

SAAOG 2026

Lifetime Achievement Award

In Honor of Stephen H. Bush, MD, MBA, FACOG



STEPHEN H. BUSH, MD, MBA, FACOG

Chair of Department of Obstetrics and
Gynecology
Vandalia Health
Charleston, WV

Over a distinguished 40-year career, Dr. Stephen Bush has made significant contributions to women's health, minimally invasive gynecologic surgery, and medical education. After performing his final delivery in the past year, he now focuses his practice on minimally invasive surgery and pelvic reconstruction. A pioneer in surgical innovation, he performed the first robotic gynecologic surgery in West Virginia in 2006 and was an early adopter of vNOTES. He also furthered his education with a Master of Business Administration.

Dr. Bush has been actively involved in ACOG and District IV, serving as Chair of the West Virginia Section, CCME representative, and currently as Chair of the CCME Committee.

Since becoming Department Chair in 2005, he has played a central role in rebuilding and advancing the residency program. His passion for teaching and mentoring has shaped generations of students and residents, and he continues to find fulfillment in working alongside trainees in clinical practice.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Bush enjoys early morning workouts, golf, skiing, pottery, and time with his family—his wife Margi; children Stephen, Michael, and Morgan; their families; and Remy, the family's yellow Lab.

Dr. Stephen Bush is honored to receive the SAAOG Lifetime Achievement Award and extends heartfelt thanks to his partners, colleagues, family, faculty, and staff whose support has guided his career.

Presenter of the
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MARGI BUSH, MS, ACC

President and CEO

Wisdom Tree Coaching

National Board-Certified Health and Wellness Coach

Certified Duke Integrative Medicine Health and Well-Being Coach

MBTI Master Practitioner

Certified Forest Therapy Guide

Certified Zentangle® Teacher

Charleston, WV

Margi Bush an ACC, ICF Credentialed Coach, Certified MBTI Master Practitioner, an EQ-i 2.0 Coach and Facilitator and a National Board-Certified Health and Wellness Coach (NBC-HWC). Margi is president of Wisdom Tree Coaching LLC. She holds a master's degree in human resource management from Marshall University. She is also certified with Duke Integrative Medicine in Health and Well-Being Coaching which earned her the opportunity to sit for and pass the National Board Health and Wellness Coaching exam through the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Margi has been facilitating and coaching in leadership development for 17 years helping people with leadership presence, emotional intelligence skills and understanding how their personality preferences influence how they engage with others. She expanded her coaching practice with health and wellness coaching over 5 years ago and wrote her own Guide to Health and Well-Being Workbook. Margi incorporates skills learned in Appreciative Inquiry and Generative Questions and the Stages of Change training.

Margi has or is currently coaching managers, supervisors, directors and C-suite individuals in healthcare, legal, oil and gas, manufacturing, accounting, and global leaders in aerospace and defense, energy efficiency, and the manufacturing packaging of beauty products.

As an MBTI Master Practitioner, she uses the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® Instrument (MBTI) Personal Impact Report providing training in the areas of Effective Leadership, Communication, Team Building and Conflict Management around personality types.

Margi is also a **Certified Forest Therapy Guide** is trained in the practice of forest bathing. In Japan, it is known as shinrin-yoku, a Japanese term for forest bathing and simply means taking in the forest atmosphere by mindfully using our senses. The practice started in Japan in the 1980s to counter the burnout and negative health symptoms many people were experiencing— a result of moving from the countryside to the urban environment for indoor tech-based jobs which required working long hours indoors at desk jobs.

Shinrin-yoku can be thought of like a bridge. By engaging each of our senses in a guided way, we can bridge any disconnection between us and our natural world. Scientific research done in Japan has discovered there are quite a few health benefits to the forest bathing practice. They include stress reduction, lower heart rate and blood pressure, and improved concentration, creativity, and mood. Not only is slowing down, coming into the present moment, and focusing on the breath good for our health, being with the trees or with plants has many health benefits too. This practice is also commonly used with medical students, nurses, physicians as well as the general population.

Walks can be outside in a forest, park, or a neighborhood face-to-face or virtually. This method can be modified for indoor nature connection too. Trees give the highest health benefits, yet plants can be used if needed.

Margi is also a **Nature Journaling Educator** is trained through the Wild Wonder Foundation. She teaches the practice of using nature journaling as a tool for observation, connection and scientific record-keeping in nature. Margi fosters a stewardship mindset in others and encourages others to develop a stronger relationship with nature by activating curiosity, attention, and a sense of wonder.

And as a **Certified Zentangle® Teacher**, Margi is trained in teaching the Zentangle® Method an easy to learn meditative drawing technique and that is proven to increase creativity, focus and self-confidence and it has been found over the years to reach far beyond original expectations.

In addition to use with health care workers including physicians, medical students, and nurses, it has been a meditative art form of healing for oncologists, cancer patients and survivors, and leaders in fast paced organizations. The method is used across the US and in countries all over the world.

The Zentangle® Method has been and continues to be studied as a mindfulness-based art therapy for people with stress and anxiety. One study was conducted by University of Massachusetts Medical School with support from the Zentangle Foundation. In addition, other research has been published and is available which discusses the use of the Zentangle® Method as art therapy to improve health and wellbeing and daily functioning for individuals who are stressed and/or burned out.

Margi's Community work includes:

- Leadership West Virginia (2018-Current) MBTI training first and last sessions, 3 hours each.
- CAMC Cancer Center facilitating Zentangle® meditative drawing with patients receiving chemo. (2022-Current)
- University of Charleston School of Business and Leadership (SBL) Business Advisory Committee (BAC) 2020-2023).
- Health and Wellness Coaching providing 12 sessions pro-bono (60 hours) to 5 people in leadership roles.
- Leadership Council for the WVU School of Medicine Charleston Campus (2020).

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband of 43 years, three children, her 12-year-old, 10-year-old and 2-year-old granddaughters and her 4-year-old yellow lab, Remy. Margi also enjoys spending time in nature, learning visual facilitation and watercolor skills.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREES

<i>Year Honored</i>	<i>Honoree</i>	<i>State</i>
2003	A.Cullen Richardson, MD	Georgia
2004	William H. Kirkley, MD	Florida
2005	Mason Cooke Andrews, MD	Virginia
2006	Robert G. Brame, MD	North Carolina
2007	Edgar O. Horger, III, MD	South Carolina
2008	Paul G. McDonough, MD	Georgia
2009	Thomas K. Young, MD	Florida
2010	Leo J. Dunn, MD	Virginia
2011	Charles B. Hammond, MD	North Carolina
2012	Luella Klein, MD	Georgia
2013	Paul B. Underwood, Jr., MD	South Carolina
2014	Alfred H. Moffett, Jr., MD	Florida
2015	Willette Lewis LeHew, MD	Virginia
2016	Ronald Vaughn Wade, MD	North Carolina
2017	Lawrence D. Devoe, MD	Georgia
2018	Robert C. Nuss, MD	Florida
2019	Mary Elizabeth Blanchard, MD	South Carolina
2020	Dorothy Mitchell-Leef, MD	Georgia
2022	JoAnn V. Pinkerton, MD	Virginia
2023	Haywood L. Brown, MD	North Carolina
2024	Mitchel S. Hoffman, MD	Florida
2025	Joe C. Robinson, MD	South Carolina
2026	Stephen H. Bush, MD, MBA	West Virginia

