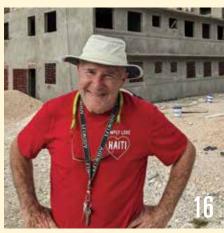
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ON THE COVER: 2023 Distinguished Alumnus recipient James H. Philip, MD '73, professor of anaesthesia at Harvard Medical School





Dear Alumni and Friends,

have the honor to serve as your new Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation president, a position I was incredibly proud to recently accept. I graduated from Upstate in 1998 and continued my training in pediatrics at Upstate. The medical education and training I received here was just the beginning of the opportunity that Upstate provided for my future. Caring for the children of Syracuse over the last 22 years in a community practice, supporting my daughter as a medical student at Upstate, and annually taking on medical students in my office are just a few of the ways my ties to Upstate have continued over the course of my life.

I truly believe my work as a pediatrician is a privilege, one that I can fulfill daily because of my acceptance into Upstate almost 30 years ago. This path has only continued to grant me and my family further advantages for which I am incredibly grateful.

Upstate is positioning itself as one of the most prominent institutions in the country. Our clinical, technological, and research advances through the pandemic have been fundamental in developing point of care tests and contributing to later stages of vaccine development through trials. These efforts have had far reaching effects, which should give us great pride in being graduates of Upstate.

Yet, medical school has become progressively expensive, leaving students with astronomical debt—an added stress in an already trying existence as a medical student and then resident. Medical students need our support now more than ever, so that one day they can have the privilege of caring for patients and have far-reaching effects on our world.

I encourage you to reflect on how Upstate Medical University has contributed to your life: where you have been able to go and what you have been able to accomplish professionally and personally as a result. I invite you to join me in supporting our medical students by donating to this year's Medical Alumni Annual Campaign. Our medical students will join us in the pride we all have of being Upstate alumni one day soon.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

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Barbara Anne Morisseau, MD '98

Parent, Class of 2025

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Patricia Kane, PhD



Xin Jie Chen, PhD

# Upstate Scientists Awarded \$2 million to Investigate Mitochondria-Lysosome Interaction

Vin Jie Chen, PhD, along with Patricia Kane, PhD, has been awarded more than \$2 million dollars from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) over the next five years to study the interaction between different organelles and their impact on aging.

Chen is a SUNY Distinguished Professor and Kane is a professor and department chair, both in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Chen specializes in the biology of mitochondria (cellular organelles responsible for energy production), and Kane in the biochemistry of V-ATPase (a protein complex) and vacuolar/lysosomal biology (functions related to cellular waste disposal).

Mitochondria have various roles, including energy production. However, how non-energy-related functions of mitochondria contribute to cell health during aging and disease is unclear.

Lysosomes, which manage cellular processes like pH control and protein degradation, also play a role in aging and degenerative diseases like Parkinson's, ALS, and Alzheimer's. The researchers want to explore whether

problems in both mitochondria and lysosomes could work together to affect important cellular processes that impact cell survival as they age.

In this project, the scientists will study a newly identified pathway where mitochondrial issues cause stress in lysosomes, affecting cell survival. They have collected promising initial data from experiments with yeast, human cells, and mice.

They hope this newly discovered communication pathway between mitochondria and lysosomes could provide a better understanding of aging-associated degenerative diseases.

"This project is expected to generate synergy between the two groups specialized in mitochondria and lysosomes," says Chen.

"In the long term, if this pathway is validated it would suggest that it can be a good drug target to slow down the progression of aging-associated disorders. This could provide insights into diseases associated with both mitochondrial and lysosomal problems that often appear together as people age."

# Jonathan P. Miller, MD, Named Chair of Neurosurgery

onathan P. Miller, MD, professor of neurological surgery at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), has been named chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at Upstate Medical University, effective September 1.

Dr. Miller, whose expertise includes movement disorders, epilepsy, chronic pain, and peripheral nerve disorders, will oversee the clinical services of a multispecialty group featuring more than a dozen clinicians offering advanced care and technologies. He will be directing basic, translational and clinical research aimed at finding new treatments and improved strategies for disorders of the brain and spine.

"Dr. Miller's experience in academic medicine as a clinician, leader and researcher will serve Upstate and its Department of Neurosurgery well as it continues to grow and expand its service area beyond Central New York," says Lawrence Chin, dean of the Norton College of Medicine. "I expect his expertise will be shared broadly throughout campus and I look forward to his insight on many issues."

Miller has published more than 100 peer-reviewed papers and been honored with numerous awards in recognition of his research and teaching. He has led multiple translational research projects, including studies of brain-computer interfaces, gene therapy for Alzheimer's disease, stem cell implantation for ischemic stroke, and deep brain stimulation for tinnitus, hypertension,

memory loss, and epilepsy. He holds several patents related to neuromodulation and recently served as clinical principal investigator and sponsor for the ReHAB (Reconnecting the Hand and Arm to the Brain) clinical trial, a \$3 million DOD- and NIH-funded project involving the first ever use of an implanted system to allow brain-controlled reanimation of paralyzed limbs in individuals with quadriplegia.

Miller is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and has served on the board of directors of the American Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgeons, executive council of the AANS/CNS Joint Section on Pain, and Secretary of the Ohio State Neurosurgical Society. He is a member of CAST, the national accreditation committee for neurosurgery fellowships, and Section Editor for the journal *Neurosurgery*. He is chair of the NIH Brain Injury and Neurovascular Pathologies Study Section and a member of the orthopedic research programmatic panel for the U.S. Army Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University and his medical degree from CWRU School of Medicine. He completed his residency in neurosurgical surgery at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center/CWRU and fellowship in functional and stereotactic neurosurgery at Oregon Health & Science University.



Jonathan P. Miller, MD



# White Coat Ceremony. Incoming medical students participated in the iconic ritual of the White Coat Ceremony on August 26, signifying the start of their medical education journey.

# Upstate Recognizes Employee Excellence and Distinguished Service

n September 13, Upstate Medical University honored faculty for excellence and distinguished service at the university's annual Fall Faculty Convocation.

Four members of the faculty received SUNY Distinguished Faculty ranks from SUNY trustees. These Distinguished Faculty ranks, among SUNY's highest honors, recognize SUNY's finest and most accomplished faculty with distinguished careers and prominence in one's chosen field, service to the university, community, state, nation and teaching mastery.

# **Receiving Distinguished Faculty ranks:**

# Jeffrey A. Bogart, MD, '89 SUNY Distinguished Professor



Bogart, a nationally renowned figure in radiation oncology, currently serves as the professor and chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Upstate. He also has served as

founding director of the Upstate Cancer Center, chair of the Faculty Practice Plan (UUMAS), president of the board of directors for MedBest, and as a member of the Upstate Medical University Executive Team. His expertise in lung cancer radiation has significantly impacted cancer care globally. He has improved lung cancer treatments with innovative radiation regimens, optimized chemotherapy integration with radiation, and led cooperative clinical trials through the CALGB, now known as the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Radiation Oncology. In a groundbreaking study published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, he demonstrated the advantages of completing lung cancer treatment in less time, challenging the conventional approach.

# Wanda P. Fremont, MD '83 SUNY Distinguished Service Professor



Fremont's nearly threedecade career at Upstate reflects remarkable contributions to child and adolescent psychiatry and unwavering dedication to the community. She has served in various roles, including directing the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) fellowship program, serving as the medical director of the CAP clinic, and then as CAP division chief and vice chair for Child Psychiatry. Her most prominent contributions have centered on transforming systems of care. She has played a key role in launching the adolescent inpatient unit and Upstate's acquisition of the Children and Youth Services building at Hutchings. A program she started in 2006 with \$200,000, has evolved into a \$17.5 million grant. Project TEACH now extends education and consultation to pediatricians statewide and has earned recognition from the American Psychiatric Association. Her scholarly contributions encompass nearly 80 peer-reviewed articles and she has served as a co- or principal investigator on grants totaling approximately \$33 million, with notable research in Velocardiofacial Syndrome.

# Stephen J. Knohl, MD '97 SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor



Knohl, with a 25-year tenure at Upstate, has played pivotal roles, including interim chair of the Department of Medicine, residency program director, and vice chair for education. His teaching prowess is widely

acknowledged, with former residents turned colleagues lauding his mentorship and passion. He imparts a remarkable range of knowledge teaching renal physiology, clinical diagnosis, and advanced nephrology topics to medical students, residents, fellows, and peers. His teaching evaluations consistently excel, and his communication skills at the bedside are exemplary. His programmatic contributions have garnered national respect and adoption. As a career advisor, he guides numerous students entering internal medicine, overseeing a large residency program. Under his leadership, the program has grown substantially, with a strong pass rate on the American Board of Internal Medicine Certifying Examination and excellent reviews from those he teaches.

# Wei-Dong Yao, PhD SUNY Distinguished Professor



Yao has made remarkable contributions to Upstate since his arrival as an Empire Innovation Scholar in 2014. His innovative research efforts have received continuous funding since he established his first lab at

Harvard Medical School in 2004. Of his approximately \$15 million in total research funding, \$10 million has been awarded to him while at Upstate. His lab's mission revolves around understanding how psychiatric diseases affect brain cells and neural wiring, leading to mental illnesses. By employing cutting-edge molecular, cellular, and electrophysiological technologies, Yao investigates how impaired synapse assembly, function, and plasticity contribute to cognitive and emotional deficits in neuropsychiatric diseases. Yao's significant contributions have led to the identification of new brain signaling pathways, offering fundamental insights into disease pathogenesis and potential treatment strategies. Recognized for his research excellence, Yao has received other prestigious awards, including the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, the President's Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research, the William F. Milton Fund for Career Development at Harvard, and the competitive NARSAD Young Investigator Award.

# Additional honors to Norton College of Medicine faculty included:

# President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

Sriram S. Narsipur, MD, chief and medical director of nephrology

# President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Peter D. Sadowitz, MD '79, associate professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics

Robert T. Swan, MD '08, associate professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences

# Medical Student Wins National Fellowship Award for Paper on HPV Hesitancy

amantha Hanley '25, a dual MPH/medical student at Upstate Medical University, has received the 2023 Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Carolyn Kuckein Research Fellowship Award for her project aimed at identifying the causes of regional human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) hesitancy in central New York.

Hanley's work has the potential to directly inform interventions to improve vaccination rates. The award provides \$6,000 in support for the project and also supports travel related to presentations of her work.

According to the CDC, HPV is responsible for more than 90 percent of anal and cervical cancers, 70 percent of vaginal and vulvar cancers, 60 percent of penile cancers, and 60-70 percent of cancers of the oropharynx.

While many people are aware of the association with cervical cancer, the significant risk for head and neck cancer and other cancers is often overlooked. The CDC emphasizes that improvements in HPV vaccination coverage are crucial to lowering rates of HPV-attributable cancers in the United States.

Historically, HPV vaccination coverage has been lower compared to most other routine vaccines. Hanley is working to identify the reasons behind this lower uptake. Over the past three years, she has collaborated with her mentor, Jana Shaw, MD, professor of pediatrics specializing in infectious diseases and a national expert in vaccine hesitancy, on several related research projects.

Prior to medical school, Hanley worked for four years as a clinical research coordinator in the Pediatric Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Antimicrobial Stewardship Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. During the summer between her first and second year of medical school, she completed a Public Health Data and

Informatics Fellowship at CDC in its Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Sciences.

"The AOA Student Research Fellowship is an extremely competitive award, requiring review by both a campus Award Committee and a national committee," said Lynn Cleary, MD, Upstate vice president for academic affairs and Upstate's AOA faculty councilor. "Samantha's project is important and well-designed. We knew she was a great candidate for the award, and obviously, the national committee thought so too."



Samantha Hanley, with mentors Lynn Cleary, MD, and Jana Shaw, MD



Medical Students at the Everson. Students taking the Medical Humanities elective in Spring 2022, taught by Ruth Hart, MD '80, pictured with drag queens Eucalyptus and Queen Vega after attending Queer Night: Shared Stories Between Older and Younger Generations, created in partnership with the ACR Health Q-Center and Sage Upstate. The program included small group discussions with Sage Upstate members, who shared their personal journeys. "Students were very moved by their stories," says Dr. Hart.

### A Clinical Welcome.

The Student Clinician Ceremony celebrated the transition from basic science to clinical education and the importance of humanism in medicine. At the ceremony, 24 fourth-year medical students were inducted into the Gold Humanism Society and Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented to outstanding residents. Pictured, from left, medical students Nicholas C. Vazquez '25, Aysha Malawaraarachchi '25, Megan Marte '25, Sydney Anne Lim '25 and Rashmi Rege '25



# Upstate Acquires Furniture Owned by Elizabeth Blackwell, MD

pstate Medical University has acquired a table and chair dating back to the 1850s that had been owned by Elizabeth Blackwell, MD.

Blackwell, who was born in Bristol, England, is the first woman in America to earn a medical degree, con-

Upstate President Mantosh Dewan, MD, and Medical Alumni Foundation Executive Director Paul Norcross admire the Blackwell furnishings, which were donated to the university. Blackwell's portrait hangs on the wall behind the table and chair.

ferred in 1849 from Geneva College of Medicine, which today is SUNY Upstate Medical University.

According to a great nephew of Blackwell's, the chair and a pier table were among the furnishings in Blackwell's house in Hastings, England.

Noting that these items could have some greater significance to Blackwell's medical school, a family who had possession of these items contacted Paul Norcross, Upstate executive director of the Medical Alumni Foundation, this summer and donated the items to Upstate.

Other items in the Blackwell collection at Upstate's Health Sciences Library include copies of speeches Blackwell gave, including her 1869 address to the Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary.

Upstate President Mantosh Dewan, MD, unveiled the Blackwell furnishings in the lobby of Weiskotten Hall.

"I'm hoping every day this will be a reminder of somebody who did spectacular work against all odds," Dewan said. "And the fact that for over 175 years Upstate [and its predecessors, Geneva Medical College, Syracuse University] has always welcomed all people irrespective of who you are and where you're coming from. That is a commitment that we need to continue."

The items are on display in the Weiskotten Hall foyer adjacent to the Medical Alumni Auditorium entrance.

# Honoring

# Our Own

# THE UPSTATE MEDICAL ALUMNI FOUNDATION

has a long history of honoring distinguished and committed alumni for achievements and good works that have furthered medicine and shaped our world for the better.

Each year, members of Reunion classes are selected for special recognition. On the following pages, we are proud to feature the accomplishments of:

**James H. Philip, MD '73**Distinguished Alumnus

**Robert Swan, MD '08**Outstanding Young Alumnus

Edward "Ted" Higgins, Jr., MD '78 Humanitarian

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# Engineering Cha

By identifying needs in medical technology and innovating their solution, engineer turned anesthesiologist James H. Philip, MD '73, has made a lasting imprint on operating room safety.

# Award Winner

ccording to family lore, James H. Philip, MD '73, demonstrated his first prowess at engineering problem solving at less than two years old when he got hold of a screwdriver his father had left adjacent his crib, unscrewed the side panel, and made his escape.

That technical skill may have been partially genetic; Philip's father was a civil engineer whose last project was serving as principal concrete engineer on construction of the World Trade Center Twin Towers.

When his father brought home some telephones from a construction site after the completion of a job, Philip made them the subject of his first electrical engineering experiment. "They were push-button phones. You pushed any button to select one call at a time," he recalls.

Philip took those phones apart, following every wire to figure out how to reconnect them. He also figured out that there were triangular spacers that prevented the user from pushing more than one button at a time. Once he removed those spacers with forceps and a screwdriver, he could push all five buttons at once, effectively having five people on a call. "It was the first communications solution I ever made," Philip says. "My dad invited me to each new project to upgrade the phone so he could get all the subcontractors on a project on the same call."

Philip learned an important lesson he'd carry with him. "Hacking is very important," he says. "We look for problems and we build work-arounds until we can solve the problems for good, with a real solution."



Beverly and James Philip on the construction site of the World Trade Center Twin Towers, where his father served as principal concrete engineer

For more than 50 years, Philip has used that inquisitive skill to engineer the medical environment—filling needs and developing devices that are safer, more effective, and less costly than what was standard before, improving the delivery of healthcare in measurable ways.

Now professor of anaesthesia at Harvard Medical School, Philip has received numerous honors for his contributions, most recently, being named the 2023 Distinguished Alumnus by the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation.

"I was able to take what I'd learned from engineering and apply it to my medical career," says Philip, who says that is an example anyone can benefit from.

"I tell students all the time to take what they've learned and apply it to where they are going. Learn what you can in every aspect of your life: personal, educational, professional, and social," he says. "Apply the positives you learn and shed the negatives."

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ith his success at creating conference call capability on a push-button telephone, Philip went to Cornell University to study electrical engineering. He was recruited to Hewlett Packard Medical through the Cornell Co-Op program. Each summer, he'd be given a project and develop a product.

After 5 p.m., interns were allowed to use the Hewlett Packard (HP) labs to design and build their own independent projects to help them learn. Philip built a disco light system that he would go on to rent to individuals and businesses for \$35 a night. He called the device a Psylume and what it produced was psycholuminescence.



The Philips on one of their many travel adventures

While earning both bachelor's and master's degrees at Cornell, he worked co-op and summer jobs at HP Medical as a research and development engineer. In his first year, Philip helped develop the first brightness control that automatically adjusts the brightness of monitors in the operating room based on the brightness of the room, the defibrillator energy measure, and a multi-patient EKG recorder.

Over his seven-year experience with HP, Philip learned that many of the projects HP developed originated from marketing surveys sent to physicians. He also saw that many of those products ultimately did not sell well. "I had this realization that the products physicians wanted weren't really what they needed," he says. "That's when I decided that I would go to medical school to try to identify those needs, create the products, and really make an impact in health care."

On his first day of medical school at the SUNY Upstate Norton College of Medicine, Philip was standing in line in the cafeteria when he saw a pretty young woman wearing a Star of David necklace. That woman was classmate Beverly Khnie, MD '73, and they later ended up in a group studying for an anatomy exam in the library. The group decided to go out to dinner, but fortuitously, it ended up being only he and Beverly.

"I took her to a Chinese restaurant on Erie Boulevard that I knew had a band on Thursday nights," he says. "I discovered another thing we had in common—we were both really good dancers." Later, they began skiing together every weekend.

He and Beverly became part of a tight-knit group of eight students that referred to themselves as DISEASE, an acronym for Disturbed Iconoclastic Students Emphatically Against Serious Endeavor. "We spent a lot of time together in thoughtful discussion about all aspects of life," he says.

They married during their third year of medical

school, around the same time that he developed an interest in anesthesiology. At that time, the rate of bad outcomes—death or near death—from anesthesia was one in 3,000. "I felt it was the most dangerous specialty and needed the most engineering," he says. "It was very technical and electrical engineering—oriented and I understood monitoring and converting physiological phenomena in the body into electrical activity that one could look at on a monitor."

Beverly also chose to pursue anesthesiology for her own reasons and the couple interviewed for residency positions together, ultimately choosing Peter Bent Brigham Hospital because the residency director was amenable to scheduling the couple on call together, which would also provide time off together. "He understood the importance of interpersonal relationships," says Philip.

# "The practice of anesthesiology requires the continuous resuscitation during the ongoing administration of lethal drugs."

After residency, Philip stayed on at Brigham while Beverly joined the faculty at the Boston Hospital for Women. Three years later, those hospitals merged, becoming Brigham and Women's Hospital. The Philips have remained anesthesiology colleagues and collaborators ever since.

"The practice of anesthesiology requires the continuous resuscitation during the ongoing administration of lethal drugs," says Philip. "Every drug I give is dangerous. The therapy I provide is life preserving, and I must protect the patient against adverse outcomes and monitor and control the right things."

Philip became a member of the Anesthesia Standard Committee at Harvard Medical School, charged with developing anesthesia practice standards for the institution. He was co-author of the Harvard Anesthesia Monitoring Standard of 1984, published in *JAMA*, standards that were subsequently adopted worldwide.

Philip began focusing his attention on inhaled anesthetic agents, the mainstay of anesthesia practice, but a challenge for many. In an effort to both educate and improve safety, Philip created Gas Man®, a computer simulation, textbook, and learning environment that teaches students, clinicians, and researchers the kinetics, clinical use, and economics of inhaled anesthetics. He has taught anesthesiologists worldwide using Gas Man for more than 20 years, continuing to refine the software to keep pace with technology and with increasing understanding of these drugs and their delivery.

As one of the first successful educational computer simulations used in medicine, Gas Man heralded the advent of simulation throughout medical education. In 2023 Gas Man is being converted to a web-based program to be available as an Open-Source program.

Gas Man simulations led to developments in clinical practice. Drs. Beverly and James Philip originated and studied the anesthetic technique called Volatile Induction and Maintenance of Anesthesia (VIMA). A practical application of anesthetic kinetics by which anesthesia can be administered with a single inhaled drug, the technique is now used worldwide. He also reintroduced and studied a classic anesthetic technique, closedcircuit anesthesia, to enhance understanding of anesthetic uptake and distribution. "This technique also offers great cost reductions, making high-quality anesthesia more available worldwide, and reducing environmental pollution," says Philip.

His second area of innovation lies in the understanding of intravenous fluid infusion dynamics. Philip developed the science of high-flow fluid infusion using a device he created that produces constant pressure to drive liquid infusion into veins. Equipment using this constant pressure infusion principle has become the standard of care for fluid resuscitation worldwide.

Another major advancement was the measurement technique called hydraulic resistance, which Philip invented, published, patented, and licensed. This technique assesses the quality of intravenous infusion



Beverly and James in front of a display case containing his inventions—the Signature Pump and InfusOR—at top right



The Philips began skiing together while in medical school and are longtime members of the National Ski Patrol at Bromley Mountain in Vermont.

by varying flow rate and measuring the resulting pressure change. Importantly, this technology detects when infusions infiltrate from veins into tissues, saving patients discomfort and harm. The culmination of that work is the IVAC-Alaris- Carefusion Signature Edition™ Infusion Pump. In another application, he collaborated with researchers in the Harvard Department of Orthopedic Surgery to investigate the causative mechanism of avascular necrosis of the hip, for which they were presented the Hip Society's Stinchfield Award.

In the field of circulatory system dynamics, Philip identified the need for an accurate continuous monitor of cardiac output in the operating room and ICU, resulting in the multi-frequency thermodilution cardiac output monitoring technique embodied in the Edwards Lifesciences Vigilance® Continuous Cardiac Output Monitor. This monitor is the gold standard for invasive and noninvasive measurement and monitoring of cardiac output for research and is used in clinical care worldwide.

In the area of monitoring and safety, Philip and colleagues developed the first commercially successful clinical CO² monitor, Life-Watch™ by Perkin Elmer. Life Watch added continuous carbon dioxide monitoring to the Perkin Elmer mass spectrometer that previously provided intermittent measurement of gases in some operating rooms. Today continuous carbon dioxide monitoring is considered one of the great safety breakthroughs, having reduced anesthesia mortality by 99 percent, making anesthesiology the safety benchmark by which other specialties are judged.

Philip has received international recognition for his educational leadership and innovation. Among his many honors, he was awarded the Society for Technology in Anesthesia Gravenstein Award for lifetime achievement creating clinical technologic products and safety in anesthesia in 2017 and the ASA–SEA Distinguished Educator in Anesthesiology Award in 2021. He has served as an invited visiting professor more than 250 times and is a founding member and past president of the Society for Technology in Anesthesia.

Philip retired from clinical practice in July 2018 and now focuses on research and mentorship at his own and other hospitals and universities. He also spends one day per week supporting technology efforts in the Mass General Brigham HealthCare System Department of Anesthesiology and the Department of Biomedical Engineering as senior consultant and anesthesiologist.

He continues to collaborate with Beverly, professor of anaesthesia at Harvard Medical School, founding director of the Day Surgery Unit at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Alumna Award from the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation.

"One of the benefits of being in the same specialty is that we are very often speaking at the same meetings and use those as jumping off points for the many activities we enjoy," says Philip.

The couple are members of the National Ski Patrol at Bromley Mountain in Vermont, certified inline skating instructors, and have scuba dived together since medical school. Other passions include dancing, adventure travel, ocean kayaking, and mountain trekking, including Kilimanjaro, Machu Picchu, Annapurna Base Camp, and Europe's Haute Route. They have two married sons, Noah, a psychiatrist at Brown University, and Benjamin, a neuroscientist at Washington University in St. Louis and science fiction writer as Benjamin Kinney.

Philip is proud that he accomplished exactly what he set out to do: find medical needs and create products to solve them, improving safety in the process. That's nowhere more apparent than in his own field of anesthesiology.

"Bad outcomes have reduced to one in every 300,000 patients. Ninety-nine percent of patients who died from anesthesia in the past no longer die," he says. "The products I created touch patients in every operating room and the concepts that I continue to teach have become familiar to every anesthesiologist. I look forward to continuing that process of identifying and solving problems and facilitating change."

# An Eye for Quali

From treating patients with rare infections and diseases to streamlining electronic records and advancing resident training, Robert Swan, MD '08, champions continual improvement at Upstate's Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences.

Award Winner

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edicine is often a bit like solving a mystery, following clues, and ruling out false leads to determine a proper diagnosis. That's especially true in the field of ocular inflammation, a subspecialty of ophthalmology that deals with rare infections and complex conditions from autoimmune disease.

"It's not an area that many ophthalmologists are trained in or comfortable with, so I see patients from a large swath of the Central New York region," says Robert Swan, MD '08, associate professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences at Upstate Medical University.

For Dr. Swan, medical sleuthing is an integral part of the job. Take the patient with scleritis, which is a severe ocular inflammatory condition affecting the outer covering of the eye and almost always caused by an autoimmune condition. "We began treating it like an autoimmune condition, but he didn't get better."

Although the patient had no recollection of any injury to his eye, Swan decided to try an antifungal. Perhaps he'd somehow gotten plant matter in his eye. The patient improved and a biopsy ultimately confirmed the presence of fungus. "There's almost no fungal scleritis, especially for somebody who didn't have a known injury," says Swan. "He was one of those once-in-lifetime patients that you learn from."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Swan noted an increased number of patients presenting with tubulointerestital nephritis and uveitis (TINU) syndrome, a rare form of inflammation involving the inside of the eye associated with patients with subacute or acute kidney inflammation. When he turned to colleagues on a listsery, others reported the same phenomenon. "We're currently in the process of writing up our experience dealing with this cluster of patients with this unusual disease in association with COVID," he says.

More recently, Swan treated a patient who suffered an eye injury while attempting to fix a cannabis water pipe. "After a prolonged period of trying to figure out what was wrong with that eye, we found DNA for an unnamed species of mouth flora, which had never infected a human eye before," he says. "Once he had the right antibiotics, he got better."

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Swan has written up many of his unusual cases for publication, not just because they're interesting, but also to help others. "When you're struggling to find out what something is, the first thing you do is turn to the medical literature, particularly when you've got something really unusual or complicated," he says. "Sharing victories when they come and what worked for us is a way to help others provide better treatment to patients."

Unfortunately, not everything is a win. He's thinking about a three-year old girl who already lost one eye to inflammation. "We don't know what the problem is and we're trying to protect the second eye. Unfortunately, some of these cases go unsolved."

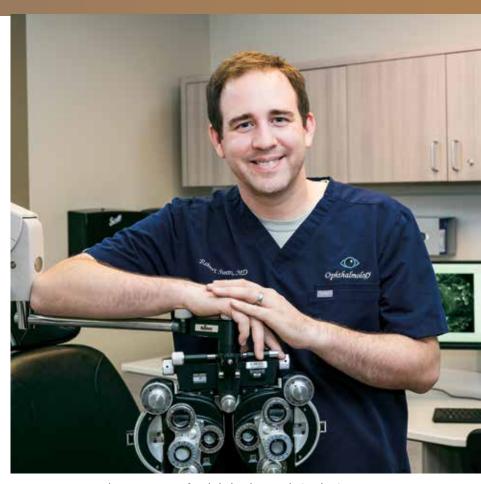
wan admits he never set out to become a specialist in rare disease.

Growing up in Queensbury, New York, he excelled in math and science and became interested in medicine after participating in the New Visions program, which provides clinical

health care experiences for high school seniors.

After earning a bachelor's degree from SUNY Binghamton, he came to Upstate Medical University with no set idea of what specialty he wanted to pursue. Over the course of his clinical rotations, he realized he didn't want to spend his days in a hospital and began focusing on outpatient specialties. A rotation in ophthalmology sealed his interest.

Swan met his wife, Rebecca Swan, MD '08, during a summer anatomy class between first and second year of medical school. She was pursuing radiology and the couple matched for residencies at Albany Medical Center. When



Dr. Swan at Upstate's Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences



The Swan family at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in 2022

Rebecca wanted to do a fellowship in breast imaging in Boston, Swan began to look at fellowship opportunities in ophthalmology. Ocular inflammation stood out.

"I'd had a few patients with inflammation that I had not been able to help," he recalls. "I thought this would be good additional training to support a career in general ophthalmology."

During his fellowship at the Massachusetts Eye Surgery and Research Institution, Swan had the opportunity to train with C. Stephen Foster, MD, a pioneer of the subspecialty and founder of the Ocular Immunology and Uveitis Foundation. "When you work with someone who's at that level, you begin to see what's really possible," says Swan.

Nonetheless, when he and his wife returned to Central New York in 2015, Swan's plan was to practice general ophthalmology.

But patient demand had other ideas.

With only two fellowship-trained specialists in ocular inflammation in Albany and two in Rochester, Swan began receiving patients from a huge swath of Upstate New York, from Binghamton to the Canadian border and as far west as Buffalo. It didn't take long for him to focus solely on his subspecialty.

In 2016, Swan became director of Upstate's ophthalmology residency program, a role he says is "a completely different set of challenges than treating inflamed eyes.

"How do you make the people we train the best they can be, but also make the program that's creating those people the best it can be? And how do you take that experience and help others who are trying to do the same thing?" he says.

Swan believes all of those things are interconnected but begins with the personal development of the individuals in the program.

"The smartest person in the room does not always make the best doctor," he says. "The challenge is to help people who are very, very smart, but who are not communicating effectively or behaving in their best interest. There's a way to coax people to be their best and most effective selves. And if you can frame it the right way, you can show them that this is how they're going to be effective at achieving their ultimate goals."

He's talking about medical professionalism: helping someone curb a hot temper or to simply write more effective emails. "My chair has mentored me in some of these regards and we've incorporated that into the residency training," says Swan, who has spoken on professionalism and learning from his own foibles at the 2021 SUNYTedx conference.

But Swan is also working to make improvements at a systems level. Through creation of the Erie Canal Lecture Series, Swan leveraged clinical connections between SUNY Upstate, the University at Buffalo, and Albany Medical Center to launch a joint electronic didactic vehicle that has measurably raised resident test scores.

He also created a Smartphone App to place the "institutional memory" of the department at a resident's fingertips, including orientation



Dr. Swan with ophthalmology residents after an educational conference



Dr. Swan speaking at a TEDx SUNYUpstate conference

materials, equipment guides, call guidelines and procedures. "It's easily accessible information that doesn't have to be duplicated from year to year for a new incoming class of residents," says Swan. "That's something I'm really proud of."

Swan also serves as the Ophthalmology Department Quality officer and EPIC Champion and many of his efforts overlap his varied roles. "I'm always looking for improvements that give a win on multiple levels," he says. "If I can find something that helps my trainees' wellness and my colleagues' wellness and also lets them take care of patients faster, that's a big win."

By focusing on the electronic health record (EHR), Swan helped found the EPIC ophthalmology specialty steering board, a group of 12 ophthalmologists from 12 institutions nationwide that meets with EPIC on a monthly basis. His efforts have streamlined documentation and reduced the "click burden" for the department by almost 50 percent over the last eight years. He is currently focused on identifying and integrating social determinants of health into the EHR, both to improve resident knowledge and patient safety and outcomes. Having recently finished EPIC Physician Builder Training, he's also working with other departments to explore and collaborate on ways to improve the EHR.

Swan serves on several national committees. He is the chair for the Committee for Resident Education through the American Academy of Ophthalmology, an elected member of the AUPO Program Directors Council, and a member of the steering committee for the regional Vision Forum and state ophthalmological society meetings.

He's been honored for his efforts as both Downtown Provider of the Year and Program Director of the Year by Upstate Medical University in 2018, with the President's Education Award in 2023, and most recently, with the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award from the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation, presented at Reunion Weekend in October.

any of the patients Swan sees in his practice present with some form of eye inflammation. There can be an infinite number of causes, including sarcoidosis, a systemic inflammatory disease.

One of the first questions he asks these patients is whether they have a tattoo, and by chance, is that tattoo swollen?

"All it took was one patient with the combination and I've learned that if a patient has inflamed eyes and a swollen tattoo, they probably have sarcoidosis," he says.

Being able to make a quick and accurate diagnosis is part of Swan's focus on continual improvement, whether that's coming up with new ways to diagnose disease, offering residents feedback, or developing more efficient methods for patient documentation.

Swan believes it's all connected. "As we've implemented improvements to our program, the residents are doing better, and from that, the outcomes get better. The patients are happier, the staff is happier," he says.

"When you're in the middle of it day to day, you don't always see those connections. But if you can start approaching things at a systems level, you can really make progress."

# A Country in Cri

Despite closed borders and widespread gang violence, Edward "Ted" Higgins, Jr., MD '78, remains committed to offering hope through health care to the people of Haiti.

# Award Winner

n late August, Edward "Ted" Higgins, Jr., MD '78, made his most recent quarterly trip to the Higgins Brothers SurgiCenter in Fonds-Parisien, Haiti. As he's had to do for the past three years, he flew to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and drove six hours through the border at Malpasse to reach the medical center's location seven miles away in Eastern Haiti. Travel from Portau-Prince, little more than an hour drive, would be too perilous, the road controlled by gangs.

"We've had a container of supplies hijacked, a fuel truck commandeered for ransom, medical staff kidnapped for ransom, and our chief surgeon shot, all in separate incidents," explains Higgins of his alternate route.

Not a week after returning home to Kansas City, Kansas, the border between the two countries was closed by the Dominican Republic government. The closure, in response to a dispute over canal irrigation on the Haitian side to divert water from a river that straddles both countries, has cut off the Higgins Brothers SurgiCenter from the only safe route to receive medicines and medical supplies, food, and construction equipment, as well as a third of its patients.

"It's a humanitarian crisis," says Higgins.
"We are performing only emergency operations to salvage what anesthesia medications we have left. These are not easy decisions to make, and soon we will need to close down our operating rooms entirely simply from lack of obtainable medications for surgery. But we are not alone. All medical facilities in Haiti have curtailed medical services because of transportation issues created by the gangs. Several have lost key personnel to the Canadian and U.S. amnesty programs, thus closing surgery for patients."

The Higgins Brothers SurgiCenter for Hope, named after Higgins' father and uncle, was founded by Higgins in 2016 and has tripled in size in the years since. The facility currently has two full-sized operating rooms and provides the only 24-hour emergency room and trauma facility in the region. The 73-member staff includes 10 surgeons and anesthesiologists who treat an average of 1,300 patients a month, from a variety of surgical procedures to providing routine care, including pediatrics, medical, maternity and obstetrics, HIV, and dental care.

But all of that is currently in jeopardy.

"It is not right to hold the Haitian people hostage," says Higgins. "This border closure needs resolution quickly otherwise more Haitians will die from starvation and lack of medical supplies. The resilience and resolve of the Haitian people are remarkable, but we are all human."

t was during Higgins' fourth year of surgical residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital that he and his wife, Kim, first experienced Haiti during a three-month rotation he did at Hôspital Albert Schweitzer in Deschapelles, Haiti. The Higgins were touched by the Haitian people, their culture, and their needs, and were inspired by the physicians who devoted their lives to transformative work in health care, local economies, and access to water.

After completing a vascular surgical fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine, Higgins and his wife settled in her hometown of Kansas City, where he helped start a busy general and vascular surgical practice.

Through his church, Higgins began annual trips to the Dominican Republic to provide

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Left: Dr. Higgins receiving his Humanitarian Plaque, pictured with Medical Alumni Foundation President Larry Charlamb, MD '88, Norton College of Medicine Dean Lawrence Chin, MD, and Upstate President Mantosh Dewan, MD. Below, Higgins performing surgery in Haiti

health care to sugar cane cutters and their families. Seeing surgical needs of all kinds, he began operating in a borrowed clinic in 1992, training Dominican surgeons to perform both laparoscopic abdominal procedures as well as vascular access procedures for patients with end stage renal disease.

Higgins began medical mission trips to Haiti after a devastating earthquake in 2010. Because of the lack of surgical care in Haiti, patients travelled from afar when mission teams were present. During annual week-long trips to Fonds-Parisien over the next six years, he performed more than 500 surgeries. The obvious need for permanent surgical operating space and trained local surgeons to handle the demand motivated him to fund creation of the Higgins Brothers SurgiCenter for Hope.

"As individuals, we each need to have the



ability to hope. It is difficult to find hope in a country full of fear, danger, and poverty," says Higgins. "We built the SurgiCenter and clinics to provide hope for care, a necessary tool for all of us."

At the time, he chose the remote area due to its lack of medical resources. Little did he know how fortuitous that location would become—too remote to be bothered by gangs yet close to the Dominican Republic border.

For the first four years of the Surgi-Center's existence, Higgins visited at least four times a year, bringing teams of medical volunteers-nurses, medical students and residents, and other surgeons who would perform complex procedures while training the local surgeons in their techniques.

"The goal was not only to provide the Haitian people with health care, but to build a surgery program for Haitian doctors, bringing American surgeons down to help train them," says Higgins. "The most exciting thing about the plan was always to have Haitian people running the surgery center. We're there to offer support, to perhaps show them a procedure they haven't seen yet. But the goal was to work ourselves out of a job."

In 2020, Higgins retired from his own surgical practice to focus on training the local sur-

geons in vascular surgery.

"I was on the phone with Dr. Paul Farmer, who ran Partners in Health, and he said. 'You know, Ted, when you're down in Haiti, you're the only vascular surgeon in the whole country," Higgins recalls. "I decided my partners here could do without me and I would spend more time focusing on training the surgeons down there."

But it wasn't that simple. First there was COVID-19. Then, in

August, a massive earthquake shook the southern peninsula of Haiti, creating huge destruction and causing more than 3,000 deaths. Higgins joined a team from his SurgiCenter to provide care for earthquake victims, traveling over the mountains on a "goat road" to avoid gangs that had begun controlling the main roads.

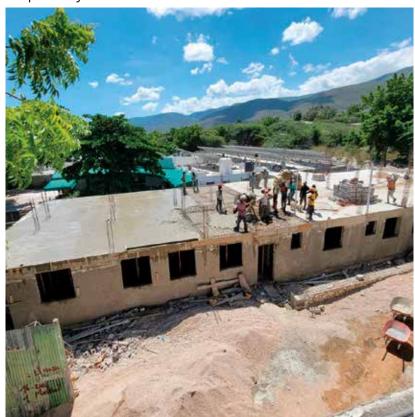
The following July, Haitian President Jovenel Moïse was assassinated, plunging the country into a political upheaval that has only increased widespread gang violence. "There is no functioning government or national army," says Higgins, who stopped bringing medical mission teams with him due to the risk and also suspended a teaching program with the State University of Haiti Hospital in Port-au-Prince. He began traveling through the Dominican Republic, bringing whatever supplies he could carry in 50-lb duffel bags.

"We haven't been able to send a supply container in two years. The gangs have taken over the ports. They've taken over the gas supply. They've got roadblocks on any major roads," he says.

But while other medical facilities were forced

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Construction of the maternity center will be complete this year.





The Higgins family, left to right: wife Kim; daughter Helen; granddaughter Molly; daughter Becca; Higgins; daughter Maggie, MD; granddaughter Poppy, Dr. Jack Shuler (husband of Maggie); son Eddie and his wife Westy; and granddaughter Sophie

to close because they couldn't get supplies, the Higgins SurgiCenter benefitted from its location. "We could get what we needed through the Dominican Republic," says Higgins.

Accepting that the gang problem was not going to be resolved any time soon, Higgins had solar panels installed on the medical facilities—panels brought from the Dominican Republic—to eliminate the need for fuel. He also funded construction of a staff residence facility adjacent to the SurgiCenter, which will alleviate the need for staff members to travel gang territory to come to work. Because it is too dangerous to travel home, the construction workers live on site and work seven days a week.

"We have started moving people into the facility despite having no power, as the generator mechanic cannot travel to us because the gangs have blocked the road," he says.

Eventually, 22 employees will be able to live in the facility, which includes a community kitchen on each floor, as well as a kitchenette and bathroom in each unit.

A two-story maternity center is also under construction and on schedule to open in December.

"Our Haitian medical team and construction crews continue to work despite the harrowing conditions they live with," says Higgins. "Their determination and resilience continue to shine forth."

f course, the same could be said about Higgins, who was on campus at the Norton College of Medicine on October 13 to accept the 2023 Humanitarian Award from the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation during Reunion Weekend. For the previous month, he'd been working nonstop to bring awareness to the dire situation in Haiti to help resolve the border issue.

"As a member of Haiti Health Network (HHN), a group of over 200 health care facilities in Haiti, we have been communicating closely with UN Security Council Haiti Humanitarian Ambassador William O'Neill, who understands the necessity of an open border, particularly at this time of limited travel in Haiti due to gangs," says Higgins. "Our goal has always been to stabilize the country and open up travel so medical care can be provided. We are hoping there will be some form of mediation between the Dominican Republic and Haiti to at least open the border and restore the economies for both countries."

Because of mixed messaging, the HHN conducted a poll of 1,500 Haitians living in Haiti regarding their opinion of intervention and leadership.

"Most Haitians favor international force involvement to help stabilize the country," says Higgins. "A large majority do not feel that Haiti alone can accomplish this without outside help. There is also not much confidence in Prime Minister Ariel Henry, or a consortium of business and civic leaders, the Montana Accord Group."

Even with that hope, other challenges remain. Higgins says more than 90 percent of physicians trained in Haiti leave the country to practice. That number has grown with the instability of the country over the last few years, with increasing numbers of Haitian professionals sponsored to the United States or Canada by relatives.

That is why Higgins feels so indebted to his SurgiCenter staff. "These are people that, to get to work, have been robbed, have been kidnapped, have been injured. They basically can't travel to see their families in town in Port-au-Prince because the roads are blocked. And you know what they do every day? They run that facility 24-7," he says. "They are absolute heroes."

While the current challenge is his greatest yet, Higgins says Haiti has always been a very difficult country to work within. "You face a brick wall everywhere you turn, with naysayers telling you, 'you can't do that,'" says Higgins. "Well, you figure out a way to do things. I don't feel deterred at all."

For more on the Higgins Brothers SurgiCenter, please see the Autumn 2019 Upstate Medical Alumni Journal or visit Higginsbrotherssurgicenter.org.



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1955

TOTAL GIVING \$1,355

Percentage of giving 25%

**\$1,000-\$2,499** Philip J. Speller

**\$100-\$499** John E. Bloom

Ronald H. Spiro \$1-\$99

\$1-\$99 Robert E. Austin

1956

TOTAL GIVING \$2,900 Percentage of giving 38%

**\$1,000-\$2,499**Ira H. Scheinerman

\$500-\$999 Douglas S. Langdon

Robert D. Lindeman



\$100-\$499 Jerome H. Blumen Willard Cohen Milton Ingerman James J. La Vine Robert Penner Judah Roher

1957

TOTAL GIVING \$915

Percentage of giving 28%

\$500-\$999

Bert G. Katzung

\$100-\$499

Frederick Dushay Ronald A. Nackman Howard T. Rosenbaum

\$1-\$99

Thomas R. Miller, II Murray V. Osofsky J. Walden Retan

1958

TOTAL GIVING \$6,450
Percentage of giving 48%

\$1,000-\$2,499

Kedar K. Adour Newton B. Chin George B. Jacobs Howard L. Weinberger

\$100-\$499 Welton M. Gersony

George S. Goldstein Ella B. Noble Howard J. Osofsky George E. Randall **\$1-\$99** Dennis R. Derby

1959 TOTAL GIVING \$17,950 Percentage of giving 39%

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

**\$5,000-\$9,999**Stanley Zinberg

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

\$100-\$499 Samuel J. Braun Philip J. Burke Samuel Hellman Richard J. Lubera Myron Miller Barry P. Pariser Carl E. Silver

\$1-\$99 Gerald E. Epstein

1960

TOTAL GIVING \$2,135
Percentage of giving 42%

\$500-\$999 Julian M. Aroesty

\$100-\$499 Robert E. Alessi Mary G. Ampola Leonard R. Friedman Jerome Glazer

Harvey R. Gold Harold J. Hubis Frank Paoletti Samuel O. Thier Allen H. Unger Lewis Wexler Philip A. Wolf

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

1961

TOTAL GIVING \$1,975

Percentage of giving 26%

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

\$100-\$499
A. Stephen Casimir
Howard R. Nankin
Barton Pakull
Robert I. Raichelson

1962

TOTAL GIVING \$2,050
Percentage of giving 23%

**\$500-\$999**Burton A. Scherl

\$100-\$499 Richard H. Bennett Steven N. Berney Kirtland E. Hobler William J. Mesibov Robert Poss Younger L. Power John Ritrosky, Jr. Richard K. Shadduck 1963

TOTAL GIVING \$34,275

Percentage of giving 39%

**\$10,000-\$24,999**I. Bruce Gordon

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

\$1,000-\$2,499 Bernard W. Asher Gustave L. Davis Irwin P. Goldstein Bruce Stewart

\$500-\$999 Richard F. Carver David F. Pearce David I. Rosen

\$100-\$499

Arnold Derman Stuart L. Kaplan Malcolm E. Levine William J. Loftus James R. Moyes Carl Salzman Raymond W. Shamp Edward D. Sugarman Richard J. Wells

1964

TOTAL GIVING \$107,410
Percentage of giving 47%

\$50,000 and above Stanley B. Burns

**\$10,000-\$24,999**Anonymous

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\$1,000-\$2,499 Edward Burak Frederick R. Davey C. David Markle Ralph D. Zehr

\$500-\$999 Jack C. Schoenholtz

\$100-\$499 Robert F. Agnew Michael Andrisani Martin J. Braker George Burak John P. Fitzgibbons Seymour Grufferman Nathan M. Hameroff Daniel L. Harris Phineas J. Hyams Lewis W. Johnson Stephen F. Kucera Gene R. Moss Lawrence W. Mvers Albert A. Tripodi David W. Watson

\$1-\$99 Kenneth J. Bart Robert M. Spurgat\*

1965 TOTAL GIVING \$49,921 Percentage of giving 41%

\$10,000-\$24,999 Patricia J. Numann Thomas J. Stevens Herbert M. Weinman **\$2,500-\$4,999** Peter J. Adasek Donald L. Jeck

**\$1,000-\$2,499** Gerald A. King

\$500-\$999 Philip S. Schein James R. Tobin Susan R. Young

\$100-\$499 Jack Egnatinsky Herbert Fellerman Michael J. Festino David B. Gelles Pete Haake Gary J. Havens Paul J. Honig Dirk E. Huttenbach Aaron Kassoff George A. Knaysi Robert A. Nover Ronald A. Rohe Daniel H. Whiteley

**\$1-\$99**Robert A. Sargent

1966 TOTAL GIVING \$10,700 Percentage of giving 31%

**\$5,000-\$9,999** Jack J. Schneider

\$1,000-\$2,499 Norman L. Fienman Louis A. Rosati \$100-\$499

Malcolm D. Davidson Neal M. Friedberg A. Michael Kaplan Michael S. Kreitzer Laurence B. Levenberg Michael S. Levine Bonnie M. Norton Austin M. Pattner John W. Petrozzi Alan F. Pritchard Gerald Sufrin Howard R. Wilkov Stephen A. Wilson Frank G. Yanowitz

1967

TOTAL GIVING \$99,327 Percentage of giving 32%

\$50,000 and above Anonymous

**\$5,000-\$9,999**Martin R. Post

\$1,000-\$2,499
Barrie Anderson
Elliot Brandwein
Leslie M. Burger
Alfred P. Coccaro
John R. Moore

Hollis A. Thomas

\$500-\$999 Mark A. Goodman Daniel G. McDonald Robert S. Rhodes

The Class of 1968 received the award for making the largest class gift in their reunion year.

\$100-\$499

Joel A. Berman Janet O. Bernstein Roger A. Breslow Charles F. Converse Bruce D. Edison Stanley A. Filarski, Jr. Norman J. Marcus Joseph C. Martino Herbert S. Sherry\* Charles T. Sitrin Robert J. Wald Jesse Williams Elizabeth D. Woodard Bertram Zarins **\$1-\$99**James A. Barnshaw

1968

TOTAL GIVING \$107,450
Percentage of giving 39%

\$50,000 and above Betty E. Reiss Jacob A. Reiss

**\$10,000-\$24,999** Harvey K. Bucholtz \$5,000-\$9,999 Cathey E. Falvo Kenneth A. Falvo

\$2,500-\$4,999
David I. Charney

David L. Charney Elliott J. Friedel Earl C. Wellington

\$1,000-\$2,499

Bruce W. Berger Peter F. Coccia Michael B. Fisher David J. Greenfield Kathryn D. Iorio John O. Olsen Michael H. Ratner



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Stanley Rothschild Charles Salinger Raymond C. Traver, Jr.

\$500-\$999

G. Richard Barr J. Patrick Lavery Arthur J. Segal

### \$100-\$499

Arthur B. Diamond Patrick Fantauzzi William S. Halsey Philip Kaplan Robert J. Kurman Wayne A. Miller Gary P. Schwartz **Eleanor Williams** 

\$1-\$99 William W. MacDonald

# 1969

TOTAL GIVING \$16,250 Percentage of giving 46%

# \$5.000-\$9.999

Michael F. Noe

### \$1,000-\$2,499

Joann T. Dale Noah S. Finkel Richard I. Markowitz Lee F. Rancier William H. Roberts Mark C. Rogers

\$500-\$999 Jane L. Falkenstein Zan I. Lewis John T. McCarthy Jack E. Yoffa

### \$100-\$499

Donald P. Alderman Joan E. Berson Henry M. Born Larry A. Danzig Robert S. Davis Ruth B. Deddish James H. Fleisher Joel Greenspan Robert I. Klein Ivens Leflore Edward M. Nathan Robert H. Osofsky Stanley I. Rekant Ronald M. Rosengart Ronald J. Saxon Gerard Selzer Lawrence S. Sheiman Robert E. Woods

### \$1-\$99

Robert V. Davidson Martin D. Mayer Michael Novogroder

# 1970

TOTAL GIVING \$10,130 Percentage of giving 31%

### \$1.000-\$2.499

Mary Ann Antonelli Stephen D. Brenner Alan S. Kliger Paul L. Kupferberg Steven H. Lefkowitz

# \$500-\$999

Frederic S. Auerbach Robert L. Chiteman William A. Henion David J. Honold Joel A. Strom Howard D. Wulfson

\$100-\$499 Paul E. Buckthal Stuart R. Dankner Alan D. Drezner Dennis A. Ehrich Donald P. Hay Roy A. Kaplan Benjamin F. Levy Dennis L. Lorell John P. Marangola Llovd I. Sederer Bruce P. Smith Richard L. Sullivan Mark L. Wolraich Nathan J. Zuckerman\*

\$1-\$99 Dominick Indindoli Frida G. Parker

# 1971

TOTAL GIVING \$9.217 Percentage of giving 31%

## \$1,000-\$2,499 Robert B. Cady

Lawrence F. Geuss Charles L. Rouault

\$500-\$999 Philip Altus Steven R. Hofstetter Gary J. Levy

### \$100-\$499 Dominic Cappelleri Richard A. Goldman Richard J. Hausner Tomas M. Heimann Bruce Hershfield Michael Hertzberg Eugene M. Kenigsberg Jeffrey A. Klein Robert T. Liscio Charles J. Matuszak Lester D. Miller David A. Ostfeld Daniel Rutrick Paul I. Schneiderman

# \$1-\$99 Walter C. Allan Ira D. Lipton

Ernest B. Visconti

Edward J. Zajkowski

# 1972

TOTAL GIVING \$25,750 Percentage of giving 23%

\$10,000-\$24,999 Jonas T. Johnson

\$5,000-\$9,999 David N. Osser

\$2,500-\$4,999 Brian J. Gaffney

\$1,000-\$2,499 Carol L. Bender Bruce E. Fredrickson Alphonse A. Maffeo William I. Malone Mark S. Persky

# \$500-\$999

Ronald S. Bogdasarian Bob Hanrahan, Jr. Stephen C. Robinson

### \$100-\$499

Eugene S. Arum Hugh D. Curtin Joseph P. DeVeaugh-Geiss Andrew K. Palmer Stephen A. Silbiger David B. Tyler Dwight A. Webster Stephen J. Winters

# 1973

TOTAL GIVING \$18,525 Percentage of giving 34%

# \$1,000-\$2,499

Richard F. Adams Joseph Maloney Melvyn C. Minot Douglas G. Mufuka Beverly Khnie Philip James H. Philip Allan Shook William P. Shuman

# Alan Binder Harold P. Dunn Neil M. Ellison

\$500-\$999

**Timothy Fenlon** Stephen J. Moses John D. Nicholson Leonard J. Parker Lee Rosenbaum Steven M. Rothman Marc J. Schweiger

### \$100-\$499 Richard E. Bird

David M. Davis Paul G. Fuller, Jr. Michael Galitzer Benjamin R. Gelber Harold J. Kamm Edward H. Lipson Lewis Robinson Harold A. Sanders Steven A. Schenker Warren R. Steinberg Paul L. Sutton Daniel R. Van Engel Ralph J. Wynn

\$1-\$99 Charles E. Jordan

# 1974

TOTAL GIVING \$12,878 Percentage of giving 33%

\$5.000-\$9.999 Anonymous





The Class of 1973 received the award for the largest attendance at Reunion.

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

\$500-\$999 Anonymous James H. Brodsky Philip L. Florio

\$100-\$499 Jack A. Aaron Jeffrey A. Abend Jack L. Baldassare William E. Boden Stephen Cooper Robert A. Edelman Alan D. Freshman Aaron L. Friedman Terry A. Gillian Leon I. Gilner Philip M. Guiliano Charles W. Hewson John M. Horan Michael A. Jones Lia E. Katz

Joseph P. LiPuma Howard E. Miller Dennis R. Novak Jay M. Ritt Michael W. Slome JoAnn M. Smith Stuart O. Tafeen Albert I. Tydings Mark C. Webster

\$1-\$99 Rosalind M. Caroff Philip Schulman

1975 TOTAL GIVING \$27,250 Percentage of giving 26%

\$10.000-\$24.999 David A. Lynch

\$5,000-\$9,999 B. Dale Magee

\$1,000-\$2,499 Louis Bland Glenn Champagne Charles I. Hecht Gretchen H. Rooker Joseph D. Verdirame

\$500-\$999 Joseph L. Byrne Donald Fagelman John D. Fey Mark D. Goldman Paul M. Grossberg Roxanne M. Hecht Robert S. Pyatt, Jr. John J. Sacco Leonard Sicilian

\$100-\$499 Anonymous Jeffrey J. Boxer James A. Dispenza Judy S. Fuschino Phillip Gioia Robert M. Goldberg Joseph W. Helak Richard F. Kasulke Alan N. Meisel

Samuel N. Pearl Stuart J. Sorkin James A. Terzian

# 1976

TOTAL GIVING \$12,150 Percentage of giving 22%

\$2,500-\$4,999 Janice M. Nelson

\$1,000-\$2,499 Frank J. Kroboth Marc F. Levenson Michael H. Mason Leon Mullen Deborah I. Reede

\$500-\$999 Richard M. Cantor Gerard A. Coluccelli Patrick J. Riccardi

\$100-\$499 Anonymous William Beals Gerald A. Cohen James F. Cornell Susan J. Denman Dennis L. Feinberg Anthony J. Fraioli Thomas W. Furth Leonard H. Madoff Iulia A. McMillan Thomas J. Rakowski Howard A. Sackel Margaret A. Sennett

# 1977

TOTAL GIVING \$54,785 Percentage of giving 23%

\$50,000 and above Peter D. Swift

\$1,000-\$2,499 Charles C. Gibbs Donald S. Stevens

## \$100-\$499

Richard J. Baron Stephen C. Brigham Arunas A. Budnikas John Canale Theodore D. Close Ronald Criscitiello John J. Cucinotta Charles B. Eaton Robert H. Fabrey, II Henry S. Friedman Gerard R. Hough Debra Kuracina Thomas J. LaClair William R. Latreille Anthony Scardella Cynthia S. Terry Jack E. Zigler Mark W. Zilkoski

### \$1-\$99

James A. Schneid Carolyn A. Smith

# 1978

TOTAL GIVING \$42,290 Percentage of giving 28%

\$10,000-\$24,999 Edward F. Higgins, Jr.

Bruce M. Leslie \$5,000-\$9,999 Gary M. Yarkony

\$1,000-\$2,499 Robert W. Eitches David E. Gunther Maureen E. McCanty Stephen E. Presser

Steven Strongwater

# \$500-\$999

Stephen L. Cash Barbara Edlund James L. Greenwald Michael J. Moeller Colleen E. O'Leary Michael R. O'Leary Irene O. Werner

\$100-\$499

David M. Auerbach Mark A. Belsky Patrick S. Collins Mary Catherine DeRosa Sharon A. Falkenheimer Robert Fulop Marie A. Ganott Gerald N. Goldberg Ronald D. Klizek





Michael Lustick Leon I. Rosenberg David J. Seeley John N. Talev

**\$1-\$99** Ronald W. Pies Richard J. Steinmann

# 1979

TOTAL GIVING \$10,374
Percentage of giving 27%

# \$1,000-\$2,499

Cynthia A. Battaglia-Fiddler Ann Kasten Aker Marc A. Subik

## \$500-\$999

Peter T. Curtin Joan S. Dengrove Richard M. Goldberg Teresa R. Miller Richard A. Muller Linda M. Rice Lawrence Semel

# \$100-\$499

Anonymous (2)
Sharon L. Abrams
Henry M. Adam
Robert J. Balcom
Robert M. Constantine
James P. Corsones
David H. Dube
Mark S. Erlebacher
Mary E. Fallat
Adrienne Greenblatt
Douglas K. Hyde
Barry F. Kanzer
Elizabeth A. Rocco
Ronald J. Siegle

K. Bruce B. Simmons Nancy J. Tarbell James A. Trippi

# 1980

TOTAL GIVING \$19,340 Percentage of giving 31%

# **\$5,000-\$9,999**Melanie D.

Ramachandran

# \$1,000-\$2,499

Mark D. Brownell David A. Goodkin Andrew W. Gurman Reginald Q. Knight Michael D. Privitera Bradley A. Woodruff

### \$500-\$999

Gerald Barber Robert D. Bona John F. Fatti Allan E. Hallquist Makoto lwahara John Shavers Neal M. Shindel John H. Soffietti

### \$100-\$499

Jeffrey S. Abrams
Mary Blome
Peter T. Brennan
Bruce C. Corser
Timothy E. Dudley
Gary C. Enders
Kenneth Friedman
David Greenblatt
Edward C. Gross
Bonnie D. Grossman
Lowell L. Hart
Ruth H. Hart
Gregory G. Kenien
Michael J. Kornstein

Marilyn Krch Robert L. Levine Paul Menge Robert Mitchell John E. Ritchie Joel M. Rosenberg Stephen M. Silver Peter J. Stahl Marshall Trabout Robert M. Vandemark Alexander E. Weingarten Nora W. Wu

# 1981

TOTAL GIVING \$66,311 Percentage of giving 22%

\$50,000 and above Ralph L. Stevens

# \$2,500-\$4,999

Sharon A. Brangman

# **\$1,000-\$2,499** Arnold Goldman

# \$500-\$999

Jody S. Blanco Steven M. Connolly 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 David C. Goodman David G. Greenhalgh Ellen M. Kaczmarek David E. Kolva Gerald A. Lauria James A. Longo Gerard R. Martin Peter G. Ronan Stephen A. Spaulding Jonathan R. Sporn Richard M. Steinbruck Kathleen Stoeckel Scott A. Syverud Anthony J. Viglietta Stuart W. Zarich

# \$1-\$99

Michael J. Boquard Cary W. Schneebaum

# 1982

TOTAL GIVING \$21,327 Percentage of giving 22%

# \$5,000-\$9,999

Anne H. Rowley Stephen M. Rowley

# \$2,500-\$4,999

James J. Cummings Charles J. Ryan, III

# \$1,000-\$2,499

Thomas A. Bersani Alan J. Goodman Ann M. Lenane Harold Richter William S. Varade

## \$500-\$999

Brett P. Godbout Barbara Jones Connor Gary B. Kaplan Norman R. Neslin David M. Novick William S. Sykora

### \$100-\$499

Bruce K. Barach Frederick J. Bunke Joseph Cambareri Charles J. Cattano Robert C. Cupelo Joseph J. Fata Valerie J. Fein-Zachary Harold Frucht Robert McCann Eileen M. Murphy Frank Rhode Pamela D. Unger Jeffrey N. Verzella Amy J. Yale-Loehr

# \$1-\$99

John C. Morris Dennis S. Poe Joseph A. Smith John S. Tsakonas

# 1983

TOTAL GIVING \$16,255 Percentage of giving 22%

# **\$2,500-\$4,999**Joseph R. Tobin

# \$1,000-\$2,499

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

### \$500-\$999

Eric L. Fremed Phyllis D. Fried Seth S. Greenky Susan Jensen Debra I. Poletto Michael R. Robinson Elizabeth A. Valentine Cynthia S. Wong

# \$100-\$499

Ronald R. Domescek David M. Friedel Michael P. Gabris Jules Greif Russell I. Heigh Ellen B. Kaplan Lya M. Karm Sylvia B. Kelemen Joseph P. Laukaitis Dorothy A. O'Keefe Robert J. Ostrander Paul P. Romanello Richard F. Russell Larry S. Sandberg Susan E. Schraft Joan L. Thomas

### \$1-\$99

Marcy E. Mostel Andrea R. Stewart

# 1984

TOTAL GIVING \$19,918

Percentage of giving 22%

# **\$5,000-\$9,999**Steven M. Shapiro

\$1,000-\$2,499 Linda Burrell Joseph P. Dervay Frederick D. Grant William M. Hartrich Amy L. Ladd

# Lori J. Mosca \$500-\$999

Gwen S. Korovin Sandra M. Lombardo Donald Patten Michael D. Schwartz Elizabeth S. Yerazunis Palis

# \$100-\$499

Eva F. Briggs William P. Bundschuh Hal E. Cohen Bradley M. Denker George T. Fantry Sallye R. Granberry-LaMont

David P. Haswell
Cynthia E. Johnson
Holly Kent
Michael Komar
Hindi T. Mermelstein
Carlene E. Quashie
Vicki C. Ratner
David C. Richard
Richard D. Scheyer
Gordon W. Single
Bruce B. Sloane
Steven R. Urbanski
Brian D. Woolford
Robert A. Zamelis

# 1985

TOTAL GIVING \$16,975
Percentage of giving 24%

# \$2,500-\$4,999

Peter I. Christiano

Gary G. Sauer Simon D. Spivack

\$1,000-\$2,499 William Canovatchel Timothy McCanty Ralph S. Mosca Maureen T. Murphy Neal Zung

### \$500-\$999

Andrew M. Becker Coleen K. Cunningham Joseph A. Pinkes Jonathan P. Yunis Mitchell Zipkin

## \$100-\$499

Robyn Agri Joseph P. Augustine Ionathan D. Bier Jo-Ann Blaymore-Bier James M. Callahan Debra I. Clark Gerard A. Compito Mark Costanza Donna F. Desmone Anthony J. diGiovanna Peter Eckberg Lori E. Fantry Mark A. Fogel Robert V. Hingre Thomas Kantor Daniel R. Kelly Frank M. O'Connell Anthony N. Passannante Michael D. Rutkowski Alan M. Schuller Robert M. Zielinski

**\$1-\$99**Michelle M. Davitt

# 1986

TOTAL GIVING \$13,223 Percentage of giving 22%

\$1,000-\$2,499
Gabriel M. Cohn
Colleen M. Dargie
Daniel W. Esper
Thomas J. Madejski
Henry P. Nagelberg
Michael E. Rettig
Barbara C. Tommasulo

# \$500-\$999

James B. Carroll Steven B. Goldblatt Matthew C. Goulet Elizabeth A. Prezio Robert L. Tiso

### \$100-\$499

Georgianne Arnold Marc Behar Michele Berger Simmons Shelley R. Berson William Blau Arthur F. Coli John J. Grosso James H. Hertzog Gerald V. McMahon Niel F. Miele



Sarah B. Nemetz Russell Rider Toufic A. Rizk David L. Rocker Richard A. Romer Donna E. Roth Mitchell S. Shek Scott B. Sheren Marc Z. Simmons Steven Tawil Andrew Topf Murray J. Werzberger

# 1987

TOTAL GIVING \$7,950

Percentage of giving 13%

\$1,000-\$2,499 John J. Callahan, Jr. Samuel Chun Joseph T. Flynn Michael A. Kwiat

\$500-\$999 Anonymous Paul B. Kreienberg Rebecca K. Potter

\$100-\$499
Rosemarie Conigliaro
Neil R. Connelly
Joseph F. Femia
Barbara L. Gannon
Ronald S. Gilberg
Roberto E. Izquierdo
Dennis Kelly
Kirsten P. Magowan
Lisa A. Manz-Dulac
Jeanine M. Morelli
Peter J. Morelli
Joseph Rand
Edward J. Spangenthal

# 1988

James Tyburski

TOTAL GIVING \$10,725

Percentage of giving 17%

**\$2,500-\$4,999**Larry S. Charlamb

\$500-\$999 Alphonse DeLucia, III Andrew M. Goldschmidt Michael Lastihenos Timothy Scholes Paul A. Zimmermann \$100-\$499 Erick C. Bulawa Donald Calzolaio Anthony Cannuli Ellen F. Cosgrove Teresa J. Karcnik-Mahoney Leo Katz Michael J. Mahelsky Kevin R. Math Michael S. McGarrity Anne Meduri James L. Megna Mary Kay Morrell Michael J. Paciorek Ellen N. Reich Elissa S. Sanchez-Speach Adam L. Seidner Holly Sikoryak David P. Speach Nancy E. Strauss

# 1989

TOTAL GIVING \$7,237

Percentage of giving 15%

### \$1,000-\$2,499

Dawn M. Sweeney Stephen R. Weinman

### \$500-\$999

Jeffrey Belanoff Karen DeFazio Roger E. Padilla Linda J. Powell

### \$100-\$499

Susan L. Auffinger R. Eugene Bailey Emily S. Brooks Brian S. Brundage Carolyn Coveney Angela V.D. D'Orsi Pamela L. Foresman Thomas A. Holly

# CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

# 1965 MEMORIAL CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Gary J. Havens, MD '65 James R. Tobin, MD '65 Daniel H. Whiteley, MD '65

# 1966 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Nancy M. Cladel
Malcolm D. Davidson, MD '66
Norman L. Fienman, MD '66
Neal M. Friedberg, MD '66
A. Michael Kaplan, MD '66
Laurence B. Levenberg, MD '66
Michael S. Levine, MD '66
Bonnie M. Norton, MD '66
Austin M. Pattner, MD '66
Alan F. Pritchard, MD '66
Louis A. Rosati, MD '66
Gerald Sufrin, MD '66
Stephen A. Wilson, MD '66
Frank G. Yanowitz, MD '66

# 1968 CLASS GIFT

Bruce W. Berger, MD '68 Harvey K. Bucholtz, MD '68 Cathey E. Falvo, MD '68 Kenneth A. Falvo, MD '68 Robert J. Kurman, MD '68 Michael H. Ratner, MD '68 Betty E. Reiss, MD '68 Jacob A. Reiss, MD '68 Arthur J. Segal, MD '68 Earl C. Wellington, MD '68

# 1971 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Lawrence F. Geuss, MD '71 Richard A. Goldman, MD '71 Bruce Hershfield, MD '71 Eugene M. Kenigsberg, MD '71 Gary J. Levy, MD '71 Charles L. Rouault, MD '71

# CAROL KAVANAGH & CLASS OF 1973 SCHOLARSHIP

Joseph Maloney, MD '73

# 1977 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Theodore D. Close, MD '77 Robert H. Fabrey, II, MD '77 Gerard R. Hough, MD '77 Donald S. Stevens, MD '77

# 1979 CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Henry M. Adam, MD '79 David H. Dube, MD '79 Marc A. Subik, MD '79

BRIAN P. SORRENTINO, MD CLASS OF 1985 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Albert F. Brandel Maureen T. Murphy, MD '85 Suzanne B. Sorrentino Simon D. Spivack, MD '85

Gloria A. Kennedy Kim Kramer Amy L. McGarrity Zotter J. Marc Pipas Mark A. Rubenstein Ronald C. Samuels Sybil Sandoval Elaine M. Silverman Nicholas C. Trasolini

**\$1-\$99**Susan A. Waterman

# 1990

TOTAL GIVING \$55,800 Percentage of giving 15%

\$25,000-\$49,999 John D. Bisognano Jill Freedman David R. Nelson

**\$1,000-\$2,499** Robert L. Carhart, Jr. Cynthia A. Gingalewski

# **\$500-\$999**Robin Gross

Robin Gross Kerry E. Houston Joseph Marsicano

# \$100-\$499

Lawrence S. Blaszkowsky Christina M. Brown Ronald J. Costanzo Pamela K. Fadness Kelly R. Huiatt Edward K. Onuma Gail Petters Clark Philogene Pasquale Picco Susan V. Rockwell Daniel Sambursky

**\$1-\$99** Anthony P. Pietropaoli Philip A. Remillard

# 1991

TOTAL GIVING \$9,300 Percentage of giving 13%

\$1,000-\$2,499 Matthew R. Brand Mark Charlamb Bradley P. Fox Joan O'Shea Stuart Pergament Anne M. Ranney

\$500-\$999

David Dombroski

\$100-\$499

John C. Brancato Gwenneth O. Cancino Lawrence S. Goldstein Gordon D. Heller David R. Kalman Thomas M. Larkin Denise C. Monte Christopher Nardone Valerie Newman Daniel J. O'Hearn Nancy L. Wang

1992

TOTAL GIVING \$4,689 Percentage of giving 13% \$1,000-\$2,499 Douglas Bennett Jane S. Bennett Barbara L. Clayton-Lutz

\$500-\$999

Joseph P. Damore, Jr. Mary Elizabeth Damore James Kim Dwight Ligham

### \$100-\$499

Michael J. Baccoli Deborah Bassett Nancy Giannini Steven Kushner Lawrence J. Kusior Theresa R. Lipsky Dino A. Messina Kenneth M. Ripp Diana L. Weiner

\$1-\$99

Joseph P. Gale Mirlande Jordan

# 1993

TOTAL GIVING \$16,900 Percentage of giving 12%

**\$10,000-\$24,999**Stephanie S. DeBuck

\$1,000-\$2,499 Kenneth A. Egol Matthew Karen Charles J. Lutz Robert E. Todd



\$500-\$999 Philip Mondi Lyle J. Prairie Maria J. Ziemba

\$100-\$499 Jarrod Bagatell Janice A. Bedell Russell J. Bird Denise A. Bothe Ross D. Crary Annemarie Etienne

Hester Brian Gordon Sonya Lecuona Joanne C. Pohl Danielle Robinson

# 1994

TOTAL GIVING \$12,465 Percentage of giving 15% **\$2,500-\$4,999** Sharon A. McFayden-Eyo

\$1,000-\$2,499

Malcolm D. Brand Philip A. Fraterrigo Margaret A. Leary Carolyn J. Slatch Harry H. Slatch Willie Underwood, III

\$500-\$999

Timothy S. Boyd Andria N. Chizner Michael K. Ditkoff Caroline W. Keib Cramer Scott T. Riebel Michael A. Swerdin

\$100-\$499

Eric R. Aronowitz Lisa R. Berger Christian Knecht Charles L. Maurer John D. Passalaris James M. Perry John P. Risolo Edward H. Tom Russell Wenacur

\$1-\$99

Matthew P. Dever Nadia Duvilaire

1995

TOTAL GIVING \$7,475 Percentage of giving 11%

**\$2,500-\$4,999** Timothy S. Huang

**\$1,000-\$2,499**Carl A. Silverio



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\$100-\$499

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Lauren Schlanger, MD '09 John Shavers, MD '80 Edward Smitaman, MD '07 Christopher W. Wasyliw, MD '01 Russell Wenacur, MD '94 Julie E. Yoon, MD '04

In Honor of Sharon Brangman, MD '81 Dodji V. Modjinou, MD '09

In Honor of the Class of 1984 Robert A. Zamelis, MD '84 In Honor of the Class of 2000

Jonathan D. Fish, MD '00

In Honor of Claudia and Pete's Wedding Richard F. Endres, MD

In Honor of James L. Greenwald, MD '78

Gary M. Yarkony, MD '78 In Honor of our daughter Hannah's Bat Mitzvah

Rachel M. Pessah-Pollack, MD '05
In Honor of Dr. Jack Katz's long and distinguished

medical and teaching career Hindi T. Mermelstein, MD '84 In Honor of Larry Moloff, MD

In Honor of Patricia J. Numann, MD '65

Ethel Black

Danielle A. Katz, MD '97

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In Honor of Mark S. Persky, MD '72

Carol L. Bender, MD '72

In Honor of Patrick J. Riccardi, MD '76

Dodji V. Modjinou, MD '09

In Honor of the R-Med Fund for Northern NY

Hugh S. Fulmer, MD '51

In Honor of Timothy M. Smilnak, MD '17 Arthur Zak, MD '16

In Honor of Elinor Spring-Mills, PhD

Dodji V. Modjinou, MD '09

In Honor of Susan Stearns, PhD

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

Sarah C. Burns

Leesha A. Helm, MD '16

Matthew F. Helm, MD '16

Susan H. Keeter

Susan B. Stearns, PhD

In Honor of Paula Trief, PhD

Daniel Himmelsbach

In Honor of the Upstate Faculty supporting non traditional students

Jin Qian, MD '10

In Honor of Jennifer Cox Welch

Dodji V. Modjinou, MD '09

In Honor of Gary M. Yarkony, MD '78

Ian R. Alexander



## 2023 Scholarship Recipients

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

The A. Geno Andreatta Scholarship Maria B. Gomez

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

The Nathan and Ada August Memorial Scholarship Adam Bowen

The Stanley A. August, MD Memorial Scholarship Heidi Hindsley

The Zaven S. Ayanian, MD '59 Family Scholarship Maria F. Krisch

The John R., MD '84 and Deborah L. Ayres Endowed Scholarship Lianne De La Cruz

The Theresa Baltera Memorial Scholarship Caroline M. Johnson

The N. Barry Berg, PhD Scholarship for Musculoskeletal Medicine

Andrew Rosso

**The Martin Black Family Scholarship** Daniel J. DeNoble

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

Dan Draytsel, Cholette Fiore and John Panzone

The Sharon A. Brangman, MD '81 Geriatrics Scholarship

Belinda Tang

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

Carlie Thompson

The Cady Family Scholarship
Dan Draytsel

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

Joseph Settineri

The David L. Charney, MD '68 Endowed Scholarship Annika A. Mounts

The Douglas (Ed Ben-Edison) Cox, MD '63 Scholarship Lianne De La Cruz

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

The Dewan Family Endowed Scholarship

Swathi E. Jacob, Richmond Mensah, Ricky Ng, Sophia Xian and Kelly Zhou The Eleni Doufekias, MD '03 Memorial Scholarship Zachary Spahr

The Alfred W. Doust, MD Endowed Scholarship in Otolaryngology Nadia Debick

The Dracker Family Scholarship Claudia Heritage

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

Kelly F. Reese and Andrew Salmons

The Alfred F. and Shirley D. Enwright Endowed Scholarship (endowed by Michael O'Leary, MD '78 and Colleen Enwright O'Leary, MD '78) John Panzone

The Joseph C. Fischer, MD '79 Memorial Scholarship Kelly Crane

The Medical Alumni Foundation Founders Scholarship Serena Schmitt

The Sarah Loguen Fraser, MD Alumni Scholarship Samantha Hanley

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

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

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

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

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

Alexandra Stone

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

Nadia Debick, Rachael A. Ferraloro, Michelle Melfi and Joseph Settineri

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

The I. Bruce Gordon, MD '63 Scholarship in Honor of Professor William H. Bergstrom Gavrielle J.L. Rood The Diane Green-El, MD '78 Memorial Scholarship Sarah M. Papa

The Sahib Saran Gupta Memorial Scholarship Melanie Ngo

The Douglas W. Halliday, MD, PhD '79 Scholarship Cailey Walton

The Frances A. Harmatuk, MD '41 Geriatrics Scholarship Kristin Schermerhorn

The Edward F. Higgins, Jr. MD '78 Scholarship Joseph Settineri

The Geraldyne and Grant Hobika, MD '52 Memorial Scholarship Iian H. Li

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

The Kasten Aker Family Scholarship Claudia Bennett-Caso

The E. Gregory Keating, PhD Memorial Scholarship Mario Lorenzana De Witt

The Martha S. Kincaid, MD '73 Scholarship Rachael A. Ferraloro

Nacriael A. Ferratoro

The Sonya A. LaBella Memorial Scholarship Sarah M. Papa

The Stanley D. Leslie, MD '51 Memorial Scholarship Catherine Mohina Baril

The Lynch Family Scholarship Hannah Burr

The Alphonse A. Maffeo, MD '72 Scholarship

Dustin Shawnego
The B. Dale Magee, MD '75

Scholarship
Steven J. Crescenti Jr. and Bryan Mera

Steven J. Crescenti Jr. and Bryan Mera Reyes

The Edward A. Major, MD '64 and Stephen Major, MD Psychiatry Award

Dennis Grapsas

Dan Draytsel

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

The Angeline R. Mastri, MD '59 Scholarship

The Patrick T. Mathews, MD '03 Memorial Scholarship Jacquelyn Knapp Scholarship in Pediatrics Claudia Heritage The James L. McGraw, MD '41

The McAnarney Family Endowed

The James L. McGraw, MD '4'
Scholarship
Maria F. Krisch

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

The James and Dolores Moffett Memorial Scholarship Megan Lafferty

The Peggy and Adolph Morlang, MD '66 Scholarship Katie Farkouh and Gloria Munayco Maldonado

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

The Rudolph J. Napodano, MD '59 Scholarship Lauren Milac

The Patricia J. Numann, MD '65 Endowed Scholarship Sydney Klugman

The Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS) Medical Student Scholarship

Rachel M. Garn and Andrew Salmons

The Allan J. Press, MD '67 Endowed Scholarship

The Dr. Tarakad Ramachandran Neurology Award Siara Clos, Ryan Kimmis, Elena

Kleinhenz, Casey Manzanero, Ronald Miller and Laxshika Raveendran The Betty Reiss, MD '68 and Jacob

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The Monroe Richman, MD '55 and Esther Richman Scholarship Keisha Warn

The Samuel Rosenthal, MD '64 Scholarship Zachary Spahr

The Rural Medicine Alumni Endowed Scholarship
Adam Hatala

The Sanders/Kilkelly Scholarship Megan Lafferty

The Schein Family Scholarship Mus'ab A. Azam

The Jack J. Schneider, MD '66 Scholarship Jacquelyn Knapp

The Julius Schwartz, MD '33 Scholarship Sarah R. Lubin

The Setnor Family Endowed Scholarship

Matthew Secondine

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The Ara A. Sheperdigian, MD '60 Memorial Scholarship Claudia Heritage

The John B. and Henrietta E. Simeone Scholarship in Memory of Fiorindo A. Simeone, MD Daniel J. DeNoble

The Frederick W. Sloan, MD '74 Scholarship

Alexandra Blomfield

The Brian P. Sorrentino, MD '85 Memorial Scholarship Joseph C. Giancaspro

The Susan B. Stearns, PhD Scholarship for Community Engagement Carlie Thompson

The Ellen Lawson Stevens, MD Endowed Scholarship

Rachel B. Aber, Madeline R. Lee and Halima Suleiman

The Ralph Stevens, MD '81 Madison-Oneida County Scholarship

Erika Bradley, Coralee Everett Katie Farkouh, Elizabeth Kaido, David P. Mathews, John Panzone, Sarah M. Papa, Mark D. Verenich

The Rosemary Stevens, MD Annual Scholarship (endowed by Thomas Stevens, MD '65 in memory of his mother)

Richmond Mensah, Anita Ngarava, Mugabo J.M. Nshimiye, Juanit Rodriguez

The Marc A. Subik, MD '79 Family Scholarship

Andrew Salmons

The Swift Family Legacy Grants Hannah Burr, Sarah R. Lubin, Lucas Lyons, Zachariah Wentlent and Junchao Zhang

The Dr. Oscar and Mrs. Luba Trief Memorial Scholarship Aniah McLeod

The Barbara and Harold H. Wanamaker, MD '56 Scholarship Sonny Pohar

The Andrew D. Weinberg, MD '78 Memorial Geriatric Scholarship Belinda Tang

The Herbert M. Weinman, MD '65 and Suzy Weinman Scholarship Award

Megan Lafferty

The Alan L. Williams, MD '70 and Luanne G. Williams Scholarship YeonSoo (Kelly) Kim

The Susan and Jack Yoffa, MD '69 in Memory of Elaine Yoffa Hornung Scholarship Caitlin Ward

The Frank E. Young, MD '56 and Leanne Young Endowed Scholarship Nabeel Saif

The Rick Zogby, MD, Class of 1984 Memorial Scholarship Andrew Rosso

#### CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Class of 1966 Scholarship John Clay

The Class of 1971 Scholarship Caroline M. Johnson

The Carol Kavanagh and Class of 1973 Scholarship David Morrison

The Class of 1977 Scholarship Keren Valerus

#### 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.

Sydney Klugman, Katie Farkouh, Timothy H. Chan

#### 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.

Rachel B. Aber, Katie Farkouh

#### **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, Mary Brewer, Romario Gibson, Jason Grullon, Caroline M. Johnson, Avree S. Kestay, Blessing Chidiuto Lawrence, Kevin Leon, Michelle Melfi, David Morrison, Katherine D. Narvaez Mena, Janet Nguyen

## DEAN'S DISTINCTION AWARDS

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

Addison Billion, Adam Novak, Mugabo J. M. Nshimiye

#### PENDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Peter J. Adasek, MD '65 Scholarship Dennis L. Allen, MD '72 and Linda Riffe Allen Endowed Scholarship in Memory of John B. Henry, MD

John D. Bisognano, MD '90 Endowed Scholarship

Class of 1955 Scholarship

Class of 1965 Memorial Scholarship Class of 1979 Scholarship

Class of 1980 Scholarship

Andre de Corla-Souza, MD '00 Memorial Scholarship

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

The Garakani Family Scholarship

Kathleen A. Iles, MD '18 Memorial Scholarship

Jonathan Lowell, MD '75 Scholarship Sam and Carol Nappi Endowed 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

Andrew J. Swinburne, MD '69 Memorial Scholarship

Ann and Stanley Yarkony Memorial 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

The Lawrence Pickett, MD Endowed Lectureship in Pediatric Surgery

Reiss Family Visiting Lectureship in Ethics and Equity

#### Professorships/ Chairs

Stanley A. August, MD '69 Endowed Professorship in Pediatrics

Medical Alumni Endowed
Professorship in Bioethics

The Patricia J. Numann, MD '65, Chair of Surgery

Lloyd S. Rogers Endowed Professorship in Surgery

Leanne and Frank E. Young, MD '56, PhD, Endowed Chair in Biomedical Science



## STUDENT ROUNDS

### Conquering the Downhill Battle

AS AN ADAPTIVE SKI INSTRUCTOR, DAN DENOBLE HELPS THOSE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND FIND JOY ON THE SLOPES.

or more than 25 years, the Arise and Ski program in Syracuse has made skiing accessible for people with physical and developmental challenges, pairing experienced ski volunteers with those needing assistance.

Fourth-year medical student Dan DeNoble '24 has volunteered with the program for more than a decade, beginning when he was just a freshman in high school. "It's all about fostering as much independence as possible," he says, "supporting people when they may feel vulnerable and sharing the joy of skiing."

DeNoble grew up with an aunt who was developmentally disabled and nonverbal. His mother was her primary caregiver. "Because I lived with her from an early age, I was comfortable communicating with someone with a disability," he says.

When a pamphlet for the Arise and Ski program showed up in the mail, DeNoble's mother decided it would be a good volunteer activity for him. "I was nervous about it," he recalls.

Ski sessions are held on winter weekends, with volunteers typically paired with the same individual for a four-session season. In his first year, DeNoble was partnered with a skier with autism spectrum disorder. "He was actually a great skier, he just needed social support—a buddy to ski with him and support him with his interactions with other skiers," he says.

In his second year, DeNoble was paired with an older skier with Down Syndrome. Working in tandem with another volunteer, they employed bamboo poles to help the man with steering and balance.

"Watching his joy when we got him up to the big hill at Toggenburg for the first time, that's what really got me hooked," he says.

Through the years, DeNoble has worked with skiers of all ages and impairments, often helping young people who need assistance with the tow rope and chair lift and who may require tethers or the support of other adaptive equipment. "Each experience has been a new humbling opportunity to witness individuals overcome obstacles and discover independence that many people thought impossible," he says.

DeNoble has developed many relationships through the years, both with fellow volunteers who have become good friends, and with the skiers he's worked with.

One of those is a young man he taught to ski with a frame made out of PVC piping. His mother was so impressed by the way DeNoble was able to communicate with her son, she asked DeNoble if he'd be willing to work with him outside the program.

A student at LeMoyne College at the time, DeNoble became the young man's mentor through Advocates Inc., a local agency that works to advance inclusion. It's a relationship that continues today. "We do things as simple as make lunch and watch a movie to helping him overcome obstacles and fears out in the community," he says.

DeNoble has supported his mentee in activities ranging from the Front Row Players, an acting group for individuals with disabilities, to a summer music camp at Subcat Studios, and the Syracuse Challengers Baseball program. "I've built a really close bond with him and his family over the years," he says.



Medical student Dan DeNoble with his mentee through Advocates Inc., on the way to the young man's high school prom.



Growing up, DeNoble had a passion for cars and thought he'd pursue a career in engineering with a goal of working in the automobile industry. But his ninth-grade biology course steered him in a new direction. "I absolutely loved human anatomy and physiology," he says. "The human body is this perfectly designed machine, so medicine feeds the same interest I have in mechanics while providing the ability to help people."

His participation in the Arise and Ski program has only reinforced that interest.

"I've gotten a lot of fulfillment from serving other people. Being able to help people accomplish their goals, particularly when their fears may be at their highest, is very rewarding," he says. "It's a great program that is always looking for new volunteers."

DeNoble plans to pursue surgery, another outgrowth of his interest in mechanics. "When I was 16, I bought an old BMW. I couldn't afford to take it to a dealer, so I learned to fix everything myself," he says. "I just love being able to

diagnose problems and use my hands to fix things. When I got in the operating room, I had the same feeling."

DeNoble's volunteer experiences have impacted his medical education in more tangible ways as well. "Medical education on treating individuals with disabilities is extremely limited," he says. "Because of my experiences with my aunt and the individuals at Arise, I have a comfort level that I realized many of my peers do not have," he says.

DeNoble designed a class session for first-year students to increase comfort and competency, which included a Power-Point presentation and quiz on implicit bias and modules to teach tangible skills that aren't part of the regular curriculum. He also brought his mentee and another young man with an intellectual disability for students to talk with, and another individual who uses a wheelchair joined via Zoom. "We did a mock history and physical and the guests shared their experiences, good and bad, navigating the health care system," DeNoble says.

Feedback was so positive that the class session has continued, also incorporating guests with physical disabilities. "I'm hoping that this experience translates into medical practice and makes good care more accessible for this population of patients," says DeNoble, who has received four scholarships from the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation, including the Student Citizen Award.

But his real joy comes through the achievements of the individuals he works with. "Witnessing their adaptability, resilience, and patience in achieving their goals—these are all attributes that not only will help me in medicine, but just in general to build good relationships with people and help them get where they want to go."

#### 1953

**Daniel J. Mason**, of Coral Springs, FL, writes "Seventy years since graduation and still here with perhaps one other from my class of 75. I have been retired as many years as I practiced OB/GYN."

1954 Revion
September 20-21, 2024

### 1955

Ronald H. Spiro, of Jerusalem, Israel, celebrated 69 years of marriage with Nina in June. "I am awaiting the birth of our 19th great grandchild."

### 1958

George B. Jacobs, of Cape Coral, FL, shares that his area is still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Ian one year ago. "Many residents are living in RVs and hotels. We have a big undamaged home that we enjoy with our rescue German Shepherd, Thor III. and extend an invi-



Thor III, service and therapy dog of George B. Jacobs '58

tation to all classmates who may be in southwest Florida. We unfortunately were not able to join you at Reunion. I think most of you will remember that even while I was a medical student, I had a big dog."

1959 Revion
September 20-21, 2024

### 1960

Julian M. Aroesty, of Scituate, MA, has had COVID three times with five months of extremely disordered taste and a 20-pound weight loss. The first infection was before the vaccine, and the others after all boosters. "Recovering slowly with increased cycling, about five miles a day now, gradually increasing to my usual 15 miles a day," he writes. "Still attending teaching conferences over the web, and doing second opinion consultations for Spain, India, North Africa, and the Middle East. I am also reading history and listening to Wall Street Journal and New York Times podcasts while cycling."

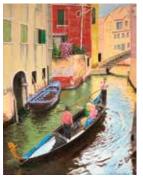
### 1962

**Robert Poss**, of Marblehead, MA, is retired and doing fine.

**John Ritrosky, Jr.**, of Sanibel, FL, retired after 56 years in pediatric practice and continuous hospital privileges.

#### 1963

**Richard F. Carver**, of Lee's Summit, MO, loves retirement. "I have time to travel, spend time with my family, golf, and do artwork," he writes.



Painting by Richard F. Carver '63

J. Michael Hartigan, of Holmen, WI, sends "a shout out from Wisconsin! I am sorry I was unable to attend our 60-year reunion. I'm doing well post-cancer but recovering from chemo," he writes. "I thoroughly enjoyed my years at Upstate and Syracuse."

Carl Salzman, of Cambridge, MA, turned 85 and decided to retire. "It has not been an easy decision. I have worked with some patients for more than 40 years, and I am as attached to some of them as they are to me," he writes. "Now it is time to say good-bye, and like any long-term meaningful relationship, it won't be easy, for them or for me. I know I will be busy and happy in my nonpsychiatrist old age, but it will be hard to let go of the many close (therapeutic) relationships that have enriched my own life as well as having helped many others."

## 1964 Revion September 20-21, 2024

Nathan M. Hameroff, of Saint Petersburg, FL, continues working part-time at several imaging centers in Saint Petersburg. "I enjoy the social interaction and I still like what I do. I believe it also helps keep me mentally sharp."

### 1965

**Lawrence F. Simon**, of West Nyack, NY, writes "I am celebrating 50 years at Nyack Hospital and still enjoying the surgical life."

### 1966

Alan F. Pritchard, of Sodus, NY, has been retired for more than 20 years, although volunteers at a pregnancy center and a hospice. He keeps busy with 10 grandchildren, an 1880's farmhouse, Camerata singing, and 20 years as a rules official for golf in the Rochester, NY area. In spite of many old injuries, he won a NYSGA legends: age group (80 - 84) championship this summer. "My mom lived to almost 102; I think I've got her genes," he writes. "Stay well and I'll see you at the next reunion."

Frank G. Yanowitz, of Salt Lake City, UT, marked his 50th year with the University of Utah School of Medicine in August. "I continue to teach medical residents several hours a week (remotely) using materials from my ECG teaching website (ECG.Utah.edu). Life is good," he writes.



Frank G. Yanowitz '66

Norman J. Marcus, of New York, NY, is director of clinical muscle pain research at Weill Cornell Medicine, secretary/treasurer of the Board of Pain Medicine, and president of the Foundation for Research and Advocacy for Muscle Pain Education. "Best wishes to my classmates," he writes.

Bertram Zarins, of Marion, MA, no longer sees patients, but is writing a book, Surgical Anatomy & Exposure of the Knee. "I think it will be a thriller," he writes.

Robert L. Bard, of New York, NY, is editor of the 400-page Image Guided Aesthetic Treatment, published by Springer Nature in 2023.

1969 Rewion September 20·21, 2024

**Joel A. Strom**, of Tampa, FL, and his wife, Jane, took their children and grandchildren to Ireland for 10 days. The kids, ranging in age from 17 to 26, kept them hopping. "We highly recommend it." he writes.

Mark L. Wolraich, of Torrington, CT, received the Career Achievement Award from the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. This award recognizes a member of SDBP who has made outstanding contributions to the field of developmental and behavioral pediatrics over the course of their career.

Richard B. Bernstein, of Atlanta, GA, shares two photos of he and his wife, Carol.

Lester D. Miller, of Aptos, CA, and his wife, Martha, recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Their son, Aaron, is deputy director of the Asia Pacific Center at UCLA and a recent semifinalist at the amateur Van Cliburn Piano Competition in Texas. Daughter Alison is vice president of Instacart in San Francisco.

Charles E. Jordan, of Ashland, NH, is happily retired in The Villages, FL. He also spends time in New Hampshire with grandsons and time in New Zealand with his granddaughter.

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Jack L. Baldassare, of Fort Lee, NJ, and wife Elena just celebrated their 50th anniversary. They have three daughters and five grandchildren. The oldest recently graduated from George

Washington University and the next oldest is at Syracuse University. He continues practicing teleradiology from home. Gary M. Kohn, of

Algonquin, IL, works in a local free clinic. He and Pam celebrated 20 years of marriage this year.

Robert M. Goldberg, of Somers Point, NJ, is enjoying his 44th year of solo private practice of medical oncology/hematology in Somers Point. "I love what I do, but cannot say the same about the 'system.' It is a beautiful early fall evening here on the Great Egg Harbor Bay, looking out at the Atlantic City skyline. A few hundred yards outside my condo here on the water, the Coast Guard is practicing with a rescue helicopter and jumpers and divers. My younger daughter, Jackie (Goldberg) Mandell, '10 is a mom, a wife, and an ophthalmologist/medical

retina specialist in the Philadelphia area. Life is good, and I wish the best to all," he writes.



Richard B. Bernstein '71 and wife, Carol



The Bernsteins with Elton John

### 1978

#### Sharon A. Falkenheimer,

of Albany, NY, continues volunteering to teach healthcare professionals in low- and middle-income countries several times each year.

1979 Revion
September 20•21, 2024

1983

Robert C. Morgan, of Oswego, NY, has retired after 40 years of practice and is enjoying his two grandsons ages three and eighteen months. "I am now a licensed Merchant Marine Captain and doing lighthouse tours for the Maritime Museum in Oswego. I'm working hard to refit our 85-foot two masted schooner and hope to have it in the water again in 2025. Come to Oswego and see all the things we are doing on Lake Ontario," he writes.

1984 Reviion

September 20•21, 2024

### 1985

#### Stephen F. Coccaro,

Setauket, NY, is president of Blanca's House, and recently returned from a medical mission in Ecuador. The mission was completed in their own Day Hospital that they built from a private home in Guayaquil. "Anyone interested in going on a medical mission please contact Blancashouse.org."



Stephen F. Coccaro '85

#### **MICHAEL NORKO, MD'83**

### Psychiatry and the Law

n 1999, Connecticut became the first state to enact a law allowing police to seize firearms from people deemed violent or suicidal. Since then, 22 other states have enacted some version of a risk-based gun removal law, often referred to as red-flag laws. Forensic psychiatrist Michael Norko, MD '83, believes those laws have saved lives, at least from suicide.

Dr. Norko has been part of research teams that have analyzed gun removal data, first from Connecticut and more recently, the largest national study conducted, analyzing data from six states. "We can demonstrate the utility of these laws in terms of reducing self-harm and research on other outcomes continues," he says.

While mass shootings garner more public attention, their rarity makes population-based outcome studies virtually impossible, he says.

During more than three decades of practice, Norko has become an expert on concepts of dangerousness and risk in psychiatric practice. He spent 17 years at the Whiting Forensic Hospital, Connecticut's maximum security psychiatric hospital. In his first role as a unit chief, he supervised 18 patients, 13 of whom had been found not guilty by reason of insanity for homicide.

"It was a new unit made possible with funding from the Department of Correction, which wanted to send us people they didn't have resources to adequately care for," Norko says. "It was very interesting work to set goals and vision for the unit. Some of the people were quite ill and didn't get much better but others made good progress."

Norko would go on to become associate director for hospital operations, medical director, and director/ CEO. In 2007, he became director of forensic services for the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, where he worked to develop programs and laws to improve the public mental health system in its service to people involved in the criminal justice system. He stepped down from that role this summer but remains a forensic policy advisor.

Norko has also been a full-time faculty member at Yale University School of Medicine since 2000, where he is professor of psychiatry. While serving as director at Whiting, he attended Yale Divinity School, earning a master of arts in religion in 2010. Subsequently, he has broadened his focus from psychiatry and the law to issues related to psychiatry, spirituality, and religion.



Michael Norko, MD '83

That included developing an elective course for medical students and residents.

"Regardless of their own worldview, most of their patients are going to have some spiritual or religious views that are important to them," says Norko, who chairs the Psychiatry and Religion Committee of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP) and is secretary of the Caucus on Spirituality, Religion and Psychiatry of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). "These are issues patients want to talk about in treatment, so clinicians need to develop more comfort in dealing with them."

Another area of focus is advising faith-based communities on the well-being of LGBTQ youth, with a goal to reduce suicide and other harms. Working with GAP's religion and psychiatry and LGBTQ committees, he spearheaded development of a booklet and toolkit that addresses ways in which faith leaders and faith communities can support LGBTQ youth to mitigate mental health challenges. "We were asked and granted permission to have it translated and used in Finland by the Evangelical Lutheran Church," he says.

Norko has long had an interest in the intersection of medicine and the humanities. He was attracted to Upstate Medical University by its medical humanities curriculum and was further sold when he was interviewed by the late Bruce Dearing, who is memorialized at Upstate through an annual writing competition.

He found a close-knit group of classmates who had similar interests, including his future wife, Debra Brown-Norko '83 (a retired pediatrician who earned a master of divinity degree at Yale Divinity School in 2022 and now works in retreat ministry). Their group initiated the first memorial service for their cadaver donors, a tradition that continues today.

Norko says he was drawn to the interpersonal dimension of psychiatry "as opposed to the biomechanical dimensions of a lot of other specialties." He did his residency at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, where he became involved in a research study about people's ability to consent to voluntary psychiatric hospitalization. As a result, he was nominated and selected for the Rappeport Fellowship of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL), which was only in its second year.

"It was a new unit made possible with funding from the Department of Correction, which wanted to send us people they didn't have resources to adequately care for. It was very interesting work to set goals and vision for the unit. Some of the people were quite ill and didn't get much better but others made good progress."

"It provided the opportunity to attend AAPL's national meeting, where I met all these nationally and internationally famous forensic psychiatrists. I was hooked," says Norko, who completed a forensic psychiatry fellowship at Yale.

Norko is past president of the Connecticut Psychiatric Society and past president of AAPL. He has served as editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law* since 2019. His many honors include the Manfred S. Guttmacher Award from the APA and AAPL, given for outstanding contribution to the literature on forensic psychiatry; and being named a Distinguished Life Fellow by the APA.

Norko describes the vocation of forensic psychiatry as a spiritual quest but says his integration of spirituality into his professional life is not unique. "I think it's a universal part of finding purpose in your life, to think about what we do in our profession as being meaningful to our life and our existence," he says.

—Renée Gearhart Levy

### 1986

Shelley R. Berson, of Nyack, NY, is plugging away creating an ENT department at the Castle Point VA. "Slipping in what I know about missing allergies and good sleep for our Vets. I am grateful."

#### Richard A. Rubin,

of Slingerlands, NY, is 60-percent retired from primary care and as a hospital chief medical officer in the Albany area and working two days per week at the New York State Health Department. He gets together regularly with classmates Shelley R. Berson and Gabe M. Cohn.



Richard A. Rubin '86, Shelley R. Berson '86, and Gabe M. Cohn '86



Norma and Mitchell S. Shek '86



Max, Norma and Alex, sons and wife of Mitchell S. Shek '86

Mitchell S. Shek, of Bloomfield, MI, celebrated 34 years of marriage to his wife, Norma, along with marriages of their sons Alex and Max this year. "Our whole family is very blessed and grateful," he writes.

### 1988

Alphonse DeLucia, III, of Hickory Corners, MI, has joined the University of Michigan Health-West to lead its new cardiac surgery program in Wyoming, MI. He is a clinical assistant professor in the Michigan Medicine Department of cardiac surgery.

Teresa J. Karcnik-Mahoney, of Middletown, NY, and classmate
Genevieve M. Krebs-Fernandez attended the Crystal Run/Optum provider meeting this past September. She also enjoyed her 35th reunion lunch with her 1988 classmates in October.



Genevieve M. Krebs-Fernandez '88 and Teresa J. Karcnik-Mahoney '88



The Class of 1988 at their Reunion Luncheon: Ellen, Linda, Teresa, Jeffrey, and Nancy with her husband, Scott

**Holly Sikoryak**, of Alexandria, VA, has a big year ahead, with two of her sons getting married in 2024.

Nancy E. Strauss, of Hartsdale, NY, had a wonderful time at her 35th reunion. "So great to see everyone," she writes. "The best part was looking through our class of 1988 yearbook together!"

## 1989 Revion September 20-21, 2024

**G. Michael Ortiz**, of Saratoga Springs, NY, shares "Smith and Company's visit to Saratoga Springs for the Dead and Company's final tour this summer was tons of fun," he writes. "The only thing missing was



Nancy E. Strauss '88 at Reunion 2023 with classmates



G. Michael Ortiz '89 at Dead and Company's final tour with some classmates

more of our medical school classmates. Maybe next summer?"

Laurie K. (Vedder) Seremetis, of Austin, TX, is healthy and having fun, though the latter now consists more of a beautiful hike, visiting her wonderful young adult children in Colorado, having (only!) one to two good beers, or going to bed early with a good book. She did a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship in her 40s, worked with high-risk kids and families through nonprofits for many years, and is currently the medical director at Central Counties Services, stepping down at the end of October to join the clinical faculty in

the psychiatry department at Texas A&M University School of Medicine. She is a mindfulness meditation teacher in local women's prisons and hopes to graduate to doing more of this in the future. She sends love and best wishes to everyone in the class of 1989.

### 1990

John D. Bisognano, of Ann Arbor, MI, has been named interim chief of cardiovascular medicine at the University of Michigan.



Alex, son of Laurie K. Vedder Seremetis '89, and her daughter, Nicole

#### 1991

Valerie Newman, of Portland, OR, continues to enjoy her neonatology work. She spent time in Montana this summer with Roz Odin, where they explored Glacier National Park with friends.



Valerie Newman '91 and Roz S. Odin '91

## 1994 Revion September 20-21, 2024

### 1995

Amy L. Grace, of Little Falls, NY, has been a family physician with the Bassett Healthcare Network for 16 years and was recently named chief of the primary care service line for the network. She is proud to report that her daughter, Caitlin E. Grace, is a firstyear medical student at Upstate."

**Kenroy Scott '91,** of Manlius, NY, is retired and doing medical missions in Jamaica, West Indies. "I volunteer at Noel Holmes Hospital in Lucea, Jamaica. I am very active in the OB/GYN department. This is the most rewarding time of my entire medical career."

### 1993

Peter Hogenkamp,

of Rutland, VT, has recently published a new book, *The Woman From Death Row*, a Jade Stryker Thriller.



### 1998

Timothy K. Atkinson, of Potsdam, NY, relocated to Upstate New York in 2005 after his Air Force military career, and began working in a private family medicine practice until 2010, then became a full-time hospitalist at Canton-Potsdam Hospital. He and his family have enjoyed the many beautiful aspects of rural living on the outskirts of the Adirondack Mountains. After an 18 year-career as part of this health care system, he's now at St. Lawrence Health, part of Rochester Regional Health System, starting a new chapter as a hospitalist at Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, NY. "Like most of you who endured the COVID-19 pandemic and are as frustrated as I am with health care in America. I salute you," he writes. "It is up to us to continue to carry the torch and pass it on to a younger generation of doctors. The work required is great to turn the most expensive health care in the world into something much better."

Jeffrey R. LaDuca, of Auburn, NY, writes "To the class of 1998: thank you to all that were able to attend Saturday's reunion class dinner at the Lemon Grass. It was great to see familiar faces. Some looked EXACTLY the same as I remembered, and some of us were a bit 'stouter' and had less hair (me). It was great to reconnect and talk about our time on The Hill in Syracuse. We survived a world without internet or cell phones. We survived a world



Jeffrey R. LaDuca '98 with classmates at Reunion 2023

without GPS or Amazon. And somehow, we learned enough to become the physicians that we are today. For those of you that could not make it... we googled the hell out of you! Some of you need to update your pictures on the internet. We missed you and hope that we can all be together in five years at our 30th. Best wishes to the entire class of 1998!"

1999 Revion
September 20-21, 2024

2004 Revion
September 20•21, 2024

2005

**Sunil Abraham**, of Asheville, NC, a rheumatologist, recorded a podcast for the American College of Rheumatology, ACR on Air: https://acronair.libsyn.com/62-joining-a-practice.

2009 Revion
September 20-21, 2024

#### 2010

Josephine Dunn Junius, of Sheldon, IA, was promoted to Commander in the United States Navy Reserves in November 2022. In July 2023, she celebrated 10 years practicing family medicine with obstetrics.



Josephine Dunn Junius '10

Meryl Kahan, of Fresh Meadows, NY, was married to Ethan Leifer in September 2023 in Woodbury, NY. She opened her gynecology and aesthetics practice named SheMD in October 2023 in Queens, NY.

#### 2012

Marvinia Charles, of Dallas, TX, and Cecil Scruggs were wed in an intimate wedding in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, on July 15. "We were surrounded with family and our closest friends. We look forward to the blessings that God has in store for us and our union," she writes.



Cecil Scruggs and Marvinia Charles '12 Wedding

2013

**Nikolai V. Kolotiniuk**, of Fresno, CA, hiked the Half Dome: 17 miles, 4,800 elevation gain, in 10 hours.



Nikolai V. Kolotiniuk '13

#### STACY COOPER, MD '08

### Fighting Children's Cancer

s assistant professor of oncology and clinical director of the Pediatric Oncology Inpatient Program at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Stacy Cooper, MD '08, helps families navigate their worst nightmare, treatment for a child with leukemia or lymphoma.

Dr. Cooper says she was drawn to the specialty for the same reasons others may avoid it: the patients are complex and often get quite sick. But it's the ability to dig in and develop those longitudinal relationships with patients that attracted her to the field.

At Hopkins, Cooper's service treats patients into young adulthood. "You get to know patients quite well," she says. "And I think the doctor that knows them the best can often help navigate something that is really unimaginable for most people."

In addition to patient care, Cooper is working to improve cure rates through research. Through the Children's Oncology Group, she is study chair of a national clinical trial for relapsed B acute lymphoblastic leukemia. "The goal is to try to use immunotherapy rather than conventional chemotherapy to improve cure rates, while also decreasing toxicity by targeting only cancer cells and sparing normal tissues," she says. "The project is attempting to build on the success of a previous trial, which showed that an agent called blinatumomab improved outcomes and decreased toxicity. We're adding another immunotherapy agent called nivolumab in an attempt to overcome resistance to the blinatumomab."

The trial is being conducted at 200 sites nationwide. "Because pediatric cancer is fortunately rare, we have to work together to gather information to make progress," she says.

Cooper came to Upstate Medical University planning to become a pediatric surgeon. But when she did her first clinical rotation—surgery—she was surprised to find that the experience of working in the operating room didn't resonate with her.

"I missed talking to patients. And I liked writing really long progess notes, which is not what happens in surgery," says Cooper, who was selected as a member of both the Alpha Omega Alpha and Gold Humanism honor societies.

Next up was pediatrics, which she loved, although it lacked the "adrenaline rush" that came with surgery. She found the perfect fit when she did an elective in pediatric oncology. "I knew this is what I was meant to do," she says.

Cooper went on to complete a residency in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, followed by a fellowship in pediatric hematology-oncology, a joint

program between Hopkins and the National Cancer Institute, which got her involved in bench research.

"I knew I was going to want to be involved in clinical trials so I thought having a better laboratory research foundation would be helpful," she says.

Cooper's research focused on C/ EBPalpha, a protein that is decreased in more than half of all patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), working to understand the mechanisms for its reduction in leukemia and to develop strategies to target C/ EBPalpha as a novel therapy for AML.

That research garnered Cooper young investigators awards from the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation and the Damon Runyon Cancer Research

Institute, which were pivotal in advancing her career.

"I was really fortunate to join a training program that valued laboratory training and saw the benefit in training

valued laboratory training and saw the benefit in training people who were relatively naive in terms of laboratory work," she says.

Cooper is now director of the Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Fellowship Program at Hopkins and says her research focus is two-pronged: clinical research in leukemia and in fellowship education. "In overseeing the educational initiatives of the division, I'm focusing on novel, innovative ways to train fellows the same way as we think about novel, innovative ways to treat cancer," she says.

She's particularly excited about a project through the American Board of Medical Specialties that looks at how fellows are evaluated and given feedback. "We're trying to eliminate numerical scoring instruments and use plain language," she explains. "The fellows seem to like it because it removes ambiguity—what does a four in this particular competency mean? We're in the process of analyzing two years of narrative data to try to automate this."

The goal is to better train practitioners for what Cooper says is a challenging and rewarding career.

"It's very easy to get out of bed in the morning to come to work," she says. "Getting to work with the team of people I do, to care for these patients, is pretty great."

—Renée Gearhart Levy



Stacy Cooper, MD '08, with one of her young patients

### 2018

#### Peter J. Christiano, of Fayetteville, NY, was married to Alexandra Giduck on July 22, 2023, in Villanova, Pennsylvania.



Alexandra Giduck and Peter J. Christiano '18 on their wedding day



Karen I. Cyndari '19 enjoys beekeeping in her spare time.

#### 2019

Karen I. Cyndari, of Coralville, IA, is having a grand time being a trailblazing emergency medicine physician-scientist at the University of Iowa. To celebrate her final year in PSTP before applying for her first real job at Grade 33, she took up beekeeping. She's only been stung in the face twice, "but the honey was worth it," she writes.

**Daniel F. Farrell**, recently moved to Saranac Lake, NY, and is practicing family medicine.

### Residents

George F. Ellis, of Longwood, FL, was a resident from 1982 to 1987 at Upstate. "I practice urology in Orlando, FL, although my medical service is

only as a volunteer to the uninsured. I spend many of my days exercising, doing yardwork, and at the beach. However, my passion is filmmaking. I started Coronado Beach Productions and have made several YouTube videos and two Indie Short films. One, titled Medical Karma has been in four film festivals and won two awards. My more recent film, Apres Surf, is pending in several film festivals and is a documentary on the lifestyle and health benefits of surfing. You can go to my social media site for more information and ask me any questions you might have via email: www.filmfreeway.com/georgeellis."

John R. Iacovino of Wallace, NC, was a resident in internal medical from 1967 to 1969, when drafted into military service. He practiced pulmonary diseases and hospital-based, critical care medicine at Norwalk (CT) Hospital,



George F. Ellis's short film Medical Karma

until he retired from practice in 1983 (best professional decision of my life) and entered the life insurance industry. He became vice president-chief medical director for underwriting at the New York Life Insurance Company. He retired from that position in 2004 and joined Fasano Associates as senior medical director. His current work with Fasano includes medical actuarial

studies, life expectancy estimates for insurance products, and litigation.

**Dean S. Karahalios**, of Detroit, MI, completed his pediatrics residency 2021, and married Elani Balis on July 8, 2023. "We met in Syracuse and will always consider upstate New York a special place!"

Leslie J. Kohman, of Syracuse, NY, has completed 40 years at Upstate beginning with her thoracic surgery residency from 1983 to 1985, and on the faculty since that time. "For the last three years I have had the privilege of serving as University Hospital's chief wellness officer," she writes. "This year, the Wellness team achieved the AMA Joy in Medical Silver Award. I am extremely proud of all the wonderful work that many colleagues in all sectors of the university have done to help us achieve this award. The AMA distinction is granted only to organizations that attest to the rigorous criteria of the Joy in Medicine™ Health System Recognition Program and demonstrate a commitment to preserving

the well-being of clinical care team members through proven efforts to combat work-related stress and burnout." Upstate achieved silver recognition, the second highest level. Upstate is in good company; other silver recognition institutions include the Mayo Clinic, Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai and UPMC.

### Scholarship Honors Memory of Eleni Doufekias, MD '03

The family of Eleni Doufekias, MD '03, and the Class of 2003 have joined forces to create a scholarship in memory of Dr. Doufekias, who died in 2014 after a courageous battle with stomach cancer.

"Eleni was passionate about medicine, and we want to keep her spirit alive by supporting an aspiring physician who exhibits that same passion," says her sister, Niki Dounis.

The daughter of Greek immigrants,
Doufekias grew up in Marlboro, New York, and
became the first student from her high school
to attend Cornell University, where she graduated with distinction. As a sophomore, she was
accepted to Upstate Medical University through
the Early Assurance Program.

Classmate Anurag Shrivastava, MD '03, fondly remembers Doufekias as not only one of the brightest people he'd ever met, but also one of the most collaborative. "Medical school can be competitive at times, but Eleni was the first person to help anyone who was struggling. She was a superlative student, a role model, and fully vested in helping us all become the best doctors that we could be."

After medical school, Doufekias completed her residency in internal medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital–Cornell Medical Center. Drawn to cardiology, she also considered gastroenterology and completed a rotation in GI at Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center, working with physicians who would later become her

own doctors. Following residency, she served as a chief fellow while completing a cardiology fellowship at New York University Medical Center.

Shrivastava describes Doufekias as "the epitome of compassion and empathy. Her professional career had a meteoric ascent, which came as no surprise to anyone who knew her."

Doufekias was working as an assistant professor and director of echocardiography at North Shore Hospital when she was diagnosed with Stage III adenocarcinoma on her son Zachary's second birthday.

As a medical professional, she was fully aware of the seriousness of her diagnosis. Nonetheless, she fought to raise money for cancer research through Cycle for Survival at Equinox. She shared her story at the event, opening up about her struggles and her perspective on life, cancer and living with this disease. "It is unacceptable for there not to be a cure for this disease. This is a disease that doesn't discriminate. It didn't care that I am a mother, a wife, a daughter. It didn't care that I am a doctor, who dedicated my life to saving others," she said.

To help others, Doufekias launched Eleni's Pop of Color, a cancer outreach program that provides colorful scarves to women actively undergoing chemotherapy within the North Shore/LIJ Health System (now known as Northwell Health). Over nearly 10 years, the program has provided more than 5,000 scarves to patients.



Zachary Spahr '24, recipient of the first Eleni Doufekias, MD '03 Memorial Scholarship

"With her medical school class marking its 20th anniversary, it is a perfect time to launch this scholarship that will honor her memory in perpetuity," says Dounis. "I think easing the financial burden and providing encouragement to medical students is something that was important to my sister."



If you would like to support the Eleni Doufekias, MD'03 Scholarship Fund, visit:medalumni.upstate. edu/doufekias-scholarship

### IN MEMORIAM

### 1954

WILLIAM E. LOCKE, of Weslaco, TX, died November 13, 2022. Dr. Locke finished his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse in 1955 and his residency in OB/ GYN at Brooke Army Hospital in 1960. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1955-1964 and was honorably discharged as a major. He had a private OB/ GYN practice in San Antonio, TX, from 1964-1992, and then spent three years as locum tenens in Texas, New York, Michigan, and Oklahoma. He also worked as chief of staff at Northeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio. Locke worked as a staff OB/GYN at Knapp Medical Center in Weslaco until his retirement in 1999. Locke was survived by his wife, Betty; sons David and Stephen; daughter Lisa; stepdaughters Terri and Mary; and six grandchildren.

### 1956

SHELDON H. BARNES, of Melbourne, FL, died June 20. Dr. Barnes served in the United States Navy as lt. commander and physician from 1956-1965 during the Vietnam era. After completing an internship and residency at Portsmouth, VA, Naval Hospital, he was transferred to Jacksonville, FL, Naval Hospital where he served as emergency room physician and as a nuclear, biological and chemical warfare defense officer. In 1964 he was transferred back to Portsmouth Naval Hospital to serve as assistant chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. After retiring from military service, he relocated to Miami Springs, FL, and went into private practice as an OB/GYN from 1965-1986. He worked primarily with Hialeah Hospital, where he also served as chief of staff and professor at the medical school from 1965-1986, retiring in 1986. Barnes was survived by his children, Linda, Chuck, Maggie and Laurie; nine grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

#### DONALD "ZEKE" M. ETTELSON, of

Laconia, NH, died January 27. Dr. Ettelson interned at St. Joseph's Hospital and completed a year of residency in general surgery at the E.J. Meyer Memorial Hospital in Buffalo, NY. He served in the U.S. Army, where he had a three-year residency in general orthopedic surgery and a fellowship in hand surgery at Walter Reed General Hospital. He had several assignments with the U.S. Army Medical Corp, including a year in Vietnam. He retired from the Army in 1966 and began practicing orthopedic surgery in Laconia, NH, with Walter N. Garger, MD. In 1970, he established the Orthopedic Professional Association with Dr. Garger, where he worked until retirement in 2004. Ettelson was survived by his children, Lucy, Steve, Nancy, Joan and Mike; two grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

### 1958

BARRY LADD, of the Bronx, NY, died June 9. Dr. Ladd joined the Air Force after graduation and was stationed in Japan as a captain and flight surgeon responsible for the health of the pilots. After serving, he returned to the states and joined a small family medical practice in Lemont, IL. He practiced family medicine for more than 30 years, delivering more than 1,500 babies and had 180,000 office visits and house calls. Ladd published and shared his experience in his book Reflections of a Country Doctor, which highlights 50 experiences that stood out to him during his practice. Ladd was survived by his wife, Lori; sons Rick and John; one granddaughter; stepchildren Coleen, Tracey, and Tim; and six step-grandchildren.

### 1959

**ANGELINE R. MASTRI,** of Hilton, NY, died June 24. Dr. Mastri was survived by her stepchildren, Josh, Lillie, Tina, Jon, and Michele.

#### 1961

**ROGER M. AJLUNI,** of Bloomfield Hills, MI, died December 29, 2022. Dr. Ajluni practiced internal medicine. He was a lifelong student of history, politics, and theology. He melded these interests and authored, *Gospel of A Cab Driver*. Ajluni was survived by his wife, Rosette; and his children, Maria, Sonia, Roger and Jeffrey; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### 1967

**STANLEY F. ROTH,** of Naples, FL, died March 30, 2022. Dr. Roth completed his internship and residency in family medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. He served in the U.S. Navy and practiced medicine in Miami. Roth was survived by his wife, Ruby; daughter Robin; and four grandchildren.

**HERBERT S. SHERRY,** of Boca Raton, FL, died June 9. Sherry was survived by his wife, Sheila; sons David, Jason and Adam; and four grandchildren.

### 1969

#### **ANDREW JAMES ARTHUR**

**SWINBURNE,** of Brighton, NY, died July 3, 2022. Dr. Swinburne served as a medical officer in the U.S. Air Force for two years before completing a pulmonary fellowship at the University of Rochester. He completed an additional fellowship at the Hammersmith Hospital in London, England. He returned to Rochester and built a 40-year distinguished career at Rochester General Hospital, where he was the founding director of the pulmonary department. Swinburne was survived by his wife, Sandy; children Mathew, Ian, Nora, and Alec; and two grandchildren.

### 1970

NATHAN J. ZUCKERMAN, of Naples, FL, and formerly of Langhorne, PA, died July 18. Dr. Zuckerman completed residency training in OB/GYN at Temple University Medical Center. He was board certified by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1976. In 2002 he received his master's in medical management from

Carnegie Mellon University Heinz School, Pittsburgh. Zuckerman also served in the U.S. Army. He was in solo OB/GYN practice from 1974 to 2003, doing approximately 200 deliveries a year with an emphasis on advanced laparoscopy and gynecological procedures for more than 30 years. He accepted an interim patient care medical care director position at St. Vincent Regional Medical Center for one year in Santa Fe, NM. Followed by a position as vice president of medical affairs for Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County, NJ, where he was medical affairs director from 2004-2008. From 2008-2010 he worked for Executive Health Resources as medical advisor for United Healthcare, and from 2010-2017 as medical director. In 2017, he started with Highmark BC/BS in utilization/case management until his passing. Zuckerman was survived by his wife, Joanie; son Andrew; and three grandchildren.

### 1972

RICHARD (DICK) M. BYRNE, of Auburn, NY, died March 30. Dr. Byrne specialized in orthopedics. He worked at a number of practices at various locations throughout the country. He eventually settled in Nebraska for 10 years. In 1995, he returned to Central New York to accept a position at Auburn Hospital, where he worked until his retirement. Byrne was survived by his wife, Catherine; and daughter Megan.

### 1973

DAVID A. CLARK, of Delmar, NY, died September 23. Dr. Clark trained in pediatrics at UNC-Chapel Hill and found his passion in caring for the critically ill and premature infants in the NICU. He trained in neonatology at Rainbow Women's and Children's in Cleveland, OH and Upstate. He held faculty positions at Upstate Medical Center, Westchester Medical Center, and Louisiana State University Medical School in New Orleans, LA. He retired as chairman of pediatrics and director of the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center in Albany, NY. Clark was survived by his wife, Darlene; daughters Jennifer, Kimberly and Melinda; and seven grandchildren.

### 1975

**JAMES A. TRUAX,** of Orlando, FL, died July 13.

### 1976

BARBARA A. MORRIS, of Ballston Spa, NY, died December 2, 2022. Dr. Morris completed her fellowship in pediatric critical care at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh before becoming the director of pediatric ICU at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, CT, then Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO. In 1993, she joined Community Care Physicians as a pediatric doctor in Saratoga Springs. From 2006 until her retirement, she served as the CMO of CCP. Morris was survived by her aunt, Florence; and sister, Virginia.

MICHAEL A. SOPCHAK, of York, PA, died October 2. Dr. Sopchak completed his internship at Albany Medical Center in New York and went on to complete his residency in anesthesiology at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, MA. He was an anesthesiologist at Upstate and then moved to York and took a job with Anesthesia Associates of York, where he worked for many years. He concluded his medical career at the Hanover Hospital with Hanover Anesthesiology and Pain Management. His faith led him to take yearly medical mission trips in India, starting in 1996, and along with Dr. Robert Davis, supported the founding of the Carmel Matriculation School in India 30 years ago. The school provides a quality education and spiritual guidance to many underprivileged children. Sopchak was survived by his wife, Marcia; daughters Karen and Rebecca; five grandchildren; and his mother Mary Ann.

### 1984

DAVID J. ANDERSON, of Cumberland Head, NY, died April 24, 2022. Dr. Anderson completed his medical and surgical residency at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia and then moved back to the North Country with his wife, Pamela Reinhardt, MD '84, to open their family practice in 1989. Anderson was survived by his wife, Pamela J. Reinhardt; and their children, Ian, Audrey, Eliza, Devon and Emily.

#### 1998

SPENCER M. MASS, of Syracuse, NY, died October 19, 2021. Dr. Mass was an instructor in the SUNY New Paltz Department of Biology and was director of the college's Accelerated Dual Degree Medical Programs. He was a two-time SUNY New Paltz alumnus and following his medical school graduation, returned to his alma mater to teach. Mass was survived by his brothers, Noah, Kenneth, and Clifford, and their families.

JENNIFER R. (HUBBELL) MILLER, of Elizabethtown, PA, died October 1, 2022. Dr. Miller completed her pediatric residency at Hershey Medical Center in 1998 and became a faculty member in 2001. She was associate professor of pediatrics and served as the director of the newborn nursery and an associate director of the pediatric residency program. Miller received the Top Educator recognition in the department of pediatrics for 11 consecutive years from 2011-2021. For more than 24 years she served patients, families, learners and her community in Central Pennsylvania. Miller was survived by her husband, Jason; and her father, Jack Hubbell.

### Residents

RICHARD W. ALMOND, of Fayetteville, NY, died August 30, 2022. Dr. Almond served in the U.S. Army and attended Ohio Wesleyan University and University of Buffalo School of Dentistry. He was an Upstate Dental Clinic mentor. Almond was survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter Pamela; sons Merrick, David, and Christopher; seven grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

ROGER DELWICHE, of Santa Rosa, CA, died April 24, 2021. Dr. Delwiche completed his medical internship at Upstate. He served as captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1967-1969 and was stationed in Germany. After completing his service, he finished his internal medicine residency at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. He completed a gastroenterology fellowship at Boston City Hospital. In 1977, he started a GI practice in Santa Rosa, CA, where he was a fixture of the medical community for 27 years, serving as chief of staff at Memorial Hospital from 1987-1988. He retired in 2004 and traveled

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to remote areas of the United States providing medical care. Delwiche was survived by his wife, Jody; daughters Amanda and Alexa; and four grandchildren.

**RONALD J. DORRIS,** of Worcester, MA, died August 16, 2022. Dr. Dorris graduated from Weil Cornell Medical School and received board certification in internal medicine and pulmonology. He received a fellowship in pulmonary disease at the University of Pennsylvania. He moved to Worcester in 1963, where he was affiliated with St. Vincent Hospital, UMass Memorial Medical Center, and Harrington Hospital and began a remarkable career in pulmonary medicine, allergy and internal medicine spanning more than 55 years. He was a solo practitioner into his mid-eighties. Dorris was survived by his wife, Carole; son Gary; daughters Patricia, Beth and Heidi; and five grandchildren.

NOAH W. KLEIN, of Pocatello, ID, died July 23. Dr. Klein earned his medical degree from the University of Kentucky in 1965. From 1966 to 1968, he served in the Epidemic Intelligence Service (CDC) of the U.S. Public Health service. He completed his internship and residency at Upstate. He became a board-certified orthopedic surgeon in 1973 and opened a private practice Pocatello. Klein was survived by his wife, Beverly; sons Ben and Ethan; and two grandchildren.

ALAN M. LAKE, of Lutherville, MD, died June 13. Dr. Lake was the first board-certified pediatric gastroenter-ologist at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, founder of Hopkins' Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, and a longtime member of the Maryland Pediatric Group. He received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College

of Medicine and a pediatric internship at the University of Colorado Hospitals in Denver and pediatric residency in Denver and at Upstate. From 1976 to 1979, he was a clinical research fellow in the pediatric gastrointestinal and nutrition unit at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He was also a fellow in the pediatrics at Harvard Medical School in Cambridge. In 1979, he became assistant professor of pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and joined the Department of Pediatrics, a position he held until his retirement in 2016. Lake was survived by his wife, Sue Ann; son Jeremy; daughter Kristin; and three grandchildren.

BILLY PAUL LOUGHRIDGE, of Tulsa, OK, died August 28. Dr. Loughridge attended the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and completed medical school in 1961. He was appointed as an intern at the University of Texas Medical Center in Galveston, followed by four years as a general surgical resident. He then received a fellowship from the NIH to conduct cardiovascular research. As a Fulbright Scholar in Sweden, his work with liver disease and advancements in liver regeneration were unprecedented. Loughridge returned from Sweden and moved to Syracuse and served as a senior resident in thoracic surgery at Upstate. He worked with renowned thoracic surgeon Watts Webb, MD. After one year of intensive study, he moved back to Tulsa and joined Cardiovascular Surgery Inc. He practiced cardiovascular surgery in Tulsa from 1967 until his retirement in 1998, performing more than 10,000 surgeries. Loughridge was survived by his daughters, Laurie, Lisa and Amy; eight grandchildren; and two step grandchildren; and companion Dindy Foster.

**ROBERT L. SLAVENS, of Dewitt, NY, died** July 20. Dr. Salvens graduated medical school from the University of Colorado in Denver. He completed his internship and residency at Upstate. He specialized in internal medicine and ophthalmology. He opened his practice in 1969 and established a career as an ophthalmologist that lasted for more than 50 years in the Syracuse area. He retired in February 2022 due to health decline. He was a member of the teaching staff at Upstate and became a full professor and a key mentor to ophthalmology residents during his tenure. In 2010, Upstate presented him with the Gold Standard Award in honor of his passion, vision, and commitment. Slavens was survived by his wife, Nancy; sons Douglas and Kevin; and daughter Cynthia.

ROSCOE VERNON STUBER, of Boulder, CO, died May 31, 2022. Dr. Stuber attended Columbia School of Physicians and Surgeons and then moved to Syracuse for his residency training in general surgery at Upstate. He served as captain in the U.S. Air Force for two years in Goose Bay, Labrador, and two years in Tampa, FL, retiring as major. Stuber settled in Howell, MI, where he stayed for more than 40 years. He was a great supporter of Hospice and worked as a hospice doctor following his retirement. Stuber was survived by his children, Margaret, Libby, Paul, and Edith; and four grandchildren.



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