

KEATS SOCIETY

UVA DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY
AND MEDICAL IMAGING ALUMNI SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

Expanding Influence

Making a national impact

IN MEMORIAM: DR. LANCASTER
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RESEARCH GRANTS
AROUND THE GLOBE

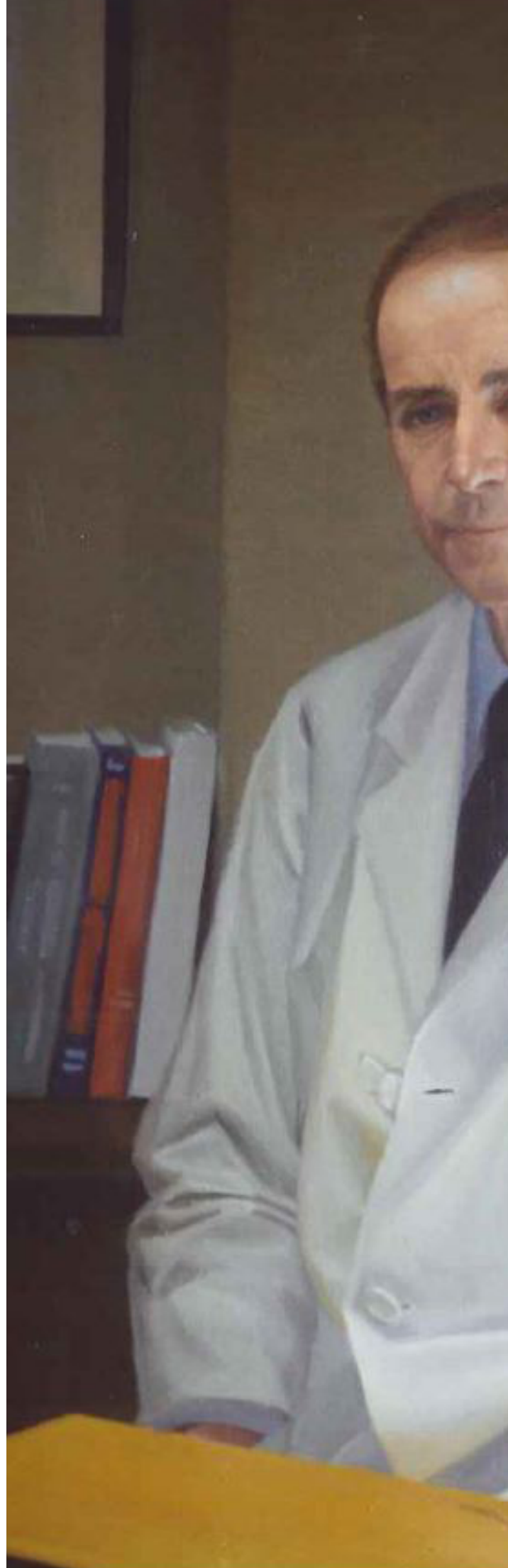
Honoring a Legacy. Investing in the Future.

The Keats Society recognizes and appreciates the generosity and commitment of alumni and friends who support the Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging at UVA.

Named after Dr. Theodore Keats, the fourth chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of Virginia, the society celebrates his visionary leadership, and enduring belief in excellence, innovation, and service.

Through philanthropy, advocacy, and engagement, Keats Society members help advance education, research, and patient care—ensuring UVA Radiology remains a leader today and for generations to come.

**LEARN. LEAD. HEAL.
TOGETHER.**





A MESSAGE FROM THE KEATS PRESIDENT

Building on Our Momentum

Hello from the Keats Society!

There's a great deal to share from our department this quarter, including new resident, fellow, and faculty achievements; participation at national and international conferences; and exciting events such as recent department lectures and the upcoming Focused Ultrasound Innovation Summit.

At the same time, this season has also been one of reflection for our department community as we remember and honor the life of our friend and colleague, Dr. Luke Lancaster. His passing is deeply felt throughout UVA Radiology, and we are grateful for the many ways he impacted our patients, trainees, and department family. In this issue, we pay tribute to his legacy and the lasting influence he had on those around him.

I'm continually impressed and inspired by our physicians' dedication to making an impact. Through their work, they build upon and contribute to this department's long tradition of innovation, leadership, and compassionate care. There are so many past and present members of UVA Radiology who have created meaningful change within our hospitals and within medical imaging as a whole — from Dr. Keats, the namesake of this society, to many of you reading this message today.

It's a reminder of how this department's past serves as a foundation for its future. Our alumni continue to play a crucial role in mentoring and inspiring current and future members of our community, including our recently matched residents, whom you will meet later in this newsletter.

Thank you for being an integral part of our department's history, values, and continued growth, and for your support of UVA Radiology and the Keats Society.

Jenni Pierce, MD
Keats Society President

Leading the Profession. Advancing Patient Care.

From national leadership roles to career-defining honors, our faculty continue to elevate the standards and impact of radiology.

ACR PRESIDENT

Alan, H. Matsumoto, MD, MA, Elected President of the American College of Radiology

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John Fritz Angle, MD, Receives Inaugural Dr. Barry T. Katzen Master Clinician Award

On April 14 at the Society of Interventional Radiology's Annual Scientific Meeting, UVA Radiology and Medical Imaging Professor John Fritz Angle, MD, was awarded the first-ever Dr. Barry T. Katzen Master Clinician Award.

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Professor John Fritz Angle, left, receives the inaugural Barry T. Katzen Master Clinician Award from Dr. Barry Katzen, right.

CURRENT AND FUTURE TRAINEES

IR-Integrated Resident Earns Mulholland Teaching Award

In April, IR-Integrated radiology resident Sandeep “Sunny” Murthy, MD, MS, received a UVA award to recognize his excellence in teaching medical students.

“He makes time for medical students and other residents, ensuring they feel welcomed and included in the clinical environment,” said Elaine Taylor during the presentation, quoting the words of an attending physician. “He actively includes learners in case discussions, procedural planning, and post-procedure reflection, helping them learn how to think like an interventional radiologist.”



Elaine Taylor (left), president of UVA's Mulholland Society, presents the Mulholland Resident and Fellow Teaching Award to Sandeep “Sunny” Murthy, MD, MS, a first-year IR-Integrated radiology resident.

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GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP

Resident Selected for Global Health Track

Congratulations to resident Daniel Edmund, MD, for being named to the Spencer B. Gay Global Health Leadership Track. Founded in 2015, the program offers residents the opportunity to train internationally during educational electives.

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Our trainees are our future and their passion and potential continue to inspire us.

MATCH DAY 2026

Welcoming Our Next Generation

This year, we are excited to welcome 13 new residents across our Diagnostic Radiology and IR-Integrated Residency programs, including two early arrivals beginning July 2026.

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY RESIDENCY (FOR 2026):

Olivia Little, MD, (Mercer University School of Medicine)

Vaibhav Vagal, MD, (Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University)

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY RESIDENCY (FOR 2027):

Sopuluchukwu Anidobu, MD, (University of Illinois College of Medicine)

Kevin Colbert, MD, (Texas A&M University Naresh K. Vashisht College of Medicine)

Tien Comlekoglu MD, (University of Virginia School of Medicine)

Shayom Debopadhaya MD, (Albany Medical College)

Maddie Hunter-Bazin MD, (University of North Carolina School of Medicine)

Kendall Leek MD, (West Virginia University School of Medicine)

Allen Luna MD, (Vanderbilt University School of Medicine)

Priyanka Mitta MD, (University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine)

Maya Rinehart MD, (University of North Carolina School of Medicine)

Rose Thuemmler MD, (University of Aberdeen School of Medicine and Dentistry)

INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY INTEGRATED RESIDENCY (FOR 2027):

Sid Iyer MD, (George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences)

Connor Morris MD, (University of Cincinnati College of Medicine)

Jacob Riccio MD, (Rush Medical College)

BY THE NUMBERS

13

New residents
matched

2

New DR residency
positions added

Alan H. Matsumoto, MD, MA, Elected President of the American College of Radiology Continued

In May, Alan Matsumoto, MD, MA, professor at the University of Virginia's Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging, was announced as the newest president of the American College of Radiology.

"Dr. Matsumoto is a trusted physician leader with a long record of service to the College and a clear commitment to quality, safety and patient-centered care," said ACR CEO Dana H. Smetherman, MD, MPH, MBA in a statement from the ACR. "His experience across clinical practice, education and ACR governance will continue to be a valuable resource as we work to advance policies, products and services that help radiologists provide the highest quality patient care."

Dr. Matsumoto has a history of leadership nationally and locally. He previously served as the ACR's vice president and more recently as the chair of the ACR's Board of Chancellors. He also served as UVA Radiology's department chair from 2009 to 2024 and has been a key figure in establishing UVA's Focused Ultrasound Center of Excellence in 2009.

In 2024, UVA Radiology created a \$3 million endowment in recognition of Dr. Matsumoto and his wife, Julie A. Matsumoto, MD, which aims to advance innovation and education in diagnostic and interventional radiology as well as the imaging sciences.



John Fritz Angle, MD, Awarded Inaugural Master Clinician Award Continued

According to the society, this award honors an interventional radiologist who has created demonstrable impact in their institution and who exemplifies dedication to clinical practice, patient care, diligence in their work, and continuous improvement within the field.

Dr. Angle is a longtime faculty member of UVA Radiology and currently serves as the director for the Division of Vascular and Interventional Radiology. He's been a member of the Society of Interventional Radiology since 1993 and currently serves as the society's president of the Association of Chiefs in Inter-

ventional Radiology.

During the ceremony, Dr. Angle was presented the award by Dr. Barry T. Katzen, for whom the distinction is named. Dr. Barry T. Katzen pioneered clinical practice for IR in 1976 and is a vocal champion for the clinical advancement of IR, according to the SIR.



\$6.5 Million Grant Will Aid Research in Lymphatic System MRI

Patients with chronic lymphatic diseases like lymphedema and lipedema often face misdiagnoses and delayed treatment because lymphatic function is difficult to monitor with current technologies.

To address this, Rachelle Crescenzi, associate professor of radiology and medical imaging at University of Virginia, will lead a seven-year research program supported by a new \$6.5 million grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. The program will develop and apply SALT MRI, a noninvasive imaging technique that visualizes sodium, adipose tissue, and the lymphatics, to improve research and clinical care for lymphedema and lipedema.

The research will focus on three projects: studying leg lymphedema progression, adapting SALT MRI for breast cancer-related lymphedema in the upper body and identifying biological features of lipedema that could improve diagnosis.

“This award puts a timeline on the goal of reducing lymphatic disease burden,” said Dr. Crescenzi. “Imaging technologies are advancing and ready to help us.”

The program also supports graduate student training and brings together experts from UVA's Departments of Radiology and Medical Imaging, Plastic Surgery, and Maxillofacial and Oral Health.



Pictured from left: Rachelle Crescenzi, PhD, Vanessa Crain, Zola Bzdek, PhD, and Allison Scott, MSc of UVA's SALT Lab

NEWS



Earlier this year, the Blue Ridge Institute recently released its ranking of NIH-grant recipients nationwide. UVA Radiology's Research Division rose from Rank 51 to 42 among all radiology research programs, earning more than \$3.4 million in fiscal year 2025.



Professors James R. Stone, MD, PhD, and Christopher M. Kramer, MD, were celebrated in the School of Medicine's annual Research Awards. Dr. Stone was recognized as one of the top 25 grant recipients within the UVA system, and Dr. Kramer was nominated by the SOM for going “above and beyond” in research endeavors.



In February, Professor and Interim Department Chair, Cree Gaskin, MD, was named a 2026 fellow for the UVA LaCross AI Institute's Fellowships in AI Research. As part of the program, he'll contribute to a team titled “Designing Radiology AI for Enhanced Human + AI Performance” alongside members of UVA's Schools of Business and Data Science.

WELCOME, Dr. Price!

A big welcome to Professor Richard Price, PhD, an imaging scientist and long-time member of the UVA community who now joins our department as a full-time member!



Expanding Medical Physics Education



UVA Radiology's nascent Medical Physics Residency is growing its offerings, from one to two residency spots for the upcoming year.

In the summer of 2025, the Diagnostic Medical Physics group at The University of Virginia Medical Center began offering a residency program in imaging physics. The two-year program prepares graduates to work independently as clinical imaging physicists through technical physics training in all imaging modalities and a strong clinical focus.

Last year the program welcomed Damian Ream, MS, who said attending UVA for this residency was "an easy choice." "UVA Health saved my wife's life after an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, and they were there to welcome my daughter into the world," said Ream. "The work done here is second to none, and there really is not a place I could've imagined spending my residency years at."

Diagnostic Medical Physics resident Damian Ream, MS

Celebrating GME Trainee Appreciation Week

In February, the entire University of Virginia's School of Medicine celebrated GME Trainee Appreciation Week, and the Department of Radiology and Medical Imaging was no exception!

"We belong to an academic community for one big reason to advance patient care through research and education," wrote UVA Radiology Interim Chair Cree Gaskin, MD, and Vice Chair of Education Juliana Bueno, MD, in an email to the department's trainees. "Without you, this would be an empty endeavor. You are the lifeblood of our department and one of the 3 pillars of our mission."

Among the week's festivities: special breakfasts, brunches, lunches, and happy hours; a rejuvenating therapy dog visit; and a party with snacks, photo-shoots, and games, sponsored by the Keats Alumni Society.



[View photo album here](#)

Letters of Excellence

Congratulations to Professor Arun Krishnaraj, MD, MPH,... and now MBA, in May he officially graduated from UVA's Darden School of Business!

Past Department Members Return to UVA for Lectures

In March, the department welcomed former DR resident and “Double Hoo” Rebecca Gerber Kahn, MD, for a noon alumni lecture. During the presentation, titled “Pearls s/p PGY and YGS,” Dr. Kahn gave insight on her professional journey in radiology, and later that evening hosted a social hour for the trainees afterwards. Dr. Kahn’s impact is still felt in the department today – as a resident, she traveled to Rwanda as part of a Goldberg/Reeder Fellowship for Global Health from the ACR, an experience that would serve as an impetus for the creation of the department’s Spencer B. Gay Radiology Resident International Education and Global Health Leadership Track.

Then in April, the department kicked off its new lecture series by welcoming Michael Dake, MD, former UVA Radiology professor and department chair from 2005 to 2008. Dr. Dake’s lecture was titled “One Battle After Another: Are You Ready for the Chaos and Opportunities Ahead?” and discussed the current state of health-care with topics including medical education, AI/ML, and climate instability. Under Dr. Dake’s leadership, the department began a significant seven-year physical and technological renovation for the department’s facilities and equipment, the benefits of which are still evident today. This lecture was the inaugural event for the Matsumoto Endowed Lecture series, which is supported by the Alan H. Matsumoto, MD, and Julie A. Matsumoto, MD, Endowment to Advance the Missions and Science of Radiology.

Thank you to Drs. Kahn and Dake for returning back to Charlottesville, and thank you to all who attended!



Faculty, residents, and family gather with Dr. Kahn after lecture



(Left to right) Juliana Bueno, MD, Julie Matsumoto, MD, Alan Matsumoto, MD, MA, FSIR, and Michael Dake, MD, FSIR

IR-Integrated Resident Earns Mulholland Teaching Award Continued

Dr. Murthy is a winner of the annual Mulholland Resident and Fellow Teaching Award, which recognizes formal and informal teaching during medical students’ pre-clerkships, clerkships, and fourth-year electives. Elaine Taylor, the president of the UVA School of Medicine’s student government organization the Mulholland Society, presented Dr. Murthy with the award during Wednesday’s noon conference.

“He actively includes learners in case discussions, procedural planning, and post-procedure reflection, helping them learn how to think like an interventional radiologist because his enthusiasm for the specialty itself is another defining feature of his teaching. He speaks about interventional radiology with an excitement that is difficult to manufacture and impossible to ignore.”

It’s a full-circle moment for Dr. Murthy, who graduated from UVA’s School of Medicine and was himself taught by past UVA residents and fellows. Now he continues the pattern as a resident in the department’s Interventional Radiology Integrated Residency.

UVA Radiology Across the Globe

Our faculty and trainees shared expertise, built collaboration, and represented UVA Radiology on a global stage.



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From Seoul to Seattle
Our knowledge travels
Our impact stays

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International Intensive Course for Interventional Radiology Seoul, South Korea



Society of Breast Imaging Seattle, Washington



Society of Interventional Radiology
Toronto, Canada



Society of Skeletal Radiology
Huntington Beach, California

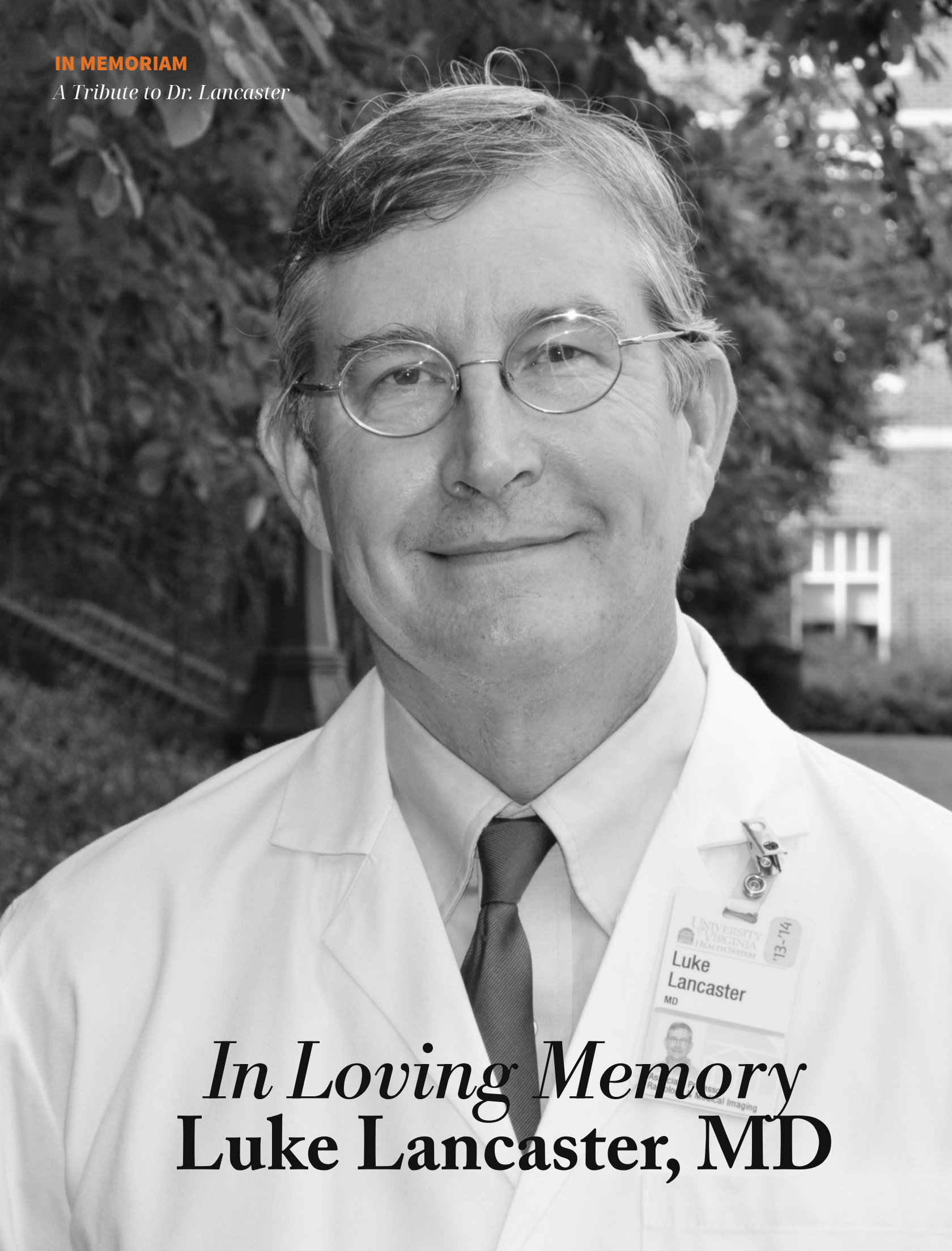


Association of Academic Radiology
Atlanta, Georgia



IN MEMORIAM

A Tribute to Dr. Lancaster



In Loving Memory
Luke Lancaster, MD

Our dear friend, Dr. Lancaster,

It's with great sadness that the University of Virginia's Department of Medical Imaging announces the passing of Associate Professor Luke Lancaster, MD, who died unexpectedly on the night of Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Dr. Lancaster will be remembered not only for his dedication to patient care and education, but also for the kindness, warmth, and generosity he brought to those around him every day. A valued colleague, mentor, and friend, his impact on the UVA Radiology community will continue to be felt for years to come. We are grateful for the time we shared with him and honor the legacy he leaves behind. Share memories of Dr. Lancaster [here](#).



“What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.”

— Linda Ellis, The Dash

Save the Date



UVA Radiology and Medical Imaging

The Keats Society

Homecoming Reunion

With Theodore E. Keats Endowed Lecturer: Dr. Mark Hiatt

May 14th - 16th, 2027