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1945

Brinton T. Darlington, of Seattle, WA, is working on memoirs for his century birthday in January 2022. "I use a walker to get to regular activities, getting to the dining room and medical trips. My daughter Ann lives nearby and provides transport plus."

1952 Reunion

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1953

Daniel J. Mason, of Coral Springs, FL, writes "Thirty-five years in retirement from OB/GYN. Married 69 years to my Syracuse sweetheart, Lauris Lapidos. Our oldest son is a retired MD. We have three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild with another on the way. I'm a full-time south Floridian. Can you believe it?"

1956

Michael L. Del Monico, of Raleigh, NC, still misses New York State.

1957 Reunion

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Richard J. Lubera '59 with family and friends

1959

Richard J. Lubera, of Grosse Pointe, MI, was honored to be selected as a Top Doc by *Hour Detroit* magazine for 2021. He has an active practice and assists his patients during the Covid-19 crisis through working at the hospital and utilizing telemedicine at his office. He recently celebrated his birthday at the Detroit Athletic Club with his family and friends, overlooking the city on the rooftop of the club where the evening started with a toast.

1960

Leonard R. Friedman, of Middleton, MA, writes "I was not surprised to see references by LinkedIn to 2020-2021 published articles by **Samuel O. Thier** on medical science research, **Mary Giambattista Ampola** in neurology, and **Philip A. Wolf** in work studied during the Framingham Studies. These graduates of the Class of 1960 have already received recognition by the school as alumni standouts receiving the prestigious Distinguished Alumnus Award. I would note others who contributed to medicine: **Julian M. Aroesty**, in cardiac treatment through Harvard Medical School on the East Coast and is still writing fictional stories as a Cornell and Upstate graduate. **Lewis Wexler** in radiology through Stanford Medical on the West Coast, developed the original cardiac catheterization methodology. Both continue to work into their 80s. Now at the 50th anniversary of the Attica Prison Riots, **John F. Edland*** was the Monroe County New York medical examiner and diffused the myths surrounding the prison disturbance leading to the local paper winning a Pulitzer Prize. I am still amazed how a small school, Upstate, was able to place as one of the top 10 tested schools in the nation in the 1960s and whose alumni constantly contribute to the progress of our knowledge."

**deceased*

1962 Reunion

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Kirtland E. Hobler, of Milford, OH, and Joanna Carlson Hobler write "We remember the class of 1962 graduation just 59 fast years ago. We're off on another Road Scholar trip in October."



Kirtland E. Hobler '62 and Joanna Carlson Hobler

1963

Malcolm E. Levine, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and Margie are pleased to note that their two oldest granddaughters are engaged and will be married in June 2022 and October 2022.

1965

Philip S. Schein, of Stuart, FL, was recently elected to Mastership by the American College of Physicians, through a combination of achievements, including the practice of internal medicine, academic contributions, and service to the college. The qualities that the award committee considers are strength of character, integrity, perseverance, leadership,

compassion, devotion and clinical expertise and commitment to advancing the art and science of medicine.

Lawrence F. Simon, of Pomona, NY, continues working full time and is enjoying it.

1966

Norman L. Fienman, of Broomall, PA, writes, "When the vaccine was about to become available, I volunteered to help our county administer giving shots. They were thrilled I was a pediatrician with 50 years of experience of immunizing people. I did virtual orientation and then I received a phone call. 'Sorry we can't use you because you are over 75 and our insurance will not cover you.' Absurd age discrimination so they continued to use whomever they could get, even first year nursing students who had never given real shots. Fortunately, my hospital system and my grandchildren's school districts were thrilled to have me volunteer. Now I am on the list for volunteers to immunize those under 12 as soon as the FDA and CDC give emergency authorization. I'm also keeping busy tutoring English and am a docent at the Brandywine River Museum. We were able to visit Charleston before Delta strain arrived and have been commuting between Broomall and our New Jersey shore house."

1967 Reunion

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Hal (Harold) C. Burchel, of Hillsborough, NC, retired in May 2017, having worked 50 years. He was board certified in primary care and later in emergency medicine. He enjoyed ER work tremendously, seeing each new patient who came through the doors as a mystery to solve. "I thoroughly enjoyed my 50th reunion in September 2017. Seeing many of my classmates made me realize how good God is," he writes. "We've had full lives indeed. Ruthan and I spent nearly half of our medical careers in Africa. She was an RN and we always worked side by side. She went to heaven June 27. I miss her terribly; she was the love of my life. I am 81 and still in quite good health. Our mission work was all done in Africa and I have prayed with over 8,000 Africans to receive Jesus. I will be returning to Kenya in late December to resume my spiritual ministry. I will return to the States every few months for a rest and to see my primary care physician."



Hal C. Burchel '67 and his wife Ruthan in 2018

Martin L. Cohen, '67, of Morristown, NJ, worked part time for the summer. "We have a lot to thank Upstate for and are grateful for the friends we have from Syracuse. Looking forward to the next reunion, and hope to spend part or all of the winter in Florida," he writes.



Robert L. Bard '68 at the NY Proton Center

1968

Robert L. Bard, of New York, NY, presented 3D doppler image-guided cancer treatment at the NY Proton Center, the most advanced facility for cyclotron treatment in New York State.

Jacob A. Reiss and Betty E. Reiss, of Portland, OR, were on the Jersey Shore with Rissa and **Michael Ratner** getting too exposed to the sun at **Harvey Bucholtz** and Joan's beach house in Bradley Beach, in July. "We had a great time!"



Betty E. Reiss '68, Jacob A. Reiss '68, Harvey K. Bucholtz '68, Joan Bucholtz, and Rissa and Michael Ratner '68

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Walter F. Erston, '70 is living in retirement with his wife in Charlotte, NC, after spending his last radiology experience with a local group. His chief occupation now is yardwork and keeping the bird feeders full. "Best wishes to my fellow classmates," he writes. "I haven't been back to Syracuse in many years."

1969

Gary S. Luckman, of Oakland Park, FL, continues to actively practice gastroenterology in Fort Lauderdale. He was one of the founders and first president of DigestiveCare, a 50 G.I./20 office practice in south Florida. The practice merged with GastroHealth, a practice with more than 300 gastroenterologists in six states. He has stepped away from the management team and enjoys his continued practice in G.I. and taking time to enjoy the rest of life with his wife, Cheryl, three adult children, and four grandchildren.

1970

Bernard J. Crain, of Hickory, NC, is very busy working on Physicians for Social Responsibility's Back from the Brink grass roots movement. Learn more at psr.org, wncpsr.org, and preventnuclearwar.org.

1971

Lester D. Miller, of Aptos, CA, continues teaching rheumatology fellows at University of California, San Francisco. His daughter Alison is an executive at Instacart, and his son Aaron is co-director of the Asia-Pacific Institute at UCLA. "My wife Martha and I look forward to resuming world travels soon."

1972 Reunion

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Carol L. Bender, of Williamsburg, VA, writes "I am one of six women in my class, and am proud to still be practicing."

David B. Tyler, of Fayetteville, NY, retired in 2016 after practicing general surgery in Syracuse for 40 years. "I am still living in the Syracuse area with my wife Sherry of 56 years," he writes.

1974

Philip M. Guiliano, of Chester, NJ, is enjoying the many gifts of retirement with his wife Tracy. "Having moved to North Jersey we are getting great workouts walking its many hills and most importantly we are enjoying grandparenting," he writes.

1975

Sharon E. Mace, of Chesterland, OH, was awarded the Pamela P. Bensen Trailblazer Award, in recognition of her seminal contributions over time to the growth of the college and the specialty of emergency medicine, by the American College of the Emergency Physicians at their last annual meeting. Mace is a professor of medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. She is a physician at the Cleveland Clinic in the Department of Emergency Medicine, and is currently the director of research. She has written more than 200 articles in the medical literature and is now writing/editing her third textbook in emergency medicine.

1977 Reunion

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Mark W. Zilkoski, of Wolf Point, MT, recently had a visit from classmate **Peter Birk** and his wife Elaine. "We enjoyed a few beers at our pub, Missouri Breaks Brewing, and they stayed in our Airbnb above the pub. They were on their way to Glacier Park. We had a wonderful visit after 40 years! I also just finished a grueling two-year course on how to teach mindfulness with Jack Kornfield and Tara Brach."



Mark W. Zilkoski '77 and Peter Birk '77

1979

Stephen L. Ferrante, of Estero, FL, writes "After refractory atrial fibrillation stole 18 years from my imaging career, I am now well enough to get back in the game. On July 1, I entered the general radiology fellowship at the University of Miami and hope to re-enter practice when I finish in June 2022. I never dreamed I'd return to formal training at my age, but it tickles me to be simultaneously studying the same books as my son, who is in his second year of radiology residency in

Pittsburgh. I feel blessed to be given another chance to use my medical education, and I'm also thankful to have celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary with our five kids and granddaughter recently."

Neil F. Shalish, of Trumansburg, NY, recently retired from Family Medicine Associates of Ithaca after 39 years of practice to be able to spend more time with his family and beautiful granddaughters.

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Bruce K. Barach, has semi-retired and moved to Pawleys Island, SC. "I am doing some office-based plastic surgery in a dermatology practice here and enjoying the warm weather, beaches, and golf. My Medicare card arrived in September, it's hard to believe where the time has gone," he writes.



Monica M. Beckford '82

Monica M. Beckford, of Austin, TX, attended the University of Texas in an attempt to reset her career and received a Master of Education degree in 2002. She had a short story published in *Writing Austin's Loves*, a collection of stories written by people in Austin, and has contributed to a

blog entitled, *Communication and Intimacy*. "My greatest skill is listening to people and giving them the gift of catharsis. I send to all of you love and wish that you are loving your chosen fields," she writes.

Joseph A. Smith, of Hillsborough, NJ, sold his family practice in January 2020. He was a founding partner and loves being an employee now. "I see my patients, don't worry about administrative stuff, and go home to enjoy the rest of my life," he writes. "My wife Fern and I became first-time grandparents on August 8, to our granddaughter Angela Kennedy Duane. Regards to everyone from Class of 1982."

1985

Drew Malloy, of Santa Cruz, CA, is enjoying work-life balance and his family, including a rescue dog named Cleo who came to them during the pandemic.

1986

Kevin D. Stuart and **Pamela J. Stuart**, continue their practices in northern California. Kevin is in solo practice in gastroenterology/hepatology and has also taken on the role of medical director for a local hospice after completing his master's in palliative care this year. Pam recently retired from emergency medicine after serving as medical director for the past 30 years. She also has a private skin care center that she opened 22 years ago and continues to enjoy.



Kevin D. Stuart '86, Pamela J. Stuart '86 and family

Their oldest son Ben followed in their footsteps and is a fourth-year chief resident in neurology and is starting his neuro-critical care fellowship next year. Their younger son Daniel directs and produces science and natural history films.

1987 Reunion

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Ronald S. Gilberg, of Tarpon Springs, FL, moved to Tampa Bay, FL, for residency training at the University of South Florida Morsani School of Medicine and is a practicing board-certified geriatrician in Hudson, FL. "**Michael Trevisani '84** is chief medical officer at Regional Medical Center at Bayonet, where I am an attending," he writes. "Despite opportunities to meet, it amazingly, never happened until the Upstate White Coat Ceremony for the class of 2025, when we discovered our two sons **Caleb Gilberg** and **Christopher Trevisani** are MS1 classmates and that we share the great honor of being legacy families. In fact, both our sons already met

and became friends before we attended the ceremony. What a story!"



Michael F. Trevisani '84 with son Christopher Trevisani '25 and Caleb Gilberg '25 with his father, Ronald S. Gilberg '87

1988

Daniel M. Young, of Vestal, NY, was named the 2021 Family Medicine Educator of the Year by the New York State Academy of Family Physicians. This award recognizes his many contributions to family medicine education. He has been a family medicine physician for 30 years and has been actively teaching residents and students for his entire career. For the last 10 years, he has been the champion of education for future family medicine

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physicians as the program director of United Health Services Family Medicine Residency in Binghamton, NY, his residency alma mater. He has been a member of the NYSAFP for 30 years, while practicing full-time, full-spectrum family medicine in a rural community, to the next generation of physicians.

1989

Susan L. Auffinger, of Clemmons, NC, competed in the 2021 North Carolina Senior Games track event. She won the silver medal in 200M dash, and bronze medals in the 100M and 50M events in her age group. Although never previously a track competitor, she did play field hockey and lacrosse at the University of Massachusetts in the early 1980s. She was a freshman starter on the 1982 lacrosse team, which went undefeated and captured the NCAA Championship. She is slated for induction into the UMass Athletic Hall of fame in 2022, which will coincide with the 40th anniversary of the National Championship.

1990

Kevin Abrams, of Miami Beach, FL, was honored to be awarded Fellow of the American College of Radiology (FACR) in May.

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Brian A. Meltzer, of Wilton, CT, is currently leading global pharmaceutical development teams in therapies for rare disease. The global program he is running for Alexion Astra-Zeneca Rare Disease announced the top line results of a clinical trial that they completed for their new therapy in Wilson Disease.

1994

Alan Wang, of Williamsville, NY, was selected as the overall anesthesia chairman for the Catholic Health System of western New York in May. In addition to remaining as chair at Sisters of Charity Hospital's Main Street and St. Joseph's campuses, he will now oversee anesthesia services at Buffalo Mercy Hospital, Kenmore Mercy, and Mount St. Mary's.

1995



Carolyn Danzi Marasco '95

Carolyn L. Danzi Marasco, of Wesley Chapel, FL, recently celebrated her 20th anniversary with BayCare Health system.

"I work in outpatient pediatrics and love watching my patients grow up and bring their children to see me. I am currently involved with a new pediatric residency program at BayCare kids, where I am core faculty, an outpatient site director at my office location, and wellness champion," she writes. "I love my pediatric patients and can't wait to help train the next generation of pediatricians."

Rustin B. Morse, of Dublin, OH, completed a pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and a pediatric emergency medicine fellowship at what is now Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. He then moved to Arizona for his first faculty position at Phoenix Children's Hospital. There, he got involved in quality and patient safety, and after 12 years, moved to Children's Medical Center Dallas where he served as chief quality officer for eight years. In 2020, he moved to Columbus, OH, to join Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) as chief medical officer. Rustin absolutely loves central Ohio and NCH. He lives in a suburb of Columbus along with his wife Michelle and two children, Braeden, 17, and Eli, 14. When not at work, he enjoys running and riding, and now watching Buckeyes football. "Go Bucks!"

1996

Leah Hinkle-Thompson, of Forest, VA, writes "Our 25th Upstate reunion was cancelled due to Covid, but we still had the weekend off. Myself and **Karen Saylor** met in Boston for some fun and catching up. We got **David J. Joswick '98** to meet us, too! Just like old times."



Leah Hinkle-Thompson '96, Karen Saylor '96, and David J. Joswick '98

1997 Reunion

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1998

Deepak G. Nair, of Sarasota, FL, was elected president of the Florida American College of Surgeons and is a governor for the National American College of Surgeons. "I am proud to be the first person of color in the role, and also proud to represent our medical school here in Florida. I enjoyed getting together a year ago with fellow alums here in Sarasota," he writes.

2001

Jamie Shutter, of Tampa, FL, opened his second and third Women's Health Laboratories in North Carolina and Texas in the last quarter of 2020 for Unified Women's Healthcare. The first is located in Tampa.

2002 Reunion

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2007 Reunion

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2009



Greggory D. Laroche '09 with his wife Imhabibi and sons Immanuel and Godfrey

Greggory D. Laroche, of Ocala, FL, along with his wife Imhabibi Laroche and son Immanuel Laroche, welcomed their newest member to the family, Godfrey Ezekiel Laroche on August 2, 2021.

2012 Reunion

September 16•17, 2022

2013

Charles D. Hannum, of Boston, MA, is excited to announce that in May he was named the core clerkship director for pediatrics at Tufts University School of Medicine. He leads 160 Boston-based students for their pediatric clerkship at more than a dozen clinical sites and is excited for this new step in his career. He was also the recipient of the Tufts Children's Hospital Sydney S. Gellis, MD, Young Physician's Award, which fosters the education and careers of young physicians who seek to improve treatments, outcomes, and the quality of life of sick children.

Rhonda L. Philopena, of Jamesville, NY, and her husband had their second child in May, a son. Rhonda works as assistant clinical professor in the pediatric emergency department at Upstate.



Rhonda L. Philopena '13 and her family

ALISON MITZNER, MD '97

An Alternative Path

After five years as a pediatrician in private practice in New York City, Alison Mitzner, MD '97, was second-guessing her career choice. She loved kids. And she'd loved the science of medicine. But she found the day-to-day of her clinical practice simultaneously too stressful and too repetitive. "I was often triple booked. And most of what I was doing wasn't that challenging," she says. "I was most interested in the really complicated cases that were referred out to the sub-specialists."

Dr. Mitzner considered applying to fellowship programs. But then a friend from San Francisco mentioned that many doctors he knew worked in some capacity in the pharmaceutical industry.

After doing some research and networking, Mitzner honed in on the safety and regulatory aspect of the industry, where she has worked for 15 years. She's been at Pfizer since 2006, currently serving as senior director for Worldwide Safety and Regulatory, focusing on medical documentation safety oversight and customer engagement programs. She has previously led quality control efforts of medical review, led safety teams, and mentored physicians globally.

She's found the work deeply satisfying. "There's a lot of medicine and science and I'm still impacting patients, but on a much larger scale," she says.

And she hasn't lost touch with pediatrics. Early on, Mitzner positioned herself to become one of the pediatric subject matter experts, serving as part of the pediatric council and writing for the company's public website on a range of pediatric topics. Over time, she began blogging and submitting articles to other outlets on topics ranging from medicine and pediatrics to more personal issues such as motherhood, wellness, fitness, and alternative therapies.

"I love that I can be a resource hub for moms across the world," says Mitzner, a single mom of two children and fitness enthusiast who placed in the top five in the 2018 FitDoc competition.

Much of her writing was inspired by her own experiences. After an injury 10 years ago, Mitzner explored a variety of alternative therapies to cope with pain, including meditation and acupuncture. They made an incredible difference in her life, which she realized impacted her parenting.

She shares that knowledge in her first book, *Calm and Confident Parenting, How to Care for Yourself (and Your Kids) Through Life's Chaos* (Lioncrest, 2021),



Alison Mitzner, MD '97, (with her children) is an executive at Pfizer and writes on issues related to self care and parenting.

published in August. Mitzner combines science-backed information with her own experiences to offer strategies for making small changes to mindset, routine, and habits. By making adjustments that improve nutrition, fitness, and time management, Mitzner argues that parents will be better equipped to raise children with calm confidence and to enjoy their parenting journey.

Mitzner says she set out to address common parental challenges that new parents go through: the exhaustion, the anxiety, the stress, the sleeplessness. "As I delved into these topics, I could see that a lot of the information provided from popular sources was often incorrect and the medical information was presented in a way that was just plain boring," she says. Instead, she wrote the book she wishes she had during her first pregnancy.

"Children learn from watching and observing their parents. We are their biggest role models. If they see you calm and reacting to stressful situations calmly, they will learn to stay calm when anxious or faced with a stressful situation," she says.

"Parenting can be overwhelming, and in the process, parents often neglect themselves, but this is the wrong thing to do," says Mitzner. "My message is that self-care can have a positive impact on both you and your kids."

—Renée Gearhart Levy

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2015



Richard P. Jean-Louis '20, Elizabeth M. Presutto '19, Leigh A. Presutto '15 with wife Meryn, Meghan E. Jacobs '15, and Stephanie N. Grube '15

Leigh A. Presutto, of Lincolnville, ME, was married to Meryn on August 23, 2021. A few Upstate graduates joined in their beautiful celebration of love.

radiation oncologist with Hematology Oncology Associates of CNY.

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Ramzi A. El-Hassan, of Rochester, NY, and wife Diana M. Dunn welcomed a baby girl to the world on June 23. Quinn Maureen El-Hassan was born at 37 weeks, weighing 5lbs 12.8oz.



Ramzi A. El-Hassan '17 with his wife Diana M. Dunn and daughter Quinn Maureen El-Hassan

James C. Prezzano and Kavitha M. (Mannava) Prezzano, of Manlius, NY, welcomed Maya Prezzano, born July 27. James opened a dermatology practice in Fayetteville, NY, (Fayetteville Dermatology) the following month in August, and is accepting new patients. Kavitha is a

2018

John J. Lofrese, of San Diego, CA, graduated from internal medicine residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and was stationed at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton. He has since been deployed to help provide care for incoming Afghan refugees to the United States.

2019

Alexandra S. France, of Rochester, NY, was married to Ming Qi Wu '18 on October 9, in the beautiful finger lakes on Seneca Lake. Five of the bridesmaids were medical school classmates of the class of 2019.



Ogochukwu M. Ezeoke '19 and husband Philip A. Cox

Ogochukwu M. Ezeoke, of Chicago, IL, and Philip A. Cox met in Syracuse in August 2017 and were married on October 9.



Ming Qi Wu '18 and Alexandra S. France '19



Bride Alexandra S. France with her bridesmaids, Alison Rosser, Amanda Gemmiti, Michelle Baker, Jamie Nord and Nicole Lifson, all members of the class of 2019.

ANTHONY KASHOU, MD '18

Demystifying the EKG

Growing up as the son of an interventional cardiologist in Binghamton, New York, Anthony Kashou, MD '18, dreamed of following his father's career path. But as a third-year medical student, Dr. Kashou found learning to read EKGs a challenge during his internal medicine rotation.

The problem, he says, was the learning materials were either too basic or too advanced and didn't always do a good job explaining clinical relevance. He turned to textbooks and medical literature to fill the gap. "I was constantly asking my father and the cardiologist I was working with, 'what does all this mean?'"

Kashou invested time learning and mastering the material. As a fourth-year medical student, he worked with a cardiologist to recreate and teach a curriculum to third-year students. He did an away-rotation at the Cleveland Clinic, where he was charged with providing education to medical students. As a video learner himself, Kashou began making videos about reading EKGs that he posted to YouTube. By the end of the year, he had created hundreds. "Learning in medical school is kind of like drinking from a fire hose with all the information we're expected to know," he says. "So learning what makes content 'click' is essential."

Flash forward four years. Kashou is now in his first year of a National Institutes of Health-funded research and cardiology fellowship at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he also completed his internal medicine residency training. But he's also known far and wide as The EKG Guy. His social media channels have garnered more than 1-million followers and he's produced well over 500 video lessons. He's also created a comprehensive course that he claims can take someone with no EKG experience to advanced interpreter level, as well as EKG coding and pacemaker courses, intended for cardiology fellows and more advanced trainees. He offers multiple courses accredited by the American Medical Association and Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education that are available on his website, theekggy.com, for practitioners at all levels.

"Every person who enters an emergency department with chest pain or shortness of breath gets an EKG—it's one of the most simple, non-invasive cost-effective diagnostic tools in medicine," says Kashou. "EKG interpretation skills are critical for patient care, yet many providers feel unequipped to achieve EKG proficiency; oftentimes, they don't understand *why* they see *what* they see on an



Anthony Kashou, MD '18, has recorded more than 500 EKG video lessons, available online.

EKG and simply memorize patterns they need to know to pass exams."

Kashou's "Ultimate EKG Breakdown" now serves as the primary EKG course for the electrophysiology technician and physician assistant programs at the Mayo Clinic. Kashou also leads seminars for medical professionals at Mayo who want to improve their EKG proficiency. He's even developed an EKG course for cardiology fellows, in part to prepare them for their board exam. "One section of the exam is about coding EKGs and is the section that's most commonly failed," he says.

While Kashou is passionate about advancing EKG knowledge among non-cardiac specialists for the benefit of patient care, he's equally committed to innovation in the field. His research focuses on the development of automated algorithms to aid in wide complex tachycardia differentiation, the application of artificial intelligence-enabled electrocardiography in clinical practice, and the creation of educational solutions to improve EKG literacy among medical providers.

"This work is exciting, and the leaps we're making are incredible," says Kashou, who anticipates a career in academic medicine. "We have a chance to truly transform the way we address clinical problems and deliver patient care."

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Danielle E. Clifford, of Worcester, MA, was married to Ryan Schmitz on September 11, in Saratoga, NY. Danielle's hometown is Esperance, NY, and Ryan's hometown, is Scotia, NY.



Danielle E. Clifford '21 and her husband Ryan Schmitz

MPH

Summer M. Barrows, of Syracuse, works as an infection preventionist in a nursing home, which on September 23 became one of the highest vaccinated buildings in Tompkins, Cortland, and Onondaga Counties. "I am proud of my coworkers and the care they give to our residents," she writes.

Residents

John M. Barry, of Portland, OR, writes "As I tiptoe into complete retirement, I was surprised and pleased to receive the Keyes Medal from the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons on August 27." The Keyes Medal is presented to an individual for their "outstanding contributions in



Vikrant V. Tambe, MD, HS '19, and his wife Shampa Adnak

the advancement of urology," and is recognized as the greatest individual citation in the specialty.

Vikrant V. Tambe, of Syracuse, was an internal medicine resident from 2016-2019. He married Shampa Adnak on July 14, in Lonavala, India. She works in marketing and business development. Vikrant is currently working as an assistant professor in the department of geriatrics at Upstate.

Mark M. Tavakoli, of Birmingham, AL, finished his residency at Upstate Medical University in 1972, and joined the anesthesiology faculty at University of Alabama five years later. He later joined a private group in Birmingham and retired in 2006. "I was invited back to UAB, as associate professor and worked for 10 more years and was the oldest anesthesiologist in active prac-

tice in our state," he writes. "I finally retired in 2020 after working for more than 50 years. The success I had in my career had a lot to do with the training I received at Upstate Medical University, and I am grateful for that."

Serdar H. Ural, of Hummelstown, PA, was an OB/GYN resident from 1993-1997 and is currently at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine and is a tenured professor and director of the Maternal Fetal Medicine division and Maternal Fetal Medicine fellowship training program.

Mystery Solved

"I was excited to see the 'Mystery Photo' in the Autumn 2021 *Alumni Journal* of two scientists in a lab. They were the eminent renal physiologist Roger Bowman, PhD, and his long-time technician Fern Barney Warner. They were tending to an array of columns for perfusing isolated rat kidneys, a technique that they had perfected and used productively for many years.

Dr. Bowman was part of a powerhouse array of renal physiologists in the Department of Pharmacology in the 1970s and '80s that included Drs. Ike Weiner, Charles Ross, Larry Stoner, Peter Holohan, Mary Ellen Trimble and Richard Coulson. I spent two years of my postdoctoral fellowship in Roger Bowman's lab and became proficient in his isolated perfused kidney technique. Roger died in 1990."

Stephen J. Scheinman
President and Dean
Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine
Dean, Upstate College of Medicine, 2004-11



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