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Three Pillars

We received an overwhelming response to the passing of Drs. Robert Comis, Robert Rohner, and William Williams, reported in the Autumn 2017 issue. A sample of your comments:

It was with a heavy heart that I came across three tributes to the pillars of my education at Upstate.

Even 36 years ago, Dr. Williams was a bit of an anachronism: the triple threat who could succeed in the lab, in the classroom, and at the bedside. Today, academic medical centers acknowledge that such a model is rarely actualized and plan accordingly.

I had Dr. Rohner in 1977-78 for pathology, and even then he was somewhat frail after a coronary artery bypass. But in the lecture room, he was fiery, colorful, and unforgettable. He also actually liked the students, poking them sardonically if they missed some detail on a quiz. In the long years I have spent in schools of various kinds, there have been several gifted teachers who enlivened material that otherwise would have been dutifully, but fleetingly, memorized. He was one of the best.

I am especially saddened to note the passing of Dr. Comis, who is the reason I am an oncologist/hematologist. Some time in the late 1970s, he gave a lecture about small cell lung cancer that was so clear, so fresh, and so passionate that I became inspired by the field and its sense of purposeful, methodical progress. He was one of the best.

I had the distinct honor of working with William (“Bill”) Williams for the majority of my professional career. Having been a medical resident, hematology fellow, and faculty member during much of his tenure at Upstate, I came to know him as a teacher, mentor, and ultimately as a dear friend. Bill instilled my love of hematology as I devoured the chapters in Williams Hematology, year after year, day in and day out. And if a concept arose that I didn’t quite grasp, I could always venture into his office to discuss, disagree if need be, but always come away feeling good that I had learned from the editor-in-chief of THE major textbook in the field.

Over time, Bill took me under his wing, teaching me about wine selection, cooking (he even convinced me to try my hand at cooking kidneys, which I tried once and never again), and the trials, tribulations, and satisfactions of running a growing department of medicine.

Bill had the well-earned respect of the multitude of the doctors in training and faculty he led all those years. He was always a gentleman and a scholar in all the best senses. I loved him and will miss him.

Ken W. Zamkoff, MD, HS ’78
Weaverville, NC

I read the news of Dr. Rohner’s death with great sorrow. He was an inspiration and the major influence in my career in pathology. I sought to emulate him in his education and service to patients, fellow physicians, medical students, and pathology residents. But of course I never could, as he was uniquely gifted. The summer fellowships I had with him were adventures in academic and service pathology. Who knew learning could be such a joy? His patience and kindness had no bounds. I wrote a short memoir a few years ago about the time I spent with him, and I would be happy to send it to any alumni. Email me at lrosati@cox.net if you would like to read it.

Louis A. Rosati, MD ’66
Mesa, AZ

(I’m sure he did for everyone) and instead of calling me Vicki, he’d call me Vickalee.
I also recall that at the end of every test we took in those blue composition books, he’d sign his name Love, R2. Today this would not be considered appropriate, but back then it made one feel very special. I’m sure he did this for many of his students.

Vicki C. Ratner, MD ’84
Los Gatos, CA

My very first encounter with Dr. Rohner took place on a dreary bone-chilling day in November 1964. Emerging from an endless bus ride from New York City to Syracuse, tension mounted as I drew closer to the Upstate Pathology Offices, where I was to be interviewed. When I timidly knocked on a door marked Robert Rohner, MD, I heard a gruffish but welcoming voice from within, “If that’s you, Johnny, come on in!” As I entered, I saw a rumply dressed man, grinning from ear to ear, his eyeglasses nestling comfortably on his broad forehead with bushy eyebrows that he used effectively to underscore what he was saying. “Jesus, Johnny, I thought you’d never get here,” he exclaimed. During our conversation, R2 made me feel that I was a 4.0 student from Harvard rather than a 3.5 student from Manhattan College. It was as if my admission to the Upstate Class of 1969 was a forgone conclusion, so let’s just talk and enjoy ourselves. And we did for an hour before it was time to move on. Now fully relaxed, the next interview also went smooth as silk.

Two weeks later, I received the letter from Upstate offering me a place in The Class of 1969.

John T. McCarthy, MD ’69
Troy, NY

Nobody had more impact on the myriad medical students that passed through the doors of SUNY Upstate than Robert Rohner. This man embodied the humor, dedication to excellence and humanity needed by all physicians. There are very few people we meet in our lives that have the capacity to touch one’s soul. Dr. Rohner was near the top of my list. He made me a better student, doctor, and citizen. I haven’t seen him since 1976 and yet I’m sitting here welling up just thinking about him, such was the influence of this man on my life.

Bud Whalen, MD ’76
Charlotte, NC

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Of all the places to have an aha moment, mine was in the dimly lit lecture hall on the first floor of Weiskotten Hall. I was in my second year of medical school and my enthusiasm for medicine was falling like the rain from the grey skies overhead. It was then that Bob Rohner appeared at the lectern.

From the word Go, I was mesmerized. I remember sitting in my chair when the lecture was finished, trying to comprehend the significance of the performance I had just witnessed. It took me more than a decade to sort out Dr. Rohner’s genius (here’s the link to a blog post I wrote about him https://auniqueandportablemagic.blogspot.com/2014/06/4-lessons-from-great-teacher.html) but one thing was immediately apparent: my enthusiasm was back.

Thanks, Dr. Rohner,

Peter Hogenkamp, MD ’93
Rutland, VT

About Winter 2016

Once again, an excellent issue of the Upstate Medical Alumni Journal. In “Medical Entrepreneurs,” Robert Levine, MD, and Brian A. Meltzer, MD, share how Upstate added to their ability to achieve more post graduation. Dr. Levine stresses an empathetic faculty and Dr. Meltzer stresses the challenge of the medical paradigm in adding to his ability to think about innovation. Today’s medical students would benefit from these stories. My Upstate Class of 1960 has noted mentorship from staff and summer externships as driving their interests in medicine. I would note that both Levine and Meltzer stress their ability to mentor younger doctors, which promotes the empathic growth and thinking of medical students.

Leonard R. Friedman, MD ’60
Middleton, MA

I read about Richard Cantor’s Physician of the Year honor in the Alumni Journal and wanted to offer congratulations from my wife, Eileen, and me. Dr. Cantor was an incredible role model in terms of intelligence and motivation. Perhaps more importantly, he treated us with class and dignity. Considering all of the faculty I interacted with during my training, we both recall Dr. Cantor as having the most genuine concern and care for medical students. I have tried to emulate this throughout my career.

I hope Dr. Cantor realizes the inspiration he has provided to many students he has taught during his career. The Labiak family wishes you sincere congratulations on your award and for continued success in a long and distinguished career!

John Labiak, MD ’86
St. James, NY

The campus snow scene on the inside back cover prompted the following remembrance:

My first snow experience was at Upstate, where I arrived for my internship from Bombay in 1970. I have very fond memories of Upstate, particularly interactions with Dr. Lloyd Rogers, Dr. Patricia Numann, Dr. Dennis Brown (chief resident), and Dr. Bill Halsey, who took me shopping because they didn’t carry bed sheets that fit dormitory beds in Bombay.

After Upstate, I spent most of my career in the Department of Otolaryngology at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. I was pleased by the arrival of Dr. Jonas Johnson, who I initially met during my internship while he was a medical student.

We still have a place in Pittsburgh but spend quite some time in rural Northern Virginia. My father was barrister-at-law in Bombay but my grandfather was a cotton farmer, so I am back to my roots!

Akbar G. Matadar, MD, HS ’71
Lovettsville, VA

Upstate Makes Most Wired Hospitals List

Upstate University Hospital has landed on the 2017 national list of Most Wired Hospitals.

The announcement was made by the American Hospital Association (AHA), which surveyed hospitals throughout the nation to assess their technology use and capability.

“This is outstanding recognition for the talented team in our Information Management and Technology department,” says Steven Scott, MPH, interim chief executive officer of Upstate University Hospital. “The information management and technology professionals are vital members of our healthcare team as they help manage the process that transmits millions of bits of information each day that are essential to ensuring quality care and patient safety.”

In the past year, Upstate has added new applications for radiology, infection control, dental and case management to its Electronic Medical Record system, called EPIC, which also saw a system upgrade. Also added was a bedside lab specimen collection application.

“Technology is transforming healthcare in many ways, from how medical care is delivered to how vital patient information is stored and secured,” says Terry Wagner, Upstate’s chief information officer. “These investments in health care technology bring benefits to our patients, whether they receive their care in the hospital or in one of our many outpatient clinics.”
Upstate Students Awarded Diversity Scholarships

Three students from Upstate Medical University—Melissa Espert ’19, Nefer- titi Tyehemba ’20, and Zacharia Mohamed ’21—were among 10 students statewide to win Diversity in Medicine scholarships by the Associated Medical Schools of New York (AMSNY).

The scholarship program is funded by the State Health Department as a means of helping address the gap in physician diversity. Some reports show that African Americans, Hispanics, and Latinos comprise only 12 percent of the physician workforce in New York (2011-2015), compared to approximately 31 percent of New York’s population.

“I want to congratulate our students on this important recognition,” says College of Medicine Dean Julio Licinio, MD, PhD. “Increasing student access to medical education through programs like this is most significant in that it helps create greater diversity in the medical profession, which in turn, helps create greater awareness and understanding of the various cultures that make up our healing community and the patients we serve.”

With a $500,000 investment from the state, the medical school scholarships—pegged to the cost of SUNY medical school tuition—will help students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine by eliminating the financial barrier to medical school enrollment.

The three Upstate students were selected from among graduates of AMSNY post-baccalaureate programs, which provide students from economically or educationally underserved areas with provisional acceptance at a New York state medical school depending on their completion of one of three programs. Thus far, the Diversity in Medicine Program, which is supported by the New York State Department of Health, has enabled 450 students from economically or educationally underserved areas to become doctors.
Green Named Chief of Cardiac Surgery

G. Randall Green, MD, JD, MBA, has been named division chief of cardiac surgery at Upstate Medical University. He will also serve as co-director of the Upstate Heart Institute and associate professor of surgery.

Dr. Green’s appointment, effective September 1, was announced by Steven Scott, MPH, FACHE, interim chief executive officer of Upstate University Hospital, and Robert Cooney, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Surgery.

The Upstate Heart Institute is a presidential priority in Upstate’s recently launched strategic plan, which calls for strengthening Upstate’s cardiovascular service by expanding existing cardiology and cardiovascular services, including the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) program, adopting new state-of-the-art cardiac intervention and surgical modalities.

Green, who was selected from a national search, came to Upstate from St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, where he was a cardiothoracic surgeon and served as program director for the Division of Cardiac Surgery since 2011. He is also a partner with the medical practice Cardiac Surgery Associates of CNY.

Prior to joining the medical practice, he was affiliated with Cleveland Clinic New York.

In the most recent state Health Department report on cardiac surgery outcomes (2012 to 2014), Green was one of six surgeons in the state—and the only one in Central New York—with a risk-adjusted mortality rate significantly lower than the state average.

“Dr. Green is an outstanding cardiac surgeon with high quality clinical outcomes and success in building quality programs,” Cooney says. “He brings to Upstate the expertise and experience necessary to help create the Upstate Heart Institute.”

Green holds an MBA from the Johnson School at Cornell University, a law degree from Syracuse University College of Law, and a medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School. He did his residency (general surgery), fellowship (cardiothoracic surgery), and internship in (general surgery) at Stanford University, as well as an additional fellowship (thoracic and cardiovascular surgery) at the University of Virginia. He is board certified in general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery.

Welcome Class of 2021!

STUDENTS RECITE THE OATH for Entering Medical Students during the White Coat Ceremony on August 26. The 168 new members of the College of Medicine incoming class received white coats as a gift from the Medical Alumni Foundation to mark the official beginning of their education during the ceremony for families and friends.
Upstate Adds Pediatric Fellowship in Child Abuse

Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital will offer a three-year pediatric fellowship with a special focus on treating child abuse and neglect, becoming only the second institution in New York to offer a fellowship in child abuse pediatrics (the other is Maimonides in Brooklyn).

“Fellows will work hand in hand with advocates and law enforcement, not only to assess and medically treat the victim of this abuse, but also to be champions for programs and services to prevent child abuse,” says Ann Botash, MD ’85, fellowship director, Upstate professor of pediatrics, and a nationally recognized expert in child sexual abuse evaluation.

Thirty institutions nationwide offer a child abuse pediatric fellowship. Child abuse pediatrics was certified as a specialty in 2009 by the American Board of Pediatrics. Child abuse pediatrics is a subspecialty of pediatrics that educates physicians to diagnose and treat child abuse and neglect. In addition, fellows will collaborate with community agencies on child abuse prevention, learn expertise in courts of law, and participate on multidisciplinary teams investigating and managing child abuse cases.

The Upstate fellowship is being offered in collaboration with the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Syracuse, which provides advocacy, prevention, investigation and prosecution as well as treatment services. In addition to responsibilities at Upstate, the fellow will assist in all aspects of the CAC’s mission.

Recruitment for a fellowship is under way with a July 2018 start date.

Making Strides

UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY was well represented at “A Run For Their Life,” the only breast cancer run in Syracuse whose proceeds go directly to breast cancer research at Upstate Medical University. A large contingent of medical students took part in the event, which is sponsored annually by the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund of CNY.

Upstate Students Receive Tropical Medicine Fellowships

MEDICAL STUDENTS Paris Hantzidiamantis ’20, Megan Harris ’20, and John Kahler ’20, have received Benjamin H. Kean Travel Fellowship in Tropical Medicine awards from The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH). They are among 21 fellows from 14 medical schools in the country to be selected for the award through a highly competitive process.

The fellowship is the only medical student award dedicated to nurturing a career path for physician-scientists in tropical medicine. It is awarded annually to full-time medical students at accredited medical schools in North America. Fellows receive airfare and up to $1,000 in living expenses for a clinical training or research project that takes place in an area where tropical diseases are endemic.

All three students participated in research over the summer in collaboration with the Center for Global Health and Translational Science. Kahler traveled to Thailand to study the economic impact of dengue infection on families in Thailand. Hantzidiamantis and Harris traveled to Ecuador to pursue their research project, which involves defining the dengue virus toxicity scale in the prediction of disease severity.

“These fellows will be part of the next generation working to alleviate the suffering and long-term disability caused by the types of diseases reported in the news and many more that don’t make the headlines,” said Kean Fellowship Committee Chair Desiree LaBeaud, MD, MS. “We expect to see extraordinary things from them in the near future.”
Upstate College of Medicine alumni in classes ending in 2 and 7 returned to Syracuse for Reunion Weekend on September 15 and 16. To see more photos visit: https://medalumni.upstate.edu/reunionphotos.
When Sharon Brangman, MD ’81, attended SUNY Upstate Medical University, she had a professor who puffed on a pipe in class. During tests, he would stand by her desk and blow smoke over her head to distract her. He did this to other African American students, too.

“He was very, very powerful, so I had to eat it and be quiet,” says Dr. Brangman, adding that the professor in question was a “screener,” responsible for determining who got into medical school and stayed there. “Most African American students did not make it to the second year. Those who didn’t leave repeated their first year. I had him for a whole year, and was petrified. I remember that pipe very well.”

Today, Brangman’s name and her work in geriatric medicine are legendary. And she has been a faculty member at Upstate since 1989.

Her story and those of two other Upstate trailblazers, cancer specialist Patricia Numann, MD ’65, and endocrinologist Ruth Weinstock, MD, PhD, HS ’85, are the subject of a new publication titled Triple Triumph: Three Women in Medicine (Syracuse Unbound, 2017). The publication, made possible with support from Upstate, is the second open-access publication from Syracuse Unbound, a joint imprint of Syracuse University Libraries and Syracuse University Press. Free global readership is available through SURFACE, the University’s open-access repository.

It was co-edited by Samuel Gorovitz, SU professor of philosophy, and Cathryn Newton, SU professor of interdisciplinary and Earth sciences, both former deans of the university’s College of Arts and Sciences, and includes profiles of the three physicians written by Danielle Roth.

“All three women perceived serious unmet needs in their fields, and envisioned imaginative approaches to meeting those needs,” says Gorovitz. “Each encountered resistance, discouragement, and obstruction from the traditional, male-dominated departments in which they worked. Their stories differ, but the commonalities help us understand why constructive change is often so hard-won, and what it has taken them to triumph in the end.”

He considers them “powerful pioneers,” whose teaching, research, and clinical programs have earned national distinction, while revolutionizing their respective fields.

SHARON BRANGMAN, MD ’81
A leader in the study of ethno-geriatrics, Sharon Brangman has overcome many forms of discrimination—an institutionally racist public school system, discouraging college advisors, fear-inducing medical school professors—to bring healthcare to marginalized communities. Such fortitude has led to her role as a national leader in geriatrics and the driving force behind a world-renowned geriatrics center in Syracuse.

Brangman’s accomplishments are especially impressive considering that the middle school she attended lumped her and other African Americans together on a vocational track. “Someone looked at me and decided that I would be a typist,” recalls Brangman, who, in addition to being a Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine, oversees Upstate’s Geriatrics and University Geriatricians divisions and the Alzheimer’s disease Assistance Center. As for typing, she taught herself 15 years ago.

The Syracuse native credits her mother, one of the city’s first nurse practitioners, for being a “key beacon of support”—from stoking Brangman’s interest in health and how the body functions, to encouraging her to attend Syracuse Uni-
versity (the first in her immediate family to go to college), to finding supportive professors.

She also learned, early on, the importance of sound academic advising. Brangman recalls how her college roommate, a woman of color who wanted to pursue medicine, ended up earning a Spanish degree. She thinks her friend could have become a doctor with the right encouragement and support: “If you don’t have someone to help you keep the perspective and keep the focus on the big goal, it will derail you.” Years later, the aforementioned advisor phoned Brangman for advice about her own mother and requested that she return to Syracuse to give a lecture to pre-med undergraduate students. She happily agreed.

Brangman says she always has worked twice as hard to be “average”—a byproduct of her sex and color. Never mind that when she became interested in geriatrics in the early 1980s, the specialty encountered much resistance from general practitioners. “The classic line was ‘I take care of older adults all the time. Why do they need a specialist?’” Brangman says.

It was while cutting her teeth at the Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx that she began her crusade to get geriatrics “infused into medical school curricula so that every doctor who graduated had some experience with [it].”

In time, Brangman embarked on a series of firsts—becoming founding chair of the Ethnogeriatrics Committee of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS); conceiving and editing the landmark book Doorway Thoughts: Cross-Cultural Healthcare for Older Adults (AGS, 2004); and developing University Geriatricians, a specialized clinical practice at Upstate. This practice currently doubles as the clinical site for the Central New York Center of Excellence for Alzheimer’s disease.

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—SAMUEL GORVITZ

“With determination, fortitude and persistence, she proved the naysayers wrong and followed her vision to improve geriatrics locally and nationally,” says Newton, adding that Brangman has served as president of the AGS and the Association of Directors of Geriatrics Academic Programs. “Her team approach to care is a national model of excellence.”

PATRICIA NUMANN, MD ’65

One of Brangman’s idols in medical school was Patricia Numann, already a professor of surgery and one of the few women professors at Upstate. Like Brangman, Dr. Numann overcame many obstacles to succeed in a male-dominated field. That Numann began studying endocrine and breast surgery in the mid 1960s, when radical mastectomies were commonplace, helps put her meteoric rise in context.

Numann’s mettle has paid big dividends. In addition to being the only woman in Upstate’s graduating class, she became the first woman to practice surgery there, to chair the American Board of Surgery, and to preside over the Association for Surgical Education. She also founded the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS), and was the second woman president of the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

Gorovitz attributes Numann’s success to honesty, respect, brilliance, and...
tenacity: “Pat fostered a community of support at Upstate and nationally, when she didn’t even know another woman surgeon. When she retired, she had created a luminous legacy of supporting women surgeons and nationally leading breast care and endocrine surgery practices.”

The Patricia J. Numann Center for Breast, Endocrine and Plastic Surgery, which opened at Upstate in 2007, is a lasting physical expression of her lifelong commitment to respectful, research-supported care.

Numann traces her interest in surgery to her third year of medical school, when her mother developed an aggressive form of pancreatic cancer. Following her mother’s surgery, Numann took a leave of absence from Upstate to care for her. While on leave, she missed the rotation devoted to learning about surgery. “The chairman of surgery, who performed my mother’s operation, told me that I had learned more from caring for her than I would have in the few weeks on the surgery rotation,” she says. “I found that I could fix people—that surgery required technical skill and strong relationship skills with patients, traits that I loved. Only the world wasn’t ready for a woman surgeon.”

Graduating with no job prospects (all her surgical residency applications were denied), Numann convinced Upstate to bring her aboard as an assistant professor. Business was slow at first, but Numann’s personal charm and community involvement helped win the day. “When patients began choosing Pat over Upstate’s new chief of surgery, he jealous­ously fired her not once, but repeatedly,” Newton says. “With characteristic strength, she declined to be dismissed.”

Such tactics prompted Numann to tackle gender bias in the academy—anything to bring fairness to women surgeons and to offset gender bias incurred by “old, white men.” Numann is especially proud of her work with AWS, which, since its inception in 1981, has helped thousands of women surgeons develop leadership skills and gain national visibility. AWS also supports fellowships and original research, sponsors various mentor networks (including more than 40 medical school chapters worldwide), and evaluates gender-related issues for surgery.

“To her surprise, Dr. Numann is not leading the life of leisure she had anticipated nine years after retirement,” says Gorovitz, adding that she is the recent recipient of a patent for an e-learning project she developed with the ACS, and is the subject of a forthcoming documentary in that organization’s new “Icons of Surgery” series. “She continues to hear frequently from patients, students, and women surgeons, in whose lives she has made a positive difference. This is probably the most gratifying of all her accomplishments.”

**RUTH WEINSTOCK, MD, PHD, HS ’85**

A leader in diabetes research and care, Ruth Weinstock also has fought for success. Responsible for the establishment of the Joslin Diabetes Center at Upstate in 1995, she oversees the region’s only comprehensive, multidisciplinary diabetes center for adults and children. The Harvard–affiliated clinic is where Dr. Weinstock and her team serve patients of all socioeconomic levels from Central and Upstate New York. It also is where she has developed an array of successful diabetes research programs, aimed at preventing and managing Types 1 and 2 diabetes.

Weinstock’s sphere of influence extends well beyond Syracuse. For instance, her team recently collaborated with Columbia University on one of the largest randomized studies of telemedicine ever conducted. The nine-year, multimillion-dollar project furnished telemedicine units to people in medically underserved areas throughout the Northeast. “Many patients in these areas had never seen a dietitian or a certified diabetes educator. We developed wonderful relationships with the patients, and were able to improve their blood sugar control, blood pressure control and cholesterol control,” she says.

As a seventh grader in Queens, Weinstock informed her guidance counselor that she wanted to become a doctor. His response? “Girls don’t become doctors. Only men are doctors, but you can become a nurse.” It took the death of her first cousin from complications of diabetes to persuade Weinstock to pursue a career in medicine. Little did she know that she would encounter gender bias almost every step of the way, from applying to medical school at Columbia to landing a fellowship—and ultimately a professorship—at Upstate.

Among Weinstock’s greatest challenges was bringing a Joslin Diabetes Center to Upstate. When she arrived in Syracuse in 1984, Upstate had only one diabetes clinic, which operated four hours a week in a shared space behind the cafeteria. Weinstock lobbied for a more holistic, team-based approach to diabetes treatment, and, despite strong faculty and administrative resistance, opened the 11th affiliate of the original center (founded in Boston in 1898) more than a decade later. Since then, Upstate’s Joslin Diabetes Center has served tens of thousands of patients from approximately 25 countries. There also are more than 20 active clinical research projects going on at the center, with the trial of an artificial pancreas about to get underway.

Weinstock collaborates with physicians all over the world (including the American Austrian Foundation, dedicated to a global exchange of knowledge in medicine, arts and science), and serves communities statewide, nationally, and internationally. She admits that, while sexism has lessened in the medical profession, women physicians still need advice and support. “I’ve always wanted to be a physician,” says Weinstock, a Distinguished Service Professor who chairs Upstate’s endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism division. “I love what I do.”

*Adapted with permission from Syracuse University News.*
n a boat off the coast of Antarctica, George Wortley, MD ’77, is on alert for man-eating leopard seals, while research divers in the waters below collect specimens that may lead to new scientific discovery. “This is definitely not a skill I learned in medical school,” says Dr. Wortley, who will sound an alarm if one is spotted, alerting the divers to surface and get in the boat.

Wortley is in the midst of a nearly seven-month stint as the sole physician at Palmer Station, one of three U.S. research stations on Antarctica operated by the National Science Foundation. Palmer Station is the smallest and furthest north, located on Anvers Island off the Antarctic Peninsula, housing approximately 45 staff and scientists in the summer season and up to 30 in winter, and accessible only by icebreaker. Aside from the South Pole, it is the coldest, most inaccessible place on Earth.

Which makes being the only doctor a pretty important job. Palmer Station is located four or five days by ship from the nearest medical hospital (in Punta Arenas, Chile). The station doc is charged with providing routine and emergency care for staff and researchers in attendance, as well as being available for the EMTs on the two research vessels/icebreakers, the Laurence M. Gould and the
Nathaniel B. Palmer, which operate as part of the U.S. Antarctic Program. Although he has extensive telemedicine connections with the University of Texas Medical Branch Center for Polar Operations, he is otherwise on his own treating patients, analyzing blood work and x-rays, managing medication, and even performing dentistry, if needed.

Wortley, a family practitioner, applied for the position partly out of a sense of adventure and partly to fill the impending void of retirement. “I turned 65 in February and the following month retired from my job of 28 years,” he says. Within weeks he was headed to Antarctica.

“Thirty seven years of rural practice have given me the opportunity to see patients of all ages and conditions without depending on tests and scans to make a diagnosis,” says Wortley. “I love to improvise and build long-term relationships.”

Now he’s doing it in the extreme.

Wortley arrived in Palmer Station on March 29, after a five-day journey from Punta Arenas on the southern tip of Chile, through the Straits of Magellan, then across the Drake Passage, on the Laurence M. Gould icebreaking research vessel. Despite warnings that it can be a rough trip, he made it without incident.

Life quickly settled into routine. Wortley’s patient load varies from less than one a week up to five per day for mostly minor ailments including sore throats and respiratory infections. Any lab work he needs done he has to run himself in the clinic lab. “Heck, I’m used to just writing an order for a blood count, not having to draw it and run it,” he jokes.

Wortley averages one ship call a week, coming in via satellite phone. “Depending upon where the ship is, it can be up to three weeks before I can evacuate a patient back to a hospital in Chile,” says Wortley. Once, he asked the EMT on one of the vessels locked in winter ice on the other side of Antarctica how long until they could get the patient to a hospital. The answer: “about six weeks.”

That’s why staff and researchers undergo thorough health screenings before going to Antarctica. “There’s a physical qualification involving a ton of lab work and medical records, a dental exam and x-rays,” says Wortley, who underwent the process himself.

Those assigned to the South Pole have even more stringent screening, since the Pole is closed for months at a time. “If there is any sign of gall stones, you have to have your gall bladder removed,” he says.

Much of his time is spent preparing for emergency and maintaining equipment—checking the eyewash stations to make sure they’re filled and the fluid isn’t out of date; turning on the defibrillators to make sure they work and the batteries are good; maintaining the station pharmacy; checking the PH and bromine levels three times a week in the outdoor hot tub (intended to warm chilled divers but also used recreationally). Wortley had to train a trauma team with no medical background and is prepared to provide medical assistance in ocean or glacial search and rescue, should either be necessary. He runs monthly fire drills, and once a week, Wortley accompanies the radio technician up a glacier to check the radio repeater and clean snow from around it. “It’s a fun walk and you kind of hate to send someone up there alone,” he says. “If someone fell in a crevasse, it’s nice to have someone else up there to call for help.”

There are also communal responsibilities—washing dishes, cleaning bathrooms, and shoveling snow, a never-ending chore.

Despite the station’s remote locale, communication with the outside world is not difficult. The entire island has wireless Internet access, and the station has satellite phone service on Central Standard Time. He’s able to connect with his wife and three adult children every day.

When we caught up with Wortley, the last of the scientists had just left for the season and the station was down to a crew of 19 for the remainder of his stay. While being isolated with a small group of people during an Antarctica winter might not be a thrill for everyone, Wortley considers it an experience of a lifetime.

“I REALIZED THAT NORMAL PEOPLE CAN DO EXTRAORDINARY THINGS IF THEY JUST MAKE A PLAN AND KEEP TRYING.”
In addition to experiencing a highly unique aspect of medicine, he really enjoyed being on the front line of science. Research conducted at Palmer Station—by scientists from across the country under NSF grants—centers on marine biology, including sea ice habitats, regional oceanography, and terrestrial nesting sites of seabird predators.

“The researchers are doing some really fascinating things. Every Tuesday night, we have a science talk where they talk about their research or some interesting topic,” Wortley says.

Last year, researchers from the University of Alabama-Birmingham and University of South Florida made headlines with their discovery that extract from an Antarctic sponge found in the waters off the station could be used to fight MRSA.

“That science was done here,” says Wortley, who enjoyed accompanying research divers out on their boat to "dive tend" for them. “They are diving in very cold water and ice,” he explains. “I help them with equipment, getting in and out of the boat, handling specimens, and most importantly, keeping an eye out for those man-eating leopard seals.”

Palmer Station is also a monitoring site for the International Atomic Commission. Even though the scientists aren’t here now, “all the sensors and stuff are still in place, sniffing for isotopes in the air,” he says.

Thirty countries maintain research stations in Antarctica. The closest are a Ukrainian station, approximately 70 miles away, and a large British station in Rothera, about 120 miles away. Because it’s winter and the weather can be severe, there’s little interaction. “Right after I got here, the crew from Rothera was changing out and they were on their way headed back to England on their ship, the Ernest Shackleton, and stopped here for the day,” says Wortley. “I got to meet their doctor, who had been here for 18 months. I gave him a tour of my clinic and he showed me his clinic on the ship. There’s a real bond between all of us Antarctica, regardless of nationality.”

One of the American icebreakers arrives every one to two months, either bringing or picking up crew, or delivering “freshies,” fresh fruit and vegetables. “We really look forward to that,” Wortley says.

Evenings are spent reading, watching movies, or in conversation with others at the station. In preparation for a long, cold winter, he and 12 others planned ahead, bringing eight bottles of good and unique scotch, and hold regular “Campfire Club” meetings to enjoy them.

“We’re fortunate,” says Wortley. “It’s a great group of people and we go out of the way to get along with one another. Being isolated here in Antarctica really does teach you the importance of relationships and how we need other people; how interdependent and dependent we are on one another. I can now say I’m
actually staying here with my 19 best friends."

Wortley grew up in suburban Syracuse, where he was a Boy Scout, although not a particularly adventurous one. He majored in sociology at Boston University, then came to Upstate with the intent to become a country doctor.

After his family medicine residency, he settled in Virginia, where he did just that, for the last 28 years with the Lynchburg Family Medicine Residency Program.

About the time his children were graduating from high school and heading to college, Wortley started providing medical coverage for some “extreme” running events—100 mile trail runs, ultra-triathlons, and multi-day adventure races. “I realized that normal people can do extraordinary things if they just make a plan and keep trying,” he says.

At 48, Wortley took up trail running. At age 50, he ran his first 50 miler. At 54, he ran a 100 miler. “Nothing meaningful comes easily,” he says.

Around the same time, he had a patient who was the CEO of the relief organization, Stop Hunger Now. It was the mid-1990s, and Mexico’s Copper Canyon was suffering from a five-year drought. Infant mortality was 80 percent. His patient wanted Wortley to come down and help.

“I could think of 20 reasons why I should not go,” he recalls. “I did not have a passport. I did not speak Spanish. I had no experience doing relief work, and no idea what supplies to bring or what I would encounter.”

But six months later, he found himself in the middle of the Copper Canyon with the Tarahumara, the indigenous Indians of Northern Mexico. “It was love at first sight,” says Wortley, who has returned once or twice a year for the last 20 years, trekking with burros to reach the most remote and needy villages. “That’s gotten… and with the Tarahumara in Northern Mexico
a little bit dicey now with the drug cartels. More than once I’ve found myself walking through poppy fields.”

After his first trip, Wortley joined the Wilderness Medical Society. “I realized I needed to learn all I could about practicing good medicine in remote areas,” he says.

He also met kindred spirits. Last year, he joined a group from the Wilderness Medical Society and Himalayan Rescue Association that set up medical care for the Mount Everest base camp. It took 12 days to trek to the camp, where he spent four days helping set up the medical tent and organizing supplies. Most of the group then hiked back, leaving a staff of three to run it for the season.

It was at a Wilderness Medical Society meeting that he met representatives from the University of Texas Medical Branch, who are contracted to provide medical care for the U.S. Antarctic program.

Wortley expected the assignment to be a much rougher, harsher existence. “Once I was here a bit, I realized I could do it again,” he says.

Near the end of his tenure at Palmer Station, the German crew at the Neumayer station organized an Antarctic Cooking Contest. Twenty-five winter stations took part. The professional station cooks were not allowed to participate, only amateurs, with the first five teams entered getting to choose one ingredient. Wortley, who loves to eat and cook, headed up the Palmer team. Two days ahead, they got their list of five required ingredients: custard, pears, corn flakes, rice, and sausage. “We put together corn dogs and a pear custard pie,” says Wortley. “What was really good and unique was adding Sriracha sauce to the corn dog batter.”

Two weeks later, Wortley’s replacement arrived. It was time to board the Laurence M. Gould for the return trip to Chile—leaving a day early due to a bad weather forecast and a new assignment. NOAA had a multimillion-dollar research drone in the Drake Passage with a broken rudder. The ship’s crew was tasked with finding it and retrieving it for repair.

It was a rough trip with lots of ice, strong wind, and 40-foot seas. Wortley was thrown from his chair several times and others from their beds. “The thought of getting back to family and friends made all the short-term misery worth it,” he says.

Wortley has 16 months to rest up. In February 2019, he heads back for his next assignment: winter-over season physician to the South Pole.

He’ll spend nine months at the South Pole, experiencing temperatures as cold as 100-below zero, darkness for six months of his nine-month assignment, and will have Internet connectivity only a couple hours a day. “That’s a whole next level of isolation,” he says. “It will be a big challenge and big adventure.”

Those who know him say he’ll do just fine.
On Their Own Time

BY RENÉE GEARHART LEVY

Being a doctor commonly means long hours. But people focused and passionate enough to pursue medicine as a career often have the same drive toward outside interests that help them relieve stress and enjoy life to the fullest. Here are seven physicians who have found unique ways to unwind.
DAVID DEXTER, MD ’91

ROCK MUSICIAN

DAY JOB: General and trauma surgeon and medical director of Great Lakes Surgical Specialists in Erie, Pennsylvania

HOW HE GOT STARTED: Every year his hospital has an annual event with music provided by a DJ. Six years ago, Dr. Dexter thought it would be fun to have a band made up of hospital employees. He sings and recruited some physicians, a nurse practitioner, and the husband of another (the lone outlier) to play instruments and learn some songs. Later that summer, the band—Malpractice—was asked to play at an annual family picnic/fundraiser at a local yacht club. The yacht club happened to be next door to a busy night club. The owner heard the band and tracked them down. “He booked us for five nights, and then we took off,” says Dexter.

ROUTINE: The band practices once or twice a month and plays local bars in Erie, performing an average of once a month and up to three times a month in the summer. The band plays rock and dance hits from the 1960s to present. “We have a following,” says Dexter. “They’re called the Band Aids.”

THAT’S NOT ALL: Dexter drives a motorcycle, which helped the band break into the “biker scene.” They play a Buffalo Wild Wings bike night annually and also play at the local Harley-Davidson dealer’s annual Bikefest.

WHY DO IT? “It’s a great release from the usual day-to-day world of healthcare. I enjoy what I do, but this just gives me something else to look forward to,” he says. “It can be a lot of work and late hours—it’s a four-hour show with two hours to set up and an hour to tear down after, so it’s a long night out. That’s why we try to limit our gigs to keep it fun. Admittedly, my schedule wouldn’t allow more time.” He particularly enjoys playing for charities or fundraisers.

GREATEST THRILL: Playing a city block party in front of 10,000 people. “I get the most enjoyment hearing the crowd sing the songs with me. They don’t care that it’s not the original band, they just want to share the moment.”

JEFFREY KAPLAN, MD ’69, MS

CEDAR STRIP BOAT BUILDER

DAY JOB: Retired pediatrician. After three decades in administrative medicine, Dr. Kaplan spent the last 12 years of his career working in an ultraorthodox community health center in the Hudson Valley, where the median family size was 10. He now blogs about healthcare reform.

HOW HE GOT STARTED: In 1999, Dr. Kaplan bought his first construction kit from Newfound Woodworks, a company that sells kits to build canoes, kayaks, and rowing boats out of strips of northern white cedar, western red cedar, and Alaskan yellow cedar, using mostly just hand tools. He built the boat to use on the nearby Hudson River and found the process a labor of love.

ROUTINE: Over the years, Kaplan has built six boats—four “stitch and glue,” and two “cedar strip.” Each took 150 to 200 hours to complete.
WHAT INSPIRES HIM? Building kit boats “combines art, creativity, and affordability and you end up with something to brag about that you can leave to the grandkids,” he says. Not to mention, a functional vessel. Kaplan regularly used the boats on the Hudson. Now that he and his wife have relocated to Baltimore to be closer to family, they’ll be boating on the Chesapeake next summer.

MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE: Having a handmade canoe or kayak on his car roof garners plenty of attention. “If I had a dollar for each comment folks made at rest stops . . .” he says.

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JOANN SMITH, MD ’74

COMPETITIVE SCULLER

DAY JOB: Psychiatrist in New Canaan and Fairfield, Connecticut

HOW SHE GOT STARTED: Dr. Smith’s two sons rowed crew in high school and she and her husband enjoyed attending regattas down the East Coast. When the kids on the team went off to college, the parents decided to row crew themselves. “We just wanted to have some fun, but the coaches at the boathouse insisted on proper technique, strength, and cardio conditioning,” she says. “Then they started entering us in races. Along the way, I lost 20 pounds and came to love starting the day on the water with wonderfully invigorating exercise.”

ROUTINE: Smith lives four minutes from the boathouse, where she starts her day early about four times a week. After rowing, she grabs a shower then heads to the office, hospital, or to the Frank H. Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University, where she also teaches.

WHY DO IT? “You’re in a power boat in which you’re the power,” Smith explains. “When you get into a Zen-like rhythm and the endorphins get going, that feeling is what brings me back again and again. As a psychiatrist, I urge my patients to find something like this in their own lives. I ask them to reach beyond themselves every day so it seems right that I ask the same of myself.” She says she loves the challenge of the single scull, although “rowing with a friend in a double or with four of us in a quadruple is another kind of fun.”

GREATEST THRILL: Racing the Head of the Charles in Boston. She was also the U.S. Rowing single scull Lightweight Class G Masters National Champion for 2009 and 2010.
MARK ROTHSCCHILD, MD ’82

TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHER

DAY JOB: Cardiologist in The Villages, Florida

HOW HE GOT STARTED: Dr. Rothschild spent his three months between college and medical school backpacking through Western Europe and the British Isles. His interest in travel got waylaid by his medical career until 2000, when a friend convinced him to come along on a trip to Laos. That opened the floodgates. “I wanted to see the world and to photograph native people and the landscapes of their countries,” he says.

ROUTINE: Rothschild began taking photography classes and working with professional photographers to develop his skills. And he began traveling: he’s visited 39 countries on all seven continents. Most recently, he went scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef, then flew to Uluru in the Australian Outback to photograph its unique rock formations. He has created a website of his work, markrothschildphoto.com, and has written about his experiences for regional publications, something he hopes to expand on after retiring from medicine.

WHAT INSPIRES HIM? Being exposed to different peoples and cultures. “It has been my good fortune to see the world and to photograph its native peoples, animals, and landscapes,” Rothschild says. “Many of my human subjects had never had their images photographed by a camera before.”

GREATEST THRILL: All destinations have been special in their own ways, says Rothschild. But his trip to Papua New Guinea (PNG) was particularly unique. “My friend Cliff and I went on four–seater planes, landed in fields, and took boats to get to individual tribes. There are 600 languages spoken in PNG as the tribes are so geographically isolated,” he says. “I think that others appreciate this destination as well in that PNG always gets the most hits on my website every month.”

CHARLES “FESS” EDWARDS, MD ’74

SKYDIVER

DAY JOB: Semi–retired obstetrician/gynecologist; he works half–time assisting with office gynecology and surgery at Scripps Clinic in Rancho Bernardo, California

HOW HE GOT STARTED: Dr. Edwards was at the hospital watching TV while waiting for a mother to deliver when a snippet on sport parachuting came on. He and the anesthesiologist made a pact to go skydiving together. “He did one jump and decided that was more than enough. I got hooked and went through the entire training series of 25 jumps to become a licensed skydiver in 1989,” Edwards says.

ROUTINE: Since then, Edwards has made more than 3,000 skydives, including multiple large–formation world records, all over the United States, Canada, and Belize. “I almost went to Dubai for a 500–person jump in 2010 but the Arab Spring brought those plans to a frustrating end,” says Edwards, who has also made jumps with all three of his sons.

WHY DO IT? “I think risk–takers’ brains are wired differently than the rest,” says Edwards. “We seek the thrill and excitement of the experience as its own reward. Contrary to some opinions, we are not crazy or suicidal. The camaraderie between skydivers is exceptional and unique, probably due to the shared risk.” Edwards concedes he has lost several friends to the sport over the years and has had his own close calls.

GREATEST THRILL: Each and every jump. “There is nothing like flying through the sky unshackled with only your arms and legs as wings and rudder,” Edwards says. “We can actually fly our body right, left, up, or down relative to our free–falling comrades. After the parachute is deployed, the environment shifts from a high–speed, high–andrenaline experience to one of gentle–floating serenity. The view of the earth below is unobstructed and spectacular. There is no other human experience like it.”
BEVERLY KHINIE PHILIP, MD ’73, AND JAMES PHILIP, MD ’73

ADVENTURE SPORTS

DAY JOB: Both are professors of anesthesia at Harvard Medical School and highly active in their field. Beverly is founding member of the Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia, current president of the EU-based International Association for Ambulatory Surgery, and vice president for scientific and educational affairs of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. James is founding member of Society for Technology in Anesthesia and an inventor of medical devices.

HOW THEY GOT STARTED: The Philips started dating as Upstate medical students. James was passionate about skiing and Beverly loved scuba diving. They introduced those activities to each other.

“We have been evolving our sports throughout our life together,” says Beverly. “From time to time, we learn something new and interesting to do together.”

ROUTINE: Their pursuits include telemark downhill skiing (the Philips are senior patrollers with the National Ski Patrol at Bromley Mountain in Vermont, where they have done ski rescue and emergency care for more than 45 years); in-line skating (recreationally in Boston and when they travel, and as certified instructors); scuba diving (including live-fish gathering with the New England Aquarium in the Caribbean); ocean kayaking (weekly among the Boston Harbor Islands, as well as along the coast from New York City to Bar Harbor); hiking and camping internationally; and dancing (from swing to disco). They like to keep busy.

WHY DO IT? “Because it’s fun and exercising in a gym is not fun,” says James.

GREATEST THRILL: Hard to choose. Circumnavigating Manhattan Island by ocean kayak was a huge favorite, as were recent treks (all since 2011) to Annapurna Base Camp in Nepal, Macchu Picchu in Peru, and summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, where they slept in Crater Camp among the summit glaciers at 20,000 feet.
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Anonymous

$2,500-$4,999
Hollis A. Thomas

$1,000-$2,499
Barrie Anderson
James A. Barnshaw
Elliot Brandwein
Alfred P. Coccoaro
Martin L. Cohen
Alan M. Davick
Paul A. DeMare
Jay Grossman
Ira D. Levine

$1-$99
Robert A. Nover
Thomas G. Rumney
James R. Tobin
Robert A. Sargent

$1-$99
Robert A. Gardner
Stuart B. Paster
Frank G. Yanowitz

$500-$999
Warren C. Gewant
Mark A. Goodman
Michael D. Horn
Bruce L. McClennan
Daniel G. McDonald
Martin R. Post
Robert S. Rhodes
Harvey A. Rubenstein
Ralph G. Walton
Bertram Zarins

$100-$499
Janet O. Bernstein
Abbe E. Borowich
Roger A. Breslow
Harold C. Burchel
Leslie M. Burger
Charles F. Converse
Bruce D. Edison
Stanley A. Filarski, Jr.
Michael Kozower
Norman J. Marcus
Joseph C. Martino
John R. Moore
Daniel C. Niejadlik
Allan J. Press
Robert M. Quencer
Charles T. Strin
Robert J. Wald
Jesse Williams
Elizabeth D. Woodard

The Class of 1967 swept reunion awards for attendance and giving.

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**ALL GIFTS RECEIVED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 | *DECEASED**

#### 1968

TOTAL GIVING $133,675  
Percentage of Giving 39%

| $1-$99 | Steven M. Mirin  
Stephen R. Shapiro  
| $1,000-$2,499 | John J. DeTraglia  
| $2,500-$4,999 | Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Betty E. Reiss  
Jacob A. Reiss  
| $500-$999 | Karl G. Baer  
Harvey K. Bucholtz  
David J. Greenfield  
John O. Olsen  
| $100-$499 | Vincent A. Andaloro  
Ira I. Berger  
Stephen P. Blau  
Peter F. Coccia  
|  

#### 1969

TOTAL GIVING $10,200  
Percentage of Giving 49%

| $1-$99 | Elliott Rosenworcel  
| $1,000-$2,499 | Michael F. Noe  
Lee F. Rancier  
William H. Roberts  
Jack E. Yoffa  
| $25,000-$49,999 | Alan L. Williams  
| $500-$999 | Richard A. Goldman  
Steven R. Hofstetter  
Gary J. Levy  
John J. Zone  
|  

#### 1970

TOTAL GIVING $34,445  
Percentage of Giving 36%

| $1-$99 | Mark L. Wolraich  
Nathan J. Zuckerman  
| $1,000-$2,499 | Alan D. Dreznier  
Peter A. Freedman  
William J. Goodman  
Frida G. Parker  
Linda M. Simkin  
| $25,000-$49,999 | Robert B. Cady  
| $500-$999 | Richard A. Goldman  
Steven R. Hofstetter  
Gary J. Levy  
John J. Zone  
|  

#### 1971

TOTAL GIVING $33,275  
Percentage of Giving 29%

| $1-$99 | Walter C. Allan  
Jay B. Brodsky  
Norman F. Jacobs  
Ira D. Lipton  
| $1,000-$2,499 | Jonas T. Johnson  
Hugh D. Curtin  
Brian J. Gaffney  
| $2,500-$4,999 | Philip Altus  
Rosemary Bellino-Hall  
Dominic Cappelleri  
William R. Greene  
Richard J. Hausner  
Michael Hertzberg  
Eugene M. Kenigberg  
|  

### 1972

TOTAL GIVING $26,217  
Percentage of Giving 38%

| $1-$99 | A. David D. Drezner  
Peter A. Freedman  
William J. Goodman  
| $1,000-$2,499 | David A. Ostfeld  
Daniel Rutnick  
Paul I. Schneiderman  
Richard M. Stratton  
Edward J. Zajkowski  
| $5,000-$9,999 | Jonas T. Johnson  
Hugh D. Curtin  
Brian J. Gaffney  
| $2,500-$4,999 | Philip Altus  
Rosemary Bellino-Hall  
Dominic Cappelleri  
William R. Greene  
Richard J. Hausner  
Michael Hertzberg  
Eugene M. Kenigberg  
|  

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$500-$999
Joseph P. DeVeaugh-Geiss
Leo R. Hanrahan, Jr.
Stephen C. Robinson

$100-$499
Dennis L. Allen
Paul Blando
Douglas J. Blatz
Ronald S. Bogdasarian
Richard B. Gould
Bill J. Malone
Stephen P. Michaelson
Thomas I. Osborn
William R. Platzer
Janice E. Ross
Stephen A. Silbiger
Sanford P. Temes
David B. Tyler
Michael L. Weitzman
Eva Z. Wiesner
Stephen J. Winters

$1-$99
Richard M. Byrne
John W. Ely

1973
TOTAL GIVING $8,300
Percentage of Giving 30%

$1,000-$2,499
Melvyn C. Minot
Douglas G. Mufuka
Beverly Klineh Philip
James H. Philip
Lewis Robinson

$500-$999
Benjamin R. Gelber

$100-$499
Blanche A. Borzell
David M. Davis
Harold P. Dunn
Neil M. Ellison
Timothy Fenlon
Paul G. Fuller, Jr.
William M. Harmand
Joel Kalman
Thomas L. Kennedy
Athanasios Mallios
Lee Rosenbaum
Steven M. Rothman
Harold A. Sanders
Steven A. Schenker
Marc J. Schweiger
William P. Shuman
Warren Steinberg
Paul L. Sutton
G. Robert Taylor
Gregory A. Threate
Daniel R. Van Engel
John F. Zdrojewski

$1-$99
Michelle Hirsch
Judith D.S. Noel
Ralph J. Wynn

1974
TOTAL GIVING $8,200
Percentage of Giving 31%

$1,000-$2,499
David H. Adamkin
James H. Brodsky

$500-$999
Anonymous

1975
TOTAL GIVING $19,950
Percentage of Giving 32%

$10,000-$24,999
B. Dale Magee

$2,500-$4,999
David A. Lynch

$1,000-$2,499
Joseph D. Verdirame

$1-$99
James A. Dispenza
Ken Grauer

1976
TOTAL GIVING $7,900
Percentage of Giving 27%

$1,000-$2,499
Leon Mullen
Patrick J. Riccardi
Christopher G. Ullrich

$500-$999
Richard M. Cantor
Marc Levenson
Barbara A. Morris
Deborah L. Reede

$100-$499
Allen D. Alt
Adrienne Altman
Gerald A. Cohen
Susan J. Denman
Michael A. Finer
Thomas W. Furth
Irving Huber
Frank J. Kroboth
Leonard H. Madoff
Michael H. Mason
William M. Nauseef
Janice M. Nelson

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### 1977

**Total Giving:** $64,005

**Percentage of Giving:** 32%

- **$1-$99:**
  - John F. Finkenstadt
  - Gary M. Yarkony
  - Michael J. Moeller

- **$100-$499:**
  - Eliza J. O’Connor
  - Linda M. Rice
  - Peter C. Johnson

- **$500-$999:**
  - Gary M. Russotti

- **$1,000-$2,499:**
  - Anthony Scardella

- **$2,500-$4,999:**

- **$5,000-$9,999:**

- **$10,000-$24,999:**

- **$25,000-$99,999:**

**Percentage of Giving:** 22%

### 1980

**Total Giving:** $17,393

**Percentage of Giving:** 22%

- **$1-$99:**
  - Gary M. Russotti
  - Ellen M. Kaczmarek

- **$100-$499:**
  - Mark S. Erlebacher

- **$500-$999:**
  - Ernie M. Found

- **$1,000-$2,499:**
  - John E. Ritchie
  - Maris Rosenberg

- **$2,500-$4,999:**
  - Ralph L. Stevens

- **$5,000-$9,999:**

- **$10,000-$24,999:**

**Percentage of Giving:** 42%

### 1981

**Total Giving:** $36,115

**Percentage of Giving:** 22%

- **$1-$99:**
  - David M. Armetso
  - Ellen M. Kaczmarek
  - Gary M. Russotti

- **$100-$499:**

- **$500-$999:**

- **$1,000-$2,499:**
  - Ralph L. Stevens

- **$2,500-$4,999:**

- **$5,000-$9,999:**

**Percentage of Giving:** 22%

### 1982

**Total Giving:** $36,115

**Percentage of Giving:** 42%

- **$1-$99:**
  - Robert A. Drucker

- **$100-$499:**

- **$500-$999:**

- **$1,000-$2,499:**

- **$2,500-$4,999:**

- **$5,000-$9,999:**

**Percentage of Giving:** 42%

### All Gifts Received from October 1, 2016 Through September 30, 2017

**Total Giving:** $12,925

**Percentage of Giving:** 34%

**All Gifts Received from October 1, 2016 Through September 30, 2017 | *Deceased**

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#### 1983

- **TOTAL GIVING** $15,370
- **Percentage of Giving** 36%

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#### 1984

- **TOTAL GIVING** $20,841
- **Percentage of Giving** 29%

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#### 1985

- **TOTAL GIVING** $17,245
- **Percentage of Giving** 30%

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Maura J. Rossman
Marc I. Rozansky
Michael D. Rutkowski
Alan M. Schuller
Andrew Shaer
Simon D. Spivack
Jonathan P. Yunis

$1–$99
Michelle M. Davitt
Mark A. Fogel

1986
TOTAL GIVING $16,542
Percentage of Giving 25%

$5,000–$9,999
Michael E. Rettig

$1,000–$2,499
Colleen M. Dargie
Daniel W. Esper
Thomas J. Madejski
Henry P. Nagelberg

$500–$999
Steven B. Goldblatt
Sharon Hertz
Kathleen A. Leavitt
Sheila M. Lemke
Mitchell S. Shek
Barbara C. Tommasulo

$100–$499
Eduardo A. Arazoza
Georgianne Arnold
Marc Behar
Michele Berger Simmons
Gregg S. Berkowitz
Shelley R. Berson
William Blau
Lawrence C. Calabrese
Peter Capicotto
Dave J. Civic
John J. Callahan, Jr.
Joseph T. Flynn
Michael A. Kwiat
John J. Walker
John R. Wanamaker

$500–$999
Anonymous

1987
TOTAL GIVING $15,280
Percentage of Giving 24%

$1,000–$2,499
Debra A. Buchan
John J. Callahan, Jr.
Joseph T. Flynn
Michael A. Kwiat
John J. Walker

$500–$999
Anonymous

$1–$99
Pedro J. Cepeda

1988
TOTAL GIVING $10,501
Percentage of Giving 21%

$1,000–$2,499
Louis Bonavita, Jr.
Larry S. Charlamb
Alice Lee
Donald S. Miller

$500–$999

$100–$499
Bernadette Albanese
Timothy N. Baxter
Neil R. Connelly
Joseph F. Femia
Joseph Gaffney
Barbara L. Gannon
Eric Gentry
Dan Gerstenblitt
Khyati Gokli
Peter Hasby
Kristina S. Hingre

$500–$999

$1–$99
Ellen Reich
Katherine H. Sikoryak

Class Scholarship Gifts

1965 MEMORIAL CLASS SCHOLARSHIP
Thomas G. Rumney, MD ’65

1966 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP
Norman L. Fienman, MD ’66
Laurence B. Levenberg, MD ’66
Louis A. Rosati, MD ’66

1971 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP
Lawrence F. Geuss, MD ’71
Richard A. Goldman, MD ’71
Eugene M. Kenigsberg, MD ’71
Gary J. Levy, MD ’71
Charles L. Rouault, MD ’71

1977 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP
Robert H. Fabrey, II, MD ’77
Patrick W. Knapp, MD ’77
Donald S. Stevens, MD ’77

THE FRIENDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF ERNEST FOUND, MD ’80, IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE, ELLYN SLOCUM FOUND, AND HIS DAUGHTER, CAROLINE SLOCUM FOUND
Madeline Barott, MD ’80
James P. Corsones, MD ’79
Ernest M. Found, MD ’80
John L. Marsh, MD ’79

RICK ZOGBY, MD CLASS OF 1984 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Hal E. Cohen, MD ’84

1989
TOTAL GIVING $11,280
Percentage of Giving 29%

$1,000–$2,499
Trent Emey
John A. Larry
Dawn M. Sweeney
Josef J. Vanek
G. Nicholas Verne

$500–$999

$1–$99
Ann Reich
Katherine H. Sikoryak

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1990
TOTAL GIVING $8,105
Percentage of Giving 21%

$1,000-$2,499
Kevin Abrams
John D. Bisogno
Robert L. Carhart, Jr.
Cynthia Gingalewski

$500-$999
Joseph Marsicano
Heidi F. Moskovitz

$100-$499
Ann Barton
Lawrence S. Blaszkowsky
Christina M. Brown
Luci M. Chen

1991
TOTAL GIVING $12,025
Percentage of Giving 26%

$1,000-$2,499
Matthew R. Brand
Bradley P. Fox
Patrick B. Gregory
Timothy M. Heyden
Christina LaBella
John LaBella
Patricia Merritt
Mary Ellen Greco
Sullivan
Lesley A. Kresie
Denise Monte
Christopher Nardone
Anne M. Ranney

$100-$499
Nora E. Bolanos
John C. Brancato
Molly A. Brewer
Gweneth O. Cancino
Carl C. D’Andrea
David Dombroski
Steven W. Falen
Lawrence Goldstein
Gordon D. Heller
David R. Kalman
James A. Krukowski
Thomas Larkin
Louise G. Licresti
Valerie Newman
Joan O’Shea
Naomi R. Rappaport
David Rosen
Joanne Samant
Cheryl D. Wills

1992
TOTAL GIVING $11,400
Percentage of Giving 26%

$2,500-$4,999
Jeffrey D. Brady

$1,000-$2,499
Douglas Bennett
Jane S. Bennett
Robert E. Carlin
Barbara L. Clayton-Lutz

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Sarah Loguen Fraser, MD Class of 1876 Scholarship for minority recruitment

Anonymous
Roline L. Adolphine, MD ’02
David Anderson, MD ’88
Luis J. Castro, MD ’96
Madison C. Cuffy, MD ’02
Yvonne Cuffy, MD ’07
Maurice N. Daniels, MD ’83
Natasha Fievre, MD ’03
Sean A. Fullerton, MD ’95
Harman S. Gill, MD ’10
Diane F. Green-El, MD ’78
Alicia K. Guice, MD ’96
Robert E. Izquierdo, MD ’87
Rosemary Jackson, MD ’85
Ivens Leflore, MD ’69
Vanessa E. Lowe, MD ’02
John B. McCabe, MD ’79
James L. Megna, MD ’88
Lisa Minsky-Primus, MD ’00
Donna B. Moore, MD ’93
Patricia J. Numann, MD ’65
Kirk P. Rankine, MD ’98
Dolores A. Rhymer-Anderson, MD ’88
Lewis Robinson, MD ’73
John Shavers, MD ’80
K. Bruce Simmons, MD ’79
Susan B. Stearns, PhD
Shelley V. Street Callender, MD ’00
Niesha Westmoreland, MD ’03
Jamesine R. Williams, MD ’98
Anson K. Wurapa, MD ’94

Sybil Sandoval
Elaine M. Silverman
William J. Smith
Christopher T. Strazka
Nicholas C. Trasolini
Stephen R. Weinman
John D. Wrightson
R. Eugene Bailey
Brian S. Brundage
Donald A. Chiulli

Angela V.D. D’Orsi
Pamela L. Foresman
G. Michael Orti
Susan A. Waterman

1993
TOTAL GIVING $15,835
Percentage of Giving 20%

$5,000-$9,999
Stephanie S. Roach

$2,500-$4,999
James T. O’Connor
Kathleen Tierney

$1,000-$2,499
Kenneth A. Ego
Peter Hogenkamp
Charles J. Lutz
Joan Mitchell

$500-$999
Lynda M. Dolan
Brian Quigley

John Sveen
Robert E. Todd
Maria J. Ziemba

$100-$499
Chamai Austin
Jarrod Bagatell
Jason Feinberg
Brian Gordon
Edward Mcgookin


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#### 1994
- **$10,000-$24,999** Joseph T. Pedersen
- **$1,000-$2,499** Malcolm D. Brand, Philip A. Fraterrigo, Lisa M. Hogenkamp, Margaret A. Leary
- **$500-$999** Todd R. Peebles, Bruce H. Schwartz, Anne R. Sween
- **$1-$99** Matthew P. Dever, Nienke Dosa

#### 1995
- **$1,000-$2,499** Timothy S. Huang
- **$1-$99** Joseph D. Pianka

#### 1996
- **$1,000-$2,499** Surinder S. Devgun, Alicia K. Guice, Jason T. Zelenka
- **$500-$999** Phuong A. Zelenka
- **$100-$499** Edgar Bacares, Stephen G. Maurer, Jaime H. Nieto, Tad T. Renvyle
- **$1-$99** Genevieve A. Lama, James J. Lynch, Maureen D. McRae, Cheryl A. Morrow

#### 1997
- **$1,000-$2,499** Deborah H. Berger, Raghuram B. Dasari, Suchitra Kavety, Gallagher
- **$500-$999** Christian Knecht, Richard Mascolo, Sharon A. McFayden-Eyo, John D. Passalaris, James M. Perry
- **$1-$99** Toycina E. Aguill-Figaro, Melissa K. Brandes, William H. Gans, Donald E. Hertweck

#### 1998
- **$2,500-$4,999** Jeffrey R. LaDuca, Kirk P. Rankine
- **$1,000-$2,499** Cynthia T. Bateman, Michael C. Bateman, David J. Joswick
- **$500-$999** Karen Y. Ng, Tamara A. Prull, Karen L. Tedesco, Katherine A. Van Savage
- **$100-$499** Gina Abbruzzi Martin, Jennifer E. Allen, Laura A. Allen, Cindy H. Baskin, Jennifer M. Bocock, Felice A. Caldarella, Elean J. Chafouleas
### 2016-2017 Report of Gifts

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**2002**

- **Total Giving**: $4,837
- **Percentage of Giving**: 11%
- **$1,000-$2,499**: $1,000
- **$500-$999**: $500
- **$100-$499**: $100
- **$1-$99**: $1

**2003**

- **Total Giving**: $4,330
- **Percentage of Giving**: 12%
- **$1,000-$2,499**: $1,000

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## 2006

**TOTAL GIVING $1,375**  
Percentage of Giving 8%

| $500-$999 | Brian F. Strickler  
Abigail R. Watson |
| $100-$499 | Kristin M. Arcara  
James C. Distefano  
Scott R. Ekroth  
Daniel D. Hayes  
Lisa M. Hayes  
Erin K. Hill  
Robert H. Hill, III  
Jodie M. Howell  
JillAnn E. Swenson  
John A. Watts, V |
| $1-$99 | Lora H. Wolk |

## 2007

**TOTAL GIVING $3,502**  
Percentage of Giving 19%

| $500-$999 | Bella Graber  
Jing Liang  
David Spirer |
| $100-$499 | Emily L. Albert  
Adam Cardina  
Brandon Chase  
Jennifer Comer  
Paige Dorn  
Susan Fulmer  
Roan J. Glocker  
Miranda Harris-Glocker  
Faye Knoll  
Lisa K. Law  
Signa Perkins  
Amy Saleh  
Marny Shoham  
Lauren Slater  
Kendra Smith  
Adam Stallmer  
John Tloczkowski |
| $1-$99 | Anonymous  
Pavlina Natcheva-Smitaman  
Tina Nguyen  
Rebecca Swan  
Matthew Thornton  
Scott Van Valkenburg |

## 2008

**TOTAL GIVING $2,169**  
Percentage of Giving 13%

| $500-$999 | Nana Atuahene  
Marissa Mincola  
Michael Mincola  
Christopher Palmer |
| $100-$499 | Steven Altmayer  
Paul Aridgides  
Jacqueline R. Busingye  
Lindy Davis  
Jennifer Jarosz  
Cynthia Lien  
Lisa O’Connor  
Anita Sargent  
Robert Swan |
| $1-$99 | Josephine Dunn Junius  
Swati V. Murthy  
Christopher Pray  
Jin Qian  
Beverly A. Schaefer |

## 2009

**TOTAL GIVING $2,900**  
Percentage of Giving 12%

| $1,000-$2,499 | Robert Day  
| $500-$999 | John P. Fischer  
Rebecca Fischer  
Jason A. Swaby  
| $100-$499 | Anonymous  
Britton M. Chan  
Chad Comish  
Edward R. Gould  
Jennifer Sacks  
Lauren Schlanger  
Sachin Shah  
Won-Hong Ung  
Krystle Williams  
| $1-$99 | Pavlina Natcheva-Smitaman  
Tina Nguyen  
Rebecca Swan  
Matthew Thornton  
Scott Van Valkenburg |

## 2010

**TOTAL GIVING $1,290**  
Percentage of Giving 9%

| $100-$499 | Anonymous  
Amanda J. Brender  
Shirley Chan  
Michael G. Fitzgerald  
Harman S. Gill  
Yarnell Lafortune  
Elizabeth Riccardi  
Jennifer L. Tibbens-Scalzo  
Jason A. Williams |
| $1-$99 | Josephine Dunn Junius  
Swati V. Murthy  
Christopher Pray  
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2011
TOTAL GIVING $1,479
Percentage of Giving 4%

$1,000-$2,499
Daniel K. Sperry

$100-$499
Andrea J. Hsue
Dominick G. Maggio

$1-$99
Daniel P. Anderson
Nazanin Ehsani-Chimeh
Carla R. Schwartz

2012
TOTAL GIVING $1,250
Percentage of Giving 4%

$500-$999
Jennifer Caputo-Seidler
Kerry Whiting

$1-$99
Sarah Cardillo
Anjuli Cherukuri
Adam T. Liegner
Meaghan Stumpf

2013
TOTAL GIVING $1,850
Percentage of Giving 3%

$500-$999
Charles D. Hannum
Colin J. Sheehan

$100-$499
Jeffrey D. Cizenski
Jenny A. Meyer

$1-$99
John T. Quaresima
Samuel A. Schueler

2014
TOTAL GIVING $935
Percentage of Giving 3%

$500-$999
Stephanie E. Guerreri

$100-$499
Anthony J. Chiaravalloti
Lauren M. Titone

$1-$99
MaryAlice McNamara
Julia S. Morrison

2015
TOTAL GIVING $380
Percentage of Giving 6%

$100-$499
Anonymous
Konstantina A. Papathomas

$1-$99
Matthew S. Auyoung
Patrick J. Belton
John L. Cecconi
Devin R. Halleran
David S. Her
Jordan K. Holliday
Sarah M. Leahy Wiese
Matthew L. Wiese

2016
TOTAL GIVING $725
Percentage of Giving 1%

$500-$999
Andrew J. Bellantoni

$100-$499
Jennalee Trombley

$1-$99
Rachael Kuch-Cecconi

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GIVING THANKS

A GENEROUS ANONYMOUS GIFT FUNDS FOUR-YEARS OF MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR AN INCOMING STUDENT.

Danielle Clifford ’21 was driving when the call came. She had to pull her car over to make sure she was hearing correctly.

“I started crying,” recalls Clifford.

Jennifer Welch, Upstate associate dean of admissions and financial aid, was calling to tell Clifford—who had just committed to the Upstate College of Medicine the week before—that she was the recipient of a new four-year scholarship that would pay for all of her medical school tuition and expenses, including a stipend for food.

The scholarship is the result of an anonymous alumni gift. “Part of the motivation was gratitude toward Upstate for their own medical career,” says Paul Norcross, executive director of the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation. “The donor is at a point in life with the means to give back and wanted to do so in a way that would make a significant impact for an individual student. The rising cost of medical school was a great concern and so the intent was to minimize graduating debt, allowing the scholarship recipient to pursue the field of their liking without concern over income to pay back loans.”

Clifford was selected by the Financial Aid Office, in consultation with the Medical Alumni Foundation. A native of Esperance, New York, a small town in rural Montgomery County, she had enrolled in Upstate’s Rural Medicine program, hoping to someday practice primary care or psychiatry in an underserved rural community in the state. Although Clifford was initially offered a scholarship that provided her first-year’s housing, she had planned to finance her medical education through loans.

Her family was simply not in a position to help out. She’d grown up living simply, in a house her father built largely by himself over time. Despite their modest means, her family provided foster care to children in need, beginning when Clifford was in kindergarten through her high school graduation.

“That is a big part of what drew me to medicine,” she says. “Foster children usually have very hard lives and I saw how hard it was to get care for them because of Medicaid. Many of the children needed psychiatric care and there just wasn’t a lot of access to it.”

Clifford received a scholarship that paid for most of her undergraduate tuition at St. Lawrence University, where she majored in biology and participated in C-STEP, a program designed to help low-income and minority students pursue graduate careers in STEM fields. The AAMC Fee Assistance Program lowered the cost of her MCAT, and waived her medical school application fees. But receiving a scholarship for her medical education was beyond her wildest dreams. “This scholarship has transformed my life, my family’s life, and one day, my patients’ lives,” says Clifford, who eventually hopes to repay the favor by relieving the burden for a future student.

That would be exactly what her scholarship donor hopes for. “Philanthropy is personal,” says Norcross. “The timing was right for this donor to make a gift that has tremendous impact on the life of a student and the ability of Upstate College of Medicine to recruit the best students. The Medical Alumni Foundation stands ready to help donors with their philanthropic interests no matter the size of their gift.”

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  - Anthony H. Kashou
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Isaiah J. Buchanan

Class of 1977 Scholarship
Robert C. Ziechmann

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Taylor C. Remillard

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Jessica M. Hassan
Benjamin P. Meath
Jenny L. Schreiber

Class of 2020
Ryan S. Alden
Hannah M. Connolly
Courtney L. Franceschi

Nightingale Scholars
Disi Chen
Giovanna S. DeLuca
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Sara-Arn E. Fox
Emily F. Malavenda
Ryan A. Nightingale
Katie Rong
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(George J. Buchholtz, MD ’52 Scholarships & Medical Alumni Foundation Scholarships)
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Megan R. Carey
Elana C. Cook
Stephanie Cortes
Jerry M. Cuenca
Justin D. Faulkner
Amanda A. Ghani
Aluko W. Gift
Richard Jean-Louis
Valerie S. Kyser
Adekorewale Odulate-Williams
Sudie Ann Robinson
Gabrielle J. Sagesse
Nefertiti N. Tyehemba

Weiskotten Scholar
Danielle Clifford

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Eden Y. Gizaw
Nathaniel P. Mercer
Kwaku O. Domfe

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Class of 1965 Scholarship
Class of 1971 Scholarship
Class of 1980 Scholarship
David M. Essom, MD ’56 Scholarship
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Angelina R. Mastri, MD ’59 Scholarship
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Sam and Carol Nappi Endowed Scholarship
Patricia J. Numann, MD ’65 Endowed Scholarship
Adam Oberlander, MD, Class of 2005 Memorial Scholarship
The Setnor Family Endowed Scholarship (endowed by Rose and Jules R. Setnor, MD ’35 and Stanford S. Setnor, MD ’42)
The Ara A. Sheperdigian, MD ’60 Endowed Scholarship
The Williams Family Scholarship
Rick Zogby, MD, Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship

Other Awards/Grants
Alfred W. Doust, MD Endowed Program in Otolaryngology
The Jerry Hoffman Advocacy Award
Carlyle and Ellen Cook Jacobsen Memorial Fund

Fellowships
Ellen Cook Jacobsen, MD ’50 Fellowship in Psychiatry
Pediatric Residents Endowment for International Travel

Lectureships
The Welton M. Gersony Pediatric Lectureship
Robert V.P. Hutter, MD ’54 and Ruth L. Hutter Endowed Lectureship
The Donald and Mary Elizabeth King Endowed Lectureship
The Lawrence Pickett, MD Endowed Lectureship in Pediatric Surgery

Professorships/Chairs
Stanley A. August, MD ’69 Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics
Medical Alumni Endowed Professorship in Bioethics
Patricia J. Numann, MD ’65 Endowed Chair
Lloyd S. Rogers Endowed Professorship in Surgery
Leanne and Frank E. Young, MD ’56 PhD Endowed Chair in Biomedical Science
Healing Arts

ERIC ZABRISKIE ’19 DRAWS FROM HIS BACKGROUND AS AN ARTIST TO IMPROVE PATIENTS’ SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF BEING HUMAN.

While students come to medical school with all kinds of life experiences and talents, Eric Zabriskie ’19 may be unique as an artist who specialized in the design of custom wedding cake toppers. His personalized designs are sculpted from wire, guitar strings, and nail polish, giving the appearance of shaped stained glass. Creating the sculptures was his full-time job before deciding on medicine as a career.

It started when his sister became engaged. Zabriskie was teaching arts and language at the Cobblestone School in Rochester, New York, where he also ran an afterschool arts program. Drawing on his hobby for creating sculptures out of wire and nail polish, Zabriskie schemed with his mother to surprise his sister on her wedding day with a cake topper depicting the bride and groom sitting on a swing hanging from a wire tree.

He received so many commissions from her wedding, he created a sideline business, taking orders on the handicrafts website, Etsy. Before long, he had more orders than he could handle. “I got to a point where I couldn’t do my work at the school and keep up with the cake topper orders,” says Zabriskie, who quit teaching to pursue his artistry full time.

Zabriskie sells both “pre-made” designs and custom toppers that reflect a particular couple and their love story. After the wedding, the topper becomes a memento sculpture. For a refined Manhattanite who married a farmer, he sculpted the groom in his tuxedo on a tractor pulling the bride and her two dogs in an ornate carriage. For another couple, high school sweethearts who had gone their separate ways for many years before reconnecting, he created two trees with entwined roots, separate trunks, and then entwined branches. “The inter-twined trees framed the couple sitting on a bench, sharing a cup of coffee, which reflected their first date, having coffee in an arboretum,” he says.

Zabriskie’s most elaborate cake topper is the sculpture he created for his own wedding: a model of the house he shares with his wife and stepdaughter, with the three of them on their vintage bikes reimagined as flying machines above, surrounded by lightening bugs. “We have thousands of lightening bugs in our backyard,” he says. “So I wired little lights into each of the bugs so they actually lit up.”

Zabriskie has sold hundreds of sculptures all over the world, both through Etsy, as well as galleries and art shows. But sculpting cake toppers is not Zabriskie’s only creative outlet. While living and working in Rochester after college, he played in a band and was its principal songwriter when he was approached to compose music for a student film at Rochester Institute of Technology. That led to other projects, and when those students graduated and became professional filmmakers, to commissions to compose scores for their films. Zabriskie has 10 IMDb composing credits to date, and is currently working on another score.

Despite the fact that he was earning a living as a sculptor and composer, Zabriskie says he didn’t think of these activities as a permanent career. “I was just exploring and experimenting, doing whatever seemed fun and meaningful at the time,” he says. And although Zabriskie had earned an undergraduate degree in English language and literature and film from the University of Chicago, he had long been inspired by science. It was after rewatching the Carl Sagan Cosmos series and reading Oliver Sachs’ books on neuroscience that he realized he was interested in the intersection between art and science. “Medicine seemed to bridge the gap between subjective and objective truth,” he says.

Zabriskie enrolled in the two-year Harvard Extension pre-med post-bac program, where he also worked at McLean Hospital’s Obsessive Compulsive Disorders Institute for people with severe OCD.
People with severe OCD can get locked into repetitive cycles trying to perform elaborate rituals perfectly, over and over and over again,” he says. To help them break that pattern, Zabriskie drew from his arts background and started an improv therapy group. “The idea was to draw from exercises from the world of improvisational theater, which by design, you make up as you go along and there’s no way to repeat or perfect anything,” he says. “It seemed to have some real therapeutic value.” In the time since he left the hospital, McLean has hired a full-time staffer to continue a similar program, rooted in improv theater.

Now in his third year at Upstate, Zabriskie plans to pursue a career in psychiatry. “I’m fascinated by consciousness and by our inner emotional lives, and particularly like psychiatry because of its emphasis on people’s subjective experience of the world, beyond just the physiology of their bodies,” he says.

While science is the best venue for understanding the mechanism of life, the arts are best at capturing its meaning, with all its requisite and manifold subjectivity. As doctors, we need to remember the importance of both. I aim to incorporate the arts into my medical practice, and vice versa, throughout my life and career.”

Zabriskie is a board member of the Upstate Art Club, helping organize a month-long student-faculty art show in the Health Sciences Library last year. He’s also done photography and videography for a number of campus events, and most notably, helped create the video “Sincerely, The Future of Medicine,” in response to President Donald Trump’s travel ban, which went viral last year with over two million views on Facebook.

And he’s still sculpting. Zabriskie, who received the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation’s Grant M. Hobika Scholarship for medical student-artists, has turned toward creating functional objects, such as clocks and lamps, as well as sculptures with a medical theme.

Zabriskie says he’s had no second thoughts about his pursuit of medicine. “Coming to medical school a little older and having more life experience has helped me be confident in my decision because I’ve seen and worked in other environments,” he says. “If I was younger, I may be questioning my path more, especially as medical school begins to eat up every dimension of your life.”

He says his varied interests and experiences also help him connect with patients. “All the different things I’ve done can be something I have in common with patients, and serve as doorways into building a therapeutic relationship.”

To see/hear more of Zabriskie’s work, visit http://dropr.com/ericzabriskie
1947
Maerit B. Kallet, of Scottsdale, AZ, was unable to attend his 70th reunion due to time taking its toll. He and his wife moved five years ago from Tucson to Scottsdale to be closer to his daughter’s family and live in a senior residence, enjoying the classes, lectures, and field trips offered and meeting new friends. “Hello to all my classmates and hope you are all doing well,” he writes.

1952
Harold E. Hunter, and his wife, Nancy, moved to an ACTS retirement community in Lansdale, PA, to be closer to their daughters in Syracuse. They both attended reunion in September and celebrated 65 years!

1953 Reunion
SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2018

1954
William H. Hampton, Jr., of Greenwich, CT, writes “I am alive and well (considering my age) and still working. Reduced to three half days a week and it’s psychiatry, so no heavy lifting. Psychiatry is mostly listening to unhappy data and at the end of the hour, you say: ‘What does that mean? Please come back next week.’ So life is good except my wife died two years ago. I am living with my daughter, who takes very good care of me and I’m gaining weight from her good cooking. Not driving or playing golf. Getting very good at sitting and watching sports. How sweet it is.”

1956
Michael L. Del Monaco, of Rhinebeck, NY, is enjoying the quiet of Rhinebeck and glad to be back.

1958 Reunion
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1962
Steven A. Artz, of Charleston, WV, enjoyed a family reunion in August. All of his boys are academic doctors. Artz continues to work full time at West Virginia University-Charleston, doing nuclear medicine and endocrinology.

Frederic F. Taylor ’53, of Park City, UT, had a 90th birthday celebration (with three generations in attendance), during July 4th week “with appropriate fireworks!” he writes. “Great fun. Otherwise, the usual geriatric issues, but handle-able.”

William M. Griffin, of Angels Camp, CA, retired on August 11, 2017, after 51 years of radiology.

Kirtland E. Hobler, of Milford, OH, and his wife, Joanna, were grandparenting on his 80th birthday. “We are enjoying retirement by learning and teaching as fast as we can before we forget it,” he writes. “Joanna teaches art history at the Cincinnati Art Museum as a docent, and I teach histories of science, math, and philosophy at The Osher Lifetime Learning Institute, University of Cincinnati.”

Burton A. Scherl, of Englewood Cliffs, NJ, is happily retired and spends the winter on Singer Island in Florida. He has two grandchildren in college at Washington University in St. Louis and Cornell and three in high school. Ever the optimist, he still hopes to see the Mets win the World Series and the Jets win the Super Bowl.

Kirtland E. Hobler ’62 with his wife and grandchildren
1963 Reunion

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1964

Edward Burak, of Englewood Cliffs, NJ, shares that his brother, George Burak, works with his son, Corey Burak ’99, doing hip and knee joint replacements at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Tarrytown, NY. His nephew Greg Despotidis ’21 started this fall at Upstate, the third generation of the Burak family!

1965

Philip S. Schein, of Bryn Mawr, PA, recently inducted into the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Alumni Hall of Fame.

1966

Norman L. Fienman, of Broomall, PA, recently returned from Scandanavia and the Baltic, and his next stop is South America. In between travels, he is active with part-time pediatrics, serves as a docent at Brandywine Museum, tutors English, and conducts focus groups for needy seniors in subsidized housing. And he attends all his grandkids sports games and theatre performances. “Grateful for my health and Marla, who has been my best friend and wife for 52 years,” he writes. “Please remember the Class of ’66 Scholarship Fund needs your end of the year donations—we have yet to reach our goal.”

1967

Stephen R. Shapiro, retired to Santa Monica, CA, after practicing pediatric urology from 1976 until 2008 in Sacramento. His practice was unique in that he took call 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. “You can imagine what it meant to parents to get their own doctor any time, day or night.” He is enjoying retired life, spending time with friends at his synagogue, enjoying his six grandchildren, reading, going to medical meetings, and traveling. He and his wife went to Israel in October for two weeks. “There is indeed life after the practice of medicine,” he writes.

1968 Reunion

SEPTEMBER 21•22, 2018

1970

Steven H. Lefkowitz, of Swampscott, MA, spent his last day working as a clinical cardiologist on August 31. He and his wife, Susan, drove cross country from Boston to Scottsdale to spend six months in Arizona, and will spend their summers in Boston.

Mark L. Wolraich, of Nichols Hills, OK, received a Who’s Who Lifetime Achievement Award. Visit: https://wwlifetimeachievement.com/2017/08/14/mark-lee-wolraich-md/.

1972

Ronald S. Bogdasarian, of Ann Arbor, MI, writes, “I have been married to Mimi for 50 years, and retired in 2016. All is well!”

Janice E. Ross, of Newberry, SC, is a forensic pathologist and CEO of Newberry Pathology Associates.
1973

Harold A. Sanders, of Portsmouth, RI, was awarded the Irving Addison Beck Laureate Award from the Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Physicians in May. He is volunteering at the Rhode Island Free Clinic in Providence and teaching part time at the Bryant University physician’s assistant program. He recently went to a conference in Boston with Lee Rosenbaum and had a great time. He and his wife are able to see their children and grandson more since retirement.

1974

Mark D. Simms, of Glendale, WI, sends greetings to fellow classmates. He and his wife welcomed the birth of their second granddaughter this summer. “We are fortunate that they live very close to us,” he writes. “I have been at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin/Medical College of Wisconsin for 24 years and am still traveling to China and Brazil regularly (for work and pleasure, in that order). I’d love to hear from anyone who cares to stay in touch!”

1976

Lorinda J. Price, of Tampa, FL, still does part-time locum tenens, but less each year. She is also still line dancing, which she thoroughly enjoys. This summer she was fortunate to go to Italy and Croatia for a week with college friends, then onto a 16 day OAT tour, “Crossroads of the Adriatic,” all of which were fabulous. In September, she went on her first medical mission, to Honduras, which was incredible, but unfortunately cut short by a day due to Hurricane Irma. She got back in time to evacuate, and was very fortunate; others in the state not so. “Looking forward to more dancing, travel, volunteer work, and other hobbies I haven’t done in years. Hello to all my classmates,” she writes.

1977

Ellen M. Bifano, of Skaneateles, NY, is “alive and upright most of the time,” she writes. “I have the most handsome, brilliant, and talented grandson.”

Charles B. Eaton, of Boston, MA, was sorry he missed his 40th reunion. “Hard to believe it has been so many years,” he writes. “I am still enjoying academic life here at Brown University, running a research center, seeing patients, and family members at a basketball tournament.
Humanitarian Award
Caring for the Underserved

Mark Zilkoski, MD ’77, never doubts the impact he makes in his community; his patients are all the reminder he needs.

On a recent Monday morning, he met with one patient for a pre-op appointment prior to a colonoscopy; a 95-year-old with diabetes and chronic heart failure; a 240-pound 14-year-old; a patient with shoulder pain; a patient with anxiety and COPD; another with pneumonia. And he removed a toenail.

For nearly 40 years, Dr. Zilkoski has been a family practitioner at a federally underserved clinic with a critical access hospital in Wolf Point, Montana, a town of 2,900 nestled in the Badlands and breaks of northeastern Montana along the Missouri River. His clinic draws patients from a 25-mile circumference. The closest major hospital is in Billings, about four hours away.

Zilkoski, who was honored with the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation’s 2017 Humanitarian Award, first came to Wolf Point in 1980 to repay his three-year Public Health Scholarship obligation by working at Fort Peck Indian Reservation. “This was not just a rural community, but also a frontier community,” he recalls.

Northeast Montana can get 40 below (without the wind) in winter and more than 100 degrees in summer. The average precipitation is 13 inches. The rural community is 300 miles from a major medical center. Nonetheless, Zilkoski fell in love with the people, the medical care, and the community.

Aside from eight years spent as director of undergraduate medical education at Medical College of Ohio, Zilkoski has spent his entire career in the small rural area, returning full time in 1992 as the only provider with surgical skills. In addition to C-sections, he learned to do upper and lower endoscopy, appendectomies, ectopic pregnancies, and other surgeries.

Zilkoski says Wolf Point taught him the importance of community and the interdependence necessary to survive. “A small-town community endures because everyone pitches in and helps,” he says. “We are underserved in areas other than just medical. Many of the ranchers depend upon their neighbors to help with cows, harvesting, and branding (there are more cows than people in northeastern Montana.)”

He provides medical care to everyone who comes to the clinic, including the poor, uninsured, and under insured, finding meaning in the relationships developed with his patients. Common crises include poverty and despair, racism, alcoholism, and drug abuse. The area has the highest rate of Hepatitis C in the Northwest and 60 percent of pregnant women have methamphetamine in their urine when they come into labor. Zilkoski also has served on the school board and as county health officer.

“I feel a part of the community here,” he says. “In a big city, you can get lost and you won’t see a lot of the people that you treat, but here you do. That’s big to me.”

Earlier this year, Zilkoski had to take three months off for his own cancer treatment. “The place shut down in terms of any kind of emergency C-section or appendectomy,” he says.

He’s now back to working half days, required to accommodate his radiation treatments. Friends drive him the 88 miles each way, Monday through Friday.

“If I’d gone to Billings for treatment, I would have had to live down there but I knew I needed to be available here for emergencies,” Zilkoski says. “If I’m not here, they can’t deliver babies.”

Zilkoski has previously been honored as Montana Physician of the Year and received the George Saari Humanitarian Award from the University of Washington Medical School. He has long served as a preceptor for medical students and residents who want to experience rural medicine. “My goal is to teach them that primary care in any area—especially in an underserved area—involves relationships with individuals, and that it involves service, which often includes volunteering and helping in areas that are not medical,” he says.

“I’m just hoping that someday we’ll attract somebody to replace me.”
attending on the wards, and teaching. O’Ine (class ’77 RN) has been a pediatric ophthalmologist for 20-plus years and we have three beautiful daughters, two married and the youngest just graduated from Rush Nursing Program in Chicago, and two grandchildren. If you are coming to either Boston or Maine and want to visit, give me a ring.”

Debra Kuracina, of Palm Desert, CA, writes, “My son Damian just successfully completed his second year of Dental School at NYU. And passed his boards!”

Jay S. Steingrub, of Springfield, MA, recently started his 35th year at UMASS-Baystate. He stepped down as medical director of the MICU and was appointed director for the Center for Clinical Trials and Translational Investigation. “On a personal note, my son is in the process of applying to colleges for 2018,” he writes. “I am enjoying life, a bit of yoga, lots of traveling, and good wines. Would love to hear from classmates.”

Robert Fulop, of Short Hills, NJ, celebrated the wedding of his daughter, Julie, on August 19, to Michael Lickstein. They both attended Cornell University and both are lawyers practicing in New York City. “Julie and Michael visit Syracuse often since that’s where he grew up,” Fulop writes. “I am looking forward to next year’s 40th graduation anniversary.”

Irene O. Werner, of Fayetteville, NY, continues to do some medical-legal consulting after retiring from clinical practice, which she really enjoys. She is blessed to have three local grandkids, a hubby still working, and a camp in the Adirondacks.

Amy J. Yale-Loehr, of Ithaca, NY, has lots of happy family news. Her son, Alex, married Lacey Herchek in Annapolis, MD, on September 23. She and her husband have four grandchildren. Daughter Liz and husband have three children (four, two and a half, and five months old) and son Jon and his wife have one child (one and a half).
HENRY FRIEDMAN, MD ‘77, HS ‘81

Distinguished Alumnus

Battling Brain Cancer

When he first heard the idea—using a modified version of the poliovirus to treat brain tumors—neuro-oncologist Henry Friedman, MD ‘77, HS ‘81, thought it was absurd. A dozen years later, Friedman considers it the most promising treatment he’s seen in his career.

Dr. Friedman, who was honored in September as the 2017 Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation Distinguished Alumnus, has an international reputation for his work treating glioblastoma at Duke University’s Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center, where he’s been instrumental in pioneering new treatments during his nearly 40-year career. But previous successes pale in comparison to recent studies using this modified poliovirus, PVS-RIPO, to treat solid tumors.

Results of a Phase 1 trial begun in 2011 show approximately 20 percent survival at three years, compared to four percent using historical controls. “It’s extraordinary,” says Friedman. “A phase 1 study is designed to set the right dose, not to save people.”

Those results led to “breakthrough therapy designation” by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last year, allowing the Duke team to fast track their research.

In addition to serving as co-director of the Duke Brain Tumor Center, where he screens an average of 2,000 to 3,000 patients annually for treatment in their programs, Friedman is chief medical officer of Istari Oncology, a clinical-stage biotechnology company created to fund clinical and commercial development of these new technologies. (Friedman and other members of the poliovirus team are investors in Istari, which prevents him from serving as a principal investigator on the trials.)

A Phase 2 trial will study treatment of glioblastoma with the poliovirus in conjunction with a chemotherapy agent, and another Phase 1 trial will study the poliovirus in recurrent glioblastoma in children.

But Friedman believes that’s just the beginning. The team’s research shows that their treatment creates a systemic immune response. “Most of these diseases, the problem is when they’re metastatic,” he explains. “We’re creating a systemic immune response. You don’t have to treat all the tumors with a direct inoculation of the virus, you just have to treat one area to get the tumor antigens interacting with the tumor cells interacting with the immune system.”

That science, reported in Translational Science Medicine, could disrupt the field of oncology. “There is enormous potential for treating all cancers,” Friedman says. Clinical trials will begin soon to test treatments for breast cancer and melanoma.

Friedman is the author of more than 500 peer-reviewed articles, reviews, and book chapters, has presented extensively at international and national meetings, and is the senior editor of CNS Oncology. An ardent feminist, he is co-founder of the Duke-based organization, Collegiate Athlete Pre-Medical Experience, or CAPE, which is designed to attract and mentor female varsity athletes that want to go to medical school. “We’ve put through 100 so far,” says Friedman, who also serves on the Duke School of Medicine admissions committee and the national advisory panel for ESPNW.

Friedman is married to Joanne Kurtzberg, MD, HS ’80, a pioneer in using stem cell transplants for children with cancer and rare genetic diseases and is chief scientific officer of the Robertson Clinical Translational Cell Therapy Program; director of the pediatric blood and marrow transplant program; and director of the Carolinas Cord Bank, all based at Duke University Medical Center. “She’s a much bigger deal than I am,” he says.

Friedman jokes that he suggested to his wife that he have his Distinguished Alumnus award—a handsome cane—mounted on a plaque to hang over their bed. “She told me I could put it in my study or the closet,” he says. It now proudly hangs in his study.

— Renée Gearhart Levy
1984
Paula R. Dhanda, of Kel-
seyville, CA, received the
2017 Humanitarian of the
Year Award from MedShare
International. The award is
given in recognition of her
tremendous leadership in
improving the health, edu-
cation, and quality of life
for the people of Uganda
and Haiti.

1987
Helen Burstin, of Wash-
ington, DC, has been
named the executive vice
president and chief execu-
tive officer of the Council of
Medical Specialty Societies.

1989
Susan L. Auffinger, of
Clemmons, NC, is pleased
to share news that her son,
Sean, was married to Caitlin
Kerr on September 15. Sean
and Caitlin are both engi-
neers with Boeing Research
and Technology in Char-
leston, South Carolina.
Sean has a degree in chem-
ical engineering from North
Carolina State and Caitlin
graduated from MIT with
an aerospace engineering
degree. Sean’s sister Grace
Auffinger, also of Char-
leston, served as maid
of honor.

Susan A. Waterman, of
Rockville, MD, is back in the
United States after covering
the globe in Europe, South
America, Central America,
and the Far East.

Stephen R. Weinman,
of New Paltz, PA, continues
to run FirstCare Medical
Center and Essence Medi-
Spa, an urgent care and
MediSpa in Highland,
New York. His father and
FirstCare co-founder,
Herbert M. Weinman ’65,
retired last year but con-
tinues to see patients in
Pennsylvania as a clinic vol-
unteer. FirstCare Medical
Center sees about 125
patients daily and combines
a customer service experi-
ence based on the Ritz-
Carlton model with
immediate medical care.
In August, he took his sons
Kyle and Lucas to see the
total eclipse in South Car-
olina and it was fantastic.
“I am having shoulder
surgery in October and
even made an attempt to
get Bill Smith ’89 to do
it but couldn’t surpass the
logistics of child care in
New Paltz and surgery in
Lake Placid. I will be recu-
perating for two weeks in
October so everyone is
invited come on down and
binge watch West World
with me,” he writes.

1990
Timothy Kitchen, of Westfield, NY, and his wife
Jennifer celebrated their
30th anniversary on August
8 and planned a month-
long vacation to Australia
and New Zealand. They
also welcomed their first
grandchild, Ethan Clive
Kitchen, to the family on
June 9. “I continue to work
in our privately owned
practice, Westfield Family
Physicians,” he writes.

Timothy Quinn, of Lititz,
PA, is proud to welcome
his son, Travis Evan Quinn
’17, as a new alumnus.
He is currently doing his
preliminary medicine year
in Philadelphia before
returning to Upstate in July
2018 to start his physical
medicine and rehabilitation
residency.

1998
Yuliya Rekhtman, of Rockville, MD, has a new
position as chief of pediatric
gastroenterology division,
University of South Caro-
lina, Palmetto Health
Children’s Hospital.
OLEG SHAPIRO, MD ’02, HS ’08

Outstanding Young Alumnus

Master Mentor

In the last six years, the Upstate Department of Urology has grown from two to 21 faculty members, performing cutting-edge research and treating patients who travel to Syracuse from across the nation for complex operations and care.

But early in his tenure, Oleg Shapiro, MD ’02, HS ’08, was the only urologist at Upstate performing major oncologic or robotic cases. As a young attending, he was still developing his own proficiency. But he also realized he had an important role to play in teaching younger generations of urologists. If he didn’t give his residents some freedom to gain confidence and believe in themselves, they weren’t going to develop the necessary skills.

“The only way to get better is to do it yourself,” says Dr. Shapiro, who specializes in bladder, kidney, and prostate cancers. “If somebody holds your hand every minute, it isn’t going to happen.”

Today, Shapiro has a reputation as a skilled surgeon who is well known in the academic urology community, speaking at conferences in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

But Shapiro, who was honored as Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation’s 2017 Outstanding Young Alumnus, is equally proud of his contributions training the next generation of physicians. “By learning to incorporate the teaching of medicine in my daily clinical activities, I am not only doing good for my patient, but also for the education of that particular student or resident and also for the future of medicine,” he says.

Shapiro, associate professor of urology and radiation oncology and vice chairman of the Department of Urology, got his own start at Upstate, attending medical school and residency, and returning to join the faculty after completing a fellowship at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. He is married to Anna Shapiro, MD ’04, a radiation oncologist at Upstate. The couple met as medical students and now have two young boys.

As former urology clerkship director, Shapiro enjoyed the broader teaching of medicine, as well as modeling professionalism and life skills. He says a good teacher is someone who helps guide the student to find his or her own answers and instills confidence, providing constructive criticism without being condescending. The key, he says, is in treating students as individuals, making the effort to understand each person’s level of knowledge and skill as well as their personal strengths. “Some enjoy quieter office work, while others cannot imagine life without complex, stressful surgeries,” he says. “As a faculty, we must identify these preferences and talents and nurture them to perfection.”

Aside from being able to tell a cancer patient he “got it all,” Shapiro says one of his greatest professional rewards is watching the growth of his trainees over the five years of their residency training. “Seeing someone improve clinically as well as guiding that person through a challenging time in his or her career is extremely fulfilling,” he says. “Those of us who teach will agree with me: there is no better feeling than seeing your resident or fellow perform the most complex surgery without your help.”

Shapiro says the goal is that by the time each resident completes training, he would feel comfortable having that physician perform surgery on he or a family member. “If I would let this person operate on me or my family, then I have succeeded,” he says.

— Renée Gearhart Levy
Jonathan D. Fish, of West Hempstead, NY, was recently recognized as a 2017 Fellow in Leadership by the Alpha Omega Honor Medical Society. He has joined the faculty of the Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine and the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center of New York in 2008, where he founded the Survivors Facing Forward (SURFF) program, a long-term follow-up program for survivors of childhood cancer. SURFF provides care for nearly 600 survivors.

David R. Goodman, of Waban, MA, and Brian J. Park both work at Newton Wellesley Hospital. “I anesthetize Brian’s ENT patients,” Goodman writes.

Mark E. Hamill, of Roanoke, VA, was promoted to associate professor at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, in collaboration with Adnan Siddiqui, MD, PhD, vice chair and professor of neurosurgery at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo, performed live case presentations from the Gates Vascular Institute (GVI) in Buffalo, NY, to showcase upper extremity arterial revascularization with cerebral protection for the Vascular Interventional Advances (VIVA) conference on September 14. The GVI was one of five medical facilities in the world to be selected to present live case broadcasts for the conference.

Matthew J. Liepke ’00, of Oswego, NY, was promoted to Colonel in the New York Army National Guard, on September 15, during a ceremony at the New York National Guard headquarters.

Emily Lazzari Albert ’07 and classmates before their reunion class dinner

Emily Lazzari Albert, of Fayetteville, NY, celebrated her 10th reunion in September.

David M. Zlotnick ’05, of Clarence, NY, assistant professor of medicine and interventional cardiologist at the University at Buffalo division of cardiovascular medicine, in collaboration with Adnan Siddiqui, MD, PhD, vice chair and professor of neurosurgery at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo, performed live case presentations from the Gates Vascular Institute (GVI) in Buffalo, NY, to showcase upper extremity arterial revascularization with cerebral protection for the Vascular Interventional Advances (VIVA) conference on September 14. The GVI was one of five medical facilities in the world to be selected to present live case broadcasts for the conference.

Sara Karjoo, of Tampa, FL, writes, “To the class of 2007: it is so amazing it’s been 10 years since our graduation and we’ve all done some great things. I was so looking forward to seeing you all, however, I could not make it due to Hurricane Irma and it’s effects in Florida. I’ll be looking forward to seeing you at the next reunion.”

Brian J. Park ’02 and David R. Goodman ’02

SO fast! Couldn’t make the reunion hope everyone had a great time,” he writes.

2006
Terrence Li, of Chicago, IL, is the neurology clerkship director at Rosalind Franklin University since October 2016. His responsibilities include overseeing the third-year neurology clerkship, development of neurology simulation programs, assisting in developing new neuroscience curriculum, and is currently the director of the new transition to internship elective starting in 2018.

2007
Emily Lazzari Albert, of Fayetteville, NY, celebrated her 10th reunion in September.
Marissa Mincolla, of Baldwinsville, NY, and husband Michael Mincolla celebrated the birth of their first child, Mariella Marie, on May 3.

Julie M. Smolinski, and husband Edward Stone, of New York, NY, welcomed their second child, William Herman, on April 25. Their first child, Catherine Stella, loves being a big sister.

Rosemary Froehlich, of Pittsburgh, PA, graduated from the Brown University/Women and Infants’ Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship program in June and joined the maternal-fetal medicine division of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center/Magee-Women’s Hospital as an assistant professor.

David Strosberg and Jennifer Schwartz ’09, of Columbus, OH, announce the birth of their son, Remi Henry Strosberg, born on August 10, weighing six pounds, nine ounces.

Jessica Sassani-Handzel, and Robert M. Handzel, of Pittsburgh PA, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Flynn Stanley Handzel, on March 19.

Samuel A. Schueler, of Boston, MA, is a gastroenterology fellow at University of Maryland Medical Center/National Institutes of Health. He was married on November 11 to Elia Enid Acevedo-Diaz, who is a psychiatry resident.

Suma Shah (Das), of Durham, NC, graduated as a chief resident from the Duke neurology residency program. She is currently a fellow in neuroimmunology/MS at Duke. She was married to Kevin Shah on April 22.

Arthur Zak, of Richmond Hill, NY, married his longtime girlfriend, Christie Ton, who is an intern in family medicine in Sleepy Hollow, NY. Their ceremony was on Long Island, on June 17. They made sure to play “Shut Up and Dance” at their reception, the song their class parodied for Match Day. He is an anesthesiology resident at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

Residents/House Staff

Susan C. Ball, MD, HS ’88, of New York, NY, marked 25 years at the Center for Special Studies, the HIV care center at Weill Cornell, New York Presbyterian Hospital. Her book Voices in the Band recounts the amazing journey caring for AIDS patients in the 1990s. She did a master’s degree in narrative medicine and now, in addition to clinical work, spends a lot of time teaching narrative medicine to medical students. “I miss many of my wild and crazy cohort of residents from so long ago,” she writes.

John Barry, MD, HS ’66, of Portland, OR, traveled to Buenos Aires to be the 2016 Laureate of the Societe’ Internationale d’Urologie-Astellas European Foundation, in October 2016.

Patrick J. Conte, MD, HS ’67, ’70, ’71, of Roseland, NJ, is certified by the American Board of General Radiology, American Board of Nuclear Medicine, and American Board of Diagnostic Radiology with special competence in nuclear radiology. He has been in practice for more than 35 years and is currently the chief of nuclear medicine and senior attending radiologist at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, in Paterson, NJ. He graduated from the Academy of Professional Hypnosis and has also studied Reiki, therapeutic touch, hypnokinesiology, and hypnosis in conjunction with thought field therapy. He was a cofounder of the American School of Ayurveda Medicine from Westbrook University in 2006. He is the author of Converging Paths of Ancient Ayurveda and Modern Medicine. He is also the radiologic editor for the text, Effective Imaging. In his latest published book, Mysteries of Life, Death and Beyond, he attempts to answer the age old question, “What is the meaning of life?”

Mahendra Dave, MD, HS ’81, of Atlanta, GA, has several books published; Laboratory Values in Psychiatry Clinical Trials, along with Robert Riesenberg, MD; Scout’s Values for All, along with Roopa Modha, JD, and Pooja Dave, available on Amazon; Merit Badge Guide, along with Eric Riesenberg and Ronak Dave, available on Amazon and Ebay; Psychiatric Medicine: The Psychiatrist’s Guide to the Treatment of Common Medical Illnesses, along with Kurt Miceli, Poonam Modha, Wolters Kluver, Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins. “Contact me on Facebook,” he writes.

Christopher Fjotland, MD, HS ’15, of New Brunswick, is a board certified anesthesiologist, and graduated as the chief resident from the Upstate anesthesiology residency program. He joined the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital anesthesiology department, where he currently is the medical student coordinator, director of clerkship, and sits on the medical advisory board for the RWJ Wellness Center. He was recently named division chief of the neuro, head and neck anesthesiology division, which he is excited to be starting from the ground up.

Rashid J. Khan, MD, HS ’81, of Northport, NY, would like to find out who is thinking of retiring in his class—Keith Martin, Evan Dentes, Peter Katz, Joel Berman? “Anyone know where David Fromm, David Cope, and John Aust are?” he asks.

S. Diane Rickert, MD, HS ’08, is living in sunny Orlando, FL. “Sweetpea Sierra is doing good and is still a Make-A-Wish survivor. Her seizures have been controlled very well in recent years. Topamax saved her life in 1997 when it was approved and developed for Lennox-Gastaut. My youngest, Cheyanne, is in her second year of her PhD program at University of Central Florida and studying GI cancer. I am working as an emergency medicine traveling physician. Currently, I am working as an Embassy with Emcare on their internal travel team,” she writes.

Dipal Shah, MD, HS ’17, of Waltham, MA, was a medicine intern when the program was expanded to 60-plus interns. “Proud to be part of it,” she writes.

Matthew R. Smeds, MD, HS ’10, of St. Louis, MO, is chief of vascular surgery, program director for the vascular surgery training programs, and associate professor at St. Louis University. For the past five years, he was faculty at the University of Arkansas for medical sciences.

Richard H. Strauss, MD, HS ’84, of La Crosse, WI, and other alumni attended the first-ever SUNY Upstate Pediatrics house staff attending reunion, which was held at this year’s American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition on September 18, in Chicago.

Mark M. Tavakoli, MD, HS ’72, of Birmingham, AL, writes “Spent one year at Upstate as a third-year resident in anesthesiology—best year of my life. I learned a lot from our outstanding faculty and when I moved to Alabama to start my job as assistant professor at University of Alabama-Birmingham, I impressed our residents and was named teacher of the year. My best memory was going to the theater and watching two shows for a dollar, and we used to go to a picnic where all the food and beer was free of charge.” He still practices in Birmingham. He wrote a book about his life, The Dead Man is Alive, "not a best seller but helps to remind me of my past."

Christopher W. Fjotland, MD, HS ’15

Diane Rickert, MD, HS ’08 and daughters

Mahendra Dave, MD, HS ’81

Steven Blatt, MD ’83, David Clark, MD ’73, John Andreake, MD ’84, Kathy Stockel, MD ’81, Jeffrey Thompson, MD, Julia McMillian, MD ’76, and Richard Strauss, MD, at the Upstate Pediatrics-Housestaff/Attending Reunion. Ripal Patel, MD, a current resident, also attended.
1953

DONALD L. BROOKS, JR., of Elmira, NY, died July 21, 2016. Dr. Brooks entered the U.S. Army in 1955 and was stationed in Seattle, WA, for two years. He then returned to Elmira where he established his obstetrics/gynecology practice in association with Scott Howland, MD. Brooks later practiced with Timothy Sharlow, MD, for more than 35 years, continuing his longtime association with the Arnot Ogden Medical Center. Brooks was survived by his wife, Norma; son, Dean; daughter, Anne; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1955


1956

DAVID M. ESSOM, of Chapel Hill, NC, died August 31. Dr. Essom was a general practitioner in Providence, RI, Omaha, NE, and for the U.S. Air Force at Offutt Air Force Base, receiving an honorable discharge at the rank of Captain, and then in Cortland, NY. In the 1970s, he returned to Syracuse as a psychiatry resident and practiced for several years. Essom had a stint as medical director at Eastern Virginia State Hospital in Williamsburg and an attempt at retirement that didn’t stick. He then moved to LaGrange, GA, and continued to practice psychiatry. Several years later, he fully retired and moved to Cary, NC. He was survived by his wife, Chris; his daughters, Kathy, Carol, Kimberly, and Roberta; son John; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Memorial donations can be sent to the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation, Setnor Academic Bldg. #1510, 750 E. Adams Street, Syracuse, NY 13210.

1957

CHARLES E. BENDER, JR., of Jacksonville, FL, died November 15, 2014. Dr. Bender served in the Army Air Corp (Air Force) from 1946 to 1949. He was a charter member of the United States Air Force. Bender was a family practitioner in Lafayette, NY, as well as the prison doctor and the official medical examiner for the New York State boxing and wrestling commissions. He later moved to Florida and was an instructor in radiology and associate professor at the University of Florida from 1964 to 1968. He helped start the nuclear medicine tech program in Gainesville. In February 1968 he became the chief radiologist at Beaches Hospital, where he served the community for 30 years. He was survived by his wife, Wanda; daughter Vivian; sons Charlie III and James; and four grandchildren.

1964

ANTHONY E. VOYTOVICH, of Farmington, CT, died May 20, 2016, after a sudden accident while vacationing with his family. Dr. Voytovich dedicated his life to medicine, teaching, research and administration at University of Connecticut Medical and Dental School. He was a full professor and served as chief of general medicine, chief of staff and dean of student affairs. He was survived by his wife Glenna; daughters Amy and Andrea; and one grandson.

1967

ARTHUR C. PECKHAM, JR., of Watertown, NY, and Exeter, NH, died July 22. Dr. Peckham did a year of internship in orthopaedic surgery through the University of Iowa. He served two years as a physician in the U.S. Navy in Bremerton, WA, and returned to Syracuse for residency to become a board certified orthopaedic surgeon. Peckham then returned to Watertown, becoming a partner of the North Country Orthopaedic Group in 1977. He served the North Country as a physician practicing at both city hospitals and various community clinics in the tri-county area, particularly the North Country Children’s Clinics, and retired after 34 years. He was survived by his second wife, Dianne; daughters, Heather and Holly; stepchildren April and James; and grandchildren.

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1993

MICHAEL PLEVYAK, of East Longmeadow, MA, died August 13. Dr. Plevyak was a physician in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Baystate Health Maternal Fetal Medicine. He was devoted to his family and was a gifted and well-loved teacher and physician. He was survived by his wife, Sudeep Aulakh; and children, Sajen and Raina.
IN MEMORIAM

House Staff

ETHAN T. COLTON, of Fairport, NY, died December 9, 2015. He was survived by his wife, Lynn; children Grace, Cynthia, Russell, and Jenee; stepson Dave; and six grandchildren.

RICHARD A. CUTLER, of Syracuse, NY, died August 10. He was survived by his wife, Catherine; daughters Michele, Jill, Jamie, and Whitney; and nine grandchildren.

RAZA ALI DILAWARI, of Memphis, TN, died September 18, 2011. Dr. Dilawari spent 35 years in Memphis and touched countless lives as the premier surgical oncologist in the mid South. Dilawari was schooled at the Central Model School Government College, and completed his medical education in 1968 from King Edward Medical College, all in Lahore, Pakistan. He did his surgical residency at Upstate, and his surgical oncology fellowship at the University of Rochester at Strong Memorial Hospital and Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo. He was appointed assistant professor of the Department of Surgery at University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in Memphis in 1978. He started his surgical oncology practice at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis and at Methodist Central Hospital in Memphis. At the time of his passing, he was the assistant dean for clinical affairs at the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences and the vice chairman of the Department of Surgery at Methodist University Hospital. He was survived by his wife, Bushra; his five children: Asma, Amina, Mariam, Asad, and Saba; and one granddaughter.

SHREYAS KUMAR ROY, of Montreal, Canada, died July 23. Dr. Roy graduated from LeMoyne College with a triple major in English, chemistry, and economics, then earned his medical degree at McGill University. He completed residency training in general surgery at Upstate, where he engaged extensively in teaching and in research on lung disease in sepsis. He was the lead guitarist for the “Failed States” ska-punk band and was chief surgical resident. Most recently, Roy became a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada after completing a fellowship in pediatric surgery at Hospital Sainte-Justine, Universite de Montreal, where he was about to begin a position as an attending surgeon in pediatric hepatobiliary surgery and liver transplants. He was survived by his father and mother, Ajoy and Geeta Roy; and his brother, Preyas Roy.

BRENDER MARVIN STUCKEY, of Baton Rouge, LA, died March 22. Dr. Stuckey graduated from Louisiana State University Medical School of New Orleans. Following medical school, he served in the U.S. Army until receiving his honorable discharge in 1965. He then returned to Baton Rouge in 1968 as a pathologist at Woman’s Hospital. In 1974, he became chief of pathology, Woman’s Hospital, where he served until his retirement in 1993. He was survived by his daughters, Wanda, Alice, and Martha; son Jonathan; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

TEOFILO B. ULANDAY, of Freemont, CA, died April 14. Dr. Ulanday was survived by his wife, Maria Isabel D. Perez-Ulanday.

Faculty

BREWSTER CLARK DOUST JR., of Syracuse, NY, died August 13. Dr. Doust served in the U.S. Navy in occupied Japan. He graduated from the University of Rochester with a bachelor’s degree in 1950 and a doctor of medicine in 1952. His residency took him to Johns Hopkins. He established his medical practice in Syracuse in 1958 and was a visiting professor of medicine at Upstate. Doust was active in all Syracuse Hospitals, regional medical boards, and charitable causes revolving around medicine. For the first time in more than 130 years, there are no Dr. Dousts in Syracuse. The chain of Dr. Dousts started in 1887 with Alfred Green Doust, MD, Brewster’s great uncle, then to Henry Burton Doust, MD, another great uncle and Syracuse’s first health commissioner, then to Brewster’s father, Brewster Clark Doust Sr., MD, and to his cousins William Doust, MD, and Alfred Webb Doust, MD. There were two more Dr. Doust’s with Syracuse ties: Matthew Webb Doust, MD ’98, and Brewster’s wife, Victoria Salas Doust, MD. He was survived by his daughters, Maria, Edith, and Alice; numerous grandchildren; and other relatives.
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ANNUAL CAREER ADVISORY NETWORKING DINNER

**Syracuse**
January 8
5:30 – 8:00 pm
New Academic Bldg.
4th Floor

**Binghamton**
January 10
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Grande’s Bella Cucina

ALUMNI REGIONAL EVENTS

**West Palm**
January 11
5:30 – 8:00 pm
Delray Sands Resort
2809 South Ocean Blvd.
Highland Beach

**New York City**
April 27
6:00 – 8:00 pm
The Cornell Club
6 East 44th Street

**Boston**
June
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location TBA
Address TBA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PAUL NORCROSS
REGIONAL VISITS

**Fort Myers, FL**
Date TBA

**Phoenix, AZ**
Date TBA

**Chicago, IL**
Date TBA

**San Francisco, CA**
Date TBA

REUNION WEEKEND

**Syracuse**
September 21 & 22