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# Campbell University Community Care Clinic

## Mr. CUSOM Pageant Raises More Than \$15,000 for the Clinic

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*"The clinic gives students an amazing opportunity for clinical experience while providing a necessary service to uninsured in our community. Being part of Mr. CUSOM is something I am very proud of and will never forget."*

- Jon McGill, OMS1

On January 26th, CUSOM held its 3rd annual Mr. CUSOM pageant, an all-male contest where medical students compete in different categories in order to raise money for the Campbell University Community Care Clinic. The pageant raised \$15,600 in donations this year, nearly tripling the proceeds raised the previous year.

The seven contestants welcomed hundreds of guests to Turner Auditorium with a lively spy-themed "00-DO" opening number choreographed by co-executive director Kayleigh Jernigan and co-director Macelyn Batten. Contestants then showcased their best alternative and formal wear, in addition to competing in special talent. Two members of CUSOM faculty, Dr. Warren Lushia, associate professor of biochemistry, and Dr. Steven Halm, associate dean of simulation medicine, made their debut in the talent portion assisting contestants Brian Gottwalt and JT Muller, respectively.

To prepare for the show, the men attended weekly rehearsals.

"The guys put in approximately 35 hours of group rehearsal between October and January, not including any time at home practicing," said Kara Smith, the co-executive director of the pageant.



The men were responsible for finding all of their costumes for the event and also were in charge of the even larger responsibility of fundraising. In order to raise money for the clinic, the guys went out into the community asking local businesses, as well as friends, family, and faculty at CUSOM to donate.

"They did an awesome job and received sponsorships from many companies," said Jernigan.

In addition to the on-stage competition, attendees were allowed to vote on Mr. Photogenic, a contest won by Patrick Guin.

First-year medical student Jon McGill took home the crown and distinguished title of Mr. CUSOM 2018. A South Carolina native, Jon received tremendous support from friends and family back home in addition to ticket sales and local support. McGill also took home the Fundraising Award for raising \$3200.

"It is great to see everyone come together for a cause that is so important to us all," said McGill.

CUSOM first-year Tucker Peabody performs his talent, floor aerobics, at

Mr. CUSOM.

Mr. CUSOM raised over two-thirds of the clinic's annual operating costs.

"We are so incredibly thankful for the hard work of our students and generosity of our community," said Clinic Executive Director Shaina Gordon (OMS1).

**Contestants:** Kevin Chambers (OMS1), Patrick Guin (OMS1), Brian Gottwalt (OMS1), Jon McGill (OMS1), Bogdan Luchkevich (OMS1), JT Muller (OMS2), Tucker Peabody (OMS1)

In keeping with the theme of fundraising, CUSOM will host the first annual Care Gala on Feb. 17th at 6pm in Leon Levine Hall. Clinic Marketing Director Soumya Adem says the event is designed to "celebrate and bring awareness to the Community Care Clinic while raising funds for operations." The evening will include a catered dinner, live entertainment, patient testimonials, and silent auction. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://calendar.campbell.edu/events/caregala/>.

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