



"After medical school graduation in 1985 I completed an orthopedic residency at Upstate followed by an upper extremity and micro-vascular surgery fellowship at the Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center which is where I currently practice. Teaching and academics have always been very important to me.

I am fortunate to be a partner in a practice dedicated to continuing education where we run one of the largest post-graduate fellowship programs in the country. We currently train 7 fellows a year and have graduated over 200 fellows over the last 40 years.

When my wife Margo and I got married in 2013 we felt it was important to honor the memory of my mom Theresa (pictured above), who passed in 2011, after a long battle with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. We established a scholarship in her name and in lieu of wedding gifts, accepted donations to help endow the fund.

My mom always had a special relationship with her oncologist. She had the utmost trust and respect for him as he was involved in cutting edge research and he often got her enrolled in the latest clinical trials.

Margo and I feel fortunate that we are in a position to be able to give back to the institution that provided me with so many great memories as well as the academic foundation to help launch my career. I will be forever grateful.

The Theresa Baltera Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student interested in Hematology, Oncology or Orthopedics."

—Margo and Robert M. Baltera, MD '85
Theresa Baltera Memorial Scholarship