



Distinguished Faculty Service Award

Not many recipients of the Distinguished Faculty Service Award have the honor of receiving a letter of nomination from the faculty member who recruited them to MUSC. However, the same person who recruited **Scott Bradley, M.D.**, to lead the Congenital Surgery program in 1995 expressed support this way: Bradley “has taken a very good Congenital Heart Surgery Program and transformed it into a truly world class program...currently...ranked as the 7th best program in the United States.” Such rankings are meaningful institutionally; but they are comforting and critical to the children and families who benefit from the expertise that Bradley brings as a builder of expert, high-functioning surgical teams.

Indeed, Bradley’s personal accomplishments are extraordinary. After earning a Doctor of Medicine from Harvard, he completed a general surgery residency at Massachusetts General and a research fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco in fetal and cardiovascular surgery. He furthered his already impressive training by completing a cardiothoracic surgical residency and pediatric cardiac surgery fellowship at the University of Michigan. This dual residency and dual fellowship training brought MUSC a skillset that has earned him Best Doctors in America accolades every year since 2001, among others, including the Baffes visiting professorship at Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago six years ago.

His personal accomplishments are too many to enumerate but include a remarkable career of service to his discipline and significant scholarly contributions with 93 invited presentations and 141 peer-reviewed publications. He currently holds the Robert D. Sade, M.D., Endowed Chair in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at MUSC. This overview barely scratches the surface of his achievements as an internationally eminent academic surgeon.

The contributions of most significance are, of course, to his patients and their families. As his current chair put it, he “has always been the champion for the most difficult of surgical patients.” With colleagues in the Division of Pediatric Cardiology, Bradley’s teams “produce congenital heart surgery outcomes that are equal to or better than” any in the world. The key result, as another colleague emphasized, is that there are thousands of children and even adults “born with congenital heart disease who literally had their broken hearts fixed by Dr. Bradley.” Moreover, this key result has been accomplished because “he has built a true team consisting of surgeons, cardiologists, nurses, perfusionists, and others” with “tremendous *esprit de corps*.”

For his outstanding leadership, internationally renowned professional accomplishment, and devoted care to children in South Carolina and beyond, the Medical University of South Carolina Foundation presents the Distinguished Faculty Service Award to Scott Bradley, M.D., on August 17, 2021.