


## President's Corner

*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 completion. Collectively, alums, 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 alums 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 assistance, 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 *Vermont Medicine*.

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—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!




Dean Richard L. Page, M.D. (seated, third from left), with members of the Alumni Executive Committee

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

## University of Vermont Medical Alumni Association

### Alumni Executive Committee

#### OFFICERS (TWO-YEAR TERMS)

##### PRESIDENT

Betsy L. Sussman, M.D.'81 (2018-2020)

##### PRESIDENT-ELECT

Omar A. Khan, M.D.'03 (2018-2020)

##### SECRETARY

Mary Cushman, M.D.'89 (2018-2020)

##### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

John Tampas, M.D.'54 (Ongoing)

#### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE (SIX-YEAR TERMS)

Annie Coates, M.D.'07 (2018-2024)

Sean Diehl, Ph.D.'03 (2016-2022)

Seth Dolsky, M.D.'10 (2016-2022)

Janice M. Gallant, M.D.'89 (2015-2021)

Albert J. Hebert, Jr., M.D.'74 (2015-2021)

Christopher J. Hebert, M.D.'02 (2015-2021)

Danie Leahy, M.D.'17 (2018-2024)

Gus Papadakis, M.D.'92 (2018-2024)

Suzanne R. Parker, M.D.'73 (2016-2022)

Heidi K. Schumacher, M.D.'10 (2015-2021)

Michael D. Upton, M.D.'94 (2015-2021)

Pramila R. Yadav, M.D.'99 (2015-2021)

#### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Richard L. Page, M.D., Dean  
Kevin McAteer, UVM Foundation

Share your news or updated contact information at [go.uvm.edu/infoupdate](http://go.uvm.edu/infoupdate), or contact your class agent, or the Larner Development & Alumni Relations office at [medalumni.relations@uvm.edu](mailto:medalumni.relations@uvm.edu) or (802) 656-4014.

## 1960s

REUNION 2019: 1964 + 1969

'61 **Priscilla S. Martin** of Pittsford, N.Y., has now retired.

## 1970s

REUNION 2019: 1974 + 1979

'75 **Steve Haines** writes: "I am finally stepping away from 37 years of academic neurosurgery in December. Jennifer and I will be living in Blaine, Washington and happy to see anyone who is passing through the Pacific Northwest." Haines was recently honored with the Neurological Society of America's NSA Medal, awarded to "an individual who, in the opinion of the membership, most significantly influenced the clinical practice of neurosurgery through personal achievement."

'79 **James Jarvis** of Buffalo, N.Y., was named Master of the American College of Rheumatology, one of the highest honors bestowed by College members to members who have made outstanding contributions to the field of rheumatology through scholarly achievement and/or service to their patients, students, and profession.

## 1980s

REUNION 2019: 1984 + 1989

'83 **Leigh LoPresti** of Pittsfield, Mass., has joined the primary care team at Community Health Partners' North Adams Family Medical and Dental in North Adams, Mass.

'84 **Mark Albertini** has been honored by the American Academy of Dermatology as a Patient Care Hero for his leadership in launching a melanoma tumor board to optimize care for melanoma patients at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

'89 **George Terwilliger** has joined Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, Vt., as chief medical officer, emergency department medical director, and hospitalist director.

## 1990s

REUNION 2019: 1994 + 1999

'91 **Kelly McQueen** of Madison, Wisc., was named chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She was previously a professor in the departments of anesthesiology and surgery at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, where she also directed Vanderbilt Anesthesia Global Health and Development and the Vanderbilt Global Anesthesia Fellowship. She's also the founder of the non-profit Global Surgical Consortium, and the Alliance for Surgery and Anesthesia Presence.

'96 **Danette Colella** has joined Greater Seacoast Community Health, dividing her time between Families First Health and Support Center in Portsmouth, N.H., and Lilac City Pediatrics in Rochester, N.H.

'99 **Amy Belisle** of Yarmouth, Maine, has been appointed as the State of Maine's Chief Pediatrician and Chief Child Health Officer. She formerly served as senior medical director and director of child health quality improvement at Quality Counts, a Qalidigm Company, a regional nonprofit dedicated to transforming health care. She led efforts to advance care for substance-exposed infants and created the Maine Child Health Improvement Partnership, which has spearheaded successful initiatives to increase vaccination and developmental screening rates.

## 2000s

REUNION 2019: 2004 + 2009

'09 **Ananda Boyer** has joined Rutland Women's Healthcare at Rutland Regional Medical Center in Rutland, Vt. Boyer is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology with clinical expertise in women's health.

'09 **Andrew C. Boyer** has joined Rutland Regional Medical Center in the diagnostic imaging

department. Boyer is board-certified in radiology with a clinical expertise in breast and body imaging.

## 2010s

REUNION 2019: 2014 + 2019

'12 **Brock Libby** has moved from Philadelphia, Penn., where he completed an adolescent medicine fellowship, to Portland, Maine, to work for Maine Medical Center. He will be based primarily at Maine Medical Partners South Portland Pediatrics and Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine but also will work in the gender clinic at the hospital.

'13 **Emily (Crook) Rosenberg** has joined the staff of Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, N.H., as part of the Department of Family Medicine.

'14 **Ashley Miller** has joined Berkshire Orthopaedic Associates based in Massachusetts.

'15 **Matt and Hayley MacKinnon** write that they: "graduated from the University of Washington in psychiatry and ob/gyn residencies respectively in June 2019. Matt will join a private group in Seattle while Hayley completes three years of maternal fetal medicine fellowship at the University of Washington before they come back to Vermont... so save us a place at the table!"

'15 **Hope Yao Yu** of Boston, Mass., started her maternal fetal medicine fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

'18 **Mohammad (Mo) Mertaban**, a pediatric resident at the University of California San Francisco, was named Resident of the Year.

'18 **Kathleen Olson** of Phoenix, Ariz., was named Surgery Intern of the Year at Mayo Clinic Arizona. The award goes to the intern with the most "can do attitude" who is also dependable, knowledgeable, and skilled surgically.

## COLLEGE EVENTS

**MARCH 20, 2020**

Match Day  
UVM Campus/Hoehl Gallery

**MAY 17, 2020**

Medical Commencement  
UVM Campus, Ira Allen Chapel

**OCTOBER 2-4, 2020**

Medical Reunion  
UVM Campus

For updates on events, visit:  
[med.uvm.edu/alumni](http://med.uvm.edu/alumni)

Larner College of Medicine graduates are also members of the UVM Alumni Association. See those events at:  
[www.alumni.uvm.edu](http://www.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](http://go.uvm.edu/medclassnotes)

## HAINES HONORED BY NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

**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 influenced the clinical practice of neurosurgery through personal achievement.” He received the award at the NSA 2019 Annual Meeting in Banff, 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 300 peer-reviewed articles, books, chapters, reviews, abstracts and invited presentations.



Stephen Haines, M.D.'75

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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



## 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 director of quality and patient safety at NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital, hosted the John W. Frymoyer, M.D. Guest Lecture 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 first 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.



Ryan Sexton, M.D.'09

## SEXTON ADVOCATES FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACCESS

Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital Emergency Department Medical Director **Ryan Sexton, M.D.'09**, recently participated in the American College of Emergency Physicians' (ACEP) 2019 Leadership & Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., to advocate for a proposed bill that addresses mental health treatment access. Sexton, who serves as president of ACEP's Vermont chapter, met with staff from the offices of U.S. Senators Bernie Sanders and Patrick Leahy, and U.S. Congressman Peter Welch.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

In this new series, Vermont Medicine plans to share a note of thanks from a current student for the support they've received from alumni. **Christina “Nina” Dawson '21** addressed Medical Alumni Association President Betsy Sussman, M.D. in her letter:

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude and thanks for the financial support I have received through the Medical Alumni Association Scholarship. As a second year medical student at the Larner College of Medicine I am so fortunate every day to be learning from so many inspiring physicians, and I am eagerly looking forward to March when I get the honor of applying some of what I have learned into the clinics.

I have taken quite a few detours before pursuing my medical education. My first degree in politics and human rights gave me the opportunity to pursue careers in policy, international development, and public health—all of which have been the backbone for my passion to become a doctor. 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 one day to be able to give back to other students in the future.

Kindest regards,  
Christina “Nina” Dawson '21



Nina Dawson '21

### UPCOMING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## UVM CONTINUING MEDICAL & INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

### CURRENT CONCEPTS & CONTROVERSIES IN SURGERY

January 27-29, 2020  
The Lodge at Spruce Peak  
Stowe, Vt.

### EMERGENCY MEDICINE UPDATE

January 26-30, 2020  
The Lodge at Spruce Peak  
Stowe, Vt.

### 31ST ANNUAL EASTERN WINTER DERMATOLOGY CONFERENCE

January 30-February 2, 2020  
Topnotch Resort  
Stowe, Vt.

### HOSPITAL MEDICINE 2020

February 9-11, 2020  
The Lodge at Spruce Peak  
Stowe, Vt.

### 25TH ANNUAL VERMONT PERSPECTIVES IN ANESTHESIA

March 4-8, 2020  
Stowe Lake Mountain  
Resort & Spa  
Stowe, Vt.

### VERMONT GERIATRICS CONFERENCE

April 2, 2020  
The DoubleTree Hotel  
South Burlington, Vt.

For information contact:  
**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**  
401 Water Tower Circle  
Suite 102  
Colchester, VT 05446  
(802) 656-2292  
**UVMCME@med.uvm.edu**  
**www.med.uvm.edu/cme**



# Reunion 2019

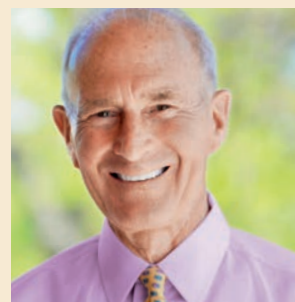
Alumni visiting campus for Medical Reunion 2019, October 4-6, caught up with their classmates through picnics, a nostalgia hour, class dinners and more, while they also had the opportunity to welcome the newest medical students by attending the Class of 2023 White Coat Ceremony.



## ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP ADVANCES DERMATOLOGY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

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 Follansbee**—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 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."

**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.**



## 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 has been 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."

## ENDOWED LECTURE FUND FOCUSES ON RETINAL DISEASE AND ANATOMY

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.

"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."

## SCHUMACHER FAMILY FUND TO HONOR DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

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**



**ry 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.'08** and **Heidi K. Schumacher, M.D.'10**, 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."

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](mailto:medical.giving@uvm.edu) | [www.med.uvm.edu/alumni](http://www.med.uvm.edu/alumni)

## A HEARTY HANDSHAKE

The back of this old 8 X 10 print just carries the obvious label "Anatomy Photo," and it was clearly taken in the Gross Anatomy Lab on the fourth floor of the Given Building. As all alumni of this College from the 40s through the 90s will know, the gentleman in the center is the legendary anatomy instructor Dallas Boushey, seen inspecting the hand of the skeleton model nicknamed "Killer."

But who are the other people in this group? Send your thoughts to [erin.post@uvm.edu](mailto:erin.post@uvm.edu) and we'll include them in the next issue of *Vermont Medicine*.



### FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE

We've received Flashback Feedback about the photos in both of the last two issues.



◀ About the picture of students opening their mailboxes on Match Day, Allan Farquhar M.D.'98 wrote: "I am the bald guy bending away from the camera with dark long sleeve shirt. I think the guy bending in the plaid shirt is Ed Pomicter. Pretty sure the woman facing camera standing in the distance near the lockers is Carole Bibeau. The guy in the baseball hat facing the lockers looks like Pat Keith. I'm not sure if the handsome guy (with hair) opening the locker behind me is Gavin Webb but it looks close. I think on the far top right the guy whose face is cut off facing the lockers is Marcus Mercier, and the guy facing camera with tie behind baseball hat looks like Stephen Messier."



◀ An anonymous contributor whose letter bore a Boston postmark wrote in to theorize about the photo in the Spring 2019 issue: "Could the person in the center be Jacob Martin, M.D.'03?" UVM Professor of Medicine Gil Allen, M.D., also guessed Dr. Martin via email.

**'48 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 affiliated with St. Barnabas Medical Center, Montclair Community Hospital, and the Veterans Hospital in East Orange, N.J. Dr. Fieber was the town 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.

**'53 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 healing people.

**'57 Larry Coletti, M.D.**  
Dr. Coletti, 89, of Norwich, Conn., died July 24, 2019. Born on December 27, 1929, he graduated from Brown University in 1951, and received his medical degree in 1957. After completing a general/vascular surgery residency at St. Luke's Hospital, he served two years as Lt. Commander, Chief of Surgery, at the naval base in Groton, Conn., followed by two years as a surgical practitioner at the Backus Hospital. In 1969, he opened a private surgical practice in Norwich, which he operated for 35 years. Dr. Coletti completed his career as chair of the Department of Surgery in 2004, retiring as advisor and mentor to his son, David. Dr. Coletti was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He received the UVM Larner College of Medicine A. Bradley Soule Award in 1993.

**'59 Alan Weisel, M.D.**  
Dr. Weisel died at 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 Orthopaedic Surgery of the 93rd Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh. Dr. Weisel was an orthopaedic surgeon in Stamford for more than 40 years, serving as chief of orthopaedic surgery of Stamford Hospital and of St. Joseph's Hospital.

**'61 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 Townshend, Vt. A graduate of Springfield College, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Dr. Prakelt is remembered as a well-respected family doctor in Essex Junction, Vt.

**'62 Dean S. Louis, M.D.**  
Dr. Louis, 83, of Ann Arbor, Mich., died June 16, 2019, at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, where he worked as an 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. Louis 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 physician in the state of Michigan to complete a one-year hand surgery fellowship and obtain a Certificate of Added Qualification in Surgery of the Hand from the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. Dr. Louis was nominated to the Council of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand and became its 51st president in 1997.

**'72 John E. Bassett, M.D.**  
Dr. Bassett died June 16, 2019, at the age of 74. Born October 22, 1944 in Elmira, 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.

**'72 Adrienne Buuck Butler, M.D.**  
Dr. Butler died at her home in Blackshear, Ga., on April 29, 2019, at the age of 72. She graduated from Regis College in 1968 and received her medical degree from UVM in 1972. Dr. Butler was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1970, serving on active duty until 1982. She was an accomplished pediatrician in Waycross, Ga., and especially enjoyed serving patients with special healthcare needs.

## Faculty

**Julian Joseph Jaeger, Ph.D.**  
Dr. Jaeger died July 31, 2019, at the age of 93. Dr. Jaeger, professor emeritus of pharmacology, joined UVM as a professor in 1961, and was honored as a University Scholar in 1985 before retiring in 1989 after 28 years of service. He made seminal contributions to the understanding of biochemical determinants of the action drugs for use in treatment of cancer and of parasitic diseases. Dr. Jaeger served on numerous national and international scientific committees including the Parasitic Diseases Panel of the U.S. - Japan Cooperative Medical Sciences Program, the Tropical Diseases Study Section of the National Institutes of Health, and the Filariasis Scientific Working Group of the World Health Organization.

**Anne M. Johnston, M.D.**  
Dr. Johnston died June 4, 2019. A neonatologist and UVM associate professor of pediatrics, she received her medical degree from McMaster University and completed her neonatal-perinatal fellowship at UVM Children's Hospital. In 2000, she founded a neonatal medical follow-up program for very premature infants and other infants with complicated medical needs at UVM Children's Hospital. A founding member of the ChARM (Children and Recovering Mothers) Program, Dr. Johnston created with her team a nationally-recognized, novel way of caring for infants exposed to opioids.

**Edward Krawitt, M.D.**  
Dr. Krawitt died July 18, 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 two editions 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 (Cardy) Raper, Ph.D.**  
Dr. Raper died September 5, 2019. She joined the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics as a research professor in 1983 and retired as an emerita faculty member in 1994. Her research, focused on mating-type mutants 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 2012, Dr. Raper 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. (Yoka) Ruess, M.D.**  
Dr. Ruess died September 16, 2019, at the age of 89. 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.

**George D. Webb II, Ph.D.**  
Dr. Webb, 84, of Burlington, Vt., died May 30, 2019. He was associate professor emeritus of molecular physiology and biophysics. Dr. Webb graduated from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1962 with a Ph.D. in physiology before completing post-doctoral research in Copenhagen, Denmark, and serving as a post-doctoral fellow at Columbia University Medical School. In 1966, he became an associate professor of physiology at UVM, where he began a long career in basic research. He was the co-author of many scientific articles and a book called *The K Factor*, which proposed changes in diet and lifestyle to control high blood pressure without using medications.

## In Memoriam

**Lewis Robert Dan, M.D. '59**  
Dr. Dan died August 15, 2019. His obituary will appear in the next issue of *Vermont Medicine*.



**October 4, 2019**  
**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.

PHOTO: ANDY DUBACK



ALUMS FROM ACROSS THE YEARS SHARE MEMORIES AND STORIES ABOUT MIKE:  
[MED.UVM.EDU/VTMEDICINE/WEB-EXTRAS](http://MED.UVM.EDU/VTMEDICINE/WEB-EXTRAS)



The University of Vermont  
LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

**VERMONT MEDICINE**

89 Beaumont Ave.  
Burlington VT 05405

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 143  
Burlington VT

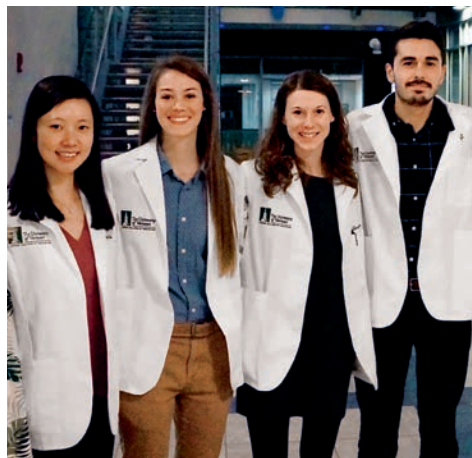
**16 Open Access**

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.



**20 The Patient at the Center**

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



**28 Rituals of Honor**

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

