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# COSM Alumnus of the Year

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*R to L: COSM Dean Martha L. Abell, Ph.D., COSM Alumnus of the Year David A. Woodrum, M.D., Ph.D. and Georgia Southern University President Brooks A. Keel, Ph.D.*

The College of Science and Mathematics is pleased to announce that Dr. David A. Woodrum, a 1994 graduate of Georgia Southern University, is this year's recipient of the College of Science and Mathematics Alumnus of the Year Award. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree while majoring in physics with minors in chemistry and biology, David has gone on to have a distinguished career in medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He completed the M.D./Ph.D. program at the Medical College of Georgia in 2001 while focusing his thesis on cell biology and anatomy. Afterwards, he completed an internship in internal medicine and residency in radiology at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. David stayed on at Mayo to complete an interventional radiology fellowship with additional time at the end of fellowship spent at Northwestern University and Hopkins University learning interventional MRI. David has been selected for many honors over the years, including the award that recognizes students at MCG for maintaining a 4.0 GPA in the first two years of medical school, the C. Allen Good Award for Resident Research Excellence, the Cum Laude Award for Abstract Presentation, and the Carmen Award for Research Excellence. He also holds professional membership in several professional societies, including the American College of Radiology, the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine where he serves as Secretary for the Interventional MRI Subgroup, the Society of Computed Body Tomography and Magnetic Resonance, and the Society of Interventional Radiology where he serves on the Research Policy Committee. In addition, he has given numerous invited presentations at meetings of the Society of Interventional Radiology and SPIE (the international society advancing an interdisciplinary approach to the science and application of light). David's research is focused on providing better and new options for patients with cancer through the use of MR-compatible technologies. His research program has been supported over the years by industries and federal agencies such as the National Cancer Institute, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, and the National Institutes of Health. His research has led to the publication of over 50 articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals and over 40 abstracts. In addition to his research, he has taught numerous classes, reviews, and conference sessions. David was born and raised in Statesboro, GA. His father, Professor Emeritus of Physics, Arthur Woodrum, served as Chair of the Department of Physics at Georgia Southern University for many years. David is the proud father of Daniel, Laurel, and Charlotte.

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