Move Mountains: The Campaign for the University of Vermont launched in October of 2015 with a goal to raise $500 million, an ambitious undertaking with the power to transform our University. In June of this year, UVM celebrated the campaign’s successful conclusion. Collectively, alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends helped the Larner College of Medicine surpass our fundraising goal of $125 million by over $80 million. The College has much to be proud of—our donors established nearly 40 new endowed faculty positions, created over 30 new endowed scholarship funds, helped to support our medical education infrastructure, and gave generously to the College of Medicine Fund, the backbone of our annual giving efforts. A sincere thank you to all of our loyal alumni and donors for making Move Mountains such a resounding success.

Students appreciate your generosity—we know this through the heartfelt thank you notes that we receive. From scholarships to research grants to travel grants, current medical students are thriving through the opportunities you help provide for them. One student who received a Medical Alumni Association Scholarship shared: “As a non-traditional student, having the support of so many has been a huge encouragement and motivation to do the best I can. Your generosity is allowing me to make my goals and dreams a reality. Thank you again— I hope to one day be able to give back to other students in the future.” And another student who received a research grant: “With your generous support, I will have the privilege to work on this project and help understand how to improve the quality of eye care in Vermont.” We want to continue to share students’ gratitude with you; see more examples of thank you notes from students on page 33 in a regular column we’ve created for VUMedicine.

Alums recently had the chance to reconnect with each other and with current students at Medical Reunion 2019, held for the first time in the fall to coincide with the College’s White Coat Ceremony and UVM Alumni Weekend festivities. It was certainly a fun-filled and action packed couple of days! The weekend featured a celebration of our Medical Alumni Association award winners—a always a welcome opportunity to recognize achievement across the class years. Thanks to everyone who returned to the Larner College of Medicine to share memories. For those of you who are in reunion year 2020, we hope you will start thinking about making plans to return to Burlington October 2-4. We look forward to hosting you and showing you around campus!

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Stephen Haines, M.D. ’75, has been honored with the prestigious Neurological Society of America (NSA) Medal, awarded to “an individual who, in the opinion of the membership, most signiﬁcantly in uenced the clinical practice of neurosurgery through personal achievement.” He received the award at the NSA 2019 Annual Meeting in Ban , Alberta, Canada. In a statement from the University of Minnesota, where Haines is a professor, Haines credits one of his teachers, former UVM Professor of Medicine Larry Weed, M.D., with instilling in him a passion for elevating the quality of clinical research. Weed developed the problem-oriented medical record (POMR) and the SOAP (Subjective, Objective, Assessment and Plan) medical note format. From 2003 to 2017, Haines served as the Lyle A. French Chair in Neurosurgery and Head of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Minnesota. He has authored more than 500 peer-reviewed articles, books, chapters, reviews, abstracts and invited presentations.

50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN ORTHOPAEDICS

Residents, faculty, and alumni from the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program on September 11 and 12, 2019. The event featured a series of talks from current and past faculty members, resident case presentations, tours of the new orthopaedic inpatient facility in UVM Medical Center’s new Miller Building, and an alumni, faculty and resident dinner at the Burlington Country Club. Joseph Bosco, M.D. ’86, professor at NYU Langone Health and former dean of the College of Medicine, and former chair of the Department of Orthopaedics and Reimbursement.” Attendees also celebrated the publication of Vermont Orthopaedics: The First 135 Years, written by the program’s 1st resident, former dean of the College of Medicine and former chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at the Burlington Country Club, titled “The Future of United States Musculoskeletal Care Delivery and Reimbursement.” Attendees also celebrated the publication of Vermont Orthopaedics: The First 135 Years, written by the program’s 1st resident, former dean of the College of Medicine and former chair of the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, John W. Frymoyer, M.D., and S. Elizabeth Ames, M.D. ’96, professor and residency program director.

Joseph Bosco, M.D. ’86, delivers the John W. Frymoyer, M.D. Guest Lecture.

Stephen Haines, M.D. ’75
Alumni visiting campus for Medical Reunion 2019, October 4-6, caught up with their classmates through picnics, a nostalgia hour, class dinners and more, while they also had the opportunity to welcome the newest medical students by attending the Class of 2023 White Coat Ceremony.
A patient-physician relationship that dates back two decades has led to an endowed professorship dedicated to fostering excellence in dermatology at UVM Medical Center. Vermont resident Lenore Broughton established the professorship—named for her parents, Rogers and Nancy Follanabe—in honor of the work that Glenn Goldman, M.D., professor of medicine and chief of the Division of Dermatology, has done to advance dermatology care at UVM Medical Center. Broughton’s newest gift continues a history of philanthropic support for Dr. Goldman and the Division of Dermatology. In 2012, she established the Broughton Dermatology Research and Education Endowed Lecture Fund, which has led to nationally recognized work and many advances in the field. The professorship will sustain Goldman’s legacy and advance his goals for the division, including “fostering education, encouraging research, and promoting the exchange of skill sets with international colleagues.”

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UVM Professor of Medicine Muriel Nathan, M.D., Ph.D., has founded the Ruth Ann Trachimowicz, Ph.D. Lectureship in Ophthalmology in honor of her lifelong friend who is remembered as a gifted teacher of anatomy. The $50,000 endowed lecture fund will bring a renowned individual to UVM annually to deliver a lecture focused on retina disease and anatomy. It also honors Brian Kim, M.D., chief of the Division of Ophthalmology at UVM Medical Center, for his “skill and dedication to patients and his contributions to UVM and the community.” After meeting in graduate school, Nathan continued on to receive her medical degree, while Trachimowicz taught anatomy at the Illinois College of Optometry, where she excelled. She won an Excellence in Education and First Year Teacher of the Year awards. After her death, the students voted to have her permanently named as Best First Year Teacher. Kim says the lectureship honors this legacy of teaching and helps his division break new ground.

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP ADVANCES DERMATOLOGY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

ENDOWED LECTURE FUND FOCUSES ON RETINAL DISEASE AND ANATOMY

A new endowed fund honors the Schumacher family’s commitment to medicine and the influence the Department of Pediatrics has had on two generations. Cajsa J. Schumacher, M.D. ’74 and Je rey Schumacher, M.D. ’74 met while medical students at UVM. They went on to marry and pursue careers in pediatrics. Two of their children, Erika Cajsa Schumacher, M.D., M.B., and Heidi K. Schumacher, M.D., also became pediatricians after earning their medical degrees at UVM. Their son, Ryan Schumacher, is a doctor of osteopathic medicine candidate at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. “In gratitude for the outstanding education and inspiration provided by the Department of Pediatrics,” the family has established the Schumacher Family Endowed Fund. The goal is to support students, residents, fellows and faculty in the Department of Pediatrics “in their personal wellness, in the continued search for best practices in care and teaching, and in the commitment to the health of the children and families in our beloved Vermont.”

PORTER MEDICAL AND UVM FOUNDATION SHARE $1.1 MILLION DONATION

The Frank Ittleman, M.D. Endowed Chair in Cardiac Surgery at the UVM Medical Center, named in honor of the longtime UVM professor of surgery, has received an additional $500,000 from anonymous donors, residents of Addison County, as a part of a joint $1.1 million gift that also benefited the UVM Health Network-Porter Medical Center. “Dr. Ittleman was a vital part of the UVM cardiothoracic team for nearly 40 years,” said Mitchell C. Norotsky, M.D., the Stanley S. Fieber M.D.-48 Chair in Surgery. “The generosity of these donors enables us to continue that tradition and provide patients throughout our region with the highest quality care.”

SCUMACHER FAMILY FUND TO HONOR DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

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Retinal disease continues to be a leading cause of blindness worldwide,” says Kim. “As UVM Ophthalmology strives to continue its research aimed at treating this issue, gifts like the Trachimowicz lecture are invaluable: It will allow us access to the brightest minds in the field.”

You too can support the next generation of society’s caregivers. For more information, please contact the UVM Larner College of Medicine Medical Development & Alumni Relations Office. (802) 656-4014 | medical.giving@uvm.edu | www.med.uvm.edu/alumni

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**Obituaries**

**Stanley Fieber, M.D.**

Dr. Fieber, 95, of Lake Worth, Fla., died July 21, 2019. Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Fieber was a World War II veteran and a surgeon in Essex County for 50 years. He was a long-time at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Montclair Community Hospital, and the Veterans Hospital in East Orange, N.J. Dr. Fieber was the team doctor in Roseland, N.J., and the physician for the Mountain High School football team. He authored articles on innovative surgical practices that were published in prominent medical journals. In 2002, he established the Stanley S. Fieber 48 Chair in Surgery at the University of Vermont.

**John R. Eddy, M.D.**

Dr. Eddy, 92, longtime resident of Manchester, Conn., died March 16, 2019. Born May 10, 1926, in Burlington, Vt., he pursued a profession in medicine and found deep satisfaction in helping people.

**Alan Weisel, M.D.**

Dr. Weisel died on his home in Stamford, Conn., on July 4, 2019. Born November 2, 1934, he graduated from the University of Connecticut and received his medical degree from UVM. After completing internships at Albany Medical Center and Greenwich Hospital, and his orthopaedic surgery residency at the Albert Einstein Medical Center, he entered the United States Army in 1964 with the rank of Captain. He served in the Vietnam War as Chief of Orthopedic Surgery of the 93rd Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh. Dr. Weisel was an orthopedic surgeon in Stamford for more than 40 years, serving as chief of orthopedic surgery of Stamford Hospital and St. Joseph’s Hospital.

**Herbert G. Prakelt, M.D.**

Dr. Prakelt died July 4, 2019, at the age of 88. Born September 11, 1930, his family emigrated to the United States from Germany in 1936 and settled in New Jersey. Later they moved to Township, Vt. A graduate of Springfield College, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Dr. Prakelt is survived as well-nurtured by family doctor in Essex Junction, Vt.

**Dean L. Souls, M.D.**

Dr. Souls, 83, of Ann Arbor, Mich., died June 16, 2019, at the University of Michigan Hospital. He served as orthopedic surgeon and educator for 44 years. Born in Dayton, Ohio, he earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of New Hampshire and his medical degree from UVM. He completed his internship at Maine Medical Center before serving for two years with the U.S. Public Health Service. In 1970, Dr. Souls completed his orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Michigan and began a one-year hand surgery fellowship at the New York Presbyterian Hospital. He was the first psychiatrist in the state of Michigan to complete a one-year hand surgery fellowship and obtain a Corte: Corte of Added Qualification in Surgery of the Hand from the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. Dr. Souls was nominated to the Council of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and became its president in 1991.

**John L. Bassett, M.D.**

Dr. Bassett died June 16, 2019, at the age of 74. Born October 22, 1944 in Enfield, N.Y., he graduated from Harvard University and received his medical training at UVM and the University of Iowa. Dr. Bassett worked for almost 50 years as a cardiologist and physician. He particularly enjoyed teaching and advising medical students and young doctors.

**Edward Krawitt, M.D.**

Dr. Krawitt died July 16, 2019, at the age of 84. A professor emeritus of medicine, he served on the UVM faculty for over 40 years, including 17 as the unit director of gastroenterology. In 1987, he was honored as Teacher of the Year. Dr. Krawitt’s research involved the study of autoimmune hepatitis and the treatment of chronic hepatitis C. He authored over 40 chapters and more than 100 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals. He designed and co-edited the ’first edition of Autoimmune Liver Diseases, and was also editor of the textbook Medical Management of Liver Diseases. Dr. Krawitt served as chair of the International Liaison Committee of the American Gastroenterological Association and was a co-founder of the U.S.-Japan Society for Autoimmune Liver Diseases.

**Carlene (Candy) Ripper, Ph.D.**

Dr. Ripper died September 5, 2019. She joined the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics as a research professor in 1983 and retired as an emeritus faculty member in 1994. Her research, focused on innate defense mechanisms of the mushroom Schizophyllum commune, garnered over 20 grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the United States Department of Agriculture, among others. In 2002, Dr. Ripper was elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in recognition of her distinguished contributions to the field of biological science.

**Johanna M. (Yolanda) Ruess, M.D.**

Dr. Ruess died September 16, 2019, at the age of 86. She was a physician in rehabilitation medicine at the University of Vermont for 22 years. Dr. Ruess’ special interests included the rehabilitation of persons with multiple sclerosis and persons with head injuries. She served on the advisory boards of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Vermont Head Injury and Stroke Independence Project, and the Lenny Burke Farm Independent Living Project for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injuries. In October of 1995, she was honored by the State of Vermont Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for her work with people with head injuries. Dr. Ruess retired in 1996 and was granted emeritus faculty status in 2000.

**In Memoriam**

**Lewis Robert Dan, M.D.**

Dr. Dan died August 15, 2019. His obituary will appear in the next issue of Vermont Medicine.
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7:34 p.m.
At this year’s Celebration of Achievements reception during Reunion 2019, Mike Cross, longtime custodian in the Given Building and friend to students, faculty, staff, and alumni for decades, shared a laugh with Omar Khan, M.D. ’03, Salwa Khan, M.D. ’05, and Mimi Reardon, M.D. ’67. After 43 years at UVM, Cross retired on October 31. He promises to come back often to alumni events.

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UVM’s Gary Ward, Ph.D., is a national leader in working to make the results of scholarly research available to all who can benefit from them.

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Through the Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship, students become advocates and advisors as they learn the art and science of medicine.

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Hospitals across the U.S., including the UVM Medical Center, hold honor walks to show respect to end-of-life patient organ donors.