



BETSY SUSSMAN, M.D.'81
President
UVM Medical Alumni Association

President's Corner

It has been an honor to serve as your Medical Alumni Association president for the past two years. I've enjoyed seeing many of you at reunion and other events; I encourage you to stay engaged with the Larner College of Medicine by sending class notes, nominating classmates for alumni awards, and returning to campus for Medical Reunion, which now takes place in October, the height of foliage season in Vermont. A warm welcome to **Omar Khan, M.D.'03**, your new president as of July 1, 2020! A practicing family physician, he is currently president and CEO of the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance and is also a physician leader for Christiana Care. Dr. Khan resides in Chadds Fords, Penn., with his wife **Salwa Khan, M.D.'05**, and their son, Zareef. He's been a joy to work with during his tenure as president-elect, and I look forward to seeing him take on this new role.

As we prepare to celebrate Commencement for the Class of 2020, I want to thank all of you who have supported our students during their four years. They appreciate it—we are continuing to feature

a thank you note to alums from a current student in each issue of *Vermont Medicine*. And once again, our annual White Coat Note Project was a resounding success. Over 100 alums participated by writing words of encouragement to our newest medical students, notes they received during their White Coat Ceremony in October. We're proud of this community engagement, both through initiatives like the White Coat notes or through financial support. We strive to maintain our place in the top 10 medical schools nationally for alumni participation. Gifts of any size help us stay there.

Lastly, the College has announced a major new project: construction of the Firestone Medical Research Building here on campus. With the lead gift from **Steve Firestone, M.D.'69**, in honor of his parents and classmates back for their 50th reunion, we're looking forward to engaging more alums in this initiative. More to come as the project to boost the College's lab space and modernize our research facilities unfolds!

University of Vermont Medical Alumni Association

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1950s

REUNION 2020: 1955 + 1960

'58 **Paul Stevens** writes: "Still alive and well so far at age 85. Enjoying life with my wife, MaryEllen, and my two married daughters. Have lost track of most of whichever classmates are still living, save for Peter Goodhue who was well when last I heard from him a few months ago. Would love to hear from anyone else at pmstevens@yahoo.com."

1960s

REUNION 2020: 1965 + 1970

'63 **Joan and Arnie Kerzner** moved to Edgewood, a retirement community in North Andover, Mass. They happily settled in and are embracing their new lifestyle and friends. There are plenty of intellectual, artistic, and outdoor activities there, including kayaking and 100 acres of trails and woods to explore. Joan continues to teach English to refugees and immigrants in Lowell, and Arnie still works part-time at a school for children with special needs in North Chelmsford. Their granddaughter, Elana, is a sophomore at UVM.

1970s

REUNION 2020: 1975 + 1980

'74 After 40 years of service to the Department of Neurology at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as chief of the neuromuscular section, **James Howard** has transitioned to partial retirement. He will focus his efforts on therapeutic trials and translational research in myasthenia gravis.

'79 **Thomas Boduch** writes: "I'm still in solo private family practice in Kingston, Tenn., and serve as our county's medical examiner. I have just been reappointed as M.E. for my second five year term."

1980s

REUNION 2020: 1985 + 1990

'80 **Robert M. and Jeryl D. Kershner** write: "We are planning on attending our 40th medical school reunion, and hope that other members of our Class of 1980 are still alive and able to travel to Vermont to attend. Just an update on us, Jeryl has relocated her private practice of child psychiatry and behavioral and developmental pediatrics to West Palm Beach, Fla. Robert continues with his global ophthalmic consulting practice while serving as professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmic Medical Technology at Palm Beach State College in Palm Beach Gardens. Ranked number one in the world, the program has achieved international recognition as Dr. Kershner oversees the construction of the nation's first Center for Innovation in Health Science Ophthalmic Medical Technology Education Center scheduled for completion in, what else, the year 2020!"

'81 **Ernest Bove** has been elected president of the American Urological Association - New England Section. He is a urologist at Rutland Regional Medical Center in Rutland, Vt.

'81 **Jocelyn Chertoff**, a powerful advocate for improving resident education, faculty development and workforce issues in radiology, was named an Outstanding Educator by the Radiological Society of North America. She is the radiology department chair and professor of radiology and obstetrics and gynecology at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

'82 **Robert Harris** is a professor of clinical radiology at USC-LAC in Los Angeles, Calif.

'89 **Judith Baumhauer** of Rochester, N.Y., was named the 2019 Women's Leadership Award recipient by the Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Foundation, the philanthropic

arm of the American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society® (AOFAS). The award recognizes Dr. Baumhauer's work as an orthopaedic educator, mentor, clinician, researcher, and humanitarian. She currently serves as professor, foot and ankle fellowship director, associate chair of academic affairs, and PROMIS medical director at the University of Rochester School of Medicine in New York.

'89 **Sarah Sally Ormsby** writes: "Sorry to miss seeing everyone for Reunion 2019! I retired in August and am looking forward to a new chapter now that kids are at college (Callie at University of Chicago and Izzy at Howard University), volunteering at the Maleheh Free Clinic, and getting into animal rescue."

1990s

REUNION 2020: 1995 + 2000

'91 The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) appointed **Philip Katzman** to the 2020 ABPath's Test Development and Advisory Committee for Pediatric Pathology. To be appointed to a TDAC means a physician is an established subject matter expert in their subspecialty field and is current on the latest advances in the continually evolving field of pathology and patient care. Dr. Katzman is a professor of pathology and director of pediatric pathology in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, N.Y.

'92 **Susan Long** received the Human Rights Award from the West Virginia Church Women United States Assembly for her dedication to mission work with Hands and Hearts for Christ, which she has been doing for the past 22 years. She is a general surgeon at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon, W.V.

COLLEGE EVENTS

MAY 17, 2020
Medical Commencement
View online at med.uvm.edu

OCTOBER 2-4, 2020
Medical Reunion
UVM Campus

ANY ON-CAMPUS EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS.

For updates on events, visit: med.uvm.edu/alumni

Larner College of Medicine graduates are also members of the UVM Alumni Association. See those events at: alumni.uvm.edu

SUBMIT CLASS NOTES ONLINE

The UVM Alumni Association now offers an easy-to-use online form to submit class notes. You can also browse class notes by year, school or college, or note type.

Submit your class note and read more from classmates: go.uvm.edu/medclassnotes

UVM CONTINUING MEDICAL & INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

UPCOMING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

VERMONT GERIATRICS CONFERENCE

April 2, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Burlington, Vt.

UVM MEDICAL CENTER CARDIOVASCULAR/VASCULAR FORUM

April 6, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Burlington, Vt.

WOMEN IN MEDICINE 2020

April 30-May 3, 2020
Suquamish Clearwater
Casino Resort
Puget Sound, Washington

14TH ANNUAL CHILD PSYCHIATRY IN PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCE

May 8, 2020
UVM Dudley H. Davis Center
Burlington, Vt.

INTEGRATIVE PAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

May 30, 2020
UVM Dudley H. Davis Center
Burlington, Vt.

FAMILY MEDICINE REVIEW COURSE

June 9-12, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Burlington, Vt.

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1990s *continued*

REUNION 2020: 1995 + 2000

'97 **Clifford Chapin** says: "I jumped off of the treadmill I was on for six years, where I was ER chief and a member of the board of directors at my small community hospital, working 1.5 to 2 FTE's. In my new position in Nome, Alaska, I work every other month. I now have time to get to know better my TEN grandchildren! If any of my classmates are feeling the need for a career change with rejuvenation potential, I'd be happy to share my Nome experience! Regards to all!"

'99 **Eva Lathrop** has been named global health director for Population Services International (PSI). She was previously an associate professor and assistant fellowship director at Emory University School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Family Planning.

'99 **Gwendolyn Shelton**, a pediatrician at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, Vt., shared first place honors in the Vasculitis Foundation's (VF's) 2019 Recognizing Excellence in Diagnostics (V-RED) award program. With her diagnosis, doctors started treatment early enough to prevent a young woman's vasculitis from progressing and causing more systemic damage.

2000s

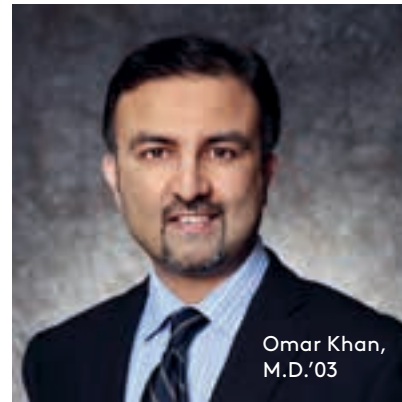
REUNION 2020: 2005 + 2010

'01 **Damon A. Tohtz** has joined the Department of Behavioral Health Services at Oswego Health in Oswego, N.Y. He completed his fellowship in forensic psychiatry and his residency in psychiatry, both at Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

'03 **Christopher Terrien III** has joined the cardiothoracic surgical staff of Portsmouth Regional Hospital in Portsmouth, N.H. He specializes in cardiothoracic surgery, as well as complex mitral and tricuspid valve repair and reconstruction.

'05 **Katherine Brownlowe** and her sons, Parker and Elliott, are enjoying life in Columbus, Ohio! She is a neuropsychiatrist and assistant professor of neurology and psychiatry at Ohio State. In the last year, she has been named medical director for both inpatient psychiatry as well as psychiatric emergency services at OSU. Her biggest academic joy has been teaching and inspiring medical students and residents to care for neuropsychiatrically ill patients.

'09 **Emily Glick** has joined the Department of Internal Medicine at Corvallis Clinic in Corvallis, Ore. She completed her residency training at UVM Medical Center.



Omar Khan, M.D.'03

Khan Serves as Co-Editor for New Book

Omar Khan, M.D.'03, has co-edited a new book, titled *Control of Communicable Diseases: Clinical Practice*. Published by APHA Press, *Clinical Practice* is "an essential reference for physicians and other health care practitioners, especially those working in global health infectious disease, epidemiology, travel medicine, and tropical medicine," according the publisher. *Clinical Practice* is a new complement to *Control of Communicable Diseases Manual*, which has been published by APHA Press for over 100 years. A practicing family physician, Khan is president and CEO of the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance, and a physician leader for Christiana Care. He's also the incoming president of the UVM Medical Alumni Association.

2010s

REUNION 2020: 2015

'11 **Whitney A. Young** has joined Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group at Saint Francis Hospital as a breast surgeon for the Karl J. Krapek, Sr. Comprehensive Women's Health Center. She completed her residency at Rhode Island Hospital/Alpert School of Medicine of Brown University in Providence, R.I., in general surgery. She then completed fellowship training at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., in breast surgical oncology.

'16 **John Nesbitt** has joined the medical staff of the emergency department at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, N.H. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at Hartford Hospital through the University of Connecticut.

In this ongoing series, Vermont Medicine shares a note of thanks from a current student for the support they've received from alumni. **Delaney Curran '22** gives thanks for summer research support in her letter:

Hi Alumni!

Thank you for your generous contribution to my stipend for my research fellowship for the summer through the Larner College of Medicine Summer Research Fellowship. My project is in the Ophthalmology Department and it involves analyzing the cost-effectiveness of an intervention that aims to prevent the development of blindness in diabetic patients due to retinopathy.

I will be trying to prove that telehealth screening and treatment for diabetic retinopathy will both save money and prevent the progression of blindness in patients. Specifically, my research focuses on saving in the context of the evolving economic environment that involves Accountable Care Organizations. OneCare Vermont is an example of one of these organizations that consists of a network of doctors and hospitals that share financial and medical responsibility for providing high-quality care while limiting unnecessary spending. With your generous assistance, I will have the privilege to work on this project and help understand how to improve the quality of eye care in Vermont.

Thanks again,
Delaney Curran '22



New Documentary Features Alum's Work in Nigeria

Ryan Winters, M.D.'08, is featured in a recent documentary titled "Restoring Dignity," for his work as a surgeon with Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders in Nigeria. He provides facial reconstruction to survivors of noma, a gangrenous disease of extreme poverty. According to the WHO, noma affects roughly 140,000 people annually, and nearly 90

percent of patients die as a result of the disease. The documentary, by Claire Jeantet and Fabrice Caterini, details the journey of several patients throughout their reconstruction. Winters is in academic practice as a facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon and head and neck surgeon in New Orleans, La., and serves as a regional coordinator for MSF USA. Read more about the documentary: <http://www.inediz.net/multimedia/restoring-dignity-documentary/>

A Note of Thanks

Delaney Curran '22



To support students like Delaney, visit go.uvm.edu/givemed



Residency Graduate Pens Children's Book

Matthew Zavod, M.D., a 2005 graduate of the UVM Medical Center Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery Residency Program, has authored his first children's book, titled *Dr. Ridiculopickulopot and the Shot*. He says that the book "uses slapstick humor to tell the story of how a boy overcomes his fear of shots and how a bumbling but endearing doctor is reminded of what it's like to be a patient. The importance of public health is emphasized through the theme of vaccination." Zavod is an ear, nose and throat specialist and facial plastic surgeon with Dignity Health in California.

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is available on the College's website. And mindfulness has been integrated into the curriculum; several courses feature pre-exam mindfulness sessions in the classroom. A biannual survey from the Wellness Committee offers opportunities to check in with the student body and improve offerings.

A Student Well-being Research Group meets regularly to look at outcomes related to wellness and share knowledge with other medical schools. In 2019, Rosen and Holterman presented a poster on the student mental health panel at the AAMC's Northeast Group on Educational Affairs annual meeting that was nominated for an Excellence in Medical Education Award. And although it's in the early stages, the group is working on a well-being index that would quantify student rates of depression, anxiety, stress, and other markers of wellness over time.



Left: The Yoga Student Interest Group hosts weekly sessions on campus.

Ultimately, the goal is to bring intention and focus to the question: "What kind of doctor do I want to be?" As she begins her life as a physician, Sidney Hilker '21 sees benefit in naming the challenge.

"I think it's a new frame to say, 'How do I become exceptionally professional or known for my professionalism?' she says. "I have a definition for what that means to me. I think it's a little different for every person, whether it's about being a team member everyone wants to work with, or someone who's excellent at giving feedback and people look to for feedback, or people look to as a mentor."

It's okay to ask the question over and over again, says Feldman. "This is a process, an evolution—a lifelong journey." VM

Alums Publish Paper on Footwear and Parkinson's Disease

Alums Ross Sayadi, M.D.'17 (pictured at left) and **Mustafa Chopan, M.D.'17** (pictured at right) are co-authors on a paper published in *NeuroRehabilitation* that focuses on the challenges patients with Parkinson's disease face regarding footwear. A majority of the patients they surveyed—64 percent—reported "experiencing difficulties wearing shoes on their own," as the progressive nervous system disorder affects fine motor control and balance. A shoe prototype the team developed uses magnets instead of laces, allowing patients to wear dress shoes "without having to fight the heel," said Sayadi in an Instagram post about their publication. Sayadi and Chopan began their work on the shoe prototype as medical students, inspired by Sayadi's father, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in his 30s. Sayadi is a plastic surgery resident at University of California-Irvine. Chopan is a plastic and reconstructive surgery resident at University of Florida.



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L to R: Dean Page, Cathleen Gleeson, Kate Pond and David Maughan

COLLEGE TO HOST SCULPTURE BY KATE POND

A sculpture that once graced the grounds of the University of Vermont will be returning to campus thanks to the generosity of former director of admissions **Cathleen Gleeson, Ph.D.**, and UVM Professor Emeritus of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics **David Maughan, Ph.D.** Titled "Five and Eight," by renowned Vermont sculptor **Kate Pond**, the painted steel work of art features "open curves" that add "lightness and whimsy" and "welcome people to relax within the sculpture." Pond created "Five and Eight" in 1978; it has been exhibited at Skidmore College, Castleton University, and Wood Art Gallery in Montpelier. It was also previously displayed at UVM outside of the Royall Tyler Theater. With planned construction of the Firestone Research Building, Gleeson and Maughan saw the opportunity to enhance the College of Medicine green space with their beloved pieces. Gleeson retired as an associate professor of family medicine in 2003; Maughan was granted emeritus status in 2009.



DELIVERY TRUCK RAISES AWARENESS FOR UVM CANCER CENTER

The delivery truck for Ashley Homestore and the Superstore in Williston, Vt., has gone pink for a good cause. Business owners **David Powell** and **Steve Kidder** offered up the outside of the vehicle to raise awareness

for Steps to Wellness, an oncology rehabilitation program of the UVM Cancer Center. The campaign honors Kidder's sister-in-law, Cynthia Cardillo, who died from breast cancer in 2017 and was a champion for increasing awareness around the importance of 3D mammograms for women with dense breast tissue. Kidder's three stores, including Novello Furniture in Barre, Vt., also hosted in-store fundraisers in the fall of 2019 that raised approximately \$5,000 for the UVM Cancer Center and its programming.

REMEMBERING CELEBRATED PHILANTHROPIST ROBERT "BOBBY" MILLER

Vermont philanthropist **Robert "Bobby" Miller** died February 4, 2020 at the age of 84, leaving a decades-long legacy of support for causes that benefit the health and well-being of Vermonters. Over the past 40 years, he and his wife, Holly, contributed over \$40 million to Vermont nonprofits, including their donation of property valued at \$13 million to UVM Medical Center in 2013, the largest gift in the history of the institution. As a result of that philanthropy and additional community support, the Robert E. and Holly D. Miller Building opened its doors at UVM Medical Center in June of 2019. A transformative project, the Miller Building offers four floors of single-occupancy rooms and a multitude of patient- and family-centered features. The couple also helped to build the McClure Miller Respite House, and the more than \$9 million they donated



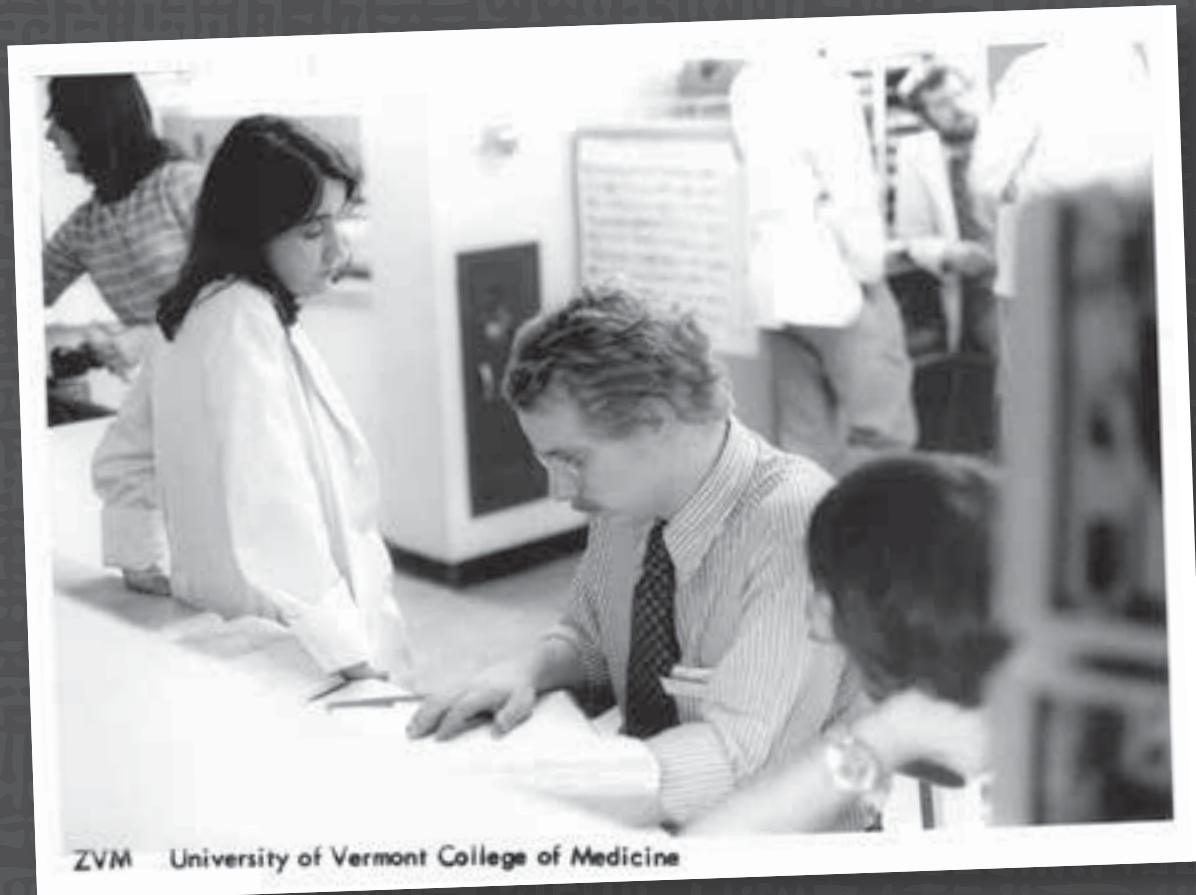
to UVM enabled, among other things, the establishment of several endowed professorships, including the Miller Chair in Memory and Aging and the Miller Chair in Palliative Medicine. Bobby Miller's roots in Vermont ran deep. Born in Rutland, Vt., on August 9, 1935, he was the third of six children. Despite the amputation of his left forearm at birth, he developed a love for auto mechanics and as a young man worked on cars to earn money. With just a high school education—he said college "was out of the question—I couldn't afford it"—he went on to establish multiple businesses, including a successful commercial and industrial real estate development firm, REM Development. Bobby Miller's commitment to community has been recognized with numerous awards, including an honorary doctorate from UVM that he received, along with Holly, in 2015. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, as well as three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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Penny for Your Thoughts

The lateness of the hour, or the number of hours on her feet, is likely the cause of the pensive look on the unidentified person leaning against the desk in the left of this photo. But when and where did this scene take place, and who are the others in this photo likely to be?

Send your thoughts to erin.post@uvm.edu and we'll include them in the next issue of *Vermont Medicine*.

FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE



◀ It wasn't unanimous, but the vast majority of respondents to last issue's Flashback agreed with Tom O'Meara, who wrote: "The three students in this photo who were all member of the class of 1984, as was I. From left to right: Dan Root, Debbie Kennedy and Meredith Stempel. One of my recollections of Dan Root is from a time when a group from either an anatomy or pathology class made a trip over to the hospital

morgue. The pathologist was in the midst of a post-mortem exam when the sights and smells of the moment sort of overwhelmed Dan and he fainted straight away."

Thanks Dr. O'Meara, and to fellow respondents Jeff Darrow '84, Debbie Kennedy '84, Kate Sheeline (Limanek) '84, Jody Scala '84, Gary York '84, and Maureen McGovern '83.



▲ And the Match Day 1999 Baby (and her daddy) have at last been identified! Betsy Flaherty wrote in to point out Sean Flaherty '99, holding daughter Hannah while reading that he's matched to Yale/New Haven Hospital.

'43 Arnold H. Becker, M.D.
Dr. Becker died August 29, 2019, at The Residence at Brookside in Avon, Conn., at the age of 100. Born June 13, 1919, in Burlington, Vt., he was a veteran, proudly serving in the United States Army during World War II. Dr. Becker established Pediatrics Associates in Bristol, Conn., in 1948, where he practiced medicine until his retirement in 1986.

'48 Noel C. Galen, M.D.'48
Dr. Galen died on January 6, 2018, at the Kensington Senior Living Facility in White Plains, NY, where he had lived for a year and a half. He was born in December 1924, in New York City. He joined the U.S. Navy at age 18, which helped put him through Middlebury College and then UVM College of Medicine. He did his psychiatric residency at Bellevue Hospital, where he became Chief Resident. Dr. Galen practiced psychiatry in New Jersey, New York, Belize, and Zimbabwe. Among his many accomplishments, he served as the president of the medical staff at Englewood Hospital and was an adjunct professor of psychiatry at NYU Medical School. In the 1980s, he taught at the University of Zimbabwe medical school while his wife Doris taught law. He also worked in psychiatric clinics in rural areas, tending to underserved patients.

'53 Philip Adler, M.D.
Dr. Adler, 92, of Tampa, Fla., died November 2, 2019. A World War II veteran, he came to Tampa after his medical fellowship at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich., in 1958, and was a beloved pediatrician who served three generations of children of Tampa Bay for the next 50 plus years. He completed his residency at Boston Children's Hospital.

'54 Allyn B. Dambeck, M.D.
Dr. Dambeck, 91, of Clinton, N.C., died November 7, 2019. He served an internship at Beverly Hospital, in Beverly, Mass., and an intern residency in Meridon Hospital, Meridon, Conn. In addition to serving as a physician in the Navy, he was a physician at Rockville Hospital in Rockville, Conn., as well as chief of general practice and president of Tolland Medical Society. After 20 years of private practice, he joined the ER staff of Sampson Memorial Hospital, in Clinton, N.C., where he was chief of ER for eight years and

medical advisor for Sampson County EMS. He was medical director for Sampson County Medical Health Department, and Goshen Medical Center.

'56 Edward Okun, M.D.
Dr. Okun, 87, a world-renowned retina specialist, died from complications of cancer on June 14, 2019. Born in Springfield, Mass., in 1931, he attended Dartmouth College, and earned his medical degree at UVM. His education and training continued at the University of Chicago, the National Institutes of Health, and Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Okun was a pioneer in the treatment of diabetic retinopathy and in vitreoretinal surgery. As a professor of clinical ophthalmology at Washington University, he trained over 50 retina fellows who went on to practice around the world.

'59 Stanley I. Stein, M.D.
Dr. Stein, 85, of Allentown, Penn., died December 30, 2019 at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Penn. In 2019 he celebrated 56 years of practice. Dr. Stein completed his pediatric internship at New York Bellevue Hospital, followed by a residency in pediatrics at Babies' Hospital, a part of Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Stein then served in the U.S. Coast Guard, where he established the pediatric ward on the undergraduate campus of Johns Hopkins University at the U.S. Public Health Hospital. In 1964, he started his private practice in Pennsylvania. Three years later, he became chief of pediatrics at St. Luke's, a position he held for 32 years.

'62 Ralph David Aserkoff, M.D.
Dr. Aserkoff of Brookline, Mass., formerly of Weston, Mass., died December 27, 2019, at the age of 82. Born in Boston, Mass., on June 1, 1937, he received his medical degree from UVM in 1962 and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Navy and as a captain in the United States Marine Corps. He received a master's degree in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Aserkoff was an obstetrician-gynecologist at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for nearly 50 years, where he delivered as many as 10,000 babies and educated and mentored scores of physicians. He was renowned and loved by his colleagues for his

patience, dedication, wisdom, and calm demeanor.

'63 Neil N. Mann, M.D.
Dr. Mann died September 5, 2019, at the age of 83. Born in Boston, Mass., he received his medical degree from UVM in 1963 and completed his residency at SUNY in upstate New York. He was a doctor and captain in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 in San Antonio, Tex., and Glen Burnie, Md. In 1968 and 1969, he was the chief medical resident at Addison Gilbert Hospital (AGH). Also in 1969, he became a founding partner of the Cape Ann Medical Center, where he worked until 2005. Dr. Mann was a self-taught toxicology expert for all of Cape Ann. He was also instrumental in bringing the Veterans' Clinic to Gloucester. Dr. Mann served on several committees at Addison Gilbert, where he was also the chief of medicine. Later in his career, he shifted his focus to geriatric care, working at the senior adult unit at AGH, the Center for Healthy Aging in Danvers, as well as with Seacoast Rehabilitation Center.

'68 Charles F. Belanger, Jr., M.D.
Dr. Belanger, Jr., 79, of Holden, Mass., died November 15, 2019, after a sudden stroke. Born in Winchendon, Mass., and raised in Holden, Mass., he received his bachelor of medical science degree from Dartmouth and his medical degree from UVM. His distinguished medical career began in pediatrics at Buffalo Children's Hospital, and he served as a major in the Army Medical Corps in Columbus, Ga. In Massachusetts, he worked as associate director of the emergency department at Hahnemann Hospital before joining the medical staff at Paul Revere Insurance Company, rising to vice president and medical director.

'72 Adrienne B. Butler, M.D.
Dr. Butler died April 29, 2019, at her home in Blackshear, Ga., at the age of 72. Born September 12, 1946, in Cambridge, Mass., she graduated from Regis College in 1968 and received her medical degree from UVM in 1972. She was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1970 and served on active duty until 1982. She was an accomplished pediatrician who served in private practice and public health in Waycross, Ga., for many

years. Dr. Butler was a leader in helping establish the DAISY and DAFFODIL public health programs and the McKinney Medical (formerly Community Health) Center. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, she helped to found the People with Parkinson's support group and the Rock Steady Boxing program in Blackshear.

'72 Alan Brian Feltmarch
Dr. Feltmarch died November 11, 2019, at the age of 75. Born March 5, 1944 in Gardner, Mass., he attended Bates College and University of Maine at Orono before receiving his medical degree from UVM. Dr. Feltmarch served as a physician in the emergency department at North Country Hospital from 1975 to 2004. He was a very dedicated doctor and well-liked by many whom he treated.

'06 Peter Dahl
Dr. Dahl of Bryn Mawr, Penn., died unexpectedly on December 7, 2019. Born July 19, 1973, in Wilmington, Del., he received his undergraduate degree from SUNY Buffalo and medical degree from UVM. He completed his residency at Northwell Health in New York and his endocrinology fellowship at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell in New York. He practiced medicine at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia and Mainline Health at Riddle Hospital in Media, Penn.

Faculty

Richard S. Heilman, M.D.

Dr. Heilman, a longtime professor of radiology at UVM, died February 7, 2020. He earned his undergraduate degree from Amherst College and his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, and completed internship and residency at Mary Fletcher Hospital and UVM. A pioneer in air contrast barium radiography, he joined the UVM faculty in 1970 and devoted the next 31 years of his professional life to gastrointestinal radiology, serving as an outstanding teacher and clinician. He was also internationally recognized for his contributions to literature in radiology. Dr. Heilman retired in 2001.



Remembering Molly Hubbard, M.D.'12

It is with tremendous sadness that we share news of the tragic passing of Molly Hubbard, our beloved friend and classmate. Just months after completing a neurosurgery residency at the University of Minnesota, beginning her pediatric neurosurgery fellowship at Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU) and accepting a faculty position there, Dr. Hubbard was killed in an avalanche while skiing at an Idaho resort on January 7, 2020.

Molly was one of a kind. Well known for her sarcastic wit, intellect, and passion for wellness, Molly had the unique ability to connect with everyone around her. Her classmates recall her famous “Molidays,” the term she coined to describe her local, national and international adventures, which usually included a highly impressive athletic conquest. At the time of her passing, Molly was preparing to summit Mount Rainier in order to raise money for SheJumps, a nonprofit organization that mentors young girls and teaches technical survival skills for outdoor adventuring.

“(Molly) was a great person, an excellent physician, and a superb neurosurgeon,” wrote Stephen Haines, M.D.'75, her former residency program director at the University of Minnesota. During her residency, she authored more than 15 peer-reviewed publications, presented more than 20 abstracts at local, national, and international meetings, delivered more than 10 oral presentations, and was awarded greater than \$130,000 in grant funding as principal investigator for researching advances in traumatic brain injury. She was also the recipient of numerous awards for research achievements, and most recently an award for professionalism, research, patient care, and humanism in neurosurgery.

“Molly Hubbard was a superlative physician and surgeon with exceptional

judgment, technical skills and deep compassion for her patients and colleagues. She was also an extraordinary human being who was loved and valued by all who knew her,” wrote Nathan Selden, M.D., Ph.D., chair of the OSHU Department of Neurosurgery.

Among those who loved and treasured Molly were her UVM Larner College of Medicine classmates.

“Molly made a positive and lasting impression on everyone she met,” wrote Meghan Small Zimmerman, M.D.'12. “In her short 33 years on this earth she influenced more people with her kindness, sincerity, and incredible intelligence than most people do in a lifetime. She was a loyal and trustworthy friend who embraced differences and withheld judgement. She was strong, passionate, extremely hard-working, yet knew so well how to let loose and enjoy life, especially in nature. Molly will be remembered for so many things, especially for how much joy she brought to our lives and how much she made us laugh with her witty jokes and infectious giggles.”

Martha Monson, M.D.'12, notes: “Molly was the definition of a ‘renaissance woman’ and very much a role model for embodying work-life balance. Everything Molly did, she did so well—from being an accomplished physician scientist and world traveler to being a culinary artist and skilled outdoor enthusiast. She will of course be remembered for her incredible academic and clinical achievements, but I think what Molly will be remembered for the most will be her devotion to her friends, family members and colleagues. Molly was the best kind of friend—the one that always showed up for you—and



Molly Hubbard, M.D.'12

usually with humor, delicious food/spirits, and usually a well thought out solution to ‘whatever ails you.’ Her absence from our daily lives is palpable, and she is and will be sorely missed.”

Louisa Salisbury, M.D.'12, recalls Molly as “someone who could put you instantly at ease with her self-deprecating humor. She made you feel brave and could bring out your goofiest side while also pushing you to be the best version of yourself. Brilliant and disciplined, she took her academics and career aspirations extremely seriously and worked harder than almost anyone I know. And yet, she could find a way to make every step of the journey joyful, a little silly and worthy of a celebration.”

Molly’s family has organized a celebration of her life in her hometown of Logan, Utah, at Beaver Mountain Lodge on May 30. For more information, email: parentshubbard@gmail.com The Class of 2012 agents will also be organizing a “Moliday” in Burlington, Vt., on May 30. **VM**

— Meghan Beucher, M.D.'12; Melissa Marotta Houser, M.D.'12; Auna Otts Leatham, M.D.'12; Martha Choate Monson, M.D.'12



Gordie Page, M.D.'45, and James Hebert, M.D.'77

Remembrance of H. Gordon ‘Gordie’ Page, M.D.'45

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Dr. H. Gordon (Gordie) Page, an alumnus and longtime professor of surgery at UVM. MaryJane (MJ), his beloved wife, said he died peacefully at home on February 9, 2020, having just turned 101 years young this past November. All who knew him will remember Gordie for his love of surgery, his warmth and generosity, his sense of humor, and the wonderful anecdotes he so freely shared.

I first met Dr. Page when I was a medical student doing my core rotation in surgery. The residents referred to him as “Flash” because of the speed with which he operated. “Don’t blink, or you’ll miss the case,” a chief resident once warned me. After scrubbing on a couple of cases with him the sobriquet seemed very appropriate. He paid me a backhanded compliment once when I

was a chief resident performing a common duct exploration when he exclaimed, “Slow down, you’re making me nervous.” I stopped and replied, “Dr. Page, that is the nicest thing you’ve ever said to me.” We both often recalled that memory with a hearty laugh. Throughout medical school and residency I learned many things from him about the art of surgery and how to treat patients.

Like all of us, Dr. Page was not without his idiosyncrasies, many of which came

to light when he was performing surgery. He often referred to himself in the third person. “Dr. Page is always on time,” he would state should the first case be even a minute late in getting started. “He preferred sponges to laparotomy pads, and at times the operating field was like a popcorn machine with sponges flying all over. The patients all did well. Like Yogi Berra, Gordie had plenty of memorable quotations. One day when the resident team presented him some literature suggesting that we manage a problem in a different way he told us to always remember that “figures can lie and liars can figure.” At medical school reunions, a number of alumni from different classes have related that he taught them the five Ps of an ischemic limb—“pain, pallor, paresthesia, pulseless, and (call) Page.”

During our weekly department lunch meetings, Gordie would entertain us with many humorous stories about himself, usually told in a self-deprecating manner. He was a great practical jokester, and would recount his pranks with that

mischievous smile that we knew well. He also would share stories about the many great surgeons he observed. He was especially fond of his friend and mentor, Dr. Mackay, whom he classified as a “very clever surgeon,” which was his highest praise. He always had kind things to say about the residents he trained, and took great joy in hearing of their accomplishments.

Gordie loved Vermont and the University of Vermont. He created a prize for medical students and endowed the Albert G. Mackay M.D.'32 and H. Gordon Page M.D.'45 Professorship in Surgical Education. I consider it the highlight of my career to have been named the first Mackay-Page Professor of Surgery. His legacy to the department and the school is much more, however. During the years when the school was at risk for losing accreditation, he was a staunch supporter. He encouraged the other private surgeons in town to join ranks with the university to help solidify a clinical base for education and research. It is no wonder that in 2004 he was awarded the A. Bradley Soule Award for loyalty and dedication to the College of Medicine.

During the past many years, Gordie has been a highlight at Nostalgia Hour during medical reunion. He always led off with a slightly off-color joke and a few of his famous stories. The alumni often responded with many humorous anecdotes about Dr. Page to which he took great pleasure. Despite his failing health, Gordie often tried to attend the Tuesday morning breakfast with a group of retired physicians. Since my retirement I have been part of the group as well. While I had heard most of his stories, a few new ones often came to light. We will all miss him, but I’m sure his spirit will live on. **VM**

— James Hebert, M.D.'77, retired professor of surgery at UVM Larner College of Medicine

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