

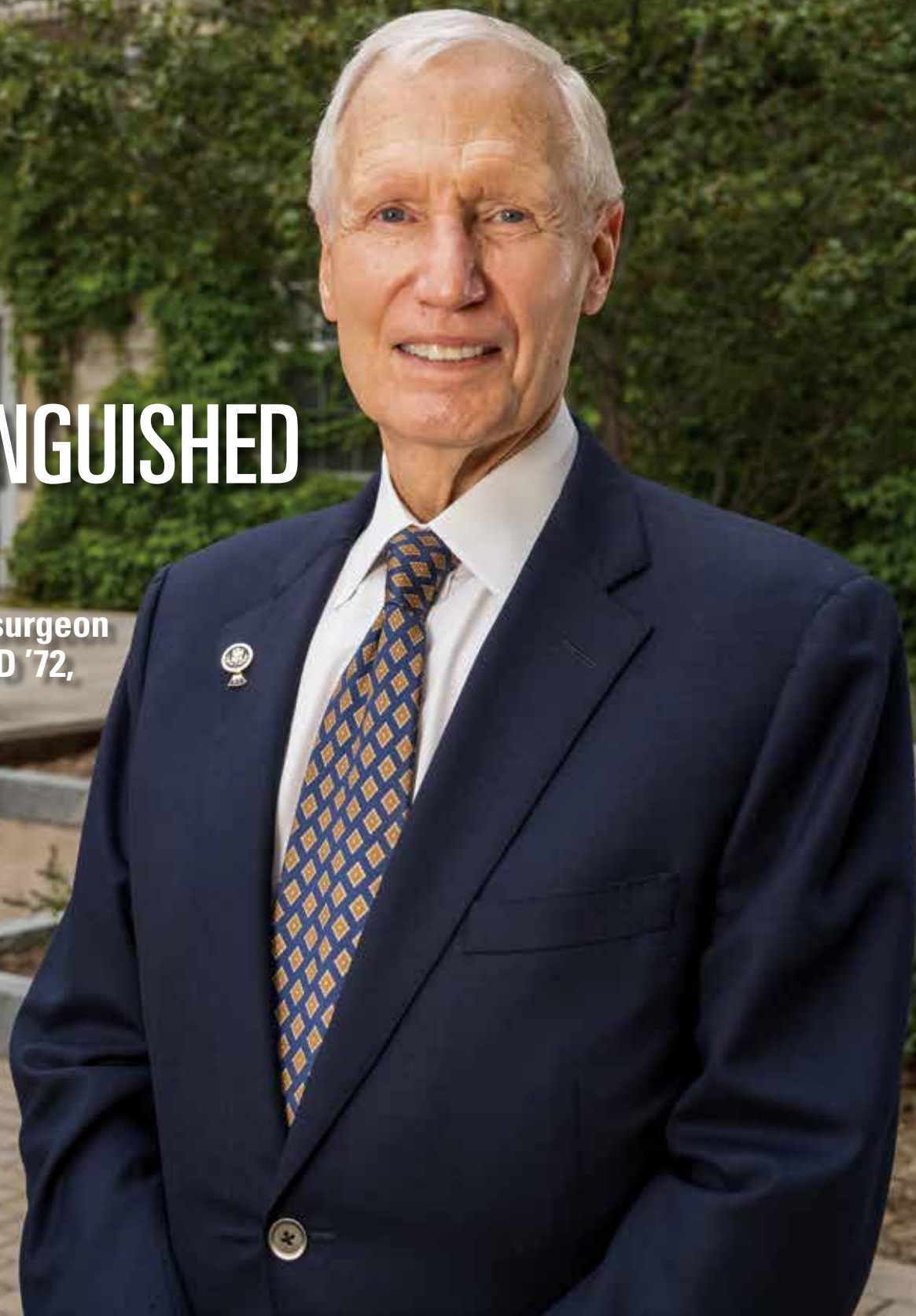
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Distinguished Alumnus Mark S. Persky, MD '72, professor of otolaryngology—head and neck surgery at the New York University Grossman School of Medicine and past director of the Head and Neck Center at NYU Langone Medical Center

President Dewan Shares Upstate Successes

Alumni of the Norton College of Medicine have a lot to be proud of. That was the underlying theme of the state of the University report given by President Mantosh Dewan, MD, HS '79, to attendees during Reunion Weekend in September.

Although the past two years brought unprecedented challenges to hospitals and medical centers nationwide, Upstate Medical University is thriving, the result of bold and innovative response to the pandemic itself, continuous efforts to improve the delivery of health care to the region, and new and original approaches to providing medical education to better meet the needs of students and society.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- As the only academic medical center in the region, Upstate plays a unique role in training and increasing the supply of medical professionals, many of whom remain in Central New York.

Currently, the Norton College of Medicine is home to 720 medical students and 670 medical residents training in 53 different programs. The College of Health Professions has 380 students training in 12 programs, many unique to the region. The College of Nursing has 390 students in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs, and the College of Graduate Studies has 130 students enrolled in scientific master's and doctoral programs.

- The Norton College of Medicine is growing. In Fall 2023, Upstate plans to welcome 185 students, increasing from 160. The goal is to increase class size incrementally to reach 200 students per year to meet the increased demand for physicians.
- The student body is increasingly diverse. Upstate ranks 50th out of 800 graduate programs for diversity, according to *U.S. News and World Report*; 26 percent of incoming students in 2021 were underrepresented minorities, up from 12 percent in 2019.
- Upstate has instituted two new education options for medical students: an optional three-year medical school curriculum for students who choose to stay at Upstate for residency and a five-year combined MD/MBA program offered in conjunction with the Martin J. Whitman School of Business at Syracuse University. Additional joint degree programs are being explored.
- Upstate has increased its scholarship support for incoming medical students to \$7.2 million for the 2021-22 academic year, up from \$6.3 million in 2019-20, helping to recruit high-caliber students to the University while reducing student debt.

- Medical students received \$800,000 in scholarships from the Medical Alumni Foundation in 2022. The Medical Alumni Foundation manages a \$32 million endowment, largely funded through alumni gifts. Most recently, the Medical Alumni Foundation helped secure \$25 million estate gift from Alan Norton, MD '66 and his wife, Marlene, to name the Norton College of Medicine. The Foundation is in the midst of the Generation to Generation campaign to raise an additional \$15 million for student scholarships, the largest fundraising effort to date.
- Upstate Medical University remains the largest employer in Central New York with 11,000 employees working in 35 separate buildings. It's also recognized as one of the best; the University was recognized among *Forbe's Best Large Employers* in 2021.



Upstate Physician Works to Prevent Maternal Deaths Among Native American Women

An Upstate doctor is working to prevent unnecessary maternal deaths among women, and specifically among Native American women, who suffer from a higher risk of avoidable death.

Brian Thompson, MD '91, serves on New York state's Maternal Mortality Review Board, which reviews the circumstances around pregnancy-related deaths to identify recommendations to prevent future deaths.

He is also working with the National Indian Health Board to create the first national tribal review board to better understand and prevent maternal mortality among Native women.

A recent report by the CDC found that almost all maternal deaths among American Indian and Alaska Native populations in the United States could have been prevented. In the general population, 80 percent of these deaths are avoidable.

Maternal deaths include those that occur during pregnancy, on the day of delivery, and up to one year after giving birth.

"Essentially all Native American maternal deaths are preventable," says Dr. Thompson, a member of the Oneida Nation. "Because of the unique sovereignty of Native communities there is a strong desire for Native people to look

at themselves and see what the commonalities are, what the root causes are, but more importantly how can we prevent each and every one of these from ever occurring again."

The tribal review board is in the early planning stages and faces challenges getting data from all 50 states, including about a dozen that do not have state review boards. But Thompson says the need is urgent.

"The high rate of maternal mortality is not just alarming, it is at a crisis level," Thompson says.

Overall, the rate of maternal deaths per 100,000 births has increased steadily in the U.S. since at least 2018. For the overall population, there are 24 deaths per 100,000 births and 55.3 for non-Hispanic blacks.

The leading underlying cause of death varies by race and ethnicity. Among American Indian and Alaska Native people, mental health conditions and hemorrhage accounted for 50 percent of deaths with a known underlying cause.

Thompson says numbers are higher in minority and Native populations due to several factors including access to care, poverty, lack of transportation, lower rates of having insurance, and lower rates of starting first trimester pre-natal care.

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Brian Thompson, MD '91, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology and public health and preventive medicine

Upstate Leads in Diverse Clinical Trials

IN APRIL, THE FDA LAID OUT NEW requirements for diversity recruitment plans in clinical trials for any new drugs or devices requiring the agency's approval.

But one Upstate doctor and a newly appointed Community Research Liaison had already made it their mission to reach out into the Syracuse community to engage patients of different ages, ethnic backgrounds, and genders to encourage them to participate in clinical trials.

And they are doing it by building relationships, listening to input, and establishing trust.

With a \$372,000 grant from the National Institute of Aging, Sharon Brangman, MD '81, chair of geriatrics at Upstate and the director of the Upstate Center for Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease, and Kathy Royal, MA, Upstate's new community research liaison, are working to improve diversity of all kinds in research across the country on aging, cognitive loss, Alzheimer's disease, and dementia.

Royal came to Upstate in July 2021 with deep community connections already in place.

A certified life coach with a master's degree in management, Royal brings with her many years of experience in the human services industry, including work as a life coach for the Women's Opportunity Center, as a youth educator and advocate for the Salvation Army, and an HIV advocate for the Center for Community Alternatives.

As part of the grant, Brangman and Royal participate in a Community Research Recruitment Accelerator on Aging (CRRRA-Aging). These meetings of local people including institutional researchers, community organizers, caregivers, and older adults from the community at-large started in October 2021.

"My job is to go into the black and brown community—my community—to educate and motivate community members about the importance of participating in research and give them a little history on research," Royal says. "What it was like then and what it is like now and to encourage them to get involved because we are needed to make sure medications are made using our input."

The initiative has already yielded success. Thanks to Royal's efforts, a recent study at Cornell



Kathy Royal, MA, and Sharon Brangman, MD '81

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University received 35 referrals, all of whom were African American. Thirteen were eligible and participated. Before Royal got involved, the project had no African American representation for the first six months.

David Amberg, PhD, Upstate's vice president for research, says lack of diversity in clinical trials leads to the approval of drugs and medical interventions with little knowledge of their effectiveness or side effects in black and brown communities.

Dr. Brangman points to an Alzheimer's drug approved to remove amyloid plaques in the brain that had only 19 African Americans, and a small group of Asians and Latinos in its international trial.



Stephen J. Thomas, MD

Stephen J. Thomas, MD, named the Frank E. Young, MD '56 and Leanne Young Endowed Chair of Microbiology

STEPHEN J. THOMAS, MD, has been named the Frank E. Young, MD '56 and Leanne Young Endowed Chair of Microbiology.

Dr. Thomas, who joined Upstate in 2016, became one of the nation's leading and most authoritative voices regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, offering his perspective of the pandemic in both local and national media, updating the public on vaccines, masking, treatments, and clinical trials since the pandemic was declared a global outbreak in March 2020.

"There is no individual more worthy than Dr. Thomas to serve as our new endowed chair of microbiology," says Lawrence Chin, MD, dean of the Norton College of Medicine. "He has distinguished himself at every turn, whether through his service in the Armed Forces, as a principal investigator for the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid vaccine efficacy trial, as director of Upstate's Institute for Global Health and Translational Science, or division chief of Infectious Disease. He has made significant contributions to our University that have benefited all of us.

"To be serving as an endowed chair named for Upstate alumnus Dr. Frank E. Young, a former commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, makes this appointment even more appropriate," Chin adds.

At Upstate, Thomas has held several positions:

chief of the Infectious Diseases Division (2016 to 2021), director of the Institute for Global Health and Translational Science (since 2018), and interim chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

Prior to joining Upstate, Thomas spent 20 years in the U.S. Army serving at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and completing his career as the institute's Deputy Commander for Operations (Chief Operating Office). He also served as the infectious diseases consultant to the U.S. Army Surgeon General and U.S. Central Command's regional infectious diseases expert during a deployment in the Middle East.

The endowed chair post that Thomas fills is named for former FDA commissioner Frank E. Young, MD, PhD, (1984 to 1989) and his wife, Leanne. Dr. Young, who received his medical degree from Upstate in 1956, presided over several key FDA events, including approval of the first drug to combat AIDS. His federal service also included a term as director of the office of Emergency Preparedness.

"I am very happy I chose to follow my mentor and former Walter Reed colleagues to Upstate. It has been a great place to work and for me and my family to make a home," Thomas said. "And to share in the legacy of Dr. Young makes this appointment even more special."

Students Attempt to Bridge Gap Between Medicine and Industry

A group of Norton College of Medicine students has formed the Upstate Innovation and Entrepreneurship Group to help enhance their knowledge of business-related ventures in medicine.

"We envision a student-led initiative focused on enhancing the knowledge of business-related ventures in medicine, such as industry consulting, hospital administration, and healthcare startups, through experiential pro-bono consulting and educational seminars," said Avishek Sanjel Chhetri '25, one of the group's founders.

The organization is looking to connect medical students who want to gain hands-on experience working with companies that contribute to the progression of medicine and science. They also hope to facilitate educational seminars led by individuals with a demonstrated history of success in the biotech sphere, such as those involved with the CNY Biotech Accelerator, hoping to streamline student engagement with emerging companies of interest.

"We envision this initiative to be an open environment where motivated students and professionals from all colleges at Upstate, regardless of prior experience and background, can work directly with interested companies and create innovative solutions and products," says Shervin Razavi, another co-founder.



Founding members of the Upstate Innovation and Entrepreneurship Group, from left, are Avishek Sanjel Chhetri, Jack Sedaka, Shervin Razavi and Allen Luo



This summer, high school students enrolled in Upstate's Accelerated Scholars Program gather on campus for special programming to help them excel in medical school.

Norton College of Medicine Welcomes First Cohort of Accelerated Scholars

Upstate Medical University's first class to enter the Norton College of Medicine through its Accelerated Scholars Program matriculated this fall and makes up 10 percent of this year's class.

"This will be the smallest percentage for the foreseeable future of students who are coming into the MD program from the Accelerated Scholars' pathway," said Krystal Ripa, PhD, director of special admissions programs who developed the program.

Launched in 2018, the program is designed for high school students who wish to apply to both an undergraduate institution and medical school simultaneously. Doing so saves time, stress, and money by eliminating the need to apply to multiple medical schools and take the medical college admission test (MCAT). The program also allows undergraduates to explore a diverse undergraduate course load without worrying about focusing on pre-med requirements, and it builds community and connection among participants through summer programming while they are undergraduates.

Sixteen students have matriculated for the 2022-2023 academic year, and that number grows to 21 who have been accepted for fall 2023 and at least 41 for fall 2025.

"Our current students in the pipeline are our best recruiters at the undergraduate level," Ripa says. "They are having a good experience, they feel the connectedness, they feel the community, and they feel the benefits."

The program was developed in partnership

with 15 colleges and universities and built around the AAMC pre-med competencies.

High school seniors can enter the program through Adelphi University, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACPHS), Hampton University, Purchase College, Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), Spelman College, Syracuse University, University at Albany, and Yeshiva University.

College freshmen can enter from Binghamton University, Colgate University, and Hamilton College, and sophomores can enter through Bard College at Simon's Rock.

High school students apply for the program when they apply to one of the partner schools. Once they are accepted as an undergraduate, the partner school then determines if they will be recommended for an interview for a medical school slot. The path is similar for college freshmen and sophomores. Once accepted, programming begins in the summer, which can be in person or virtual, with both synchronous and asynchronous material. Students earn credits and also take practice MCAT exams for the experience, as well as get to know each other, the school, and their professors—all before they officially start medical school.

"It's a lot of work but extremely rewarding. So far, it's been less than three months and I can already see how much I have learned," says Marcea Bond '26. "I felt well-prepared and came in with a lot of resources and a network of people to reach out to."



Eastwood Honored for Distinguished Service

GREGORY L. EASTWOOD, MD, who served as president of Upstate from 1993–2006 and then as interim president from 2013–2016, received the President's Award for Distinguished Service at Upstate's annual Fall Convocation. Dr. Eastwood most recently served as a faculty member in Bioethics and Humanities.

Four faculty members were named SUNY Distinguished Professors at the event. They are: Stephen A. Albanese, MD, HS '85
SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

Xin Jie Chen, PhD,
SUNY Distinguished Professor

Thomas L. Schwartz, MD '95,
SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor

Ma-Li Wong, MD, PhD,
SUNY Distinguished Professor



Tamara Jamaspishvili, MD, PhD

Upstate Researcher Nationally Recognized for AI-Based Diagnostic Tool

Tamara Jamaspishvili, MD, PhD, assistant professor of pathology, has been named a 2022 Young Investigator by the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF).

Dr. Jamaspishvili, director of the SUNY Upstate Pathology Research Core (SUNY SPORE), is being recognized for her work developing an artificial intelligence (AI)-based digital pathology method to help assess risk, treatment responses, and outcomes for prostate cancer patients. Her project could help guide physicians in the treatment management of patients with high-risk, advanced prostate cancer. This could also serve as a cost-efficient screening method in low-to-middle-income countries where genomic testing is still expensive and challenging.

"Along with the adoption of digital pathology in clinical practice, the approach to cancer research has dramatically changed," Jamaspishvili says. "Merging of conventional pathology, genomics, oncology, computer and data science gives tremendous promise to advance personalized medicine and improve the quality of life of the patients by discovering new models of disease risk stratification and treatment management options."

Jamaspishvili's research on tissue-based biomarkers using machine learning in prostate cancer showed the increased benefit of merging these disciplines for

improved patients' prognoses and outcomes. Jamaspishvili highlights the need for biomarker research to advance precision medicine. "Developing bias-free, objective, quantitative approaches in pathology practices is a prerequisite for precision medicine and biomarker-guided clinical trials," she explains.

Jamaspishvili and her team plan to assess three crucial tumor suppressor genes PTEN, p53 and Rb1, which are known to be found in patients with more aggressive diseases and who are unlikely to respond to hormone therapy. They hope by examining scanned prostate cancer tissue, they can begin to unravel complex cellular and molecular relationships predicting disease progression, duration and response to hormonal treatment, and the development of hormone-resistant prostate cancer.

The PCF awards about two dozen researchers a year who they identify as future leaders who will "keep the field of prostate cancer research vibrant with new ideas" with career and project support.

"As a junior faculty member in the SUNY Upstate Pathology department, it is a privilege to have this recognition for my ongoing prostate cancer research," she says.



Clyde Satterly, MD, MBA

Clyde Satterly, MD, MBA, named chair of Department of Family Medicine

CLYDE SATTERLY, MD, MBA, who had served as interim chair of the Department of Family Medicine since March 2017, was named chair, effective September 15, 2022.

During his leadership, Dr. Satterly has overseen numerous accomplishments, most notably the creation of the Family Medicine Residency program, the first residency based at the Upstate Community Hospital. He has also worked to increase the number of faculty in the department and expanded the number of clinical practice sites from one to three (University Health Care Center, Township 5, and Upstate Community Hospital).

Satterly is also working to create an Urban Family Medicine Residency program with the Syracuse Community Health Center and to strengthen graduate medical education in the area of rural medicine through the inception of a rural training track in the Family Medicine Residency program.

"Dr. Satterly has brought his many talents to Family Medicine and the department has excelled under his leadership," says Norton College of Medicine Dean Lawrence Chin, MD. "His strong, thoughtful leadership has served

Upstate well, and I'm delighted that he now assumes the position of chair."

Since joining the Upstate faculty in 2006 as a clinical assistant professor, Satterly has served as medical director for the Upstate Family and Preventive Medicine practice. He was instrumental in the practice earning NCQA Level III Patient Centered Medical Home, becoming one of the first practices in Central New York to receive this designation.

Satterly was honored with Upstate's Gold Standard Award, which recognizes faculty for their work at Upstate.

Prior to joining Upstate, Satterly served as medical director and founding partner of Lakeshore Family Medicine. He also provided medical care at the Hillbrook Detention Center, Syracuse. Before earning his medical degree, he was a certified public accountant in Rochester and Elmira.

Satterly earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania and completed his residency in family practice at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center. He also holds an MBA from Syracuse University.

Upstate Researchers Publish Results on Experimental Dengue Human Infection Model

RESEARCHERS AT UPSTATE

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY have advanced the development of an experimental Dengue Human Infection Model (DHIM) that is expected to be used widely by drug makers to advance the development of safe and effective vaccines against the dengue viruses.

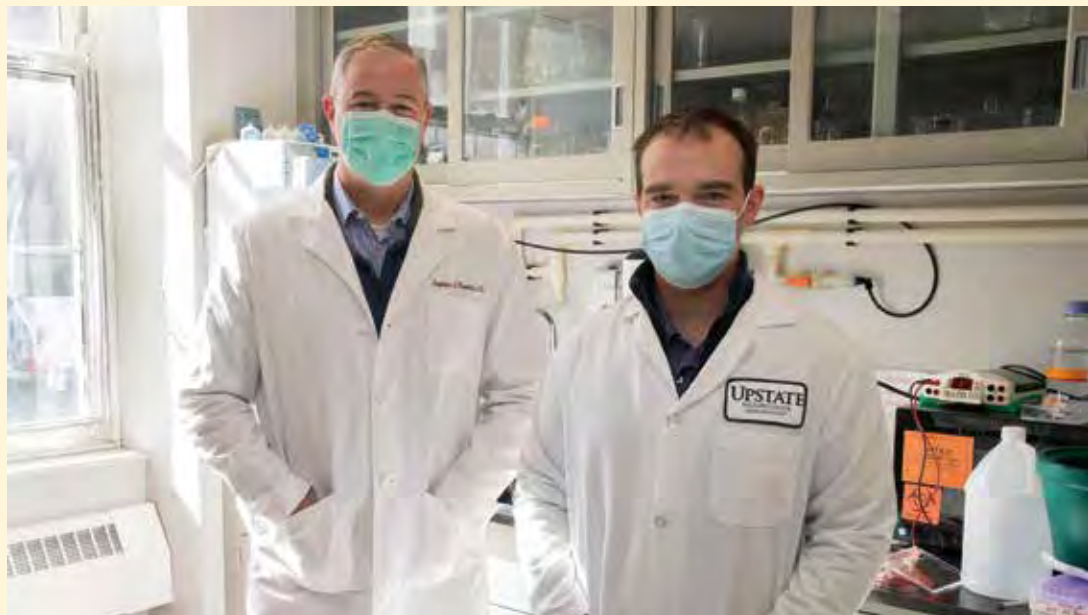
Details of a recent study performed at Upstate, in collaboration with the U.S. Army and with support from Johnson and Johnson, were published in the October 26, 2022, issue of the journal *Science Translational Medicine*.

“We have demonstrated the ability to safely and consistently infect people with a weakened dengue virus, generate a mild dengue-like illness, and then study how the virus and human immune system interact,” said the study’s lead author, Adam Waickman, PhD, Upstate assistant professor of microbiology and immunology. “This Dengue Human Infection Model is actively being used to test vaccines and drugs.”

To develop the model, researchers injected nine individuals with a weakened strain of dengue virus and then monitored their health daily for the first 28 days after inoculation and then in various intervals up to 180 days post-infection.

Within the first month of receiving the injection of the virus, all participants had reported mild to moderate symptoms consistent with dengue including headache, muscle aches, and fatigue and had detectable levels of the virus in their bloodstream. Researchers used blood samples taken after infection to intensely characterize how the virus replicated and how the immune system responded to the virus.

Completing this type of characterization allows researchers to be more informed when they design vaccines or drugs to prevent or treat dengue and allows them to put these countermeasures to the test early in their development.



Stephen J. Thomas, MD, professor and Frank E. Young, MD '56 and Leanne Young Endowed Chair of Microbiology, left, and Adam Waickman, PhD, assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, served as senior author and lead author, respectively.

According to the World Health Organization, 20,000 people die from dengue virus infections annually. There are currently no dengue antiviral therapies available, and the only vaccine is recommended solely for individuals nine years of age and older who have previously been infected with dengue.

Waickman said the challenges of studying disease in dengue-endemic regions for the development of vaccines can be nearly impossible. It is difficult to capture people in the first few days after infection and before symptoms develop, and many people living in dengue-endemic regions have had a pre-existing dengue infection, resulting in immunity from the getting the virus of a similar strain. And most importantly it is difficult to collect blood samples with a frequency that allows for detailed analyses.

“Despite more than a century of basic science research, counter-

measure development efforts, and attempts at vector control, dengue remains a largely unchecked public health burden,” says the study’s senior author, Stephen Thomas, MD, Upstate professor and Frank E. Young, MD '56 and Leanne Young Endowed Chair of Microbiology.

The Upstate research team hopes this new Dengue Human Infection Model accelerates vaccine and drug development and starts to lessen the global dengue burden.

Paper authors from Upstate Medical University, in addition to Waickman, include Joseph Q. Lu, HengSheng Fang, Mitchell Waldran, Chad Gebo, Lisa Ware, Timothy P. Endy, MD, MPH, and Stephen J. Thomas, MD, representing the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and the Institute for Global Health and Translational Sciences.

A Distinguished

**Head and neck surgeon Mark S. Persky, MD '72,
has created a legacy as a surgical educator and innovator.**

**2022
Award Winner**

Throughout his nearly 50-year career as a head and neck surgeon, Mark S. Persky, MD '72, has witnessed advancements in treatment, such as genetic testing and immunotherapy for cancer and the development of medications for vascular malformations that can eliminate the need for surgery.

But he's also seen an evolution in disease itself. For decades, oral and oropharyngeal cancer was primarily linked to tobacco and alcohol use, with incidence falling along with the decreasing popularity of smoking. At the same time, cases of oropharyngeal throat cancer have doubled, with an estimated 70 percent linked to the human papillomavirus (HPV).

"The virus can go deep within the crypts of the tonsils, and that's often where it harbors," says Dr. Persky, professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the New York University (NYU) Grossman School of Medicine and past director of the Head and Neck Center at NYU Langone Medical Center.

HPV is a sexually transmitted disease, commonly transmitted via oral sex. The risk of contracting a high-risk form of HPV is estimated to be 14 percent for people who have had one sex partner, but five times greater for those who have had six or more partners. The earlier an exposure to the virus, Persky explains, the more time it has to develop, making dangerous strains more prevalent. He attributes the rise in throat cancer to climbing rates of sexual activity among younger people. "Many teens and preteens don't even consider oral sex a form of sex, but it's a major transmission route for HPV," he says.

The positive news is that patients with HPV-related throat cancer typically have better outcomes than NPV-negative tobacco users, partly due to the biology of the tumors and partly

because healthy nonsmokers tolerate treatment better. "Depending on the tumor staging, the cure rate is 80 to 90 percent," he says. "Often these cases can be treated non-surgically with only chemotherapy and radiation therapy," he says.

Persky notes that in other parts of the world, different risk factors are more prevalent. In China, for example, the second-most common form of cancer is nasopharynx cancer, caused by the Epstein-Barr virus. In India, oral cavity cancer is very common due to the practice of chewing betel nuts, a direct carcinogen on the oral cavity lining. "We see both of those in our Asian and Indian populations in New York," he says.

In addition to head and neck cancers, Persky has an expertise in treating hemangiomas and vascular malformations, a type of birthmark or growth composed of blood vessels that can cause functional and cosmetic problems and challenging to treat because of their high blood supply. When he began practice, the only treatment was surgery. In the last 15 years, medications have been developed that can eliminate the need for surgery. "Some of these vascular malformations just disappear on these medical therapies, avoiding any cosmetic or functional issues that might result from surgery," he says. In addition, genetic testing has led to better targeting of medical therapies, maximizing efficacy, and avoiding side effects. "It's really quite astounding," he says.

Persky has spent his career at two of New York City's premier academic medical centers: NYU Langone Medical Center and Beth Israel Medical Center, both of which provide the high degree of support—including the collaboration of interventional radiologists, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists or neurosurgeons—that his complex surgical cases require.

Working in an academic medical center also

Career

JOHN KARSTEN MORAN FOR NYU LANGONE HEALTH



Dr. Persky discusses a case with his son, Michael Persky, MD, who is also a head and neck surgeon at NYU.

provides the opportunity for teaching medical students, residents, and fellows, in essence allowing Persky to mold future generations of the profession, a legacy he's proud of.

"If you consider how many years that I've been doing this, I've probably had close to 200 proteges within otolaryngology, former residents and fellows who have challenged me to explore new methods and new philosophies of treating patients that have evolved over the years," Persky says. "I think I offer them a significant experience in improving their skills, allowing them to go on to help patients in a very real way and to forward the field of otolaryngology."

A Brooklyn native, Persky began his affiliation with NYU as an undergraduate biology major, which he followed with medical school at Upstate Medical University. From day one, he says he was fascinated by human anatomy and the operating room experience. "I'm a hands-on person and like immediate gratification," he says. "I knew I wanted to be a surgeon."

Persky says that interest was reinforced by faculty. "They were encouraging of us who wanted to pursue surgery and provided opportunities to see and do things in the operating room," he says. Those experiences included observing surgeries performed by George F. Reed, MD '46, chair of otolaryngology at Upstate at the time and a nationally renowned figure for head and neck tumor surgery. "I rotated through otolaryngology at Upstate and was fascinated by the type of surgery that was performed, which was still in the early

“You can’t be healthy and happy without the emotional support of your family. Considering how much time I’ve devoted to medicine and surgery, my family has been extraordinarily supportive and understanding.”

stages of beginning to have more success with reconstruction and with tumor resections,” he says.

A seed was planted that resurfaced while observing head and neck surgeons during his general surgical internship at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. “I was fascinated by the anatomy and by the patient care results,” he says. “That’s when I made the decision to go into otolaryngology.”

As an otolaryngology resident at NYU, Persky benefited from the expertise of his department chair, John F. Daly, MD, a nationally renowned head and neck surgeon, as well as a supportive community of fellow residents. “The rotations going through otolaryngology were very rigorous,” he says. “It was a challenge to do the surgeries and have the results be as ideal as you wanted them to be, but that was a challenge I found very inviting to pursue.”

Persky moved to Beth Israel Medical Center for a head and neck fellowship, training under Max Som, MD, an innovator of conservation laryngectomy. “Previously, if there was a tumor of the larynx or the voice box, then the entire voice box was removed. Dr. Som innovated a method to remove only a portion of the voice box and preserve the voice, avoiding a permanent tracheostomy,” Persky explains. “That was something that I had an incredible exposure to during my fellowship.”

Upon completion, Persky was recruited to NYU as an attending physician and became the focal head and neck surgeon, rising through the ranks to eventually become professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery and to serve as vice-chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology at the NYU School of Medicine from 1994–1998. His areas of specialty included conservation-types of laryngeal surgery, benign and malignant head and neck tumors, and vascular malformations.



Dr. Persky received the Distinguished Alumnus Award at Reunion 2022. From left: Larry Charlamb, MD '88; Dean Lawrence Chin, MD; Persky; and President Mantosh Dewan, MD, HS '79

In 1998, Persky moved to Beth Israel. From 2005 through 2014, he served as chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, as otolaryngologist-in-chief of the Continuum Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery Service Line, and as professor of otorhinolaryngology-head and neck surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He also served as associate director of the Continuum Cancer Center and was co-director of the Institute for Head and Neck Cancer at Beth Israel Medical Center.

Persky returned to NYU Medical Center in 2014, where he continues to perform head and neck surgery, mentors medical students, residents, and junior faculty, and serves as an investigator on clinical trials.

At the same time he was progressing in his career as a surgeon, Persky was also working to advance the field through his involvement and leadership in medical organizations related to his specialty. He is a member of the American Laryngological Association, the American Head and Neck Society, the American Bronchoesophagological Society, the North American Skull Base Society, and past president of both the New York Head and Neck Society, and the New York Laryngological Society. He is also past president of the American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otolological Society, which is better known as the Triological Society and considered the most prestigious organization within otolaryngology, requiring submission of original research for committee review for membership.

Persky’s research focused on congenital vascular anomalies. “Many advancements have been made since that paper was submitted,” says Persky.

Widely published, Persky is a frequent invited speaker. He has been recognized with the Honor Award from the American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, the Presidential Citation from the Triological Society, the Peter H. Schindler, MD Memorial Award from the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, the Noel L. Cohen MD Award for Excellence in Teaching from NYU School of Medicine, the 2019 Practitioner Excellence Award from American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery, and the 2022 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation.

He and his wife, Georgia, have five children and eight grandchildren. Persky’s son Michael is also a head and neck surgeon at NYU, specializing in robotic surgery; son Adam is an emergency medicine physician at Mount Sinai. “You can’t be healthy and happy without the emotional support of your family,” he says. “Considering how much time I’ve devoted to medicine and surgery, my family has been extraordinarily supportive and understanding.”

The removal of tumors and vascular malformations can occasionally result in issues with function and appearance, requiring reconstruction using tissues, muscle, skin, and supporting blood vessels from other parts of the body. With most operations, grafts or flaps are transferred from the donor site to the affected area.



The Perskys with their children and grandchildren

Persky recounts the memorable case of an eight-year-old patient who had a highly malignant tumor on his tongue, requiring a resection of the tongue and removal of nearby lymph nodes. “We used a microvascular flap taken from another part of his body with the appropriate blood supply and hooked it up in his neck to replace the portion of the tongue that had been sacrificed. He was then treated with high-dose radiation and chemotherapy,” says Persky. “At 19, he’s free of disease and fully functional.”

Despite his many years in practice, Persky says he never fails to be inspired by his patients. “It’s incredible how brave they are, how they accept their treatment, how they rely on all the doctors on their team,” he says. “And it’s marvelous to see how much a supportive family can impact a patient positively after undergoing sometimes very significant surgery.”

And he never stops learning. “I try to learn one thing from every case, especially the most complex cases,” he says. “Imagine how many lessons I’ve incorporated into future patient care over the thousands of cases I’ve treated.” ■

—Renée Gearhart Levy



Mark and Georgia Persky on campus during Reunion 2022

Meeting the Need

Psychiatrist Amir Garakani, MD '02, is helping Greenwich Hospital expand care to address a growing mental health crisis.

**2022
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It is hardly surprising that the pandemic has increased levels of depression, anxiety and emotional distress. According to the World Health Organization, global prevalence of anxiety and depression increased by 25 percent after the first year of the pandemic, and those working in the field say things have not improved.

“The number of people who are in dire straits emotionally is alarming,” says Amir Garakani, MD '02, chair of psychiatry and behavioral health at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich Connecticut, and recipient of the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation's 2022 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. “The culmination of the pandemic and people's disconnectedness, combined with the economy, the global state of affairs, and climate change issues, is leading people to become increasingly desperate and feeling hopeless.”

Garakani says the biggest obstacle to mental health and wellness is what he views as a lack of ability to navigate the system to get help. “Even in affluent areas like Greenwich or Darien, where the assumption is that people with resources would be sophisticated about how to find treatment for themselves or their children, they are struggling to get help,” he says.

Part of the challenge is an extreme shortage of providers. Most psychiatrists in private practice do not take insurance because of inadequate reimbursement rates. “Even those who are self-pay are at capacity and not accepting new patients, so people end up in the emergency room. We are one of the few hospitals in the area that does not have an inpatient unit, so if a patient needs to be psychiatrically hospitalized, they have to be transferred elsewhere,” says Garakani. As a result, he sees it as crucial that his hospital works to address the shortage of mental health care, in whatever way it can.

Garakani, who is triple-board-certified in psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, and addiction medicine, was hired in spring 2021 expressly to help Greenwich Hospital meet an increased demand for mental health services. In addition to emergency services, Greenwich Hospital has Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinics and an Addiction Recovery Center. He views his new role as the perfect opportunity to combine academic and research opportunities at Yale School of Medicine while expanding offerings at a community hospital level. Garakani is currently an Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine.

“Greenwich Hospital is a Yale-New Haven Health system hospital, so we are affiliated with one of the top psychiatry departments in the country,” says Garakani, whose clinical work includes seeing outpatients in addiction, dual diagnosis and general psychiatry and conducting psychiatric consults on the medical/surgical floors and emergency room.

The hospital's forthcoming Mood and Anxiety Disorders evaluation service plans to offer a psychiatric Intensive Outpatient Program and also include interventional treatments such as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), ketamine (intravenous and intranasal), and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). In collaboration with Yale's Department of Psychiatry, the service will offer opportunities for Greenwich to participate in academic and research initiatives. His department already has rotating APRN students from Yale and Garakani hopes to have Yale psychiatry residents and medical students rotating through by next year.

Additionally, work is underway to develop an Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program to address the great need for mental health services for teenagers in the area.

Garakani hopes the conversation around mental



health since the pandemic will alleviate the stigma that many patients experience surrounding their disorders. “It is hard for those who have not experienced mental illness to understand it because they cannot see it. If someone has cancer, you see its impact: the hair and weight loss,” he says. “But depression is not readily visible. The wounds are inside, and that makes it harder for people to understand. Patients with mental illness deserve the same access to quality care as those with other medical illnesses.”

Garakani’s interest in psychiatry developed organically, growing up hearing his parents talk about Freudian psychoanalysis and mental illness. His father was a psychiatrist in private practice in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey; his mother has a master’s in psychology from New York University. “It was pretty high-level dinner conversation,” he says.

Garakani attended Cornell University, where he majored in classics. His dream was to attend medical school in New York City, but the closest he got was Upstate Medical University, where he was accepted off the waitlist a month before classes

began. “It was the greatest relief, like this weight was lifted off my chest,” he says. Nonetheless, he remained disappointed and acknowledges he started at Upstate with a good deal of frustration and resentment. “I don’t think I appreciated how lucky I was to be there, and it definitely affected how I did academically and how I connected with my classmates,” he says.

“There’s a Latin quote from Virgil’s Aeneid— *Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit*—which means ‘Perhaps one day it will be pleasing to

remember even these things.’ Today, I appreciate the amazing opportunity and all the hands-on experience I got,” he says. “Upstate was very much about getting your hands in it and doing the work, not just sitting in a classroom conceptually learning about how to do procedures.”

Garakani fondly recalls being able to assist attending doctors in labor and delivery and surgical cases and was thrilled that he was able to assist renowned surgeon Patricia Numann, MD ’65, HS ’70, with a thyroidectomy. “Such an honor,” he says.

He also was grateful for having a kind and engaging faculty adviser in James Greenwald, MD ’78. “Dr. Greenwald invited me to his home for dinner and out for pizza with his wife and sons. He took me to play golf. I am terrible,” he says. “He made me feel welcome and that definitely was so important during those difficult first two years.”

Garakani also recalls how his passion for creative writing, which began at Cornell, was fostered by the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at Upstate. Garakani cites the late Bonnie St. Andrews, PhD, as an inspiration and support during his time at Upstate. “She encouraged me to look inward and



Robert Levy, MD '03, and Garakani at the U.S. Open

be creative and not shy away from my humanistic side,” he says.

Garakani did his psychiatry rotation early on, working with Thomas Schwartz, MD '95, now chair of Upstate's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. “Dr. Schwartz was one of the best teachers and brightest psychiatrists I have ever encountered,” he says. “I had an amazing clinical experience and learned so much from the psychiatry faculty,” including Mantosh Dewan, MD, HS '79, the department chair at the time and now president of Upstate Medical University.

Nonetheless, he recalls getting pushback from peers and some faculty members about his specialty choice. “The culture back then was not particularly supportive of psychiatry. I got a lot of ‘Why waste your career?’ It was disheartening,” recalls Garakani, who received the Marc Hollender Prize in Psychiatry, the Bruce Dearing Writing Award, and the American Medical Association Rock Sleyster Memorial Scholarship while a medical student. That said, he felt supported by his supervisors in psychiatry, who were excellent role models for him.

Garakani went on to Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, NY, for his psychiatry residency, where he published several papers on brain imaging and the physiology of panic disorder and part of a clinical trial on the use of quetiapine augmentation of fluoxetine in depression. He won several awards during residency, including the American Psychiatric Association (APA)/Lilly Resident Research Award, APA-NY County District Branch Resident Research Award, and travel awards from the Anxiety Disorders Association of America and Society of Biological Psychiatry, and the Mount Sinai Resident Research Award. He was also an APA-GlaxoSmith-Kline Leadership Fellow.

In 2006, Garakani began a research fellowship

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at the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program at Mount Sinai School of Medicine with Dennis Charney, MD, a leader in the field of depression and PTSD research. He became involved in several NIMH-funded research studies, including early research on the use of intravenous ketamine in treatment-resistant depression.

Although Garakani enjoyed research, he realized he was more interested in clinical care. He left the research fellowship and instead completed a fellowship in forensic psychiatry at New York University. In 2008, he began working at Silver Hill Hospital, a private psychiatric hospital in New Canaan, CT. After a brief return to Mount Sinai Hospital from late 2011 to mid-2013, Garakani returned to Silver Hill where he remained until his move to Greenwich Hospital.

Garakani worked in multiple capacities at Silver Hill, including admissions, inpatient detoxification, and the transitional living programs, treating patients with substance abuse disorders, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, personality and psychotic disorders, and trauma.

“I got a lot of exposure and became well versed in treating people across the spectrum,” he says. “We had patients come from all over the world to get treatment. It's a big hospital in that there are hundreds of employees, but it still feels very

intimate because it's a 44-acre campus in the middle of a bucolic residential area of New Canaan that looks like a bed and breakfast. It was a nice experience working with a really dynamic team.”

Despite not having clinical trials or dedicated research time, Garakani has published more than 80 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters (including over 65 articles on Pubmed), in a wide range of areas including anxiety disorders (his main area of interest), addictions, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and forensics and legal issues, including a statutory review of laws surrounding patients' rights to discharge from voluntary psychiatric hospitals.

Garakani also serves as associate editor for the Psychopharmacology Section of *Frontiers in Psychiatry* and a clinical case discussion editor for the *Journal of Psychiatric Practice*. “I like being involved in that way because I think it does inform the kind of doctor you can be,” he says. “If you

have a knowledge and a curiosity about science and medicine, are interested in exploring new treatments and understanding what the literature and evidence say, and integrate that with your clinical experience, you will be a better doctor.”

Garakani recognizes how much he has changed since his days at Upstate. While he forged lifelong friendships with classmates, including Robert Levy, MD '03, and Niral Shah, MD '04, he regrets he did not make more of an effort to enjoy opportunities in Syracuse. “I skipped all the orientation activities because I was too nervous to meet new people,” recalls Garakani, who jokes that he has a “naturally grumpy personality” and was nicknamed “Garacranky” in college. “It definitely did not start well for me socially at Upstate,” he says.

Garakani is forthcoming that his anxiety affected him personally and, at times, professionally, while also helping shape the kind of psychiatrist he would become. He believes his own struggles allow him to connect with patients better, and fuel his passion to learn more about anxiety disorders and find more effective treatments. He lectures and publishes on the topic of novel medications for anxiety disorders while hoping to begin exploring research again at Greenwich Hospital through Yale. Mostly, he's grateful to be a physician and have the ability to impact the lives of his patients and their families in a positive way. “It is an honor and privilege to be allowed into people's lives in the way I have been,” he says.

In 2019, Garakani welcomed his son, James Reza (who goes by JR) into the world and says becoming a father has been the most rewarding part of his life. “It's made me more patient and appreciative of how challenging it is to be a parent, especially a mother,” he says. “I just love being a dad, not that I needed an excuse to play with Legos, toy cars and puzzles.”

Garakani credits Upstate for the positive impact on his life, giving him the chance to become the psychiatrist and person he is today. “I no longer say, *‘Perhaps one day it will be pleasing to remember even these things,’*” he says. “Now, *‘It is pleasing to remember these things.’*” ■

—Renée Gearhart Levy



Garakani with his son, JR

A Life Well Live

For Vincent Waite, MD '77, meaning in medicine—and life—comes from service to the poor.

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Vincent Waite, MD '77, first met his patient, Kadija, while working as medical superintendent in a remote district hospital in North-eastern Ghana. The 12-year-old had developed chronic osteomyelitis from a farming injury and two thirds of her leg was necrotic, engorged with pus. She was septic and hypotensive and needed an amputation. But her family, subsistence farmers in the deep bush, was resistant due to cultural taboos regarding disfiguration.

Able to communicate in the local language, Dr. Waite pleaded with Kadija's family to consent to the surgery in an attempt to save Kadija's life. "They finally agreed to the amputation, and remarkably, she survived," Waite recalls.

But now, Kadija was a one-legged outcast, felt to be possessed by an evil spirit and unable to work or to marry. Waite knew his work was not done. He rallied his contacts and raised funds to procure a prosthesis, something that was financially and logistically impossible for her parents to have done. "With her prosthesis, Kadija became a whole person again and was able to reintegrate into society," says Waite.

The experience not only changed the trajectory of Kadija's life, but profoundly impacted Waite. "It brought together all of my training in surgery, family medicine, and public health, along with my language and cultural learning, to reinforce that I was responsible for creating my own meaning in life," he says.

Waite went on to form Friends of West Africa (friendsofwestafricaint.org), an NGO created to finance the procurement of prosthetics and prosthetic training for amputees in Northern Ghana. Founded in the early 1990s, the organization continues to provide these services today. "We all have this common theme within our lives of suffering," says Waite. "This is what I have come to relieve. This is the goal of my work."

For Waite, being a doctor is synonymous with caring for the most vulnerable, whether it be the resource poor in Africa, HIV patients in the rural South, or his current work caring for the homeless in Massachusetts. Through his life experiences and his own spiritual and philosophical journey, Waite says he began to view the common experience of suffering as a point of solidarity for us as humans, an understanding that provides a scaffold for meaning in his own life.

"This common experience of pain makes us sensitive to each other," says Waite. "Henri Nouwen says that meditation on our wounded self is a necessary precondition that allows us to become more open to the painful wounds of others. Healing occurs not because the wound is taken away, but because it is shared. This mutual healing is what brings us together. I cannot say that I am the doctor and therefore the healer. I am here for healing also."

In the beginning, Waite says he did not have a big picture for his life other than to care for the poor in Africa. "But as the great poet Rumi advised, 'I set out on the way and the way appeared,'" he says.



Waite performing a sequestrectomy for chronic osteomyelitis with family medicine resident Dorothy Guzman, MD

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Waite assisting pediatrician Sheila Morehouse, MD, with the placement of a chest tube in a child with empyema

Born and raised Roman Catholic on Staten Island, Waite attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he ran track and became involved with evangelical Christian groups on campus. Through those activities, he became interested in mission work, and set a goal to become a doctor and work in a mission hospital in Africa.

He recalls sharing his wish to serve overseas during his interview at Upstate Medical University. “This was a state school with a purpose to produce care providers who will remain in New York, and I was presenting as someone who never intended to be there,” Waite says. “I felt very fortunate that they took a chance on me.”

As a medical student, he became active with the Christian Medical Society and shadowed his advisor, Robert Hall, MD, who worked in resource poor areas of Syracuse. He spent the final six weeks of medical school doing a clinical elective in Central Africa, where he worked with a surgeon who was the only doctor in a mission hospital in a remote town called Ippy.

“I was testing out my intentions,” says Waite, who missed his medical school graduation because of the elective. “I was thrilled by the experience,

and it solidified my long-term goal to pursue this for myself.”

With his aspirations confirmed, Waite began a family medicine residency at the University at Buffalo, attracted by the broad foundation it would provide, including training in obstetrics and pediatrics. At the same time, he became affiliated with a Southern Baptist organization, and after residency, completed training at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary in San Francisco, a requirement for missionary placement. After two additional years of general surgery residency at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, he was ready for his mission assignment in rural West Africa.

Waite spent 15 years practicing medicine in Nalerigu, Ghana, from 1983 to 1998, working 120-hour weeks and performing more than 100 surgical procedures a month, from skin grafts and prostatectomies to hernia repairs, treating patients who came from hundreds of miles around, many with tropical diseases.

Despite his placement as a “missionary,” Waite says his motive was never to convert souls, but to provide care for those without resources. “My mission was to heal. That was my need, and that was where my gifts were,” he says.

A bit of a loner by nature, Waite felt embraced by the community. He learned the language and the culture and found great purpose in his work. “I was a workaholic,” he concedes.

The hospital’s four doctors worked in four-year stints, with a year off in between back in the United States to refresh and update medical training. It was during those periods that Waite earned a master’s in public health and tropical medicine and completed a fellowship in osteopathic manual manipulation.

Waite says his time in Ghana was simultaneously the best and worst years of his life. During his final year, there was a meningitis outbreak. “We were seeing 60 meningitis patients a day on top of the regular patients and were way beyond



Waite attending a Ghanaian funeral and playfully being teased by the deceased's grandchildren to drink from a bowl of contaminated water or pay them a small fee to desist

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capacity,” he says. “Doctors Without Borders had to come to assist the beleaguered medical staff and the Ghana government set up tents to absorb the overflow because of the intensity.”

Waite was burned out, his marriage was failing, and his two children, then in middle and high school, wanted to be in America. “When we left on our next furlough, it became clear I could not return,” he says.

Waite was heartbroken. He had expected to retire in Africa. The shock of re-entry, combined with the dissolution of his marriage and a crisis of faith, took Waite years to work through. Still dedicated to caring for the disadvantaged, he began practicing in rural Georgia as a primary care provider and later, at a public HIV clinic.

And he made annual visits to his hospital in Ghana to volunteer his services. It was during one of those trips that he met a physician from Lawrence, Massachusetts, who told him about the Lawrence Family Medicine Program, a unique

residency program centered on social justice and experiential learning that focused on underserved populations.

Once again, Waite found a home.

Since 2008, Waite has split his time between the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center in one of poorest communities in Massachusetts, and the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency, where he passes on his skills to residents.

The community population is 80 percent Hispanic, many from the Dominican Republic. Waite, who has taught himself Spanish, currently works a 27-hour week, primarily on a mobile van that goes to homeless shelters and soup kitchens, a program he helped develop. Many of his patients struggle with the dual diagnosis of drug addiction and significant mental health disease. “These are the most vulnerable people in our population, and we provide them access to care,” he says.

He also models judgement-free care to his residents, many of whom have never had significant exposure to homeless individuals. “It helps them understand that there are no stereotypes,” Waite says. “I’ve seen people in shelters reading Nietzsche. I’ve seen lawyers who ended up homeless because of divorce or mental health issues. I want my residents exposed to this so they can become caregivers who recognize their patients’ humanity and see past the homeless guy who hasn’t been able to get a shower to the person underneath.”



Waite with pediatrician Sheila Morehouse, MD, her daughter Claire, and senior resident John Razor, MD, beneath the banner that is the source of their inspiration

Patients such as Chuck, a late middle-aged man Waite met in a soup kitchen where he runs a weekly clinic. Chuck had been a successful engineer with a good job and a family when his beloved daughter died in a terrible automobile accident. He began drinking heavily to dull the enormous pain of his loss. He was also bipolar and suffered from diabetes and hypertension. When Waite met Chuck, he was estranged from his family and slept under a bridge with a group of other homeless individuals. Over time, they became friends.

Chuck was viewed as the “protector” of those who lived under the bridge, someone who steered others to resources they might benefit from, while not making use of them himself. But one day Chuck needed Waite’s medical assistance. He was jaundiced and had lost weight. Test results revealed advanced pancreatic carcinoma. “There was no magical surgery or cure,” says Waite, who could do little more than hold Chuck’s hand as life slipped away.

Waite’s last visit with Chuck was at his funeral service under the bridge where he had lived for many years. “Chuck had wanted his ashes spread on the waters of the Merrimack River,” says Waite. “Underneath the cathedral-like arches of the bridge, surrounded by muck and trash, we gathered in memory of a good man.”

Waite says bringing medical students and residents on his ventures into the community is what he most enjoys. “It gives them a sense of the desperation in this community, and at the same time, helps them to remove judgment about people that are extremely resource poor, and helps them develop a kinship with them rather than judging them for the loads that they carry.”

Waite also takes residents back to his hospital in Ghana annually for six weeks of elective time, exposing them to a vastly different culture and health disparities at another level. “I speak the local language and I have friends that I’ve maintained through the years, which enables me to provide not just a medical experience for the residents and people that come out with me, but also a cultural experience,” says Waite.

His impact can’t be overstated.

“Working with Dr. Waite really opened my eyes to realizing that being a doctor can allow you to be an agent for social change,” says Ryan Dono, MD, medical director of the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center’s Healthcare for the Homeless program. “He’s like the definition of the family doctor who’s there to serve their community and sets the example for everybody here.”



Waite received the Humanitarian Award at Reunion 2022. From left: Larry Charlamb, MD '88, Dean Lawrence Chin, MD, Waite, and President Mantosh Dewan, MD, HS '79

Waite has been honored for his work with the Outstanding Clinician Award from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, the Family Physician of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians, the Family Medicine Education Consortium Award, and a National Service Award from the Republic of Ghana, West Africa. He received the 2022 Humanitarian Award from the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation.

Unsurprisingly, it’s not accolades that motivate Waite, unless they can serve as inspiration to others. “Our Hippocratic Oath is not just something we repeat mindlessly on the day of graduation,” he says. “Our great privilege as physicians requires us to take care of our poor. That doesn’t compel one to go to Africa, but it does require all of us to accept Medicare and Medicaid despite lower payments and to address our implicit biases in the patients we include and exclude from our practice,” he says.

“Mother Theresa made the comment that very few of us get to do great things on earth, but we can all do small things with great love. For me, the answer lies in the life that’s lived in service to others, guided by right conduct, right action, and informed by love.” ■

—Renée Gearhart Levy

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Bruce W. Berger, MD '68
Larry N. Bernstein, MD '83
Stephen P. Blau, MD '68
Ronald S. Bogdasarian, MD '72
Louis Bonavita, Jr., MD '88
Jeffrey D. Brady, MD '92
Malcolm D. Brand, MD '94
Matthew R. Brand, MD '91
Elliot Brandwein, MD '67
Mark D. Brownell, MD '80
Harvey K. Bucholtz, MD '68
Edward Burak, MD '64
Leslie M. Burger, MD '67
Linda Burrell, MD '84
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John J. Callahan, Jr., MD '87
William Canovatchel, MD '85
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Robert L. Carhart, Jr., MD '90
Michela T. Catalano, MD '71
Newton B. Chin, MD '58
Chima Chionuma, MD
Samuel Chun, MD '87
Frank T. Cicero, MD '59
Emanuel Cirenza, MD '84
Alfred P. Coccaro, MD '67
Kenneth J. Cohen, MD '87
Gabriel M. Cohn, MD '86
Robert N. Cooney, MD
Kevin M. Coughlin, MD '83
Joann T. Dale, MD '69
Dennis D. Daly, MD '83
Frederick R. Davey, MD '64
Gustave L. Davis, MD '63
Robert Day, MD '09
Mary C. DeGuardi, MD '85
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John J. DeTraglia, MD '68
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Michael K. Dittkoff, MD '94
Edward Dunn, MD '51*
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Kenneth A. Ego, MD '93
Patricia M. Elliott Williams, MD '78
Daniel W. Esper, MD '86
Joseph J. Fata, MD '82
Stephen G. Federowicz, MD '85
Norman L. Fienman, MD '66
Noah S. Finkel, MD '69
Michael G. Fitzgerald, MD '10
Bradley P. Fox, MD '91
Philip A. Fraterrigo, MD '94
Barry Freeman, MD '70
Hugh S. Fulmer, MD '51
Amir Garakani, MD '02
Sadri Garakani
Joby George, MD '05
Charles C. Gibbs, MD '77
Phillip Gioia, MD '75

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David B. Grossberg, MD '81
Andrew W. Gurman, MD '80
Bharat Guthikonda, MD '00
Bob Hanrahan, Jr., MD '72
Teresa Hargrave, MD
Lowell L. Hart, MD '80
Patrick J. Hayes, MD '76
Charles I. Hecht, MD '75
Karen K. Heitzman, MD '83
Paul A. Herzog, MD '64
Stephen P. Heyse, MD '74
Lisa S. Hogenkamp, MD '94
Peter Hogenkamp, MD '93
John J. Imbesi, MD '99
Kathryn D. Iorio, MD '68
George B. Jacobs, MD '58
Rajesh K. Jain, MD '00
Hana F. Jishi, MD '00
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Ann Kasten Aker, MD '79
Mark H. Katz, MD '75
Bert G. Katzung, MD '57
Gerald A. King, MD '65
Kiril and Meri Kiprovski
Alan S. Kliger, MD '70
Alan Kravatz, MD '92
Paul L. Kuflik, MD '81
Michael A. Kwiat, MD '87
Amy L. Ladd, MD '84
Drake M. Lamien, MD '77
John A. Larry, MD '89
Margaret A. Leary, MD '94
Steven H. Lefkowitz, MD '70
Ann M. Lenane, MD '82
Michael L. Lester, MD '04
Marc Levenson, MD '76
Ira D. Levine, MD '67
Elizabeth LiCalzi, MD '09
Richard Lichenstein, MD '84
Jeremy M. Liff, MD '07
Norman R. Loomis, MD '52

Thomas J. Madejski, MD '86
Alphonse A. Maffeo, MD '72
John M. Manfred, MD '79
Ellen Manos, MD '82
C. David Markle, MD '64
J. Lawrence Marsh, MD '79
John M. Marzo, MD '84
Maureen E. McCanty, MD '78
Timothy McCanty, MD '85
Patricia Merritt, MD '91
Jenny A. Meyer, MD '13
Justin P. Meyer, MD '13
Lisa Minsky-Primus, MD '00
John R. Moore, MD '67
Douglas G. Mufuka, MD '73
Henry P. Nagelberg, MD '86
Naxion Research Consulting
Jaime H. Nieto, MD '96
Bridgit Nolan, MD '10
Paul E. Norcross
David M. Novick, MD '82
Avery Leslie O'Neill and
Hank O'Neill
Joan O'Shea, MD '91
Paul E. Perkowski, MD '96
Mark S. Persky, MD '72
Danielle L. Petersel, MD '01
Beverly Khnie Philip, MD, '73
James H. Philip, MD '73
Alan J. Pollack, MD '61
Sovan Powell, MD '10
Tamara A. Prull, MD '98
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Frankie B. Quarles, DO
Eleanor Fischer Quigley and Bob
Quigley
Anne M. Ranney, MD '91
Michael H. Ratner, MD '68
Deborah L. Reede, MD '76
Amy K. Reichert
Michael E. Rettig, MD '86
Harold Richter, MD '82
Lewis Robinson, MD '73
Louis A. Rosati, MD '66
George Rosenthal, MD
Maura J. Rossman, MD '85
Jeffrey Roth, MD '91
Stanley Rothschild, MD '68

Charles L. Rouault, MD '71
Charles Salinger, MD '68
Gary G. Sauer, MD '85
Karen Saylor, MD '96
Elaine Schwartz
Susan Schwartz McDonald, PhD
Stephanie Schwartz-Kravatz,
MD '92
James Schwender, MD '93
Linda Seidner
William D. Singer, MD '70
Sophia Socaris, MD '82
Philip J. Speller, MD '55
Stephen G. Spitzer, MD '00
Donald S. Stevens, MD '77
John L. Sullivan, MD '72
Nancy J. Tarbell, MD '79
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Robert L. Tiso, MD '86
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Raymond C. Traver, Jr., MD '68
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Mark B. Van Deusen, MD '09
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William S. Varade, MD '82
Joseph D. Verdrame, MD '75
Alan Wang, MD '94
Michael A. Weiner, MD '72
Niesha Westmoreland, MD '03
Gregory L. White, MD '79
Susan L. Williams, MD '79
Maria E. Wilson, MD '98
Alan R. Wladis, MD '92
Edward J. Wladis, MD '01
Philip A. Wolf, MD '60
Bradley A. Woodruff, MD '80
Jack E. Yoffa, MD '69
Rachel Zehr, MD '12
Ralph D. Zehr, MD '64
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Phuong A. Zelenka, MD '96
Neal Zung, MD '85

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1945

TOTAL GIVING \$100
Percentage of Giving 50%

\$100-\$499
Brinton T. Darlington

1949

TOTAL GIVING \$250
Percentage of Giving 40%

\$100-\$499
Shirley M. Stone Cohan

\$1-\$99
Stuart K. Cohan

1950

TOTAL GIVING \$130
Percentage of Giving 40%

\$100-\$499
John W. Esper

\$1-\$99
Fleurene P. Holt

1951

TOTAL GIVING \$2,000
Percentage of Giving 100%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Edward Dunn *
Hugh S. Fulmer

1952

TOTAL GIVING \$1,000
Percentage of Giving 33%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Norman R. Loomis

1953

TOTAL GIVING \$100
Percentage of Giving 20%

\$100-\$499
Robert T. Buran

1954

TOTAL GIVING \$129,457
Percentage of Giving 36%

\$50,000 AND ABOVE
Anonymous

\$25,000-\$49,999
Albert F. Mangan *

\$2,500-\$4,999
Robert H. Zimmer

\$100-\$499

Keith R. Dahlberg
Arnold M. Moses *
Thomas A. Treanor

\$1-\$99
William E. Locke

1955

TOTAL GIVING \$1,550
Percentage of Giving 19%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Phillip J. Speller

\$500-\$999
John E. Bloom

\$1-\$99
Robert E. Austin

1956

TOTAL GIVING \$1,750
Percentage of Giving 29%

\$500-\$999
Michael L. Del Monico

\$100-\$499
Jerome H. Blumen
Willard Cohen
Milton Ingerman
Robert D. Lindeman
Donald N. Mantle
Robert Penner
Judah Roher

1957

TOTAL GIVING \$3,265
Percentage of Giving 31%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Bert G. Katzung

\$500-\$999
Frederick Dushay
David B. Levine

\$100-\$499
Arthur J. Florack
Marvin A. Leder *
Howard T. Rosenbaum

\$1-\$99
Robert W. Daly *
Thomas R. Miller, II
Ronald A. Nackman
Murray V. Osofsky

1958

TOTAL GIVING \$4,275
Percentage of Giving 43%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Kedar K. Adour
Newton B. Chin
George B. Jacobs

\$500-\$999
Howard L. Weinberger

\$100-\$499

George S. Goldstein
Howard J. Osofsky
David S. Pearlman
George E. Randall
Richard Schoenfeld

\$1-\$99
Dennis R. Derby

1959

TOTAL GIVING \$24,979
Percentage of Giving 30%

\$10,000-\$24,999
Rudolph J. Napodano

\$1,000-\$2,499
Frank T. Cicero

\$100-\$499
Samuel J. Braun
Philip J. Burke
Samuel Hellman
Richard J. Lubera
Angeline R. Mastri
Myron Miller
Carl E. Silver
Philip Zetterstrand *

1960

TOTAL GIVING \$3,400
Percentage of Giving 36%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Philip A. Wolf

\$500-\$999
Julian M. Aroesty

\$100-\$499
Robert E. Alessi
Mary G. Ampola
Robert A. Bornhurst
Daniel L. Dombroski *
Leonard R. Friedman
James P. Moore
Frank Paoletti
Samuel O. Thier
Allen H. Unger
Lewis Wexler

\$1-\$99
Roger D. Moore
Robert R. Siroty

1961

TOTAL GIVING \$2,900
Percentage of Giving 29%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Alan J. Pollack

\$500-\$999
Jacob L. Cohen
Carlo R. deRosa

\$100-\$499

A. Stephen Casimir
Howard R. Nankin
Robert I. Raichelson
Nelson P. Torre

1962

TOTAL GIVING \$3,775
Percentage of Giving 36%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Steven A. Artz

\$500-\$999
Mead F. Northrop

\$100-\$499
Morris Asch
Richard H. Bennett
Steven N. Berney
Howard B. Demb
Gerald A. Glowacki *
Kirtland E. Hobler
Robert E. Lubanski
Karl Newton
Robert Poss
Younger L. Power
John Ritrosky, Jr.
Jeanette S. Schoonmaker
Richard K. Shaddock
Jack Wittenberg

1963

TOTAL GIVING \$9,820
Percentage of Giving 38%

\$5,000-\$9,999
Philip M. Gaynes

\$1,000-\$2,499
Gustave L. Davis

\$500-\$999
Irwin P. Goldstein
David F. Pearce
David I. Rosen
Bruce Stewart

\$100-\$499
Bernard W. Asher
Paul E. Berman
Richard F. Carver
Arnold Derman
Franklin Fiedelholz *
Stuart L. Kaplan
Robert M. Klein
Carl Salzman
Raymond W. Shamp
David G. Storrs
Edward D. Sugarman
Richard J. Wells

\$1-\$99
Howard A. Fabry



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1964

TOTAL GIVING \$98,735
Percentage of Giving 49%

\$50,000 AND ABOVE

Stanley B. Burns

\$1,000-\$2,499

Edward Burak
Frederick R. Davey
Paul A. Herzog
C. David Markle
Ralph D. Zehr

\$500-\$999

Jack C. Schoenholtz

\$100-\$499

Anonymous
Stanley L. Altschuler
Michael Andrisani
Kenneth J. Bart
Martin J. Braker
George Burak
Seymour Grufferman
Nathan M. Hameroff
Daniel L. Harris
Phineas J. Hyams
Lewis W. Johnson
David S. Lederman
Samuel J. Mazza
Lawrence W. Myers
Alan J. Noble
Stephen Z. Schilder
Milton A. Weiner

\$1-\$99

Robert F. Agnew
David W. Watson

1965

TOTAL GIVING \$59,280
Percentage of Giving 46%

\$10,000-\$24,999

Patricia J. Numann
Thomas J. Stevens
Herbert M. Weinman

\$5,000-\$9,999

Peter J. Adasek

\$2,500-\$4,999

Donald L. Jeck

\$1,000-\$2,499

Gerald A. King

\$500-\$999

Anthony R. Caprio
James R. Tobin
Susan R. Young

\$100-\$499

Donald S. Bialos
Jack Egnatinsky
Herbert Fellerman
Michael J. Festino
David B. Gelles
Pete Haake
Gary J. Havens
Paul J. Honig
Dirk E. Huttenbach

Aaron Kassoff
Graham B. Kretchman
Robert A. Nover
Ronald A. Rohe
Thomas G. Rumney
Stephen F. Wallner
Daniel H. Whiteley

\$1-\$99

Robert A. Sargent

1966

TOTAL GIVING \$3,037,175
Percentage of Giving 38%

\$50,000 AND ABOVE

Anonymous

\$25,000-\$49,999

Adolph Morlang

\$1,000-\$2,499

Norman L. Fienman
Louis A. Rosati

\$500-\$999

Nathan Billig
Robert A. Levine

\$100-\$499

Mark D. Aronson
Malcolm D. Davidson
Neal M. Friedberg
Bernard D. Glasser
Susan E. Glasser
Jerome Goldstein



The Class of 1967 received the award for making the largest class gift in their reunion year.

Laurence B. Levenberg
George H. Newman
Bonnie M. Norton
Stuart N. Novack
Austin M. Pattner
John W. Petrozzi
Russell F. Warren
Stephen A. Wilson
Frank G. Yanowitz

1967

TOTAL GIVING \$137,673
Percentage of Giving 42%

\$50,000 AND ABOVE

Anonymous

\$10,000-\$24,999

Jay Grossman

\$5,000-\$9,999

Martin R. Post
Hollis A. Thomas

\$1,000-\$2,499

Barrie Anderson
James A. Barnshaw
Elliot Brandwein
Leslie M. Burger
Alfred P. Coccoaro
Ira D. Levine
John R. Moore

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\$500-\$999

Martin L. Cohen
Mark A. Goodman
Michael D. Horn
Daniel G. McDonald

\$100-\$499

Joel A. Berman
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Michael Kozower
Norman J. Marcus
Steven M. Mirin
Robert S. Rhodes
Herbert S. Sherry
Robert J. Wald
Ralph G. Walton
Jesse Williams
Bertram Zarins

\$1-\$99

Lloyd B. Mandel

1968

TOTAL GIVING \$120,950
Percentage of Giving 39%

\$50,000 AND ABOVE

Betty E. Reiss
Jacob A. Reiss

\$5,000-\$9,999

Cathy E. Falvo
Kenneth A. Falvo

\$2,500-\$4,999

Michael B. Fisher

\$1,000-\$2,499

Bruce W. Berger
Harvey K. Bucholtz
John J. DeTraglia
Kathryn D. Iorio
Michael H. Ratner
Stanley Rothschild
Charles Salinger
Raymond C. Traver, Jr.

\$500-\$999

Karl G. Baer
Stephen P. Blau
Peter F. Coccia
Patrick Fantauzzi
David J. Greenfield
John O. Olsen

\$100-\$499

Robert B. Halder
William S. Halsey
Philip Kaplan
Marvin Kolotkin
William W. MacDonald
Betty Miller
Wayne A. Miller
David H. Postles *
Elliott Rosenworcel
Gary P. Schwartz
Arthur J. Segal
Eleanor Williams

1969

TOTAL GIVING \$17,325
Percentage of Giving 49%

\$5,000-\$9,999

Michael F. Noe

\$2,500-\$4,999

William H. Roberts

\$1,000-\$2,499

Joann T. Dale
Noah S. Finkel
Jack E. Yoffa

\$500-\$999

Donald P. Alderman
Allan L. Bernstein
Jane L. Falkenstein
Zan I. Lewis
Richard I. Markowitz
John T. McCarthy

\$100-\$499

Nicholas Bambino
Joan E. Berson
Henry M. Born
Larry A. Danzig
Robert S. Davis
Ruth B. Deddish
Daniel J. Driscoll
James H. Fleisher
Warren L. Gilman
Joel Greenspan
Robert I. Klein
Ivens Leflore
Diane C. LoRusso
Martin D. Mayer
Edward M. Nathan

Michael Novogroder

Robert H. Osofsky
Ronald M. Rosengart
Ronald J. Saxon
Gerard Selzer
Jon D. Shanser
Lawrence S. Sheiman
Harvey A. Taylor
Judith S. Warren

\$1-\$99

Robert V. Davidson

1970

TOTAL GIVING \$25,773
Percentage of Giving 32%

\$10,000-\$24,999

Alan L. Williams

\$5,000-\$9,999

Paul L. Kupferberg

\$1,000-\$2,499

Frederic S. Auerbach
Barry Freeman
Alan S. Kliger
Steven H. Lefkowitz
William D. Singer

\$500-\$999

Mary Ann Antonelli
Robert L. Chiteman
Bernard J. Crain
Ronald Dvorkin
William A. Henion
Howard D. Wulfson

\$100-\$499

Alan David Drezner
Dennis A. Ehrlich
Peter A. Freedman
Richard M. Gritz
Lawrence Handelsman
Donald M. Haswell
Donald Hay
David J. Honold
Benjamin F. Levy
John P. Marangola
Lloyd I. Sederer
Joel A. Strom
Richard L. Sullivan
Mark L. Wolraich
Nathan J. Zuckerman

1971

TOTAL GIVING \$11,975
Percentage of Giving 29%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Lawrence F. Geuss

\$1,000-\$2,499

Rosemary Bellino-Hall
Robert B. Cady
Michela T. Catalano
Geoffrey M. Graeber
Donald W. Pulver
Charles L. Rouault

\$500-\$999

Philip Altus
Steven R. Hofstetter

\$100-\$499

Dominic Cappelleri
Richard J. Hausner
Bruce Hershfield

Michael Hertzberg
Jeffrey A. Klein
Gary J. Levy
Robert T. Liscio
Charles J. Matuszak
David A. Ostfeld
Daniel Rutrick
Paul I. Schneiderman
Ann and Lee P. Van Voris
Edward J. Zajkowski

\$1-\$99

Walter C. Allan
Ira D. Lipton

1972

TOTAL GIVING \$79,950
Percentage of Giving 42%

\$25,000-\$49,999

Dennis L. Allen

\$10,000-\$24,999

Jonas T. Johnson

\$5,000-\$9,999

Brian J. Gaffney
William J. Malone
David N. Osser

\$2,500-\$4,999

John V. Calce
Hugh D. Curtin
Bruce E. Fredrickson

\$1,000-\$2,499

Carol L. Bender
Ronald S. Bogdasarian



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Janet E. Graeber
Bob Hanrahan, Jr.
Alphonse A. Maffeo
Mark S. Persky
John L. Sullivan
Paul F. Torrissi
Michael A. Weiner

\$500-\$999
Joseph A. Caruana
John W. Ely
Stephen C. Robinson
Dwight A. Webster
Stephen J. Winters

\$100-\$499
Joseph P. DeVeauh-Geiss
Douglas G. Long
Stephen P. Michaelson
Paul B. Nussbaum
Andrew K. Palmer
William R. Platzer
Janice E. Ross
Stephen A. Silbiger
Sanford P. Temes
Paul L. Treger
David B. Tyler
Michael L. Weitzman

1973
TOTAL GIVING \$15,700
Percentage of Giving 24%

\$5,000-\$9,999
Richard F. Adams

\$1,000-\$2,499
Douglas G. Mufuka
Beverly Khnie Philip
James H. Philip
Lewis Robinson

\$500-\$999
Neil M. Ellison

Timothy Fenlon
Joseph Maloney
John D. Nicholson
Lee Rosenbaum
Marc J. Schweiger
Allan Shook

\$100-\$499
David M. Davis
Harold P. Dunn
Paul G. Fuller, Jr.
Benjamin R. Gelber
Joel Kalman
Harold J. Kamm
Steven A. Schenker
William P. Shuman

Warren R. Steinberg
Paul L. Sutton
Daniel R. Van Engel
Ralph J. Wynn

1974
TOTAL GIVING \$8,947
Percentage of Giving 32%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Anonymous
David H. Adamkin
Stephen P. Heyse

\$500-\$999
Anonymous
James H. Brodsky
Howard E. Miller
Maria M. Shevchuk
Chaban

\$100-\$499
Jack A. Aaron
Jeffrey A. Abend
Bonnie V. Bock
Stephen Cooper
Robert A. Edelman
Philip L. Florio
Alan D. Freshman
Aaron L. Friedman
Terry A. Gillian
Charles W. Hewson
John M. Horan
David B. Kassoff
Lia E. Katz
Gary M. Kohn
Niki Kosmetatos

Joseph P. LiPuma
James T. Marron
Dennis R. Novak
Teresa J. Pagano-Parke
Robert G. Parke
Jay M. Ritt
Michael W. Slome
Stuart Tafean

\$1-\$99
Rosalind M. Caroff
Leon I. Gilner
Philip Schulman
Norman C. Walton

1975
TOTAL GIVING \$294,400
Percentage of Giving 27%

\$50,000 AND ABOVE
David A. Lynch
B. Dale Magee

\$25,000-\$49,999
Jonathan Lowell

\$1,000-\$2,499
Phillip Gioia
Charles I. Hecht
Mark H. Katz
Joseph D. Verdirame

\$500-\$999
Donald Fagelman
John D. Fey
Mark D. Goldman



The Class of 1972 received the award for the largest attendance at Reunion.



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Glen Mogan
David J. Novelli
John J. Sacco
Jade S. Schiffman

\$100-\$499

Anonymous
James A. Dispenza
Jay A. Erlebacher
Judy S. Fuschino
Emile H. Galib
Robert M. Goldberg
Ken Grauer
Paul M. Grossberg
Joseph W. Helak
Richard F. Kasulke
Louis Korman
Alan N. Meisel
Samuel N. Pearl
Robert S. Pyatt, Jr.
Stuart J. Sorkin
Kenneth I. Steinberg
James A. Terzian

1976

TOTAL GIVING \$9,550
Percentage of Giving 22%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Janice M. Nelson

\$1,000-\$2,499

Patrick J. Hayes
Marc Levenson
Deborah L. Reede

\$500-\$999

Gerard A. Coluccelli
Michael H. Mason
Patrick J. Riccardi
Steven Rothfarb

\$100-\$499

Allen D. Alt
Gerald A. Cohen
James F. Cornell
Dennis L. Feinberg
Michael A. Finer
Thomas W. Furth
Irving Huber
Frank J. Kroboth
Leonard H. Madoff
Julia A. McMillan
Lorinda J. Price
Thomas J. Rakowski
Howard A. Sackel
Margaret A. Sennett
Eve Shapiro

1977

TOTAL GIVING \$58,630
Percentage of Giving 27%

\$50,000 AND ABOVE

Peter D. Swift

\$1,000-\$2,499

Charles C. Gibbs
Drake M. Lamén
Donald S. Stevens

\$500-\$999

Richard J. Baron
Patrick W. Knapp
Thomas J. LaClair
Barton L. Sachs

\$100-\$499

Jeffrey Berman
Johana Kashiwa Brakeley
Arunas A. Budnikas
Theodore D. Close
Larry Consenstein
John J. Cucinotta
Gary Dunetz
Charles B. Eaton
Henry S. Friedmann
Steven Kant
Lester Kritzer
Debra Kuracina
William R. Latreille
Celeste M. Madden
Keith Sinusas
Carolyn A. Smith
Joanne L. Wible-Kant

\$1-\$99

Elizabeth Miller
Anthony Scardella
James A. Schneid

1978

TOTAL GIVING \$23,175
Percentage of Giving 25%

\$10,000-\$24,999

Bruce M. Leslie

\$5,000-\$9,999

Edward F. Higgins, Jr.

\$1,000-\$2,499

Patricia M. Elliott
Williams
Maureen E. McCanty

\$500-\$999

Anonymous
Terry M. Anderson
Stephen L. Cash
Jean-Bernard Poulard
William G. Reeves

\$100-\$499

Anonymous
David Auerbach
Judy A. Beeler
Mark A. Belsky
Patrick S. Collins
Mary Catherine DeRosa
Barbara Edlund
Robert Fulop
Gerald N. Goldberg
James L. Greenwald
Ronald D. Klizek
Michael Lustick
James A. Shaw
John N. Talev
James J. Vacek
Irene O. Werner

\$1-\$99

Ronald W. Pies
Richard J. Steinmann

1979

TOTAL GIVING \$18,100
Percentage of Giving 30%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Joseph C. Konen
John B. McCabe

\$1,000-\$2,499

Joseph G. Battaglia
Ann Kasten Aker
John M. Manfred
J. Lawrence Marsh
Nancy J. Tarbell
Gregory L. White
Susan L. Williams

\$500-\$999

Cynthia A. Battaglia-
Fiddler
Jeffrey K. Cohen
Richard A. Muller
Lawrence Semel
James A. Trippi

\$100-\$499

Sharon L. Abrams
Henry M. Adam
Robert M. Constantine
James P. Corsones
Joan S. Dengrove
David H. Dube
Mark S. Erlebacher
Richard M. Goldberg
Bruce E. Gould
Adrienne Greenblatt
Douglas K. Hyde
Barry F. Kanzer
Mark L. Moster
Marlene R. Moster
Elizabeth A. Rocco
Bruce A. Salzberg
K. Bruce Simmons
Marc A. Subik

1980

TOTAL GIVING \$39,331
Percentage of Giving 33%

\$25,000-\$49,999

Melanie D.
Ramachandran

\$1,000-\$2,499

Mark D. Brownell
David A. Goodkin
Andrew W. Gurman
Lowell L. Hart
Bradley A. Woodruff

\$500-\$999

Marc H. Appel
Madeline Barott
Robert D. Bona
John F. Fatti
Makoto Iwahara
Reginald Q. Knight
Michael D. Privitera
John Shavers
John H. Soffiatti
Robert M. Vandemark

\$100-\$499

Gerald Barber
Mary Blome
Peter T. Brennan
Timothy E. Dudley
Gary C. Enders
Kenneth Friedman
David Greenblatt
Edward C. Gross
Bonnie D. Grossman
Ruth H. Hart
Philip E. Keller
Gregory G. Kenien
Michael J. Kornstein
Marilyn Krch
Paul Menge
Gerald B. Rakos
John E. Ritchie
Neal M. Shindel
Stephen M. Silver
Peter J. Stahl
Alexander E. Weingarten
Nora W. Wu

\$1-\$99

Deborah W. Robin

1981

TOTAL GIVING \$11,068
Percentage of Giving 20%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Sharon A. Brangman

\$1,000-\$2,499

David B. Grossberg
Paul L. Kuflik



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\$500-\$999

Steven M. Connolly
William W. Faloon, Jr.
Arnold Goldman
David G. Greenhalgh
William P. Hannan
Martin P. Jacobs
Robert G. Shellman
Carol A. Simmons

\$100-\$499

Paul L. Asdourian
Ronald C. Brodsky
Gary D. Dean
Steven P. Galasky
Michael R. Gilels
Ellen M. Kaczmarek
David E. Kolva
Peter G. Ronan
William D. Ryan, Jr.
Stephen A. Spaulding
Jonathan R. Sporn
Richard M. Steinbruck
Ralph L. Stevens
Kathleen Stoeckel
Scott A. Syverud

\$1-\$99

Anthony J. Vigiuetta

1982

TOTAL GIVING \$39,126
Percentage of Giving 32%

\$5,000-\$9,999

Thomas A. Bersani
Robert A. Dracker
Anne H. Rowley
Stephen M. Rowley

\$2,500-\$4,999

James J. Cummings
Charles J. Ryan, III

\$1,000-\$2,499

Joseph J. Fata
Barbara Jones Connor
Ann M. Lenane
Ellen Manos
David M. Novick
Harold Richter
Sophia Socaris
William S. Varade

\$500-\$999

James F. Boehner
Kenneth R. Epstein
Brett P. Godbout
Alan J. Goodman
Mary J. Jackson
Norman R. Neslin
Dennis S. Poe
William S. Sykora
Theodore M. Vermont

\$100-\$499

Bruce K. Barach
Frederick J. Bunke
Joseph Cambareri
Charles J. Cattano
Robert C. Cupelo
Harold Frucht
Scott Kortvelesy
Susan H. Leeson
Dorothy R. Lennon
Charles W. Mackett
David S. Marlin
Robert McCann
John C. Morris
Eileen M. Murphy

Michael J. Murray
Robert B. Poster
Mark A. Rothschild
Nicholas G. Tullo
Pamela D. Unger
Jeffrey N. Verzella
Amy J. Yale-Loehr

\$1-\$99

Steven A. Radi
Joseph A. Smith
Jeffrey D. Spiro

1983

TOTAL GIVING \$10,250
Percentage of Giving 18%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Larry N. Bernstein
Kevin M. Coughlin
Dennis D. Daly
Karen K. Heitzman

\$500-\$999

Christopher A. Clyne
George N. Coritsidis
Seth S. Greenky
Joseph P. Laukaitis
Michael R. Robinson
Cynthia S. Wong

\$100-\$499

Anonymous
Michael L. Black
Eric L. Fremed
Wanda P. Fremont
Jules Greif
Susan Jensen
Ellen B. Kaplan

Robert Lowinger
Scott A. Ross
Richard F. Russell
Brian F. Sands
Susan E. Schraft
Charles A. Seager
Joan L. Thomas
Elizabeth A. Valentine
Charles I. Woods

\$1-\$99

Marcy E. Mostel
Andrea R. Stewart

1984

TOTAL GIVING \$25,440
Percentage of Giving 24%

\$5,000-\$9,999

Steven M. Shapiro
Brian P. Wicks

\$1,000-\$2,499

Linda Burrell
Emanuel Cirenza
Joseph P. Dervay
Frederick D. Grant
Amy L. Ladd
Richard Lichenstein
John M. Marzo

\$500-\$999

David J. Anderson
William M. Hartrich
Donald Patten
Pamela J. Reinhardt
Elizabeth Yerazunis Palis

SARAH LOGUEN FRASER, MD CLASS OF 1876 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Norton B. Berg, PhD
Sharon A. Brangman, MD '81
Carl A. Casimir, MD '14
Terry A. Gillian, MD '74
Darlene Henderson Forbes, MD '97
Bruce M. Henry, MD '87
Zanette G. Howe
Susan H. Keeter
Reginald Q. Knight, MD '80
Ivens Leflore, MD '69
Lisa Minsky-Primus, MD '00
Donna B. Moore, MD '93
Patricia J. Numann, MD '65
Jean-Bernard Poulard, MD '78
Sovan Powell, MD '10
Kirk P. Rankine, MD '98
Deborah L. Reede, MD '76
Lewis Robinson, MD '73
Gabrielle J. Sagesse, MD '21
Susan B. Stearns, PhD
Shelley V. Street Callender, MD '00
Niesha Westmoreland, MD '03

\$100-\$499

Eva F. Briggs
William P. Bundschuh
Hal E. Cohen
Richard D. Cornwell
Bradley M. Denker
George T. Fantry
David P. Haswell

Cynthia E. Johnson
Michael Komar
Hindi T. Mermelstein
Vicki C. Ratner
David C. Richard
Hal Rothbaum
Richard D. Scheyer
Michael D. Schwartz



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Gordon W. Single
Steven R. Urbanski
Brian D. Woolford
Robert A. Zamelis

\$1-\$99

Harold M. Augenstein
Erik A. Niedritis

1985

TOTAL GIVING \$15,000
Percentage of Giving 24%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Peter J. Christiano

\$1,000-\$2,499

William Canovatchel
Mary C. DeGuardi
Stephen G. Federowicz
Timothy McCanty
Maura J. Rossman
Gary G. Sauer
Neal Zung

\$500-\$999

Yuk-Wah N. Chan
Gerard A. Compito
Coleen K. Cunningham
Joseph A. Pinkes
Sandra K. Wechsler
Robert M. Zielinski

\$100-\$499

Robyn Agri
Joseph P. Augustine
Debra J. Clark
Mark Costanza
Donna F. Desmone
Anthony J. diGiovanna
Lori E. Fantry
Mark A. Fogel
Robert V. Hingre
Thomas Kantor
Michael W. Kelberman
Daniel R. Kelly
Drew Malloy
Bernard B. O'Malley
Anthony N. Passannante
Anthony Petracca, Jr.
Marc I. Rozansky
Michael D. Rutkowski
Andrew Shaer
Simon D. Spivack

\$1-\$99

Michelle M. Davitt

1986

TOTAL GIVING \$15,972
Percentage of Giving 21%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Kathleen A. Leavitt

\$1,000-\$2,499

Lawrence C. Calabrese
Gabriel M. Cohn
Daniel W. Esper

Thomas J. Madejski
Henry P. Nagelberg
Michael E. Rettig
Robert L. Tiso
Barbara C. Tommasulo

\$500-\$999

Shelley R. Berson
Steven B. Goldblatt
Kevin D. Stuart
Pamela A. Stuart

\$100-\$499

Georgianne Arnold
Michele Berger Simmons
William Blau
Arthur F. Coli
James H. Hertzog
Bennett Leifer
Gerald V. McMahon
Niel F. Miele
Deborah F. Miller
Elizabeth A. Prezio
Russell Rider
Toufic A. Rizk
David L. Rocker
Richard A. Romer
Donna E. Roth
Ernest M. Scalzetti
Edwin J. Sebald
Mitchell S. Shek
Scott B. Sheren
Marc Z. Simmons
Brian K. Smith
Andrew Topf



1987

TOTAL GIVING \$9,600
Percentage of Giving 18%

\$1,000-\$2,499

John J. Callahan, Jr.
Samuel Chun
Kenneth J. Cohen
Michael A. Kwiat

\$500-\$999

Joseph T. Flynn
Kristina S. Hingre

Vincent L. Imbriani
Rebecca K. Potter
William Regine

\$100-\$499

Anonymous
Rosemarie Conigliaro
Neil R. Connelly
Mark D'Esposito
Daniel DiChristina
Joseph F. Femia
Ronald S. Gilberg
Bruce M. Henry
Paul N. Lutvak

Kirsten P. Magowan
Lisa A. Manz-Dulac
Jeanine M. Morelli
Peter J. Morelli
Elizabeth Rajamani
Christopher W. Ryan
Julia M. Shi
Edward J. Spangenthal
James Tyburski

\$1-\$99

Roberto E. Izquierdo
Diane Sommer

1988

TOTAL GIVING \$60,600
Percentage of Giving 16%

\$50,000 AND ABOVE

Keith Stube

\$2,500-\$4,999

Larry S. Charlab

\$1,000-\$2,499

Louis Bonavita, Jr.

\$500-\$999

Erick C. Bulawa
Timothy Scholes
Paul A. Zimmermann

\$100-\$499

Johanna Daily
Frank Dolisi
Andrew M. Goldschmidt
David J. Hoffman
Teresa J. Karcnik-
Mahoney
Leo Katz
Lisa C. Kozlowski
Michael Lastihenos
Michael Mahelsky
Michael S. McGarrity
James L. Megna
Mary Kay Morrell
Scott Palmer
James Raphael
Elissa S. Sanchez-Speach
Holly Sikoryak
David P. Speach
Thomas Summers



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1989

TOTAL GIVING \$7,780
Percentage of Giving 16%

\$1,000-\$2,499

John A. Larry
Joseph J. Vanek

\$500-\$999

Richard J. Aubry
Carolyn Coveney
Karen DeFazio
Eileen A. Keneck
Linda J. Powell
Sybil Sandoval
Stephen R. Weinman

\$100-\$499

Deborah B. Aquino
Victor M. Aquino
Jeffrey Belanoff
Emily S. Brooks
Caitlin M. Cusack
Bruce Eisendorf
Gloria A. Kennedy
Amy L. McGarrity Zotter
Roger E. Padilla
Michael J. Picciano
J. Marc Pipas
Mark A. Rubenstein
Ronald C. Samuels
Domenick P. Sciaruto
Elaine M. Silverman
William J. Smith
Nicholas C. Trasolini

1990

TOTAL GIVING \$29,050
Percentage of Giving 14%

\$25,000-\$49,999

Jill Freedman
David R. Nelson

\$1,000-\$2,499

Robert L. Carhart, Jr.

\$500-\$999

Susan V. Rockwell

\$100-\$499

Lawrence S. Blaszukowski
Christina M. Brown
Ronald J. Costanzo
James M. Dennison
Kerry E. Houston
Kelly R. Huiatt
Paul O. Ketrot
Timothy M. Kitchen
J. James Lewis
Edward K. Onuma
Joan E. Pellegrino
Gail Petters
Clark Philogene
Pasquale Picco
Luci M. Yang

\$1-\$99

Timothy Quinn

1991

TOTAL GIVING \$11,125
Percentage of Giving 16%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Matthew R. Brand
Bradley P. Fox
Lawrence S. Goldstein
Patricia Merritt
Joan O'Shea
Anne M. Ranney
Jeffrey Roth

\$500-\$999

John C. Brancato
Cynthia Briglin-Mavady
Mark Charlamb

\$100-\$499

Molly A. Brewer
Gwenneth O. Cancino
Rebecca Elliott
Allison Hanley
Gordon D. Heller
David R. Kalman
James A. Krukowski
Ashok Kukadia
Thomas M. Larkin
Denise C. Monte
Christopher Nardone
Daniel J. O'Hearn
David Rosen
Cheryl D. Wills

1992

TOTAL GIVING \$7,434
Percentage of Giving 18%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Douglas Bennett
Jane S. Bennett
Jeffrey D. Brady
Alan Kravatz
Stephanie Schwartz-
Kravatz
Alan R. Wladis

\$500-\$999

David Caucci
Barbara L. Clayton-Lutz
Andrew Cooperman
Joseph Damore, Jr.
Mary Elizabeth Damore

\$100-\$499

Rosa E. Atkinson
Michael J. Baccoli
Deborah Bassett
Kathrin J. Berg
Nancy H. Choo
Hilda Gartley
Nancy Giannini
Lawrence J. Kusior
Dwight Ligham
Dino A. Messina
Mark E. Ohl
Kenneth M. Ripp

\$1-\$99

Mirlande Jordan

CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

1965 MEMORIAL CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Donald L. Jeck, MD '65

1966 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Malcolm D. Davidson, MD '66
Norman L. Fienman, MD '66
Neal M. Friedberg, MD '66
Bernard D. Glasser, MD '66
Susan E. Glasser, MD '66
Jerome Goldstein, MD '66
Marilyn Lefkowitz
Laurence B. Levenberg, MD '66
Robert A. Levine, MD '66
George H. Newman, MD '66
Bonnie M. Norton, MD '66
Austin M. Pattner, MD '66
Louis A. Rosati, MD '66
Russell F. Warren, MD '66
Stephen A. Wilson, MD '66
Frank G. Yanowitz, MD '66

1968 CLASS GIFT

Bruce W. Berger, MD '68

1971 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Lawrence F. Geuss, MD '71

CAROL KAVANAGH & CLASS OF 1973 SCHOLARSHIP

Richard F. Adams, MD '73
Joseph Maloney, MD '73

1977 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Thomas J. LaClair, MD '77
Donald S. Stevens, MD '77

1979 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Cynthia A. Battaglia-Fiddler, MD '79
Jeffrey K. Cohen, MD '79
Robert M. Constantine, MD '79
James P. Corsones, MD '79
Joan S. Dengrove, MD '79
Mark S. Erlebacher, MD '79
Richard M. Goldberg, MD '79
Joseph C. Konen, MD '79
John M. Manfred, MD '79
J. Lawrence Marsh, MD '79
John B. McCabe, MD '79
Lawrence Semel, MD '79
Neal M. Shindel, MD '80
Marc A. Subik, MD '79
Nancy J. Tarbell, MD '79
Gregory L. White, MD '79
Susan L. Williams, MD '79

1980 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Robert M. Vandemark, MD '80
Bradley A. Woodruff, MD '80

THE FRIENDSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of Ernest Found, MD '80, in memory of his wife, Ellyn and his daughter, Caroline

Madeline Barott, MD '80
J. Lawrence Marsh, MD '79
Gerald B. Rakos, MD '80

MARTY MICHAELS, MD CLASS OF 1981 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

William P. Hannan, MD '81

RICK ZOGBY, MD CLASS OF 1984 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Amy L. Ladd, MD '84
John M. Marzo, MD '84

BRIAN P. SORRENTINO, MD CLASS OF 1985 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Suzanne B. Sorrentino
Daniel S. Tylee, MD '19



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1993

TOTAL GIVING \$14,350
Percentage of Giving 15%

\$5,000-\$9,999

Stephanie S. DeBuck

\$2,500-\$4,999

James T. O'Connor
Kathleen Tierney

\$1,000-\$2,499

Kenneth A. Egol
Peter Hogenkamp
James Schwender
Robert E. Todd

\$500-\$999

Charles J. Lutz
Edward McGookin
Sandra Nurse
Lyle J. Prairie
Anthony G. Visco
Maria J. Ziemba

\$100-\$499

Jarrold Bagatell
Brian Gordon
Donna B. Moore
Florence M. Parrella
Joanne C. Pohl
John Sveen
Darvin J. Varon



\$1-\$99

Janice A. Bedell
Sean P. Roche

1994

TOTAL GIVING \$9,765
Percentage of Giving 13%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Sharon A. McFayden-Eyo

\$1,000-\$2,499

Malcolm D. Brand
Michael K. Ditkoff
Philip A. Fraterrigo
Lisa S. Hogenkamp
Margaret A. Leary
Alan Wang

\$100-\$499

Timothy S. Boyd
Michele Jamison
Christian Knecht
John D. Passalaris
James M. Perry
Michael S.
Ramjattansingh
John P. Risolo
George L. Stanley
Anne R. Sveen
Edward H. Tom
Russell Wenacur

\$1-\$99

Lisa R. Berger
Matthew P. Dever
Nienke Dosa

1995

TOTAL GIVING \$6,545
Percentage of Giving 12%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Timothy S. Huang

\$500-\$999

Allison A. Duggan
Yves A. Gabriel
Kathleen M. Lawliss
Samir S. Patel

\$100-\$499

Lynn C. Berger
Karen M. Clary
Steven J. Colwell
Michael D. Gitman
Maureen R. Goldman
Richard M. Ingram
Carolyn L. Marasco
Thomas P. Morrissey
Joseph D. Pianka
Susan A. Scavo
Thomas L. Schwartz

1996

TOTAL GIVING \$7,850
Percentage of Giving 15%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Surinder S. Devgun
Barbara S. Edelheit
Jaime H. Nieto
Paul E. Perkowski
Karen Saylor
Jason T. Zelenka
Phuong A. Zelenka

\$500-\$999

Alicia K. Guice
Stephen G. Maurer

\$100-\$499

Andrew Blank
Dana L. Brenner
Erwin J. Bulan
Jeanine H. Bulan
Jennifer A. Ehmann
Marilyn Fabbri
Wendy Locke Garrity
Eric H. Holbrook
Amy C. Kasper
Bruce L. Kuntz
Philip T. Ondocin

\$1-\$99

Ellis A. Boudreau

1997

TOTAL GIVING \$6,600
Percentage of Giving 13%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Michelle Torres

\$500-\$999

Danielle A. Katz
Christina T. Langdon
Edward M. Liebers
James J. Lynch
Glenn E. Miskovsky
Gerard J. Newcomer
Andrew B. Reese
Jeffrey M. Riggio

\$100-\$499

Melissa K. Brandes
William H. Gans
Darlene Henderson
Forbes
Timothy G. Keenan
Shelly S. Lo
Cheryl A. Morrow
Colleen M. Quinn
Rola H. Rashid
Stacy J. Spiro
Jeannie Tam

\$1-\$99

Shani L. Lipset

1998

TOTAL GIVING \$12,150
Percentage of Giving 12%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Kirk P. Rankine

\$1,000-\$2,499

Timothy K. Atkinson
Cynthia T. Bateman
Michael C. Bateman
David S. Edelheit
Tamara A. Prull
Maria E. Wilson

\$500-\$999

Felice A. Caldarella
Uma Gavarasana
Karen Y. Ng

\$100-\$499

Jennifer E. Allen
Laura A. Allen
Cindy H. Baskin
Matthew R. DiCaprio
Alexander N. Greiner
Dario A. Lecusay, Jr.
Barbara Anne Morisseau
Leanne M. Yanni

\$1-\$99

Yuliya Rekhman

1999

TOTAL GIVING \$4,237
Percentage of Giving 8%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Jerry Caporaso, Jr.
John J. Imbesi

\$500-\$999

Meghan E. Hayes
Vijay K. Kotha

\$100-\$499

Kenneth K. Cheng
Lisa M. Chirch
Christopher M. De Santo
Andrew D. Feingold
Navjit K. Goraya
Tracy Lee
Ronald P. Pigeon
John A. Ternay

2000

TOTAL GIVING \$14,202
Percentage of Giving 16%

\$2,500-\$4,999

Christina M. Liepke
Matthew J. Liepke
Ashish P. Shah
Candice E. Shah

\$1,000-\$2,499

Bharat Guthikonda
Rajesh K. Jain

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Hana F. Jishi
Lisa Minsky-Primus
Stephen G. Spitzer

\$500-\$999

Michael E. Bang
Siren R. Chudgar
Casey L. Duca
Timothy H. Lee
Rosalie Naglieri
Dana C. Ranani

\$100-\$499

Brian M. Bizoza
Laura Dattner
Adam P. Ellis
Brian M. Grosberg
Sharon L. Hong
Penelope Hsu
Newrhee Kim
Marne O'Shae
Sarah T. Stewart
Shelley V. Street
Callender
Heather A. Wheat

2001

TOTAL GIVING \$5,596
Percentage of Giving 11%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Zafar J. Bajwa
Danielle L. Petersel
Edward J. Wladis

\$500-\$999

Meghan E. Ogden
Dharmesh R. Patel
Tamara G. Wrzesinski

\$100-\$499

Brett V. Citarella
Lynn E. Fraterrigo Boler
Christie Perez-Johnson
Amy L. Reynders
Arathi R. Setty
Jamie Shutter
Anthony J. Sousou

Lia M. Spina
Elizabeth Vonfelten
Christopher W. Wasylw

\$1-\$999

Sanjay Jobanputra

2002

TOTAL GIVING \$5,350
Percentage of Giving 7%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Rebecca L. Bagdonas
Amir Garakani

\$500-\$999

Joanne Cordaro
Jessica J. Lee
Sarmistha B. Mukherjee
Stephen H. Wrzesinski

\$100-\$499

Madison C. Cuffy
Michael T. Gaslin
Mark E. Hamill
Mathew J. Most

\$1-\$999

Roline L. Adolphine

2003

TOTAL GIVING \$4,000
Percentage of Giving 8%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Niesha Westmoreland

\$500-\$999

Damon J. Ng
Anurag Shrivastava

\$100-\$499

Lisa P. Abraham
Bo Chao
Jay Chen
Joseph M. Ferrara, Jr.
Nathaniel S. Gould

Kirsten H. Healy
Heather L. Mackey-
Fowler

Shannon E. Routhouska
Jessica F. Sherman
William M. Sherman
Erica D. Weinstein

2004

TOTAL GIVING \$3,930
Percentage of Giving 10%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Michael L. Lester

\$500-\$999

Jimmy Feng
Jung-Taek Yoon

\$100-\$499

Matthew J. Egan
Clifford J. Ehmke
Kimberly A. Giusto
Amit Kumar
Leon Kushnir
Fares G. Mouchantaf
Michelle A. Mouchantaf
Andrew J. Najovits
John P. O'Brien
Kevin R. O'Connor
Alexander Rabinovich
Alexander Tsukerman

2005

TOTAL GIVING \$30,934
Percentage of Giving 9%

\$25,000-\$49,999

Ruchir Gupta

\$1,000-\$2,499

Joby George

\$500-\$999

Kelly A. Brozzetti Cronin
Christine Chen
Daniel R. Lefebvre

GIFTS TO THE PARENTS AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Anonymous (2)

Fatima Aguirre
Deborah Bailey
Carol Barnes
Richard J. Baron, MD '77
Zubin and Anju Bhagwagar
Mark and Ann Bieganowski
JoAnne Burbige
Donald and Beth Capelin
Frank and Alina Catanzaro
Mara and Mark Charlamb, MD '91
Raymond and Grace Chen
Joel Chernov and Deborah Skakel
Kwangseek and Jungjin Choe
Barbara L. Clayton-Lutz, MD '92 and
Charles J. Lutz, MD '93
Danilo and Altgracia Contreras
Jack Coyne and Diane LaVallee
Stephen Craxton
William and Jill Crooker
Richard and Laura Derevensky
Phyllis Ehrlich
Robert and Tracey Evans
Lynn E. Fraterrigo Boler, MD '01 and
James Boler, MD
Craig and Lisa Germann
Sharon and Ronald S. Gilberg, MD '87
Moises Gonzalez-Wainwright and Jill
Wainwright
Rocco Grella and Laurie Manzione
William and Judith Guilbo
Gregory and Priscilla Gumina
Abigail Hammond
Kevin and Teresa Hart
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Heslin
Nick Huang and Fang Ning
David and Nancy Huff
Johnson and Rebecca Ihemeremadu
Theresa Jennings
Eric and Kate Johnson
Teresa J. Karcnik-Mahoney, MD '88
and Raymond Mahoney
Omar and Lauri Kayaleh
Joseph and Valerie Kille
Thomas and Kathy Kim

Kiril and Meri Kiprovski
Marc and Chris Kleinhenz
Larry Kramer, MD
Jill and Dario A. Lecusay, Jr. '98
Chuo-hsuan Lee
Gregory and Kelly Lesko
Hayden Letchworth
Rachel Lewis and Roger Johnson
Garfield and Jill Maitland
Ali and Lina Marhaba
James Martin and Julie Christmas
Jim and Carol Mason
Charles Meaden and Elaine
Immerman
Lori A. Murphy
Sam and Linda Park
Arlene Pitter
Surjeet and Bobby Pohar
John and Marita Powell
Anne M. Ranney, MD '91 and William
Woods
Mohammed and Jamila Rashid
Edward and Michelle Rebel
Barbara and Andrew B. Reese, MD '97
James and Ann Rooney
James and Tracy Rowley
Andrew Rudmann, MD and Carolyn
Cleary, MD
Anthony and Diane Russo
Larry and Tracy Sala
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Mark and Kim Shepard
Wenbo Shi and Qiuqian Wu
Charles and Debra Sullivan
George and Roma Temnycky
Mathew M. Thannickal and
Jessy Mathew
Roger van Loveren and Karen Lau
Yatin and Khyati Vasavada
Chris and Mary Wentlent
Karl and Cheryl Williams
Maria Wood
John J. Wu and Sylvia Chen
Andy and Karen Yuen
Barbara Zory



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2021-2022 REPORT OF GIFTS

Samantha Ng
Vivek Prasad
Isabelle Zamfirescu

\$100-\$499

Sunil V. Abraham
Deidre M. Blake
Yauvana V. Gold
Matthew C. Martinez
Melissa L. Petras
David M. Zlotnick

\$1-\$99

Dana R. Cohen
Michael de la Cruz

2006

TOTAL GIVING \$3,150
Percentage of Giving 7%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Joanne Andrades

\$500-\$999

Jay B. Lee
Markhabat O. Muminova
Brian F. Strickler
Abigail R. Watson

\$100-\$499

Brian M. Allen
Scott R. Ekroth
Katrine J. Enrile
Daniel D. Hayes
Lisa M. Hayes
Erin K. Hill
Robert H. Hill, III
Melissa A. Price

\$1-\$99

Shimon M. Frankel

2007

TOTAL GIVING \$4,987
Percentage of Giving 14%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Jeremy M. Liff

\$500-\$999

Roan J. Glocker
Miranda Harris-Glocker
Lisa K. Law
Kristin Yannetti

\$100-\$499

Anonymous
Bryant Carruth
Brandon Chase
Yvonne Cuffy
Paige Dorn
Kathleen Dorritie
Antonio Fargiano
Faye Knoll
Jing Liang
Avreliya Shapiro
Marny Shoham
David Spier
Adam Stallmer



\$1-\$99

Ralph Milillo
Edward Smitaman

2009

TOTAL GIVING \$4,900
Percentage of Giving 7%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Robert Day
Elizabeth LiCalzi
Mark B. Van Deusen

\$500-\$999

Daniel Arsenault
Dodji V. Modjinou
Kimberly Robeson

\$100-\$499

Britton M. Chan
Chad Cornish
Katherine A. Kaproth-
Joslin
Lauren Schlanger
Won-Hong Ung

2010

TOTAL GIVING \$5,293
Percentage of Giving 7%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Michael G. Fitzgerald
Bridgit Nolan
Sovan Powell

\$500-\$999

Swati V. Murthy
Christopher D. Parks
Jin Qian



\$100-\$499

Christopher Morrison
Joshua I. M. Nelson
Beverly A. Schaefer
Adam P. Stern
Yarnell Stillings

2011

TOTAL GIVING \$700
Percentage of Giving 2%

\$500-\$999

Daniel P. Anderson

\$100-\$499

Carla R. Schwartz
Daniel Xia

2012

TOTAL GIVING \$1,740
Percentage of Giving 4%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Rachel Zehr

\$500-\$999

Kerry E. Whiting

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\$100-\$499

Ryan LaFollette
Meaghan M. Stumpf

\$1-\$99

Anonymous

2013

TOTAL GIVING \$1,650
Percentage of Giving 3%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Jenny A. Meyer
Justin P. Meyer

\$100-\$499

Rachelle M. Nelson

\$1-\$99

Rhonda L. Philopena

2014

TOTAL GIVING \$1,300
Percentage of Giving 3%

\$500-\$999

Kirby P. Black

\$100-\$499

Anonymous
Anthony J. Chiaravalloti
Ryota Kashiwazaki
Lauren M. Titone

\$1-\$99

Carl A. Casimir

2015

TOTAL GIVING \$375
Percentage of Giving 3%

\$100-\$499

Anonymous
Stephanie E. Adamchak
Patrick J. Belton

\$1-\$99

Matthew D. Basciotta

2016

TOTAL GIVING \$1,420
Percentage of Giving 6%

\$500-\$999

Leesha A. Helm
Matthew F. Helm

\$100-\$499

John A. Pizzuti
Arthur Zak

\$1-\$99

Andrew J. Bellantoni
Devin J. Burke
Sarah G. Mahonski
Andrew J. Nastro
Michelle E. Wakeley

2017

TOTAL GIVING \$250
Percentage of Giving 3%

\$100-\$499

Kethia Eliezer
Jessica A. Pizzuti
Timothy M. Smilnak

\$1-\$99

Caitlin A. Nicholson
Julia A. Reiser

2018

TOTAL GIVING \$100
Percentage of Giving 1%

\$100-\$499

Kathleen A. Iles*

2019

TOTAL GIVING \$170
Percentage of Giving 3%

\$100-\$499

Daniel S. Tylee

\$1-\$99

Daniel F. Farrell
Jordana L. Gilman
Jenny L. Schreiber

2021

TOTAL GIVING \$50
Percentage of Giving 1%

\$1-\$99

Gabrielle J. Sagesse

Friends

Anonymous
Norton B. Berg, PhD
Johny Budde
Jayne Charlamb, MD
Lynn M. Cleary, MD
Ann Darlington
Barbara and Philip A. Fraterrigo, MD
Frank Lancellotti, MD
Donald J. Palmadessa, MD
Lina P. Perry, MD
Elaine Rubenstein
Mark M. Tavakoli, MD

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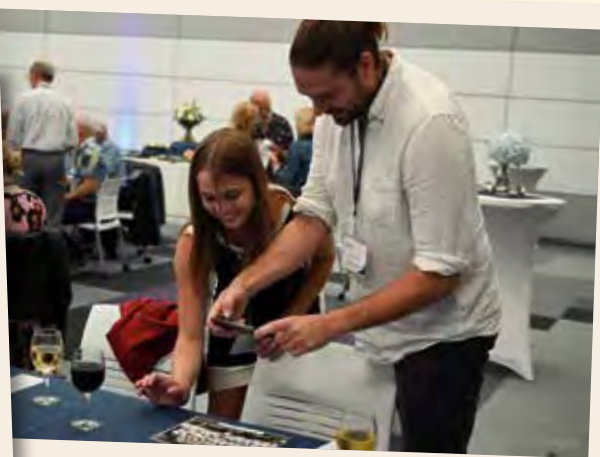
Richard F. Adams, MD '73
Ira H. Ames, PhD
Norton B. Berg, PhD
Irvin Bodofsky
Molly A. Brewer, MD '91
Richard L. Cross, PhD
Mark D'Esposito, MD '87
Barbara S. Edelheit, MD '96
David S. Edelheit, MD '98
Robert J. Giblin, Jr.
William P. Hannan, MD '81
Lowell L. Hart, MD '80
Jamesville Dewitt CSD
Susan Jensen, MD '83
Ann and Burk Jubelt, MD
Christine and Fred M. Klemperer, MD
Vincent J. Kuss, MBA

Diane C. LoRusso, MD '69
Joshua I. M. Nelson, MD '10
Rachelle M. Nelson, MD '13
Mark S. Persky, MD '72
Nancy Phelps
J. Marc Pipas, MD '89
Daniel D. Rabuzzi, MD
Vicki C. Ratner, MD '84
Donnie Richman
Lee Rosenbaum, MD '73
John J. Sacco, MD '75
Ralph L. Stevens, MD '81
Dr. Lorraine Terracina
Howard L. Weinberger, MD '58

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Honor, Memorial Gifts

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of Beverly Altman

Priscilla R. Leslie

In Memory of our friend and classmate,

Dennis J. Arena, MD '82

David M. Novick, MD '82

In Memory of Richard H. Aubry, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus

Richard J. Aubry, MD '89

In Memory of my two classmates, Donald M. Bebak and L. Robert Rubin, who played cameo roles in my life

George S. Goldstein, MD '58

In Memory of Anne G. Bishop, MD '82

Michael Komar, MD '84

In Memory of Benjamin Black

Ethel Black

In Memory of Patricia O. Brady

Jeffrey D. Brady, MD '92

In Memory of Julie Burger

Leslie M. Burger, MD '67

In Memory of my Dad who sacrificed all to further my education

Christine Chen, MD '05

In Memory of Robert L. Comis, MD '71

Harold Frucht, MD '82

In Memory of Stephen E. Cummings

James J. Cummings, MD '82

Debra Tristam, MD

In Memory of Robert Ettinger

Priscilla R. Leslie

In Memory of Lana Feingold

Andrew D. Feingold, MD '99

In Memory of Richard J. Feinstein, MD '68

Michael B. Fisher, MD '68

In Memory of Joseph C. Fischer, MD '79

Eleanor Fischer Quigley and Bob Quigley

In Memory of Stuart H. Forster, MD '80

Timothy E. Dudley, MD '80

In Memory of Pamela R. Gilmore, MD '92

Mark E. Ohl, MD '92

In Memory of Gerald A. Glowacki, MD '62

John T. Andrews, Jr.

Baltimore County Medical Association and MedChi

Edith Bernstein

Joan C. Champagne

Lisa McWilliams

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon H. Wright

Barbara Zory

In Memory of Ricki Gordon

Claudia Leslie and Louis Lipschutz

In Memory of Diane F. Green-El, MD '78

Thomas A. Bersani, MD '82

Chima Chionuma, MD

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Department of Pediatrics

Hancock Estabrook, LLP

William P. Hannan, MD '81

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Linda L. Imboden, MD

Pediatric Associates

Frankie B. Quarles, DO

Galyn L. Murphy-Stanley and

George L. Stanley, MD '94

Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation

In Memory of Abraham and Bella Huber, Richard and Hermine Muellerleile

Irving Huber, MD '76

In Memory of Caridad D. Isaac, MD '97

Gerard J. Newcomer, MD '97

In Memory of Ellen Cook Jacobsen, MD '50

Harold Frucht, MD '82

Michael Mahelsky, MD '88

In Memory of Franklin L. Johnson, MD '86

Gabriel M. Cohn, MD '86

In Memory of my father William J. Jones, MD '47

Barbara Jones Connor, MD '82

In Memory of Pearl Kahan

Claudia Leslie and Louis Lipschutz

In Memory of Lucy Kane

Claudia Leslie and Louis Lipschutz

In Memory of Morris R. Kaufman

Priscilla R. Leslie

In Memory of E. Gregory Keating, PhD

Markhabat O. Muminova, MD '06

In Memory of Martha S. Kincaid, MD '73

Ernest and Alice Putnam

In Memory of Stanley D. Leslie, MD '51

Bank of America

Avery Leslie O'Neill and Hank O'Neill

Bruce M. Leslie, MD '78

Claudia Leslie and Louis Lipschutz

Priscilla R. Leslie

In Memory of Thomas J. Maher, MD '83

Kevin M. Coughlin, MD '83

In Memory of Leslie F. Major, MD

Clifford J. Ehmke, MD '04

In Memory of Daniel G. McBride, MD '89

Elaine M. Silverman, MD '89

In Memory of George F. McVay, MD

David J. Novelli, MD '75

In Memory of Marty Michaels, MD '81

William P. Hannan, MD '81

In Memory of Arnold M. Moses, MD '54

Danna Levy

In Memory of Alex Paley, MD '19

Kathleen A. Iles, MD '18*

In Memory of "Fritz" Frederick Parker, MD

John D. Fey, MD '75

Meghan E. Hayes, MD '99

In Memory of Minaxi Patel

Dharmesh R. Patel, MD '01

In Memory of Tarakad S. Ramachandran, MD, MPH

Jessica Coil

Melanie D. Ramachandran, MD '80

Joseph and Lynne Romano

In Memory of Ralph Reichert, MD '60

Amy K. Reichert

In Memory of Robert F. Rohner, MD '52

Anonymous

In Memory of Stanton F. Roth

Priscilla R. Leslie

In Memory of Zee and Bud Schiffman

Jade S. Schiffman, MD '75

In Memory of Julius Schwartz, MD '33

Naxion Research Consulting

Susan Schwartz McDonald, PhD

In Memory of Stuart J. Schwartz, MD '62

Elaine Schwartz

In Memory of Gary Sclar, MD '92

Mark E. Ohl, MD '92

In Memory of Richard F. Seidner, MD '63

Linda Seidner

In Memory of Nida Smitaman

Edward Smitaman, MD '07



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In Memory of Brian Sorrentino, MD '85

Suzanne B. Sorrentino
Ingrid, Zack and Simon D. Spivack, MD '85

In Memory of my mother Nina Spadaro

Mary Ann Antonelli, MD '70

In Memory of Robert M. Spitzer, MD '65

Stephen G. Spitzer, MD '00

In Memory of Frederic F. Taylor, MD '53

Donna Bower
Mr. and Mrs. A. Randy Button
Betty Campbell
Lori Echols
Anna M. Spengler

In Memory of Dr. Oscar and Mrs. Luba Trief

Paula Trief, PhD

In Memory of Clifford H. Turen, MD '83

Kevin M. Coughlin, MD '83

In Memory of Harold H. Wanamaker, MD '56

Carrie L. Conkey

In Memory of Irwin M. Weiner, MD '56

Burk Jubelt, MD

In Memory of William J. Williams, MD

Harold Frucht, MD '82
Susan L. Williams, MD '79

In Memory of Richard G. Zogby, MD '84

Amy L. Ladd, MD '84
John M. Marzo, MD '84

HONORARY GIFTS

In Honor of N. Barry Berg, PhD

Burk Jubelt, MD
Danielle A. Katz, MD '97
Jamie Shutter, MD '01

In Honor of the Sharon Brangman, MD '81 Geriatric Award

Sharon A. Brangman, MD '81
David Feiglin, MD

In Honor of Richard M. Cantor, MD '76

Mark H. Katz, MD '75

In Honor of David L. Charney, MD '68

Anonymous

In Honor of Mantosh J. Dewan, MD

Sadri Garakani

In Honor of Mantosh J. Dewan, MD, in appreciation for his job well done as President of Upstate

Michael K. Ditkoff, MD '94

In Honor of Dr. A Fernandez for his level of compassion in care delivery

Hindi T. Mermelstein, MD '84

In Honor of Norman L. Fienman, MD '66

Marilyn Lefkowitz

In Honor of Paul M. Grossberg, MD '75

David B. Grossberg, MD '81

In Honor of Hua, my wife who supports my medical career

Jin Qian, MD '10

In Honor of the Robert V. P. Hutter, MD '54 and Ruth L. Hutter Endowed Lectureship

Gerald B. Gordon, MD

In Honor of Claudia Leslie's Adult Confirmation

Marc and Janet Crespi
David and Carol Udis

In Honor of Matthew Mason, MD '08

Jim and Carol Mason

In Honor of the 90th birthday of Dr. Sakti Pada Mookherjee

Jayne R. Charlamb, MD
Larry S. Charlamb, MD '88

In Honor of David G. Murray, MD

Paul L. Kuflik, MD '81

In Honor of Patricia J. Numann, MD '65

Robert N. Cooney, MD
Danielle A. Katz, MD '97
Department of Surgery

In Honor of the R-Med Fund for Northern NY

Hugh S. Fulmer, MD '51

In Honor of Manoj and Sarika Ramachandran and Family

Jessica Coil

In Honor of Susan B. Stearns, PhD, Scholarship for Community Engagement

Sarah C. Burns
Susan H. Keeter
Lisa M. Procanick
Susan B. Stearns, PhD

In Honor of Paula Trief, PhD

Daniel Himmelsbach

In Honor of Mary Williams

Joanne Andrades, MD '06

2022 scholarship recipients at Reunion 2022. A complete list of scholarships and recipients appears on the next page.



2022 Scholarship Recipients

Thanks to the generosity of alumni support, the Medical Alumni Foundation awarded more than \$800,000 in student scholarships this year.

The Dennis L. Allen, MD '72 and Linda Riffe Allen Endowed Scholarship in Memory of John B. Henry, MD

Halima A. Suleiman

The A. Geno Andreatta Scholarship

Hannah G. Smith

The Benjamin N., Mollie P., Gerson H. '57 and Martin W. Aronovitz, MD '65 Memorial Scholarship

Hannah G. Smith

The Nathan and Ada August Memorial Scholarship

Hannah T. Jolls

The Stanley A. August, MD Memorial Scholarship

Siya Bhagat

The Zaven S. Ayanian, MD '59 Family Scholarship

Holly A. Gamlen

The John R., MD '84 and Deborah L. Ayres Endowed Scholarship

Maham Ahmed

The Theresa Baltera Memorial Scholarship

Danielle R. Vitale

The N. Barry Berg, PhD Scholarship for Musculoskeletal Medicine

Maria V. LaMontagne

The Martin Black Family Scholarship

Ahmed Y. Souid

The Elliot Brandwein, MD '67 and Arlene Eckstein Brandwein, MD '68 Scholarship

Adeenah F. Ahmed, Cailey M. Burrows and Valmic S. Patel

The Sharon A. Brangman, MD '81 Scholarship in Geriatrics

Andrea R. Donofrio

The Bernard J. Burke, MD 12/'43 Scholarship

Thanhthuy T. Nguyen

The Cady Family Scholarship

Keisha Warn

The Leonard D. Carpenter, MD '33 and Ruth E. Carpenter Memorial Scholarship

Siara M. Clos

The David L. Charney, MD '68 Endowed Scholarship

Gloria Munayco

The Douglas (Ed Ben-Edison) Cox, MD '63 Scholarship

Dan Draytsel

The Edwin T. Dailey, MD '68 Memorial Scholarship in Radiology

Robert She

The Alfred W. Doust, MD Endowed Scholarship in Otolaryngology

Adam J. Hatala

The Dracker Family Scholarship

Nicole A. Giannetti

The Robert Eitches, MD '78 Scholarship in Honor of Shirley and Irving Eitches

Michael D. Mellace

The Alfred F. and Shirley D. Enwright Endowed Scholarship

Claudia Heritage

The Joseph C. Fischer, MD '79 Memorial Scholarship

Maria V. LaMontagne

The Medical Alumni Foundation Founders Scholarship

Gavrielle J. Rood

The Sarah Loguen Fraser, MD Alumni Scholarship

Velisha Guillaume

The Friendship Scholarship in honor of Ernest Found, MD '80, in memory of his wife, Ellyn Slocum Found, and his daughter, Caroline Slocum Found

Daniel J. DeNoble

The Joseph J. Gadbaw, MD 12/'43 and Ann Gadbaw Scholarship

Maria F. Krisch

The Max Gara and Robert H. Gara, MD '56 Scholarship

Apeksha Ashok Kumar

The Suzan and Philip M. Gaynes, MD '63 Scholarship

Laxshika Raveendran

The Susan E. and Welton M. Gersony, MD '58 Endowed Scholarship

Colin H. Pritchard

The Samuel Gersten, MD '39 and Martha Gersten Endowed Scholarships

Claudia Heritage, Joon Yup Kim, Craig E. Rose, Alexis Grace Saunders

The Jerome C. Goldstein, MD '63 and Rochelle Goldstein Scholarship

Mallory A. Rowley

The Douglas W. Halliday, MD '79 Scholarship

Rachael A. Ferraloro

The Frances A. Harmatuk, MD '41 Geriatrics Scholarship

Joon Yup Kim

The Edward F. Higgins, MD '78 Scholarship

Joe Settineri

The Geraldine and Grant Hobika, MD '52 Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Chen

The Jerry Hoffman Advocacy Award

Eunice Choe

The Robert V.P. Hutter, MD '54 and Ruth L. Hutter Scholarship

Matthew A. Ramm

The Kasten Aker Family Scholarship

Molly K. O'Brien

The E. Gregory Keating, PhD Memorial Scholarship

Audrey L. Butler

The Martha S. Kincaid, MD '73 Scholarship

Caroline M. Johnson

The Sonya A. LaBella Memorial Scholarship

Maria F. Krisch

The Stanley D. Leslie, MD '51 Memorial Scholarship

Kristina Dolan

The Lynch Family Scholarship

Andrea R. Donofrio

The Alphonse A. Maffeo, MD '72 Scholarship

Dillon S. Prus

The B. Dale Magee, MD '75 Scholarship

Steven J. Crescenti Jr. and Bryan Mera Reyes

The Stephen Major, MD Psychiatry Award

Jada McMahon

The Helen and Albert F. Mangan, MD '54 Endowed Scholarship

Kristina L. Bell

The Angeline R. Mastri, MD '59 Scholarship

Elena M. Kleinhenz

The Patrick T. Mathews, MD '03 Memorial Scholarship

Maria V. LaMontagne

The McAnarney Family Endowed Scholarship in Pediatrics

Apeksha Ashok Kumar

The James L. McGraw, MD '41 Scholarship

Andrew Pivovar

The Gustave P. Milkey, MD '43 and Janet B. Milkey Merit Scholarship

Cole R. Johnson

The James and Dolores Moffett Memorial Scholarship

Andrea R. Donofrio

The Peggy and Adolph Morlang, MD '66 Scholarship

Maham Ahmed and Rakeb Lemma

The Joseph A. Morra, MD "Renaissance Man" Memorial Scholarship

Kelly Gao

The Rudolph J. Napodano, MD '59 Scholarship

Siya Bhagat

The Patricia J. Numann, MD '65 Endowed Scholarship

Jada McMahon

The Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS) Medical Student Scholarship

Rachel M. Garn and Andrew Salmons

The Dr. Tarakad Ramachandran Neurology Award

Christina Delnero, Zachary Farina, Fiorella Guido and Allen Hoste

The Betty Reiss, MD '68 and Jacob Reiss, MD '68 Family Endowed Scholarship

Apeksha Ashok Kumar

The Monroe Richman, MD '55 and Esther Richman Scholarship

Keisha Warn

The Mark and Elizabeth Rogers Research Award

Samuel Chen, Julie Ehrlich, Adam J. Hatala, Trisha Maini and Anjlee Panjwani

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The Samuel Rosenthal, MD '64 Scholarship
Siya Bhagat

The Rural Medicine Alumni Endowed Scholarship
Emilee A. Carpenter

The Sanders/Kilkelly Scholarship
Kelly Gao

The Schein Family Scholarship
Danielle R. Vitale

The Jack J. Schneider, MD '66 Scholarship
Ahmed Y. Souid

The Julius Schwartz, MD '33 Scholarship
Siya Bhagat

The Setnor Family Endowed Scholarship
Jennifer C. LaBrecque

The Ara A. Sheperdigian, MD Memorial Scholarship
Andrea R. Donofrio

The John B. and Henrietta E. Simeone Scholarship in Memory of Fiorindo A. Simeone, MD
Ahmed Y. Souid

The Frederick W. Sloan, MD '74 Scholarship
Sean P. McGarry

The Brian P. Sorrentino, MD '85 Memorial Scholarship
Holly A. Gamlen

The Susan B. Stearns, PhD Scholarship for Community Engagement
Claudia Heritage

The Ralph Stevens, MD '81 Madison-Oneida County Scholarship
Katie Farkouh, Michael D. Mellace, John Panzone, Sarah M. Papa and Mallory A. Rowley

The Rosemary Stevens, MD Annual Scholarship
Michael Dimitrov and Khadean Moncrieffe

The Marc A. Subik, MD '79 Family Scholarship
Austin Morley-Sloan

The Swift Family Legacy Grants
Thomas R. Bieganowski, Eugene W. Borst, Mackenzie A. Hintze, Laxshika Raveendran and Omar Sey

The Dr. Oscar and Mrs. Luba Trief Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Chen

The Barbara and Harold H. Wanamaker, MD '56 Scholarship
Holly A. Gamlen

The Andrew D. Weinberg, MD '78 Memorial Geriatric Scholarship
Andrea R. Donofrio

The Herbert M. Weinman, MD '65 and Suzy Weinman Scholarship Award
Deashia T. McAlpine

The Alan L. Williams, MD '70 and Luanne G. Williams Scholarship
Gregory C. Russo

The Susan and Jack Yoffa, MD '69 in Memory of Elaine Yoffa Hornung Scholarship
Angelina M. Stewart

The Frank E. Young, MD '56 and Leanne Young Endowed Scholarship
Joon Yup Kim

The Rick Zogby, MD, Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship
Maria V. LaMontagne

CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Class of 1966 Scholarship
Jacquelyn M. Knapp

The Class of 1971 Scholarship
Keisha Warn

The Carol Kavanagh and Class of 1973 Scholarship
Blessing Chidiuto Lawrence

The Class of 1977 Scholarship
Halima A. Suleiman

STUDENT CITIZEN AWARDS

These awards recognize those students who have distinguished themselves as leaders and volunteers in the life of our campus and greater Syracuse community.

Ryan Chan, Daniel J. DeNoble and Katie Farkouh

CHANGE SCHOLARS

The CHANGE Scholarship is a collaboration between Drs. Betty and Jacob Reiss '68 and the Center for Bioethics and Humanities. It is awarded to third-year medical students who have successfully completed the Physicians and Social Responsibility course and are committed to advocating for social responsibility and change in their professional lives.

Adeenah F. Ahmed, Jacqueline Campbell and Andrulisa Jones

ALUMNI SCHOLARS

The George J. Buchholtz, MD '52 Scholarships and the Medical Alumni Foundation Scholarships support full or partial tuition payments for outstanding medical students identified by the Admissions Committee.

Marcea Bond
Romario Gibson
Jason Grullon
Caroline M. Johnson
Avree S. Kestay
Blessing Chidiuto Lawrence
Kevin Leon
Michelle Melfi
Katherine D. Narvaez Mena
John J. Paliakkara
Avery T. Pellnat
Tyler J. Pocchiari
Ryan J. Hart

DEAN'S DISTINCTION AWARDS

The President's Office supports full or partial tuition payments for outstanding medical students identified by the Admissions Committee.

Gideon Adu
Princess Spencer

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Peter J. Adasek, MD '65 Scholarship
Class of 1955 Scholarship
Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship
Class of 1979 Scholarship
Class of 1980 Scholarship
Class of 2000 Andre de Corla-Souza, MD Memorial Scholarship

David M. Essom, MD '56 Scholarship
Freedman/Nelson Scholarship
The Garakani Family Scholarship

I. Bruce Gordon, MD '63 in Honor of Professor William H. Bergstrom
Diane Green-El, MD '78 Memorial Scholarship

Sahib Saran Gupta Memorial Scholarship

Kathleen A. Iles, MD '18 Memorial Scholarship

Jonathan Lowell, MD '75 Scholarship
Adam Oberlander, MD Class of 2005 Memorial Scholarship

Michael H. Ratner, MD '68 Endowed Scholarship

Mallory Stephens, MD '54 Scholarship

Keith Stube, MD '88 Scholarship

OTHER AWARDS/GRANTS

Class of 1968 Primary Care Endowment

Carlyle and Ellen Cook Jacobsen Memorial Fund

FELLOWSHIPS

Susan and Gustave L. Davis, MD '63 Summer Fellowship for Pathology

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

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Finding Community

A CHRONIC ILLNESS SPURS MEDICAL STUDENT NICOLE SPENCER '25 TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR OTHERS.

As a first-year medical student, Nicole Spencer '25 never imagined becoming a patient herself. But shortly after she began her medical studies, Spencer began suffering episodes of dizziness and heart palpitations.

She was diagnosed with postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS), a blood circulation disorder. Ultimately, her physician determined the POTS was caused by Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, (EDS) a rare connective tissue disorder that affects every part of the body.

"I've had symptoms of EDS since I was a child, but because it's a rare disease, no one ever put two and two together," says Spencer, who had to take a medical leave halfway through the year because she was too sick to continue.

It was a difficult time. Feeling isolated and worried she'd have to give up her dream of a career in medicine, Spencer turned to social media. In this virtual world, she found genuine support and connection. "I didn't know anyone who had these same illnesses, but I found a huge online community for people with chronic illnesses, and specifically for people with POTS and EDS," she says.

It shouldn't have been surprising. Back in high school, Spencer created an Instagram account to create support for her childhood best friend, who had been diagnosed with cancer. That account, Smiles for Ella, ultimately gained 50,000 followers. "When you're young and you're ill, you feel very lonely," she says. "Social media provides the opportunity to not be so lonely and to find people going through a similar thing. We started an Instagram page together talking about her experience going through cancer being so young and we met a lot of really good friends along the way."

Now Spencer found the same community and support for herself. "The cool thing was that I actually managed to find a bunch of people pursuing medicine who were dealing with these illnesses," she says. "Being able to see people who

"There are a lot of studies that show the negative impact of social media, but when you're in a unique situation like I am, having a niche community is more of a uniting factor than a separating one."

—Nicole Spencer '25

were ahead of me in this journey and to connect with them motivated me to keep going with medical school and to maybe try to inspire others coming behind me."

Struggling for purpose while on leave, Spencer set out to support others struggling with the unknowns of chronic illness. The result was Potsie Packs, care packages for teens and young adults containing practical items to help with their illnesses as well as other items to provide cheer. Spencer solicited companies for donations and began reaching out to people she connected with online to ask if they'd like to receive a gift.

"As soon as I started sending them out, people started posting about the packages, and it took off from there," says Spencer, who has sent out nearly 500 Potsie Packs in the last year.



Nicole Spencer, who suffers from Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome, prepares to record a video for her Instagram account.



Spencer prepares a video for her Instagram and TikTok with the intent to help others with similar struggles.



Nicole photographs her emotional support dog, Tara, while preparing a package containing medical and motivational accessories with her roommate.

“Most of these sorts of efforts are targeted to children,” she says. “Older teens and young adults are kind of a forgotten demographic.”

Potsie Packs has its own Instagram page. People requesting a care package fill out a Google form with questions about their symptoms and Spencer tailors the packages to those needs. “One of the biggest problems with POTS, and with some other chronic illnesses, is dehydration, so I have several companies that donate hydration packets,” she says. People who use feeding tubes might receive pads and tape or a pillow that makes wearing a seat belt more comfortable. Other items include compression socks, bath bombs, face masks, laptop stickers and dog toys. She has received donations to cover shipping and is in the processing of filing for nonprofit status to reduce those costs.

Now back at Upstate, Spencer is figuring out how to navigate medical school with a chronic illness as she goes. “It’s difficult,” she says. “One of my issues

is that I can’t stand for long periods so there’s a lot of things that have become a challenge that wouldn’t normally be. I’ve been very lucky to have people at Upstate who have helped me uniquely figure out ways that I can still do what everyone else is doing and get the most out of my education without worrying about me passing out.”

She’s started using a wheelchair for clinical experiences, something she imagines she’ll do full time once she begins clinical rotations. “It’s an ongoing journey and I’m still figuring it out, but I’m thrilled to have the support I do from Upstate,” says Spencer, who hopes for a career in pediatrics.

Although her time to devote to Potsie Packs is more limited, she is currently assisted in assembling the care packages by her roommate, third-year medical student Nuttha Siriwatanakul ’24, and hopes to eventually expand the effort to get other medical students involved.

Even though she’s back in school,

Spencer says her Internet community remains a big part of her chronic illness and medical school journey. “There are a lot of studies that show the negative impact of social media, but when you’re in a unique situation like I am, having a niche community is more of a uniting factor than a separating one,” she says. “I’ve shifted from looking for support and information for myself to using my medical student perspective to educate others through my own personal Instagram page.”

A recent post posed the question, “Can I still chase my dreams despite my diagnosis?”

Spencer’s answer: “Yes,” she says. “With help.”

“Just because you’ve got a disability doesn’t mean you can’t be a doctor,” she says. “More students and doctors should realize there are people with disabilities all around them.”

CLASS NOTES



Shirley M. Stone Cohlan '49, with her granddaughter, great grandson and daughter, Barbara Cohlan, MD

1957

Bertram Warren, of Springfield, VA, recently turned 90 and lives in Greenspring Village, a retirement community. "Here, I'm just one of the boys," he writes. "A good friend of mine just turned 96. We have 2,000 residents and last time I looked we had 23 people over 100. So, I have a few more years to live in a great environment."



Peter Greenwald '61 with his wife, Harriet, granddaughter Arielle, daughter Laura, and grandchildren Sammy, Gaby and Rafi

1949

Shirley M. Stone Cohlan, of New York, NY, recently celebrated her 96th birthday with her three children, five grandchildren, and the newest edition to the family, her great-grandson born in May 2022. "We all enjoy spending summers together at the beach on Fire Island, NY," she writes.

1953 Reunion

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1956

Milton Ingerman, of New York, NY, shared a photo taken in 2019 of himself with classmates **Donald Robins** and **Burt Kwasman**, prior to their passing.

Donald Robins '56, Burt Kwasman '56, and Milton Ingerman '56



1958 Reunion

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1959

Myron Miller, of Baltimore, MD, is doing well and remains active teaching internal medicine residents along with the occasional invited lecture. He has children and grandchildren in New Mexico, California, and Hawaii and travels west as often as possible. "I am delighted to see all of the positive changes that have taken place at SUNY Upstate," he writes.

1961

Peter Greenwald, of New London, CT, retired from the National Cancer Institute in 2016, just before his 80th birthday so he and wife Harriet could relocate close to daughter Laura and four of their nine grandchildren. Their other daughter,

Rebecca, and transplant physician husband, have two children and live in Madison, WI. Son Daniel, a Stanford-trained medical oncologist, and his wife, a lawyer, live in Santa Barbara, CA. Their three oldest grandchildren are in their early college years. Neve Greenwald, who goes to Duke, composed a musical while in high school, including all the music and lyrics, called *Relativity*. It is about Maliva Maric, Einstein's wife, a pioneering female scientist who is largely uncredited for Einstein's groundbreaking work. Jacob Mandelbrot enjoys finding novel applications of computer science to real world problems and is joining his cousin, Arielle Frommer, at Harvard, where she majors in astrophysics. "Harriet and I greatly enjoy watching them grow and develop their careers," he writes. "Best regards to classmates."



Howard R. Nankin '61 and family

Howard R. Nankin, of Columbia, SC, celebrated his 86th birthday in May, with his wife, Nancy, and their family. He has lived in Columbia since 1977, when he joined the faculty of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

1963 Reunion

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Paul A. Herzog '64, of Bradenton, FL, and his wife, Janet, departed their practices in 1998 and moved aboard their boat. Some 18 years, and 30,000 sea miles later, they have moved back onto land. "Our children are wonderful and happy with their careers; one is a corporate attorney and the other an endowed professor in neuroscience," he writes. "All is well and we are still upright and moving."

1964

Lawrence W. Myers, of Camarillo, CA, is enjoying retirement. "We are about 12 miles from the beaches of Oxnard and Ventura. We moved to California in 1967 and I did my residency in neurology at UCLA. I stayed on the faculty for 40 years specializing in research and treatment of patients with multiple sclerosis," he writes. "My wife of 61 years, Shirley, is a retired RN. We have three children and six grandchildren, they all reside relatively close. We have been blessed with good health and enjoy traveling, gardening, and keeping fit. We have been saddened by the loss of many of my classmates, most especially **Dick Werner**, **Tom Riemschneider**, and **Ron Harper**. Wish you all good health and happiness."

1965

Jack Egnatinsky, of Christiansted, VI, writes "Our son Wayne brought his fiancé and her children to visit and got married poolside overlooking the sea at our condo on St. Croix."

Dirk E. Huttenbach, of Atlanta, GA, mostly retired from his practice of child, adolescent and adult psychiatry in October 2021. He welcomed his eighth grandchild, Dylan Huttenbach Sidford, on August 26, 2022.

1966

John W. Petrozzi, of Haddonfield, NJ, recently took first place in the super senior category (over 70) in a two-day golf tournament at Tavistock Country. "Was it skill or luck? I'm thinking the latter!" he shares.

1967

Roger A. Breslow, of New Hartford, NY, retired July 14 after 49 years of practice with Slocum-Dickson Medical group in the Utica area. "It has been a great career," he writes.

Harold C. Burchel, of Burlington, NC, shares that life continues to be full of blessings and he remains healthy and joyful. He was a practicing physician for 50



Mary Ellen and Hal Burchel '67

years, first in family practice in the United States and Africa, and then in emergency medicine for the last 20 years of his career. "I never burned out because I thoroughly enjoyed my patients and the privilege of diagnosis and treating their illnesses and making their lives better," he writes. "My wife, Ruthan, went to heaven in June of last year. I returned to Africa as a missionary six months after her passing. Now 82, I am not practicing medicine, but am working in the slums of Nairobi to lead people to Christ. I have recently reconnected with a beautiful lady whom I dated 58 years ago. We are deeply in love and plan to get married on December 17. She is God's wonderful gift to me."



Bruce L. McClennan '67 and Robert M. Quencer '67

Bruce L. McClennan, of Redmond, OR, writes "Two old friends, classmates and struggling golfers got together in the high desert of Central Oregon. While I am fully retired, **Bob Quencer** still does some part-time work remotely. We both agree that golf is more fun!"

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Robert L. Bard, of New York, NY, was named chair of the development committee at the therapeutic ultrasound section of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM).

1969

Donald H. Jackson, Jr., of Topeka, KS, completed a residency in internal medicine then served two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. After leaving the Army, he joined the cardiology faculty of the University of Rochester as a fellow and became assistant professor of medicine. In 1979, he worked as associate director of cardiac laboratories at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Tennessee. In 1984, he joined the Cardiology Consultants of Topeka, and retired in 2010 to pursue his hobby of wildlife photography. He and his wife of 61 years, Carol, have three adult children: Richard, David and Laura; and two grandchildren.



The grandchildren of Richard B. Bernstein '71



Steven M. Mirin '67, with his wife, Margaret, and grandson

Steven M. Mirin, of Concord, MA, was unable to attend reunion this year, but hopes to make the 60th. He has been retired since 2013 from Navigant Consulting, where he was director but still maintains appointments at McLean Hospital and Harvard Medical School. "After initially pursuing a career in psychiatric research (addictions), I gradually moved into a series of administrative roles (chief of service, hospital medical director), and then served as president and psychiatrist-in-chief at McLean Hospital from 1988-97 and then medical director of the American Psychiatric Association from 1997-2002. My retirement lasted about six weeks before beginning a 12-year stint as a healthcare consultant. My wife, Margaret, also a psychiatrist, and I have three sons and one grandson that live within reasonable proximity, central MA, Brooklyn, and Ithaca, NY. We travel, she gardens, and I fly fish in exotic locations."

1971

Richard B. Bernstein, of Atlanta, GA, has three grandchildren from his son, who lives in New York City. His daughter, who lives in Chicago, is expecting her first child in October.

1973 ReUnion

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Steven M. Rothman, of Clayton, MO, spent most of his career on the faculties at Washington University and University of Minnesota. He gave up full-time work in 2015, and in 2016, began coming back to Upstate for eight-to-10 weeks per year to help cover the pediatric neurology service. "There are a few things that have stayed the same, but the closing of Cosmos on Marshall Street is a devastating loss," he writes.

1975

David J. Novelli, of Elma, NY and **Edmund D'Orazio**, got together recently in Buffalo, NY, to share stories of their undergraduate years. "Special shout out to dissection partners Wayne, Donnie, Gretchen, Tink, and of course, Oscar!" he writes.



David J. Novelli '75 and Edmund D'Orazio '75

1976

Eve Shapiro, of Tucson, AZ, sold her private practice a few years ago and now works part-time at several locations, including student health services at University of Arizona. She was reelected to the National Physicians for



Evie Shapiro '76

a National Health Program board, where she works to educate physicians and others about the need for an improved Medicare for All. "I would encourage all classmates to check out our website at pnhp.org and join us in fighting the corporatization of health care," she writes. "I am also enjoying my two granddaughters, who live in Los Angeles and Seattle, both good places to visit in the summer months."

1977

Ronald Criscitiello, of Woburn, MA, retired after 40 years as a PCP practicing internal medicine in Massachusetts. His final position was at Lahey Clinic. Twin daughters, Alison and Rachel are doing well. Alison received her PhD from MIT in glaciology and is a professor at the University of Alberta, Canada. Rachel is a lawyer for the Civil Liberties Union in Berkeley, CA. Shana graduated from Brandeis University and teaches Ayurveda meditation/ yoga and wellness. He has a beautiful almost four-year-old grandchild, Winter, who resides in Edmonton, Canada. "My three daughters and grandchild visited in Massachusetts for the

first time since the start of the pandemic, which coincided with Upstate Reunion Weekend, so I was unable to attend. I hope all had a great time. I certainly did," he writes.

Steven Kant and Joanne L. Wible Kant, of Easton, CT, celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2021. Joanne has retired from her OB/GYN practice and Steven is past CEO and current CMO of the Boys & Girls Village in Milford, CT. They split their time between homes in Easton and Sausalito, CA, in order to visit with children and grandchildren.



Joanne L. Wible Kant '77 and Steven Kant '77

Thomas J. LaClair, of Syracuse, NY, retired from practice at Family Care Medical Group in August 2020 after 40 years of clinical practice. He continues working half time as family medicine clerkship director at Upstate Norton College of Medicine. He and Jane have six children, four of whom are in the Syracuse area, and 12 grandchildren, all local. "We enjoyed talking to **Vince Waite** and Sheila at our recent 45th class reunion," he writes. "Best wishes to everyone!"



Neil E. Strickman '77

Neil E. Strickman, of Missouri City, TX, celebrated 40 years with Hall-Garcia Cardiology in Houston on July 1. "I was rewarded by throwing out the first pitch at the Houston Astros baseball game that evening," he writes. "Furthermore, July 19 was proclaimed Dr. Neil E. Strickman Day in Houston by Mayor Turner due to my ethics and work at the Texas Heart Institute over the years."



Lawrence Wilson '77

Lawrence (Larry) Wilson, of Tampa, FL, has completed a two-year fellowship and board certification in addiction medicine. "I now am CEO/medical director of 7 Summit Pathways, a residential/outpatient treatment facility in Tampa specializing in treatment of healthcare professionals with substance use disorders. A new career at age 70! Working as hard as ever," he writes.

Mark W. Zilkoski, of Wolf Point, MT, retired in June, but is having too much fun to quit so volunteers three days a week. He recently celebrated daughter Katie's wedding, serving as officiant, and welcomed his 23rd grandchild.



Mark W. Zilkoski '77 (right) at daughter Katie's wedding



Wife and daughters of Mark W. Zilkoski '77 at daughter Katie's wedding

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1979

James P. Corsones, of Locust Grove, VA, gathered with Upstate friends at Hyde's Hideaway on Lake Buell outside of Great Barrington, after missing several years due to COVID. "We are all happily retired except for **Gary D. Steward**, who will be retiring next February," he writes.



Doug K. Hyde '79, Ginny Hyde, Jim P. Corsones '79, Linda Corsones, Dick Fiddler, Cindy A. Gauthier Fiddler '79, Kathy Steward and Gary D. Steward '79

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Stephen L. Ferrante '79 and wife Renate

Stephen L. Ferrante, of Estero, FL, is proud to have graduated as a fellow in general radiology from University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. He began a position with Radiology Regional of Fort Myers on July 18. "It feels great to be 'back in the saddle' again!" he writes.

1980

William L. Sternheim and Lori Jalens (Sternheim) '81, of Boca Raton, FL, are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Eli Henry Sternheim, born on father's day, to their son, David Sternheim, MD, and his wife Rachel. David recently completed his fellowship in cardiology at Mt. Sinai in New York City, and is in private practice in Westchester County.



Eli Henry Sternheim, grandson of William L. Sternheim '80 and Lori Jalens Sternheim '81

1981

Ronald C. Brodsky, of Norfolk, VA, welcomed his daughter's second child, Talia Millie Schulman, born in July in Denver, CO.



Talia Millie Schulman, granddaughter of Ronald C. Brodsky '81

Diane Cavallaro Castellano, of Clinton, NY, is proud to announce that her son Michael Miglietta passed the nursing boards.

1982

Alan J. Goodman, of New York, NY, and **Catherine M. Vernon '87**, of Camillus, NY, write, "We were unable to make Reunion Weekend, but we managed to meet this summer in New Jersey."



Alan J. Goodman '82 and Catherine M. Vernon '87

Martin (Marty) J. Heslin '87, of Mobile, AL, is grateful to be marking two years at the Mitchell Cancer Institute as executive director. He and his wife have three sons: one in general surgery, one in accounting, and one in building science.

1983 Reunion

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Robert C. Morgan, of Oswego, NY, retired from clinical practice after 39 years, and continues as school physician for Oswego, Fulton, and Hannibal school districts until the end of the 2023 school year. He will also continue as the Town of Oswego Volunteer Fire Dept medical director until that time as well. "I am looking forward to doing more with the H. Lee White Maritime Museum in Oswego, refitting our two-masted Schooner

Ontario, and working on the NOAA Lake Ontario Shipwreck Sanctuary advisory committee," he writes. "Most of all, I am looking forward to my next big role as grandfather to my grandsons Lenox and Keaton and spending a lot of time with them."

1987

Elizabeth (Betsy) C. Clark, of Concord, NH, retired in 2018 after a number of years as an infectious disease consultant in southern New Hampshire, during which time she married a wonderful man. She's even busier now, catching up on fiddling, music lessons, gardening, hiking, snowboarding, drawing, painting and enjoying family. "The spirit still wants to do much more than the aging body is allowing it to do," she writes. "Trying to make the most of it: there are no do-overs! Hope all are well."

TIMOTHY KANE, MD '92

Setting New Standards of Care

Achalasia is a rare disorder that makes it difficult for food and liquid to pass through the esophagus, thought to happen when nerves in the esophagus stop working properly. In children and teens, the condition is a one-in-a-million diagnosis, and sometimes first misdiagnosed as an eating disorder.

"Most children's hospitals will see one of these cases every year or two," says Timothy Kane, MD '92, division director of the general and thoracic surgery program at Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC.

Traditionally, surgical correction has been performed laparoscopically, cutting the lower esophageal sphincter, which allows kids to eat again.

But Dr. Kane, along with colleague Mikael Petrosyan, MD, MBA, has adapted the peroral endoscopic myotomy (POEM) procedure used in adults to treat more than 60 young patients from Australia, Israel, Europe and across the United States. "There are no other pediatric surgeons that do this endoscopically in high volumes," he says. "By having this expertise here, we are able to attract patients globally and build on our experience."

A study of their outcomes, published in the February 24, 2022, issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery* demonstrated POEM as safe and effective in children and adolescents with less pain and typically shorter hospital stays.

That's really the point, says Kane, who has built his pediatric surgery career by specializing in minimally invasive procedures. As a pediatric surgery fellow at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Kane says he was fortunate to train under Keith Georgeson, MD, a pioneer in minimally invasive surgery in kids, who performed many "first" procedures. "I benefited from his experience," he says.

Due to his specialized training, Kane found himself highly marketable and took a position at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where he spent 10 years building a program and training pediatric surgery fellows in minimally invasive surgery.

In 2010, the United Arab Emirates donated \$150 million to Children's National Hospital to develop a minimally invasive surgery program and fund research. Kane was recruited to build that program and to serve as program director for the pediatric surgery fellowship, which he did up until 2015. "One of the things that appealed to me was the diversity of the patient population," he says. "We have a global service and there's lot of challenging cases we see that are probably not seen at a lot of other places."

Kane's surgical load ranges from performing mini-

mally invasive surgery on newborns—such as fixing esophageal atresia thoracoscopically—to more common procedures such as anti-reflux surgery, hernia repair and repairing chest wall defects. He explains that the reason these techniques are not commonplace is the skill and expertise required. "The procedures are hard to train people to do and it takes time to gain skill. At many institutions, there isn't enough volume of cases for that to happen," says Kane,

who also holds an appointment as professor of surgery and pediatrics at George Washington School of Medicine.

Kane came to Upstate Medical University intending to pursue oncology, having completed a master's in cancer science at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York. As a medical student, he spent two summers conducting oncology research with Bernie Poesz, MD, but when he started his clinical rotations, found himself drawn to surgery. "I just loved doing operations and actually fixing things," he says.

He also loved kids, so focused his residency search on general surgery programs with a successful track record of getting residents into pediatric surgery. "At the time, there were only 24 fellowship programs with an average of 80 people applying for those 24 spots," he says.

Kane spent seven years at the University of Cincinnati, including residency, a research fellowship, and a clinical fellowship in extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), leading to his pediatric surgery fellowship.

A decathlete as an undergraduate at Colgate University, Kane owes his approach to his profession to his background as a competitive athlete. "There's always something you can do a little more efficiently, a little better," he says. "Some surgeons will say, 'Oh, I've done it this way for 30 years and haven't changed anything,' but there's always innovation. That's something I try to instill in residents and fellows. That challenge toward continuous improvement also helps keep things exciting and fresh."



Timothy Kane, MD '92, is a leader in pediatric minimally invasive surgery

—Renée Gearhart Levy

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1988 Reunion

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1989

Susan L. Auffinger, of Banner Elk, NC, shares a joyful and amazing year in her household and family. In May, she sold her medical practice to a large health care entity and took an early retirement. She and husband Steve moved permanently to their vacation home in Sugar Mountain. Daughter Grace married Nouzar Monirirani on June 26 in Linville, NC. In attendance were the groom's aunt and uncle, **Houman Tamaddon '02** and **Tina Tamaddon '00**, who traveled from Atlanta for the event. She and Steve joined the grandparents club as son Sean and his wife Caitlin welcomed baby Peter on July 30 in Denver, CO. "Our new names are Cookie and Chief," she writes. "In September, I was inducted into the UMass Athletics hall of fame, as part of the 1982 Women's lacrosse team which went undefeated and won the inaugural NCAA championship. Life is great!"

1990

Susan V. Rockwell, of Cananadaigua, NY, shares that her son, **Nathan Barott '26** is now a first-year medical student at Upstate.

1992

Forbes | Coaches Council



Lisa Herbert

Lisa (Carter) Herbert '92

Lisa (Carter) Herbert, of Conyers, GA, was selected as a member of the Forbes Coaches Council. Forbes Coaches Council is an invitation-only community for successful business and career coaches. She has been coaching, training, and developing physician leaders for the past seven years as an executive leadership coach with her company, Just the Right Balance, LLC.



Peter Rosenfeld '92, Dennis W. Reedy '92, and Jeffrey E. Lancet '92

Peter Rosenfeld, of Roanoke, VA, along with **Dennis W. Reedy**, **Jeffrey E. Lancet**, and **Joseph W. Flanagan** took a trip to Glacier National Park in August 2022.

1993 Reunion

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Robert E. Todd and wife Diane, of Liverpool, NY, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17. He completed his residency training at Upstate with a transitional year in medicine in 1993-94 and then completed a neurology residency from 1994-1997, becoming chief resident in 1996. He is still in active practice in Liverpool with his wife, Diane, who is also working at his very busy practice as administrator. They are looking forward to the 30th Reunion next year and hope there will be a great turnout.

1997

William H. Gans, of Jupiter, FL, was recently named medical director for the Cleveland Clinic Tomsich Health and Medical Center in West Palm Beach.

1998 Reunion

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2000

Siren R. Chudgar, of Saint Johns, FL, was promoted to regional medical director for clinical performance and is a member of the executive leadership team for WellMed/Optum Florida. In this role, he oversees performance metrics in a value-based care agreement for approximately 225,000 Medicare Advantage lives in the state of Florida.

Pamela L. Foresman '89 and Brian S. Brundage '89, of Auburn, NY, have pulled the plug and retired. "We are planning a trip to Antarctica, followed by lots of travel, skiing, and boating!" they share.

CLIFFORD SUSSMAN, MD '03

The Perils of Too Much Screen Time

If you're worried about your kids spending too much time playing video games, you might not be wrong. In 2018, the World Health Organization officially recognized video game addiction as a behavioral addiction among its International Classification of Diseases.

That came as no surprise to Clifford Sussman, MD '03, a child and adolescent psychiatrist who recognized the problem early on after starting private practice in Washington, DC, in 2008. "Even 15 years ago, there were lots of parents coming into my office complaining that their kids were addicted to video games. It was a big problem in the teenage population," he says. "I had a lot of patients who were having extreme problems with not getting off their screens, having huge power struggles with parents, and what I would call 'failure to launch' as young adults."

In evaluating these patients, Sussman realized they exhibited many of the same behaviors he'd seen on his addiction rotations during residency. He began to investigate how screen use affects the brain, comparing functional MRI studies of people who were excessively gaming to those of people who were using substances or had other addictions. Brain images showed remarkably similar results in those who used drugs like cocaine and those who are heavy gamers. "Both activate the reward center of the brain much more than a typical activity, in part, because both provide instant and continuous stimulation," says Sussman, whose research was published in *Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinics of North America*.

The problem was so prevalent, Sussman eventually began limiting new patients to those with screen addiction among their issues. "I started to feel like screen addiction was the big elephant in the room," he says. "Many of the parents I saw had taken their kids to other psychiatrists first and been told, 'If we treat their depression or their ADHD or their anxiety, the screen problems will go away.' But that wasn't working. I found that once you could get the screen use under control, you had a much better chance of controlling all the other issues the patient had."

Sussman understands the appeal of technology. As an Upstate medical student, he dabbled in computer coding and programming and was co-developer of Scrubnet, a website developed for his peers. He received the Psychiatry Award at the Binghamton Clinical Campus, then completed a psychiatry residency at the University of Pittsburgh followed by a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at Children's National Medical Center.

Having enjoyed video games himself, Sussman says the biggest problem with kids and screens is bingeing.

"When you have a kid who's on a screen for five or six hours at a time on a regular basis, they start to become desensitized to that kind of stimulation, and that has a residual effect on them," he says.

That excessive screen use puts the brain in a different state, making it almost impossible to access other issues such as depression, anxiety, or the most common comorbidity—ADHD—because the screen addict becomes completely focused on getting their next hit of dopamine—their next access to the screen—which is a major barrier to functionality.

Although the biggest issue he sees is with video gaming, Sussman says he's seen increasing cases of social media addiction, particularly excessive viewing of YouTube and TikTok videos. The pandemic and the ensuing reliance on screen use, has only exacerbated the problem.

"All mental health demand for kids has gone up exponentially as a result of the pandemic, but the demand for screen use disorder treatment in particular is overwhelming. It's impossible for me to help all the parents who want to see me, so I'm just trying to focus a lot of my career on educating other professionals to try and meet that demand," says Sussman, who presents regularly at meetings and conferences.

He says treatment for screen addiction is typically a family-wide affair, ideally with the whole family doing a screen detox together before trying to find a balance of "high dopamine" and "low dopamine" activities. "That second phase requires a lot more limit setting by parents, which will eventually taper off," says Sussman, lead author on a forthcoming paper on treatment for technology addiction in *Pediatrics*. "The goal is for kids to be able to go off to college or enter the working world and maintain that balance on their own."



Clifford Sussman, MD '03, enjoying one of his favorite low-dopamine activities, playing music

—Renée Gearhart Levy

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Casey Duca, of Jamesville, NY, is spearheading a scholarship endowment fund in memory of **Andre de Corla-Souza '00**. "This scholarship will help support the next generation of physicians who embody Andre's character and spirit," she writes. "For more information or instructions on how to give, please visit medalumni.upstate.edu/scholarshipgifts."

Candice E. Shah, of Cary, NC, shares that her husband, **Ashish P. Shah '00**, was elected medical director of the gastroenterology department of the WakeMed Hospital system based in Raleigh, NC, on January 1, 2022. In addition to leadership of the department, he is responsible for expanding the department to now include three hospitals. He also continues to practice gastroenterology full time.

2001

Jamie Shutter, of Tampa, FL, is opening his fifth gynecology-specialty laboratory in the state of Maryland.

2003 ReUnion

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2008 ReUnion

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Hilary M. Gamble '12 with daughter Maisie and wife Alisa

2012

Hilary M. Gamble, of Jamesville, NY and wife, Alisa Gamble, recently welcomed their daughter, Maisie, into their family. "We are thankful for the support and connections with **Allison Barz Leahy** and **Nicole Toscano**. Many of us are separated by states (**Marcia Friedman**), but cherished friendships from Upstate are forever."

Carolina to do fellowships at Wake-Forest; Connor in reconstructive urology and me in orthopedic trauma," she writes.

2018

Aneesa M. Thannickal and Glenn A. Stewart, of Shelburne, VT, were married on August 27, 2022 in Bolton Landing, NY, at the Sagamore Resort.

2013 ReUnion

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2017

Julia A. Reiser and husband **Connor G. Policastro '18** of Syracuse, NY, welcomed their second child, Erin, in March. "Connor is currently finishing up his final year of urology residency at Upstate and I am working as an orthopedic surgeon at Wilson Medical Center in Binghamton. Next year, we move to North



Aneesa M. Thannickal '18 and Glenn A. Stewart '18

2019

Sylvia Z. Cardounell, of San Jose, CA, accepted a position as a hospitalist at Tuba City Regional Healthcare Center, part of Indian Health Services, in Arizona working with mostly the Navajo, Hopi, and Southern Paiute population.



Jordana L. Gilman '19, Avi Daniel Gilman, and Jenny L. Schreiber '19

Jordana L. Gilman and Jenny L. Schreiber, of Rochester, NY, are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Avi Daniel Gilman, born September 25. Jenny is a chief resident in internal medicine at University of Rochester Medical Center and Jordana is in her fourth year of OB/GYN residency there.

Residents

Tina Bramante, of Reading, PA, and Jason Mascaro welcomed a baby girl, Eva, this spring. "Her siblings Ceci, Gabe, and Layla are completely in love with her," she writes.



Eva, daughter of Tina Bramante, HS '16

Dean S. Karahalios, of Detroit, MI, proposed to his fiancée, Elani Balis. The couple met in Syracuse at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church during Dean's residency and while Elani was a physician assistant student at LeMoyne College. He completed his pediatric residency in 2021.



Dean S. Karahalios, HS '21 and fiancée Elani Balis

Marvin Koss, of Fayetteville, NY, continues his involvement with the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and New York State Psychiatric Association (NYSPA). He was elected to a two-year term as vice president of NYSPA and Area 2 Deputy Representative to the APA Assembly.

Barbara E. Krenzer, of Manlius, NY, completed her internal medicine residency in 1986 and was on faculty at Upstate practicing general internal medicine and palliative care, until her retirement in April 2022. She is now Professor Emeritus. Her son, John Stone, MD, recently graduated from her alma mater, Albany Medical Center, in April and began residency in internal medicine at Boston Medical Center. Daughter, Elizabeth Stone, MD, is in her last year of pediatric residency at Brown University and is excited to start primary



John Stone, MD, son of Barbara E. Krenzer, HS '86

care next year. "It is exciting to watch them in their careers," she writes. "A lot has changed since my residency."

Padala "PJ" Reddy, of Wichita, KS, was recently re-certified (continuous certified assessment) in general surgery for the sixth time. "I heard there are not that many surgeons in the country who are re-certified six times," he writes.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Rosenthal, of Larchmont, NY, has been retired from the practice of dermatology for 10 years and is active in Physicians for a National Health Program, NY Metro Chapter, and in local politics with Indivisible. "Late to becoming grandparents, my husband Sam and I now have three: four-year old twin girls and a two-month old girl," she writes. "We are fortunate to be in good health and remain physically active."

Stuart Trust, of Syracuse, NY, has been forced to adapt his project to under-represented students from the Syracuse City School District into careers in the healthcare due to COVID. Rather than bring groups of students to the Upstate campus for tours of the facilities, he takes medical practitioners into high schools for career coaching. "Our message is the same, the healthcare field is inclusive and diverse," he writes. "Work hard and study and we can and will help you. I recently called out for volunteers at Upstate and the response has been overwhelming."

Serdar H. Ural, of Hummelstown, PA, is tenured professor, vice chair of the Department of OB/GYN, and maternal fetal medicine fellowship training program director at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. He was an OB/GYN resident from 1993-1997.

I N M E M O R I A M

1945

MURRAY ALAN GROSSMAN, of Stuart, FL, died October 27, 2022. Dr. Grossman served two years as a U.S. Naval Medical Officer before continuing his medical training at the Cornell division at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. He returned to Syracuse for his residency and then entered private practice in 1951. While he loved treating patients, his true passion was teaching, which led to joining the clinical faculty as a full professor at Upstate, where he specialized in cardiology up until his retirement in 1992 as Professor Emeritus. His medical career included two American Heart research fellowships at the University of Utah, the first in 1970, followed by a second in 1986. He was the driving force behind setting up the first cardiac care unit in the Syracuse area, which led to a stunning 50-percent drop in mortality from cardiac arrhythmias. He went on to serve as president of the medical staff at Crouse Irving Hospital, where he led the creation of the combined Crouse Memorial Hospital, now known as Crouse Hospital. During that period, he worked with the president of Upstate to develop a working agreement between the two institutions so that the new hospital became a primary teaching facility for the Upstate medical faculty. He also served as a lecturer and cardiac consultant to the Federal Aviation Administration from 1973 to 2001, helping the agency establish cardiac safety standards for licensed pilots. Grossman was an active philanthropist in the Syracuse community, where he served on the board of directors for the United Cerebral Palsy Association from 1964-1971, and as president for the last two years of his service. During his presidency, the organization changed its name to Enable and expanded services to assist a broader group of disabled individuals. He also served as a director of the United Way of Central New York from 1971-1979. Grossman was survived by his wife, Kathy; daughters Elizabeth, Jacqueline, and Sarah; son Brian; and six grandchildren.

1948

DONALD N. SCHWING, of Onekama, MI, died November 23, 2020. Dr. Schwing was a MASH surgeon during the Korean War. He practiced general surgery and traveled the world extensively, always taking along medical supplies to render help whenever and wherever needed. He was the recipient of many awards during his lifetime. Schwing was survived by his wife, Suzanne; his eight children and their families; and Suzanne's three children and their families.

1957

RICHARD R. DOLE, of Fairfield, ME, died February 12. Dr. Dole served as a captain and flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force. In 1964, he started a private practice in Waterville, ME, becoming medical director of the respiratory therapy department at Thayer Hospital. His career culminated in 1996 after serving as a pulmonologist at Togus VA Hospital for 10 years. Dole was survived by his wife, Maureen; daughters Lisa and Sharon; sons David and Jonathan; two bonus children, Jennifer and Jessica; and 12 grandchildren.

ROBERT F. KOTTMANN, of Gainesville, FL, died December 28, 2021. Dr. Kottmann was survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and family.

MARVIN A. LEDER, of New York, NY, died May 24. Dr. Leder was a brilliant physician and honored endocrinologist. He practiced for 60 years and never lost his enthusiasm for treating the complex endocrine problems of his patients. Leder was survived by his wife, Susan; daughter Stacy; stepchildren Lauryn, Larry, and Douglas; and three grandchildren.

1958

JOSEPH S. LUNN, of Evans, GA, died August 28. After graduating from medical school, Dr. Lunn continued his internship and residency at Upstate. In 1962, he served a two-year tour with the Public Health Service in Atlanta, GA, conducting malaria research. In 1964, he undertook a two-year fellowship in infectious diseases at Upstate, and then entered practice in Syracuse. In 1969, he became an associate physician at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, NY. In 1972, he was appointed chief of the medical staff at Bassett until 1980, when he joined the Medical College of Georgia as an attending physician and clinical professor, until his retirement in 1996. Lunn was survived by his sons, Gregory and Daniel; daughter Susan; three grandchildren; stepchildren Robin, Paula, and Tracy; six step-grandchildren; and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

1962

ROBERT ALLEN NEMIROFF, of La Jolla, CA, died July 20. Dr. Nemiroff interned with the Veterans Affairs Connecticut Health Care Center and completed his residency in psychiatry at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He was a clinical professor of psychiatry and director of the residency

training program at the University of California. He was one of the founding members of the San Diego Psychoanalytic Center. Nemiroff was a training and supervising psychoanalyst in the San Diego Psychoanalyst Institute. He also had a private practice of psychiatry and psychoanalysis in La Jolla. Nemiroff was survived by his wife, Barbara, and daughters Nancy, Julie, and Susan.

1963

FRANKLIN FIEDELHOLTZ, of Aventura, FL, and formerly of New York, died September 3. Dr. Fiedelholz was survived by his son, Peter; daughters Ellen and Sara; and five grandchildren.

1964

GARY C. KENT, of Pittsford, NY, died March 29. Dr. Kent practiced anesthesiology and retired from Genesee Hospital. He was survived by his son, Peter, and two grandsons.

1966

JOSEPH VINCENT COLLEA, of Cornelius, NC, died June 3. Dr. Collea completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Johns Hopkins. In 1979, he began a 32-year career as professor of maternal fetal medicine at Georgetown University. Collea was survived by his wife, Margaret; daughters Amy, Lisa, and Jennie; and eight grandchildren.

1968

DAVID H. POSTLES, of Highland, NC, and Bradenton, FL, died March 6. Dr. Postles served his internship and residency at Case Western Reserve University Hospitals of Cleveland. His residency was interrupted by two years of service as a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps at Ft. Bragg, NC. In 1974, he joined with Drs. Bunch, Salley, and Rowlan in Columbia, SC, in what grew to be South Carolina OB/GYN Associates, the largest OB/GYN practice in Columbia. He served as president of the group for many years and retired in 2013 due to health reasons. He was survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter Jill; son Jeffrey; three grandchildren; and two step-grandsons.

1969

JEFFREY GENE KAPLAN, of Baltimore, MD, died February 6. Dr. Kaplan was a dedicated pediatrician and medical director for more than 32 years. He helped thousands of children and their families, finishing his career in the Orthodox Jewish community of Kiryas Joel, in Orange County, NY. Kaplan was survived by his wife, Marie; sons Daniel and Matthew; daughter Heather; and six grandchildren.

1972

EVA Z. WIESNER, of Syracuse, NY, died December 22, 2021. Dr. Wiesner had a 50-year career providing pediatric care in Syracuse and Central Square. She volunteered at St. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church and traveled with Faith in Practice to provide pediatric care in rural parts of Guatemala. Wiesner was survived by her husband, Jack; son Nathaniel; daughters Emilie and Jocelyn; and six grandchildren.

2018

KATHLEEN A. ILES, of Durham, NC, died October 10. As an Upstate medical student, Dr. Iles received several distinguished honors including the SUNY Chancellor's Award, the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award and served as the president of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She moved to North Carolina for surgical residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was fiercely dedicated to teaching, for which she received multiple awards, pursued technical excellence in the operating room, and advanced the science of medicine through several research publications and presentations. She continued practicing medicine at the hospital in the years following her cancer diagnosis and throughout her treatment. Iles was survived by her husband, Taylor Gleeson; two sisters, Shannon and Brady; and her parents, Dan and Sue Iles. In lieu of flowers, it was Iles' wish to direct all gifts to a fund that has been established in her name at Upstate Norton College of Medicine, the Kathleen A. Iles '18 Memorial Scholarship Fund. She was a recipient of many of these scholarships and was passionate in her goal to pay it forward. Donations can be made online at <https://medalumni.upstate.edu/scholarshipgifts>.

Residents

DONALD A. BRUNGARD, of Winter Haven, FL, died January 20, 2019. Dr. Brungard was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He practiced general surgery in Haines City, FL, for 30 years. Brungard was survived by his wife, Judith; sons Martin and Gary; and three granddaughters.

DAVID S. CHASE, of Shelburne, VT, died September 11. Dr. Chase received his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1962. He completed his surgical internship at Upstate in 1963. He then served as a lieutenant, General Medical Officer in the U.S. Navy for two years. He completed his ophthalmology residency at Indiana University School of Medicine in 1968. Chase established a solo medical practice in Burlington later that year, where he practiced until his retirement in 2003. He was certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and the American Board of Eye Surgeons, of which he was a charter member. Chase was survived by his wife, Brianne; daughter Alyson; sons Stuart and Eric; and three grandchildren.

CHARLES H. COLLIER, of East Greenbush, NY, died July 21. Dr. Collier completed his residency at Upstate in radiation oncology and had an interest in technology and electronics in medicine and surgery. He was employed at Albany Medical Center, Stratton VA Hospital, St Peter's Hospital in Albany, Amsterdam Hospital, and Guthrie Medical Center in Corning, NY. Collier was survived by his wife, Julie; sons Edmund and Christopher; daughter Juliana; and three grandchildren.

FRANCIS J. DURGIN, of Dewitt, NY, died July 24, 2018. Dr. Durgin served his country in the Army during the Korean War as a chaplain. He began his career as a psychiatrist and practiced in the Syracuse area for the duration of his medical career. He retired in 2015 after more than 55 years of practice at the age of 85. Durgin was survived by his daughters, Ann and Mary; and five grandchildren.

ERIC M. DREYFUSS, of Miami, FL, died June 23, 2021. Dr. Dreyfuss practiced allergy and pediatric allergy for more than 50 years. He was an emeritus clinical professor of pediatrics and medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dreyfuss was survived by his son, Peter; daughter Lisa; and three granddaughters.

ALVIN H. FRIED, of Ocean, NJ, died November 5, 2019. Dr. Fried served his country as a captain and internist in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, from July 1961 to June 1963. He practiced internal medicine with a specialty in diabetes and hypoglycemia. He established his medical

practice in 1963 in West Long Branch and practiced more than 40 years. Fried was survived by his wife, Vivian; daughter Debra; son Stephen; and five grandchildren.

MAMERTO F. GENSOLI, of Beacon, NY, died May 8, 2021. Dr. Gensoli practiced medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital on Staten Island, NY. He lived in Bacolod City, Philippines, for two years where he established a clinic to serve the community and then returned the United States. He continued his career as an anesthesiologist with the Veteran's Administration Hospitals in Reading, PA, Syracuse, NY, St. Louis, MO, and Castle Point, NY, where he served for 38 years. Gensoli was survived by his daughters, Lynn and Elizabeth; son James; and seven grandchildren.

WALTER G. HEIMANN, of Manchester, CT, died October 17, 2020. Dr. Heimann spent three decades practicing radiology in Manchester, CT, affiliated with Manchester Memorial Hospital. His path to central Connecticut began in pre-World War II Germany. He and his family left Germany in 1939, several months before the start of the war. He joined the Hagana, the underground organization dedicated to the defense of the Jewish population of Palestine in the late 1940s, and joined the newly established army in 1948, the year Israel became a state. He continued his service until 1950, and then left Israel for university and medical school in Bern, Switzerland. He came to the United States in the mid-50s, interning at Upstate and later completing his residency at Cornell in New York City. Heimann was survived by his daughter, Gail, and two granddaughters.

ROBERT PENDER HELDT, of Littleton, CO, died January 16, 2019. Dr. Heldt earned his medical degree in 1959 from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. In his last year of medical school, he joined the U.S. Navy, and upon earning his medical degree, completed his surgical internship in the U.S. Navy. He served as a U.S. Navy Officer caring for sailors and marines during the Vietnam era from 1959-1968. After his service, he completed his urology residency at Upstate from 1969-1973, and then opened a private practice in Watertown, NY from 1973-1994. He went on to care for thousands of veterans at the Veteran Affairs Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, LA, from 1994 until his retirement in 2016. Heldt was survived by his daughters, Julie, Laura, Theresa and Christa; sons Steven and Daniel; and sixteen grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS HARMON JOBE, of Chicago, IL, died March 16. Dr. Jobe was dual boarded with honors from the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago, in neurology and psychiatry. He completed his psychiatry residency at Upstate in 1973 and was greatly influenced by Upstate professor Thomas Szasz, MD. After residency, he spent two years in the Navy's medical corps as a psychiatrist, working at the Naval Station Great Lakes training center. In 1978, he accepted a job as an assistant professor at UIC's College of Medicine, heading up a new neuropsychiatry program. Jobe became full professor at UIC in 1996, and in 1997, he was awarded the Merton Max Gill Faculty Teacher of the Year Award. His research, recognized worldwide, has had a significant impact on the usage of antipsychotics on individuals with schizophrenia. His work proved that antipsychotics, when taken for more than two years, have a devastating impact on patients. He retired in 2006, but immediately returned to work on research involving a multi-decade follow-up study of psychiatric patients and the efficacy of certain psychiatric medications. Jobe was survived by his son, William Vance Jobe, and his life partner, Anna Weaver.

M. RICHARD KATZ, of Penn Valley, PA, died June 27, 2017. Dr. Katz received his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine in 1955. He performed his internship at St. Louis Hospital in 1956 and then served in the U.S. Army as a psychiatrist while stationed in Texas, San Francisco, and Tokyo. He completed a residency in neurosurgery at the University of Wisconsin and worked in the neurosurgery lab at Barnes Hospital, and then Upstate for his neurosurgery residency. He completed a fellowship in microsurgery in Switzerland. Katz returned to St. Louis as head of neurosurgery at Jewish Hospital from 1964-1969. In 1969, he accepted the position of head of neurosurgery at Albert Einstein Medical Center. Katz was survived by his sons, Stephen and Charles; daughter Lise; and five grandchildren.

WAYNE STEVENSON LIMBER, of Spokane, WA, died December 31, 2021. Dr. Limber received his medical degree from the University of Vermont, where he developed early expertise in endoscopy for diagnosis and treatment and specialized in gastroenterology. He worked at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco, then Pacifica, CA, and later in Oahu, HI. He moved to Boise, ID, and worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital and then finished his career at the Veteran's Hospital in Spokane. Limber was survived by sons David and Mark; daughter Cynthia; and four grandchildren.

SUMNER MARSHALL, of Berkeley, CA, died October 26, 2020. Dr. Marshall graduated from Cornell Medical School and completed his residency in urology. He practiced urology in Berkeley for 35 years and taught medical students at University of California-San Francisco. Marshall was survived by his sons, Randy, Gregg, and Brad; and eight grandchildren.

SESINANDO NAZARENO, of Southgate, MI, died September 8, 2019. Dr. Nazareno received his medical degree in 1956 and practiced anesthesiology at Outer Drive and Seaway Hospitals and Castleman Eye Center for more than 45 years. Nazareno was survived by his wife, Aurora; daughters Mary and Gigi; sons Francis, Gerard and Edward; and 13 grandchildren.

WALTER L. PELHAM, of Delmar, NY, died November 30, 2021. Dr. Pelham graduated from University of Rochester School of Medicine. He served in the U.S. Army. He was in private practice in Newark, NY, until 1970. He served as deputy commissioner of the Albany County Health Department prior to retirement. Pelham was survived by his daughters, Deborah, Laurie and Julie.

EFRAIN PEREZ-VARGAS, of Sinking Spring, PA, died July 19. Dr. Perez-Vargas completed his residency in neurology at Upstate in 1992 and completed a fellowship in movement disorders at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in 1994. He most recently practiced at Tower Health Medical Center. Perez-Vargas was survived by his wife, Liza; son David; daughters Christina and Rebecca; and his parents, Efrain and Elba Perez.

JAMES HAYWARD SAKER, of East Lansing, MI, died December 27, 2020. Dr. Saker graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School, where he also completed his residency in internal medicine. He completed a residency in allergy and immunology at Upstate, followed by a fellowship at the University of Michigan. He served as chief of staff at E.W. Sparrow Hospital and practiced medicine until his retirement in 2009. Saker was survived by his wife Joan; sons Steven, Douglas, Timothy, and Jonathon; and daughter Susan; nine grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

PIRKKO LIISA SEROG, of Jamesville, NY, died January 3, 2019. Dr. Serog came to the United States in 1955 on a Fulbright Scholarship from Finland, after completing her medical degree from University of Helsinki. She worked as an anesthesiologist at Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital for more than two decades. Segro was survived by her children, Britta and Dan; and six grandchildren.

ROBERT MALCOLM STAFFORD, of Colorado Springs, CO, died November 23, 2021. Dr. Stafford served as a doctor in the U.S. Army in Colorado Springs in 1961. Soon after, he opened his medical practice, Associates in Internal Medicine, and practiced for over four decades. He was medical director of Namaste Alzheimer Center and Pikes Peak Hospice. He retired in 2004. Dr. Stafford was survived by his daughters, Carolyn and Liz; sons Rob, Tim, and Phil; eleven grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

PRABHUNDA VANASUPA, of Bay City, MI, died March 11, 2021. Dr. Vanasupa was a board-certified neurosurgeon practicing neurosurgery in Bay City and Saginaw for 32 years. He retired in 1996. Vanasupa was survived by his wife Verna; son Ted; daughters Linda and Diane; and five grandchildren.

JOHN T. WALTERS, of Binghamton, NY, died November 13, 2019. Dr. Walters attended University of Buffalo Medical School, interned at Philadelphia General and completed his residency in internal medicine and cardiology at Upstate in 1960. He served two years at Nellis Airforce Base in Las Vegas. He returned to Binghamton and established Cardiology Associates and practiced for 50 years. Dr. Walters was survived by his sons Kevin and John; daughters Brigid, Mary and Catherine; and seven grandchildren.

GEORGE MYERS YOUNG, of Malvern, PA, died January 28, 2021. Dr. Young attended Temple University. He was a flight surgeon and internist in the U.S. Navy from 1960-1968. He practiced internal medicine in Northampton, MA, from 1969-1981, and a cardiology fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School and Veterans Administration, from 1981-1983. He practiced cardiology in Indianapolis and at Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital in Chestertown, MD. Young was survived by his wife, Janet; sons George, Robert, Christopher, and Alexander; daughters Cynthia, Susan, Jessica, and Erica; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



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