WVU's Department of Family Medicine celebrated the 40th Annual Hal Wanger Family Medicine Conference, September 18-20, 2014 at Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa in Morgantown, honoring 40 years of the Hal Wanger Family Medicine Conference and of WVU's Family Medicine Residency Program.

As per tradition, apples were available each day and did not keep our doctors away as over 120 alumni, current residents, past and present faculty, former chairs, and even Drs. Alex and Bill Wanger were in attendance, making this year's 40th a much welcomed reunion and conference to remember!

The conference included 21 educational lectures, a poster session, cocktail reception and celebratory 40th Anniversary banquet. Thank you for attending and making the 40th Hal Wanger Conference special!
On October 15, 2014, the 22nd Annual West Virginia Rural Health Conference was held in Morgantown, WV. This conference was a great showcase for some of the exceptional research and community service programs supported by the Family Medicine Department. Eight Rural Track students and four Longitudinal Community Scholars presented a total of nine posters displaying their experience and research during their rural rotations. Leila Famouri, a second year LCS student, was invited to lead a small discussion on her UTI study that she conducted this summer. Also, two Rural Scholar residents, Drs. Mollie McCartney-Cecil and Jason McNair, presented research pertaining to their residency projects. Additionally, five faculty were represented at the poster presentations; including Drs. Dana King, Greg Doyle, Dorian Williams, Treah Haggerty, and Holli Neiman-Hart. The meeting was a great opportunity for students, residents, and faculty to share their experiences in rural medical education and meet people from across the state.

The Department would like to express its sincere appreciation to the children and family of Dr. & Mrs. John and Nancy Traubert for their generous donation in the name of their parents to support a Family Medicine Rural Scholar in the Spring of 2015.

Since the Department of Family Medicine Rural Scholars Program began in 2005, there have been 66 Rural Scholars admitted from all three campuses. The current Morgantown Rural Scholars are pictured right. Bottom row (L-R): Kayla Halsey (MSVI), Dr. Katie Hill and Dr. Chris Reynolds; middle row (L-R): Dr. Jason Peklinsky, Dr. Amy Moyers and Dr. Mollie McCartney-Cecil; top row (L-R): Jason Statler (MSIV), Dr. Jason McNair and Dr. Brooks Mersing. Rural Scholars not pictured include Drs. Alexia Bozek, Garrett Butler, Megan Johnson and Emily Larkin.

On Friday October 10, 2014, the Department of Family Medicine participated in the Annual WVU Healthcare Expo at the Morgantown Mall. This year, Family Medicine chose to highlight Pediatrics, Medication Management and Nutrition. The Residents and Faculty volunteers were very successful attracting many families with small children, as the Department’s booth had a pediatric theme creating a child friendly environment with games aimed at their appropriate developmental stages. Family Medicine’s dietitian, Judy Siebert, along with help from staff volunteers RN, Amanda Edwards, and Registration Specialist, Robin Walls, made a healthy trail mix that was well received. They also distributed a variety of nutritional recipes along with Nutritional guidelines and recommendations for all age groups.

Pharmacist, Dr. Gregory Castelli, spoke with many visitors about their medications. Registered nurse, Susan Lewis, and Drs. Treah Haggerty, Megan Johnson, Mollie McCartney-Cecil, Jason McNair and Shaylee Peckens were on hand to answer a variety of health related questions. It was a very successful day with many visitors. The Department is excited to start planning for next year!
The Department of Family Medicine is excited to be expanding its clinic to WVU Healthcare’s new outpatient center located at the University Town Centre! Site work is well underway and construction is anticipated to be complete in the summer of 2015.

The Department of Family Medicine will be housed on the second floor and will include approximately 31 exam rooms, one procedure room, ample storage for medical equipment, a resident workroom, triage room, conference room, and convenient parking for patients and employees. The clinic will feature a great view of the new baseball park in Morgantown.

The Department will continue to have a small footprint at the Clark K. Sleeth Family Medicine Center, until remodeling is complete at the Physician Office Center. The new facility will be a primary care center of excellence featuring the Patient Centered Medical Home model.