With that being said, we would also like to announce that Dr. Chris DeSimone from the Gynecologic Oncology Division is the new Associate Program Director. The Education Office is looking forward to working with both faculty members during this academic year and beyond.

On July 01, 2012 the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology began the academic year with a new Residency Program Director, Dr. Miriam Marcum (pictured). She takes over the position which was previously held by Dr. Wendy Hansen, who is also the Department Chair. Dr. Marcum obtained her Medical Degree from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in May 2003 and stayed in Lexington to complete her Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency. She joined the department in July 2007 as Clinical Instructor in the Generalist Division. Prior to taking over the program, Dr. Marcum served as the Associate Program Director since 2009.
2012 Resident Graduation

Spindletop Hall
The annual Resident Graduation Banquet took place this year on Friday June 15, 2012 at Spindletop Hall. We said goodbye to five graduating chief residents (page 3) and the following fellows; Dr. Christy Pierce (MFM) and Dr. Iwona Podzielinski (Oncology). During the banquet, the following awards were handed out; “National Faculty Award for Excellence in Resident Education” was awarded to Dr. Chris DeSimone; Dr. Iwona Podzielinski won the “National Faculty Award for Excellence in Student Education” while Dr. Catherine Schuller received the Resident version of this award. Dr. Schuller was also awarded the “Clerkship MVP”. The “Community Based Teaching Award” went to Dr. James Akin. Both “Resident Teaching Award for Surgical Skills” and the “AAGL Minimally Invasive Gynecology Award” went to Dr. Andy Szaflarski. Finally, Dr. Laurian Roediger received the “Resident Teaching Award for Clinical Management Skills”.

Clerkship Director Change
On July 30, 2012 Mark Hoffman, MD became the director for the MD838 Clerkship in Obstetrics and Gynecology. This clerkship consists of twelve 4 week periods occupied by 3rd year medical students here at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Hoffman obtained his medical degree from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in May 2007. He then went on to do a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Chicago where he graduated in June 2011. Dr. Hoffman joined the department on July 16, 2012 following a one year fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at the University of Michigan Medical School. He steps into the clerkship director role that was previously filled by Dr. Rudy Tovar, a faculty member within the Division of General Obstetrics. We thank Dr. Tovar for his many years of service as clerkship director.

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Departed Chief Residents

Left to Right: Ajith Cherian, faculty member at University of Kentucky; Mark Manning, private practice Gadsden, Alabama; Suzanne McGehee, private practice London, Kentucky; Andy Szaflarski, private practice Columbia, Tennessee; Ashley Wright, private practice Birmingham, Alabama

Honors

3rd Year Student Clerkship
“Best Educators”:

April
Andy Szaflarski, MD

May
Rachel Ware, MD
Catherine Schuller, MD
Fred Zachman, MD

June
Fred Zachman, MD
John Harris, MD

July
Catherine Schuller, MD
Fred Zachman, MD

Mark Your Calendars

- RRC Site Visit; November 06, 2012
- Interviews; 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11, 12/18
- Resident Research Day; April 16, 2013
- Resident Graduation; June 14, 2013