Fagan Recognized at Football Game

Susan Fagan, newly named Distinguished Research Professor at the University of Georgia was recognized for her distinction during ceremonies at the Georgia’s home football game against University of North Texas on September 21.

Fagan is one of only three professors at the University to receive the title of Distinguished Research Professor this year. The honor is bestowed upon faculty who are internationally recognized for their original contributions to knowledge and whose work promises to foster continued creativity in their discipline.

Fagan is an outstanding leader in basic stroke research and an expert in stroke therapeutics. She was one of the investigators in a landmark clinical trial that led to the widespread use of the drug Activase as an acute treatment for embolic stroke. She is recognized by other scientists and clinicians as one of the few Americans and international leaders who continues to translate novel basic research into new treatment strategies for acute stroke.

Along with her group of collaborators, she is on the cusp of establishing vascular protection as a tactic to improve the devastating morbidity and mortality associated with stroke, which affects more than 800,000 individuals annually in the U.S. alone. In addition to the development of novel treatments, Fagan is currently exploring new therapeutic targets in the brain blood vessels to enhance recovery and improve outcomes for stroke patients.

Fagan is also the Albert W. Jowdy Professor, Assistant Dean and Associate Department Head of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy at the College of Pharmacy. She was recently named founding director of the Center for Pharmacy and Experimental Therapeutics at the Medical College of Georgia at Georgia Regents University and MCG’s assistant dean for pharmacy and experimental therapeutics.