bachelor’s degrees; 14 Doctor of Nursing Practice; 5 Ph.D. degrees and 68 Master of Nursing degrees, 1 graduate Certificate in Public Health and 6 Post Master’s Certificate in Nursing.

Eighty-three students in the Oregon State University/OHSU **College of Pharmacy** received Pharm.D. degrees on June 14 in Corvallis.

**Notable Role Changes**

**Peter Spencer, Ph.D., FANA, FRCPath**, professor of neurology and senior scientist, Center for Research on Occupational & Environmental Toxicology (CROET), has stepped down as director of the Global Health Center. He will concentrate on his NIH-funded research, writing and teaching.

**Robert Vieira, Ed.D.,** Vice Provost since 2000, announced his retirement, effective July 1st. He has been a strong and effective advocate for students and faculty alike during his time at OHSU.

Dr. Vieira joined OHSU in 1999. In addition to his work at OHSU, Dr. Vieira has served as Executive Dean for the Semester at Sea program affiliated with the University of Virginia and plans to sail again with this program in the fall of 2015.
Cardiovascular Institute Named

With a gift of $125 million to OHSU in September 2012, Nike co-founder and chairman Phil Knight and his wife Penny, made what is believed to be the largest reported private philanthropic investment to advance cardiovascular medicine in the U.S. Their landmark pledge established a new cardiovascular institute at OHSU that is dedicated to quickly translating laboratory discoveries into new and better treatments for the world’s No. 1 killer. OHSU and the Knights announced in December the new institute will be named the OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute.

The new institute will be co-led by pioneering heart surgeon, Albert Starr, M.D. and Sanjiv Kaul, M.D. internationally recognized heart researcher.

Faculty Support Initiative

In 2009 OHSU set out to raise $100 million in three years to support visionary researchers and clinicians through the Faculty Support Initiative. OHSU supporters came through – and some. By the time the campaign concluded in June 2012, OHSU Foundation reported in January, that more than 8,000 foundations, corporations and individuals, had invested $169 million – nearly 70% more than the original three-year goal. The initiative established or significantly boosted funding for endowed positions, research funds, institutes and centers and equipment and core resources.

OHSU Budget

In July, the OHSU Board of Directors approved a $2.2 billion operating budget for the fiscal year that began July 1. One of the key initiatives included in the budget is a “tuition promise” – students enrolled in clinical programs will see no increase in tuition during the duration of their program. This promise covers 1,730 students including current enrollees as well as those admitted to OHSU programs for the coming year.

Another tool to address the tuition issues is SB2, passed by the Oregon Legislature, which establishes Scholars for a Healthy Oregon program. OHSU will offer free tuition for up to 21 students across a variety degree programs in exchange for their commitment to work in underserved areas – both rural and urban – after graduation.

Other tools OHSU has adopted to help address the cost problem students face, include: required financial management education and debt counseling for each student; streamlining the process and increasing the resources available for grant programs; $1.2 million in diversity awards instituted at the direction of the OHSU Board; and steady growth in the size of endowment funds dedicated to scholarships.

OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A.,

“These tools are the embodiment of a persistent effort over several years to address the very difficult problem of student debt.”
In his July 19 report in “Directline” OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A., commented on OHSU’s “Partnership with the State” in a review of the Oregon legislative session.

“OHSU’s budget for the 2013-2015 biennium is $68.9 million for the two-year period, which means that our state-funded programs were essentially held harmless.

“The state also funded the new Scholars for a Healthy Oregon program at $2.5 million” (see above) and ….All six of OHSU’s policy bills passed. The most hard-fought battle was over HB 2896, which bans indoor UV tanning devices for children under the age of 18.

“OHSU’s five other policy bills, each of which passed both the House and Senate unanimously are:

- SB 565, which empowers the OHSU Board of Directors with authority to decide whether or not to arm out public safety officers (more information in the fall about the process and timing of Board consideration);
- HB 3448, legislation what would provide an exemption for hospitals and long-term care facilities to the standard that requires fuels to contain 5% biodiesel;
- SB 548, legislation that clarifies the definition of the OHSU dental campus, an important issue as the School of Dentistry prepares to move to the South Waterfront;
- HB 2909, legislation that would change the name of CROET to the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, in an effort to reflect a broader vision of total worker health.”

OHSU Physicians Nurses, Tops in Portland Monthly’s Top Docs & Nurses.

More than 100 – 112 to be exact – OHSU physicians and nurse practitioners were featured in the 2013 Top Doctors & Nurses guide from Portland Monthly magazine. That’s more than any other Portland hospital or health system for four years in a row. This year, for the first time, nurse practitioners were included in the guide.
**OHSU Ranked Among Best Graduate Schools**

The OHSU School of Medicine was ranked among the Best Graduate Schools, 2014 edition, by U.S. News & World Report in the areas of research, primary care, family medicine, psychology (behavioral neuroscience), biological sciences and computer science. In addition, U.S. News recognized the Physician Assistant program and the School of Nursing, nursing midwifery; nurse practitioner (gerontological/geriatric); nurse practitioner (family) and nursing, anesthesia.

The magazine does not rank dental schools; however the clinical examination scores of School of Dentistry graduating dental students are consistently among the best in the nation.

AND...in June Doernbecher Children's Hospital was ranked one of the best children's hospitals in the U.S. in eight of 10 pediatric specialties by U.S. News & World Report in the 2013-2014 Best Children's Hospitals. It is the only medical center in Oregon whose pediatric specialties met the magazine's criteria for quality of care, best practices and outcomes.

**School of Medicine Receives $1 Million**

In June the American Medical Association announced the 11 medical schools (including OHSU School of Medicine) that will receive funding as part of its Accelerating Change in Medical Education initiative. Each school will receive $1 million over five years. The initiative is aimed at transforming the way future physicians are trained.

**George Mejicano, M.D.,** Senior Associate Dean for Education, School of Medicine said, “This was a competitive process with 119 medical schools from across the nation applying to participate. The grant will allow us to amplify and accelerate our ongoing M.D. Curriculum Transformation initiative, and will support critical investments in faculty development.

**NEW COLLABORATION**

In April, OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A., announced a new collaboration between OHSU and Intel Corp. “We are teaming up to develop next-generation computing technologies that advance personalized medicine by dramatically increasing the speed, precision and cost-effectiveness of analyzing a patient’s genetic provide. This unprecedented collaboration eventually will help us find and treat the root causes of disease, beginning with cancer.”

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**The State of Diversity at OHSU – A Report from the President**

Diversity is central to OHSU values and strategy. This is captured in the first goal of Vision 2020 – “be a great organization, diverse in people and ideas.”

In short, embracing diversity is not just the right thing to do, but the smart thing to do as well. Under the leadership of Dr. Knight-Richardson and Leslie Garcia, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion provides consultation and assistance across the missions to enhance the climate of inclusiveness throughout OHSU. The Center has invested resources to further increase OHSU’s capacity to promote diversity recruitment and retention efforts, as well as enhance diversity outreach and communication within the OHSU community and beyond.