

# Mercer University School of Medicine Columbus Campus Update

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Columbus Council

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**Mercer University - Private Research University**  
founded in 1833 - historical campus in Macon



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**1982 - Macon**



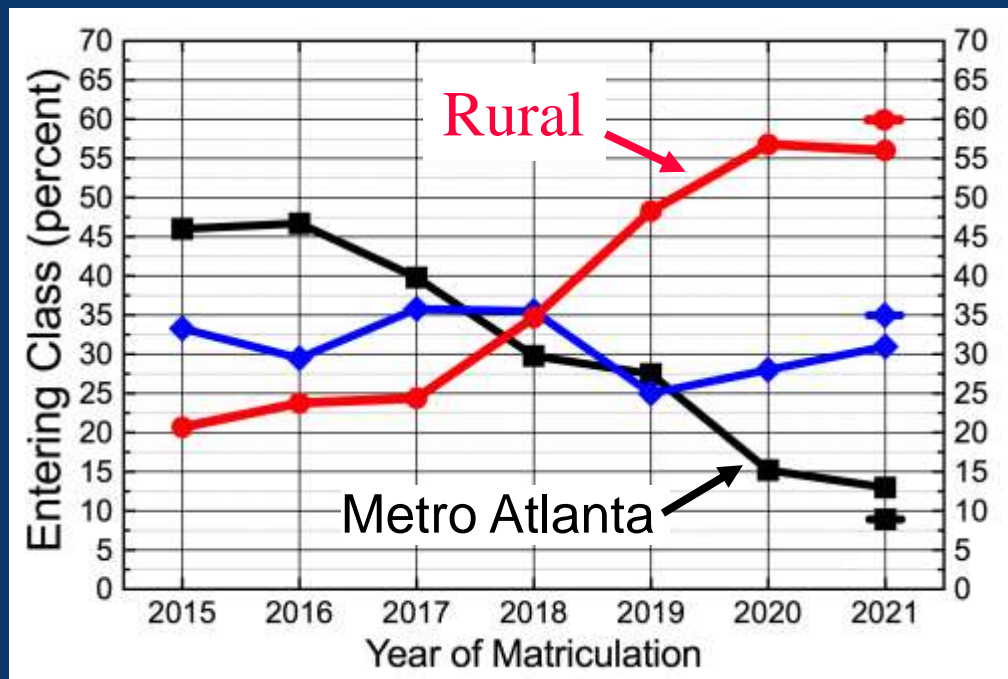
**1996 - Savannah**



**Educate physicians to meet the health care needs of rural and underserved Georgians**

### Mission Specific Admissions Policy

Only GA residents --- Rural zip codes favored



# Mission Specific Scholarship Policy

## ACT (accelerated tract)

- Graduate in 3 years  
Full scholarship yr. 2 & 3
- Guaranteed residency:  
FM, IM, or Peds
- 3-year commitment

## Nathan Deal Scholarships

- Full scholarship
- 4-year commitment



Nathan Deal Scholars 2019

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## Mission Specific Rural Clinics



Sumter Co.



Putnam Co.



Peach Co.



Clay Co.

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## Graduating Class of 2021



**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year rotations in Columbus since 2012**

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## Construction Update



1701 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue



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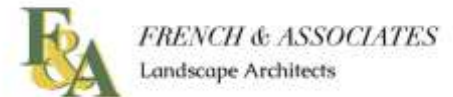


80,000 sq.ft.

\$38,500,000

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**BRASFIELD  
& GORRIE**  
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

100 - 150 workers



On schedule for December opening

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Student Enrollment:  
30 - 1<sup>st</sup> year students August 2021



500 11<sup>th</sup> Street

### Tutorial room



### Distance learning



### 6 - Clinical Skills Exam Rooms



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## Gross Anatomy Lab



Thank you, Hughston Clinic.



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+ Partners generally high ed./working

## Faculty Update – Ph.D Preclinical educators



8 – Columbus M.D./Ph.D. medical educators  
Will add 2 more this year

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### Columbus Expansion Hiring Timeline by position FY19 - FY28

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QTR	FY	Title	Position #	Hire or Reassign	Status	Department
1st Qtr	FY20	Faculty	4003442	Alice House	Incumbent & staying	Student Affairs
	FY20	Staff	4003282	Tela Tsulagi	Hired 7.29.19	Dean's Office, Columbus
2nd Qtr	FY20	Faculty	4003553	Maurice Sola	Hired 11.01.20	Dean's Office, Columbus
	FY20	Faculty	4003472	Peter Huwe	Hired 8.01.20	Basic Science, Columbus
3rd Qtr	FY20	Faculty	4003473	Bojo Cernak	Hired 8.01.20	Basic Science, Columbus
	FY20	Faculty	4003474	Stany Lobo	Hired 8.01.21	Basic Science, Columbus
	FY20	Faculty	4003475	Ivo Boudakov	Hired 8.01.20	Basic Science, Columbus
4th Qtr	FY20	Faculty	4003476	Lauren Burch	Hired 7.01.20	Community Medicine, Columbus
	FY20	Faculty	4003481	Richard Parrish	Hired 8.01.20	Basic Science, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003570	TBD	Need to Recruit	Internal Medicine, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003571	TBD	Need to Recruit	Internal Medicine, Columbus
1st Qtr	FY21	Faculty	4003572	TBD	Need to Recruit	Internal Medicine, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003573	TBD	Need to Recruit	Internal Medicine, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003560	TBD	Need to Recruit	Faculty Affairs, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003469	TBD	Need to Recruit	Financial Aid, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003476	TBD	Dr. Aguilar	Pathology & CSE, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4006688	TBD	Need to Recruit	Medical Library, Columbus
2nd Qtr	FY21	Staff	4003480	Charise Austin	Hired: 3/15/2021	Academic Affairs, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003450	Jannel Hollis	Hired: 10/25/2020	Academic Affairs, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003450	Veronica Freeman	Hired: 10/25/2020	Academic Affairs, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003451	Kimberly Willingham	Hired: 10/25/2020	Academic Affairs, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003587	TBD	Need to Recruit	Clinical Skills, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003477	TBD	Need to Recruit	Academic Affairs, Columbus
3rd Qtr	FY21	Faculty	4003560	TBD	Need to Recruit	Community Medicine, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003449	Dianne Gary	Posted 8.28.2020	Academic Affairs, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003584	TBD	Need to Recruit	IT, Tech Support, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003580	TBD	Need to Recruit	Academic Affairs, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003470	LaQuana Hamilton	Incumbent & staying	Student Affairs, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003482	Eric Koppelman	Hired: 3/1/2021	Basic Science, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003483	Currently Recruiting	Posted 7.22.2019	Basic Science, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003484	Currently Recruiting	Posted 7.22.2019	Basic Science, Columbus
4th Qtr	FY21	Faculty	4003485	Currently Recruiting	Posted 7.22.2019	Basic Science, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003487	TBD	Need to Recruit	Basic Science, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003486	TBD	Need to Recruit	Community Medicine, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003574	TBD	Need to Recruit	Internal Medicine, Columbus
	FY21	Faculty	4003575	TBD	Need to Recruit	Internal Medicine, Columbus
	FY21	Staff	4003588	TBD	Need to Recruit	Clinical Skills, Columbus
	FY22	Staff	4003479	TBD	Need to Recruit	Academic Affairs, Columbus
1st Qtr	FY22	Staff	4003754	TBD	Need to Recruit	Academic Affairs, Columbus
	FY22	Staff	4003468	Currently Recruiting	Posted 1.25.2021	Finance, Columbus
	FY22	Faculty	4003563	TBD	Need to Recruit	Biomedical Research, Columbus
	FY22	Faculty	4003564	TBD	Need to Recruit	Biomedical Research, Columbus
2nd Qtr	FY22	Faculty	4003565	TBD	Need to Recruit	Biomedical Research, Columbus

	FY22	Faculty	Medical Educator		TBD	Need to Recruit	Basic Science, Columbus
	FY22	Faculty	Medical Educator		TBD	Need to Recruit	Basic Science, Columbus
	FY22	Staff	Coordinator of Admissions	4003471	TBD	Need to Recruit	Admissions, Columbus
	FY22	Staff	Research Assistant	4003577	TBD	Need to Recruit	Biomedical Research, Columbus
3rd Qtr	FY22	Staff	Research Assistant	4003579	TBD	Need to Recruit	Biomedical Research, Columbus
	FY22	Staff	Research Assistant	4003580	TBD	Need to Recruit	Biomedical Research, Columbus
	FY22	Staff	Research Assistant	4003581	TBD	Need to Recruit	Biomedical Research, Columbus
	FY22	Staff	Research Assistant	4003582	TBD	Need to Recruit	Biomedical Research, Columbus
	FY22	Staff	Animal Care Tech	4003583	TBD	Need to Recruit	Biomedical Research, Columbus
	FY22	Faculty	Physical Plant Manager/Coordinator		TBD	Need to Recruit	
	FY22	Faculty	3rd Community Medicine Faculty		TBD	Need to Recruit	
4th Qtr	FY22	Staff	Library Assistant II	4003586	TBD	Need to Recruit	Library, Columbus
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## Economic Impact

Budgeted: 70 – 80 Faculty/staff  
Payroll: \$7 – 8,000,000

Operating Budget: \$20,000,000

**Economic Impact: ~ \$50,000,000**

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# Economic Impact



**Healthcare**



**Education**

**Research**

# Healthcare



- Assist Hospitals with physician recruitment.
- Increase number of training residencies.
- Staff local clinics
  - Mill Village clinic – Mercy Med
  - Victory Mission clinic – 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist

## Education:

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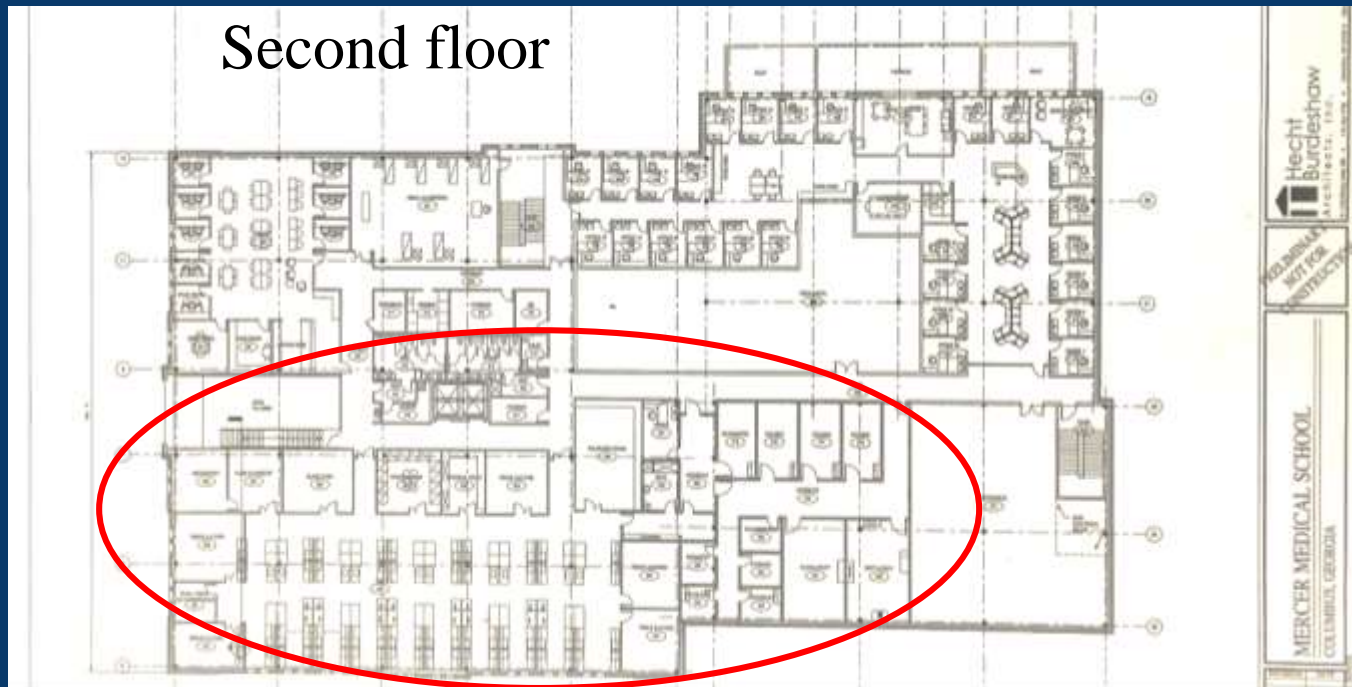
Support health science tech students

New Programs?

Medical Simulation Technology

Research Lab Assistant

### Research:



**\$3.5 million in state-of-the-art biomed research equipment**  
**Up to 12 primary biomedical researchers**

### Basic science researchers in Columbus



### Clinical researchers in Columbus



### Basic science researchers in Columbus



Discoveries here

### Clinical researchers in Columbus



End up here



# Healthcare



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# Education



# Research



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State government  
Many local citizens  
Corporate supporters



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