The Spirit of Giving Needs to be Instilled in all Physicians
Fresno cardiology icon donates to UCSF Fresno research

Some might expect Dr. Joseph C. Woo, Jr., at age 91, to consider slowing down, but fortunately, he doesn't plan on that happening soon. After all, as he says, "Life is full circle."

"As a physician, from day one, I have lived by the philosophy of giving," Dr. Woo said recently. "Patients are the main reason I give. It's a philosophy I've shared over 60 years of service. There are always opportunities to give and share."

From the day he was born in the Burnett Sanitarium (precursor to Community Regional Medical Center) Dr. Woo and Fresno healthcare have been inextricably linked. Especially when, at age 23, Dr. Woo obtained his M.D. from George Washington University and returned to Fresno to...
Many years ago, Dr. Woo says, "I was honored with a gift in my name by the late Dr. Stein, who was my mentor and friend. He gifted to me $150,000 for research in cardiology. This gift overwhelmed me and I wanted to perpetuate what he started."

Dr. Woo has once again stepped up for the community by providing UCSF Fresno with an $80,000 donation to fund cardiology research that will directly benefit generations of Central California patients.

"How fortunate we are to be affiliated with a UC (here in the Valley)," Woo said. "It's something people don't fully appreciate or think about."

"UCSF Fresno is the main medical education system for the whole Valley," Dr. Woo said. "To support this institution, it's important to give back to it to carry it forward into the future. Doctors giving back - this has to be a culture that has to be developed with the younger doctors!"

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The donation to fund UCSF Fresno cardiology research continues a lifetime of giving. "We have a great opportunity to change and improve the practice of medicine here in Fresno," Woo said. "To be able to support something so great [as UCSF Fresno cardiology research] is a way to impact the future of healthcare in Central California."

If you see Dr. Woo in downtown Fresno, be sure to say hello, but don't expect him to slow down. After all, he has patients to see, doctors to meet, and a generous spirit that knows no bounds.

"The spirit of giving needs to be instilled in all physicians," Woo said. "It's fortunate that we have the opportunity to work with UCSF Fresno. It's important to support UCSF Fresno."

UCSF Fresno 2015 Graduation Marks 40 Years of Training Physicians for the San Joaquin Valley

One hundred ten physicians, including medical residents and fellows in eight specialties and 11 sub-specialties and three oral and maxillofacial surgery dental residents graduated on June 11 during the UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program ceremony.

Nearly 30 percent of the graduating physicians are expected to stay and care for patients in the San Joaquin Valley.

Congratulations to the Faculty physicians that were awarded the
highest honors at this year's graduation ceremony:

Dr. Danielle Campagne, was awarded the prestigious UCSF Kaiser Teaching Award. She is one of 4 clinical faculty members throughout UCSF awarded this honor for her outstanding teaching, communication and motivational skills with the residents.

Dr. Rais Vohra, was awarded the Faculty Research Award for his research study on "Sonographic Signs of Snakebite".

Congratulations to both Dr. Campagne and Dr. Vohra for this prestigious recognition.

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This year's graduation marked UCSF Fresno's 40th anniversary of training physicians for the medically underserved Valley.

The graduates include San Joaquin Valley native Rachel Goerzen, DO, and long-time Valley resident Richard Kiel, MD, Anjani Kolahi, MD, who matched at UCSF Fresno with her husband, and Jose Robles-Huerta, DO, who grew up in Los Angeles and is staying at UCSF Fresno to teach future physicians.

Over the past four decades, UCSF Fresno has trained about 3,000 physicians with up to 40 percent staying in the region and contributing to the health and well-being of patients and the economic success of the Valley community.

For those of you reading this that may not be familiar with how residency and fellowship programs work, each year UCSF Fresno graduates approximately 100 physicians from its residency and fellowship programs. Residency training prepares recently graduated MDs and Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine to become specialists in approximately three to five years. Fellowships offer specific training beyond residency in an area of expertise such as cardiology. Fellowships generally last one to two years. Many of these graduating
medical residents and fellows stay in the San Joaquin Valley to practice their specialty and provide care for community members.

"Congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates. We are proud that nearly one-third of them are staying in the Valley to provide care and teach future physicians," said UCSF Fresno Interim Associate Dean Michael Peterson. "UCSF Fresno was established 40 years ago by the California Legislature with the intention that the University of California play a pivotal role in addressing the health care needs of the Valley. UCSF remains committed to that long-standing intention and we look forward to training physicians and improving health in the Valley for the next 40 years and well beyond that into the future."

Come Celebrate the Kallsen Endowed Chair Investiture on September 17

We invite you to come celebrate with us as we officially welcome the 3rd established endowed chair position to UCSF Fresno! This endowed chair is for the department of emergency medicine and honors the life's work of Dr. Gene Kallsen.

The ceremony will take place on September 17 from 5-7pm in the atrium of UCSF Fresno. There will be a social hour with wine and hors d'oeuvres from 5-6pm, followed by a presentation by Interim Associate Dean, Dr. Michael Peterson at 6pm, where he will recognize Dr. Kallsen with this prestigious honor and also present the title to the chair holder, Dr. Greg Hendey.

We are pleased to announce we have raised $765,000 for this endowment to officially establish it, but are continuing toward our $1 million goal. If you are interested in contributing to this endowed chair to honor Dr. Kallsen and/or Dr. Hendey and the emergency medicine department, please click on Cynthia Harris or click on "Make a Gift" on this page to select this endowed chair in the drop down menu of giving options.

Watch for your invitation to come or you can RSVP now by clicking on Terri Griffin. For more information please call Terri at (559) 499-6426.

To see the invitation now, click here.
The University Centers of Excellence is expanding again!

There will be an Open House for our faculty's newest practice sites located on the second floor of the East Medical Plaza.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2015**

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
2335 E. Kashian Lane, Fresno, CA 93701

- **University Specialty Surgery Associates** - SUITE 220
- **University Cardiovascular Center** - SUITE 240
- **University Pulmonary Associates** - SUITE 260
- **University Medicine Associates** - SUITE 280

*formerly University Central Medical Specialty Center*

Please RSVP to Steve at 453-5257 by August 28th.

Complimentary parking will be available in the East Medical Plaza Parking Garage.

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**In Other News ...**

**Mini Med School 9/17-10/22**

UCSF Fresno invites the public to join leading experts in medicine and health sciences at this year's Mini Med School from September 17 to October 22.

UCSF Fresno faculty physicians will provide in-depth lectures on issues and advances in medicine to local residents during six consecutive sessions on Thursdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the UCSF Fresno facility. This year's series will include topics covering the stages of the human life cycle. (This series includes mature topics and a minimum age of 17 is recommended for enrollment.)

Each course includes two presentations, followed by a question-and-answer session. Registration for the series is $20 and pre-registration is required. Early registration is recommended as seating is limited. Both students and adults are encouraged to attend. To register or for more information visit [www.fresno.ucsf.edu/minimed](http://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/minimed) or call 559-459-6299.

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**Women's Heart Fair at UCSF Fresno Wednesday, October 14**

Tell the women in your life to reserve a seat for the 2nd annual Women's Heart Fair!

This year's physician experts will feature Cardiologist, Dr. Teresa Daniele, Rheumatologist, Dr. Candice Yuvienco, and Psychiatrist, Dr. Shawn Hersevoort. The fair will feature an informative opening presentation by each of these physicians followed by health screenings on cholesterol and glucose, BMI, blood pressure, height and weight, as well as a session on nutrition with a registered dietician, and a food demonstration on heart healthy recipes. There will also be health related vendors at the fair.

This event is open to the public and there is no fee involved. [Click](#)
here to register today and to reserve your seat! Only 200 seats available!

Spring Alumni Reception for Pediatrics

The UCSF Fresno Pediatric Department will be holding an alumni reunion in the spring of 2016. The reunion will take place in Fresno at the UCSF Fresno facility. More details will follow.

Help Us Celebrate the Future of UCSF Fresno!

The fact of the matter is, no matter how successful Valley Visions, our major fundraiser is, there continues to be a great need for funding of programs at UCSF Fresno.

UCSF Fresno plays a vital role in the healthcare of Valley residents. Through a network of partner hospitals, UCSF Fresno medical students and residents train in state-of-the-art facilities where superior patient treatment is the cornerstone of care.

How can you help UCSF Fresno continue to advance healthcare in the Valley? There are several ways to get involved -- you can join us on Facebook and LinkedIn, or you can be generous with gifts of time or money to encourage UCSF Fresno's pioneering leadership in education and research. We thank you in advance for your support!

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