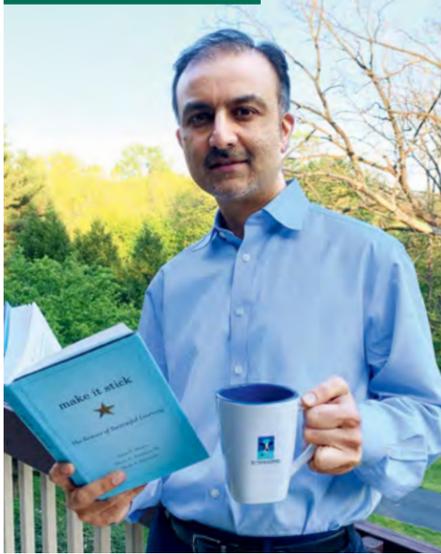


President's Corner



OMAR KHAN, M.D.'03
President
UVM Medical Alumni Association

I want to express my gratitude to all of you, my fellow alumni and physicians, for the resilience and leadership you continue to show as we grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic in different ways. I have been impressed with how our alma mater has made the best of a difficult and uniquely challenging situation by rapidly developing remote learning options for our students, ensuring that they can continue their medical education in the safest way possible. We are truly leading the nation in this regard! We are also hearing much positive feedback about Reunion 2020, our first virtual event. Although I certainly missed seeing you all in beautiful Vermont in the fall, it was a great chance to connect.

Much like our alumni near and far, the Class of 2024—our newest medical students—are rising to the challenges this pandemic presents. They've had to quickly adapt to a medical education that is different from what they expected, yet they remain enthusiastic, gracious, and ready for the challenges ahead. They also need your support. The College of Medicine Fund remains a critical source of unrestricted funds; in the last year, Dean Page was able to quickly

allocate dollars for important student needs like enhanced wellness activities and psychological services. If there was ever a time for our community to pay it forward and support the College, it is now. Every gift matters—we want to show our students that their Larner alumni stand by them as they navigate these difficult times.

Another way to make a difference: consider supporting the College's ongoing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion by contributing to the Collins Oguejiofor Scholarship Fund. Founded in memory of Collins Oguejiofor '22, you can read more about Collins's life and this important effort on the inside front cover of this magazine. We wish to honor Collins's memory in a meaningful way by helping generations of future medical students achieve their dreams. Read more and give here: go.uvm.edu/collins

As always, I am humbled by the College's long tradition of alumni supporting future generations of students. Your commitment to the physician leaders of tomorrow is strong, and for that, I thank you all!

Omar Khan

University of Vermont Medical Alumni Association

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1970s

REUNION 2020: 1975 + 1980

'73 **Jim Betts** "As I pen this, we are all engulfed in this pandemic. California is surging now, with another shutdown looming for the state. Just devastating. I'm hoping by the time you read this, there will be some form of vaccine to at least begin developing a degree of herd immunity. We are slammed at Children's Hospital, as this is also the middle of trauma season, if dealing with COVID-19 is not enough. I'm looking forward to our 50th, if I can continue to dodge the viral hit! We will have to choose another venue, as Suzy has transitioned out of her beautiful home and moved onward.

"Still in practice, now with a UCSF faculty appointment, as Children's Hospital Oakland was merged with UCSF two years ago, as we have 80 percent government-insured children, and our finances were unsustainable with a \$30 million (!) loss in 2017 alone! I was married last year to Liz Cochran, a pediatric anesthesiologist with whom I trained at CHOP 40 years ago. We almost wed then, but she was returning to Omaha, her home, and I came west. We figured we'd work it out...at some point. Well, 38 years later we did. She's also still in full time practice. We were commuting, but the pandemic has been the brakes on travel. Lots of calls and zooming...for now.

"I'm still serving with the Big Sur Fire Department, as I have a home in Big Sur. Weekends not on call are spent there. Also a privilege to continue as the tactical physician with the SF FBI Division SWAT team. Lots of really bad people out there causing mayhem. I hope everyone will continue to contribute to the endowment of our alma mater. They need our assistance more than ever in these financially challenging times. Everyone STAY SAFE and we'll gather again in '23. The oysters will be on me."

'79 **Ralph Manchester** vice provost and director of the University Health Service (UHS) at the University of Rochester, has received the American College Health

Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. He joined UHS as a staff physician in July 1983. He was appointed medical chief of UHS and an assistant professor in the School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1985, and in 1994 became UHS director. Under his direction, in 1999, the university became one of the first in the country to assign to each student a primary care physician or nurse practitioner to coordinate and oversee their care while attending school. This model has been adopted at a number of colleges and universities nationwide. He also developed the policy for the University of Rochester to become tobacco-free in 2017 and led implementation efforts.

1980s

REUNION 2020: 1985 + 1990

'86 **Dora Anne Mills** has been appointed to the board of directors for the Good Shepherd Food Bank, Maine's largest hunger relief organization. Since 2018, she has served as the chief health improvement officer for MaineHealth, Maine's largest health system. She previously served as the Maine CDC director for 15 years.

1990s

REUNION 2020: 1995 + 2000

'92 **Anders Holm** was recently elected a Top Doctor in Otolaryngology for 2020 by *New Hampshire Magazine*.

'92 **Jennifer Woodson** writes: "Peter is doing his twilight tour with the U.S. Navy in Naples, Italy. We moved here amidst COVID-19, which caused some hiccups. I am trying to navigate being medical director remotely for a nonprofit that serves men and women who find themselves with potential unplanned pregnancies and STD risks. The youngest of four kids is still at home, so the nest is getting smaller! We live in the heart of downtown Naples and have a guest bedroom! Once it is safe for Americans to travel, feel free to email and visit!"

'94 **David L. Robbins, Jr.**, recently joined Cardiovascular Specialists of Lawrence, Kansas, part of LMH Health. He completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowships in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology at UVM. He is board-certified in cardiovascular disease, interventional cardiology and nuclear cardiology.

2000s

REUNION 2020: 2005 + 2010

'00 **Jill Samale** recently returned to the staff of Community Health Programs Barrington OB/GYN in Barrington, Mass. She is affiliated with Berkshire Medical Center and Fairview Hospital's Family Birthplace. She practiced previously with the CHP team and then joined Berkshire OB-GYN, a Berkshire Medical Center practice. From 2006 to 2014, Samale practiced at South County Hospital Center for Women's Health in Wakefield, R.I. Earlier, she practiced at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, N.H. From 2000-2005, she worked in private practice at Baystate OB/GYN Group.

'01 **Emily Harrison** has joined Thundermist Health Center in Warwick, R.I., as a family medicine physician. Her clinical expertise includes women's health and family medicine. She is fluent in Spanish and has spent most of her career working in the Latino community. She previously served as the medical director of the family medicine practice at Care New England Medical Group Women's Care. She served as medical staff president at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island and on Care New England's Board of Directors.

'09 **Erica Bove (Mahany)** has joined Boston IVF, one of the nation's top fertility networks. Board-certified in both obstetrics/gynecology and reproductive endocrinology/infertility, she is the chief reproductive endocrinologist at Boston IVF's full-service fertility center and IVF laboratory in Syracuse, N.Y.

'15 **Jonathan Pan** recently joined New Hanover Regional Medical Center Physician Specialists—Internal Medicine Specialists in Wilmington, N.C. The office offers adults preventative services, chronic condition management and care for illnesses and injuries. He completed his internal medicine residency at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and a fellowship in infectious diseases at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System.

'15 **Dijana Poljak** has joined Gifford Health Care's Obstetrics and Gynecology team. She completed a fellowship in pediatric and adolescent gynecology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo., and her residency at Stony Brook University Hospital in Stony Brook, N.Y. Gifford is a community hospital in Randolph, Vt., with family health centers in Berlin, Bethel, Chelsea, Randolph, Rochester, and White River Junction.

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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.

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Jhaimy Fernandez '21 with her grandmother at her White Coat Ceremony in 2017

A Note of Thanks

In this ongoing series, Vermont Medicine shares a note of thanks from a student for the support they've received from alumni. Jhaimy Fernandez '21 sends her gratitude for the William C. Street, M.D. '59 and Lorraine Hassan-Street Endowed Scholarship:

Dear Alumni,

Thank you for supporting my medical school education. My name is Jhaimy Fernandez and I'm a third-year medical student currently on my OB/GYN clerkship. I was born in Los Angeles to Mexican immigrant parents and I am the first in my family to attend medical school. I chose to attend Larner College of Medicine because of their commitment to teaching us to provide holistic care. Whether that be recommending yoga, breathing exercises or acupuncture in addition to pharmacologic interventions, I enjoy having a holistic education. Plus, I enjoy practicing yoga as well. I hope to become a primary care physician for underserved communities and incorporate holistic care in my practice.

It's hard to believe I'm halfway through my third year in medical school. Medical school has continually broken me down and built me back up. This molding process has taught me patience, courage and determination. I like the person I'm becoming. Thank you once again for your generous contribution and opportunity to become the person I'm meant to be.

Sincerely,
Jhaimy Fernandez

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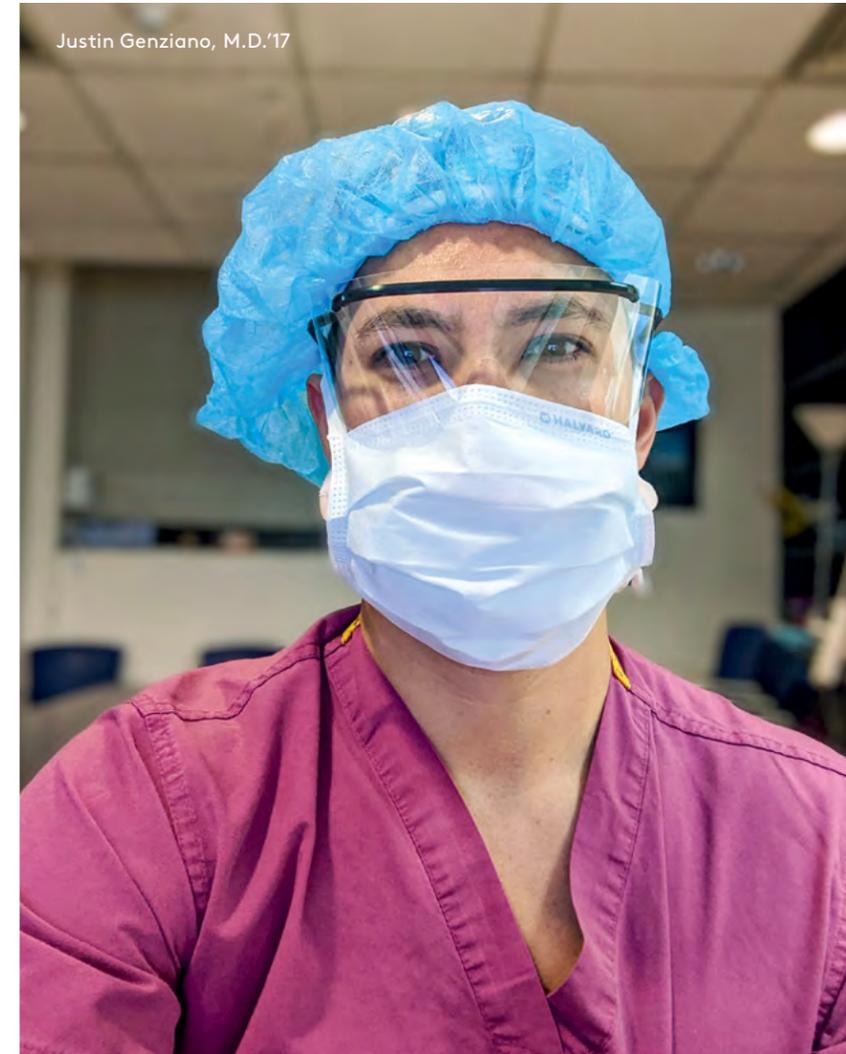
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Justin Genziano, M.D. '17

Alumni Voice

essential assets. We supported our patients and did the same for each other. Day by day, somehow this incredible task became...manageable.

New York City really is something else. This city is a living thing, mostly moody, and never predictable. But during this difficult time, I watched its generosity blossom. Most of us rely on public transportation to get around, especially to and from work. But soon that became a risk factor in and of itself. We were supported by ride-hailing and car rental companies that helped provide our transportation for work. Local restaurants all around the city, hurting themselves, kept us fed day and night, body and soul. That 7 p.m. roll call heard around the city applauding the work and sacrifice of those of us on the front line is a bittersweet balm after a rough day. We did not go into medicine seeking thanks. We did it because we love to help. Sometimes this recognition is overwhelming, even embarrassing. But as I look outside my window, I see couples on roof tops halleloo-ing, horn players heralding anthems, and little kids banging pots and pans with their families—all watching and listening to a city united, not just for the front line, but for each other. It is not just for me. They need it, too.

As the numbers recede, our work continues. Normal will never be what it was several months ago, and it will still be a while yet before we know what "normal" will even look like. In the meantime, we have this opportunity to take a deep breath and reflect. One of our attendings, at a recent meeting, stated that we will come out of this as the world's experts in managing COVID-19. It is a somber accolade. However, it means we are well-positioned to help. That same mission that guided our decision to become physicians holds firm—even in a pandemic.

A City United

Justin Genziano, M.D. '17, found himself at the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020 as an anesthesiology resident at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center. The following is his reflection on that intense time, which was first published on the Larner College of Medicine blog.

IT HAS BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE the pandemic crept into our lives here in New York City. Back in March, I steeled myself for a waking nightmare after hearing about the dire situation faced in Wuhan, then Italy, then Seattle; a wisp of contagion slowly drifting across the globe.

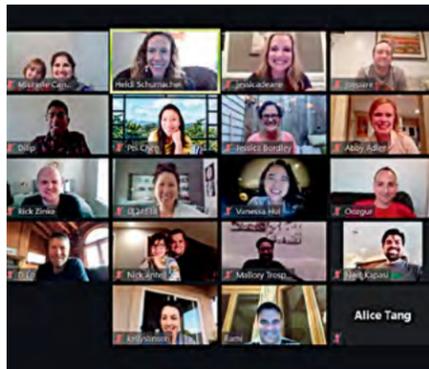
There was no crash of a tidal wave, like we expected. Instead, the influx of patients slowly and steadily increased. As we intubated more and more patients, the need for more ICU space also increased. We outfitted our operating rooms into ICUs to meet this need. Providers and staff from all over our institution mobilized to treat patient after patient, many hungry for air. As anesthesiologists, our expertise in critical care and airway management became

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MEDICAL REUNION 2020—WE DID IT

Even a worldwide pandemic could not keep UVM medical alumni from joining together virtually to see old friends and teachers, and share fond memories of the place where their medical careers began. Over the course of the first ten days of October, alumni from across six decades took part in Zoom webinars, meetings, recorded tours, and award recognitions, using technology to overcome distance and share each other's company again. And overcome it they did: this "virtual" reunion attracted over 50 percent more alumni participants than most past in-person events.

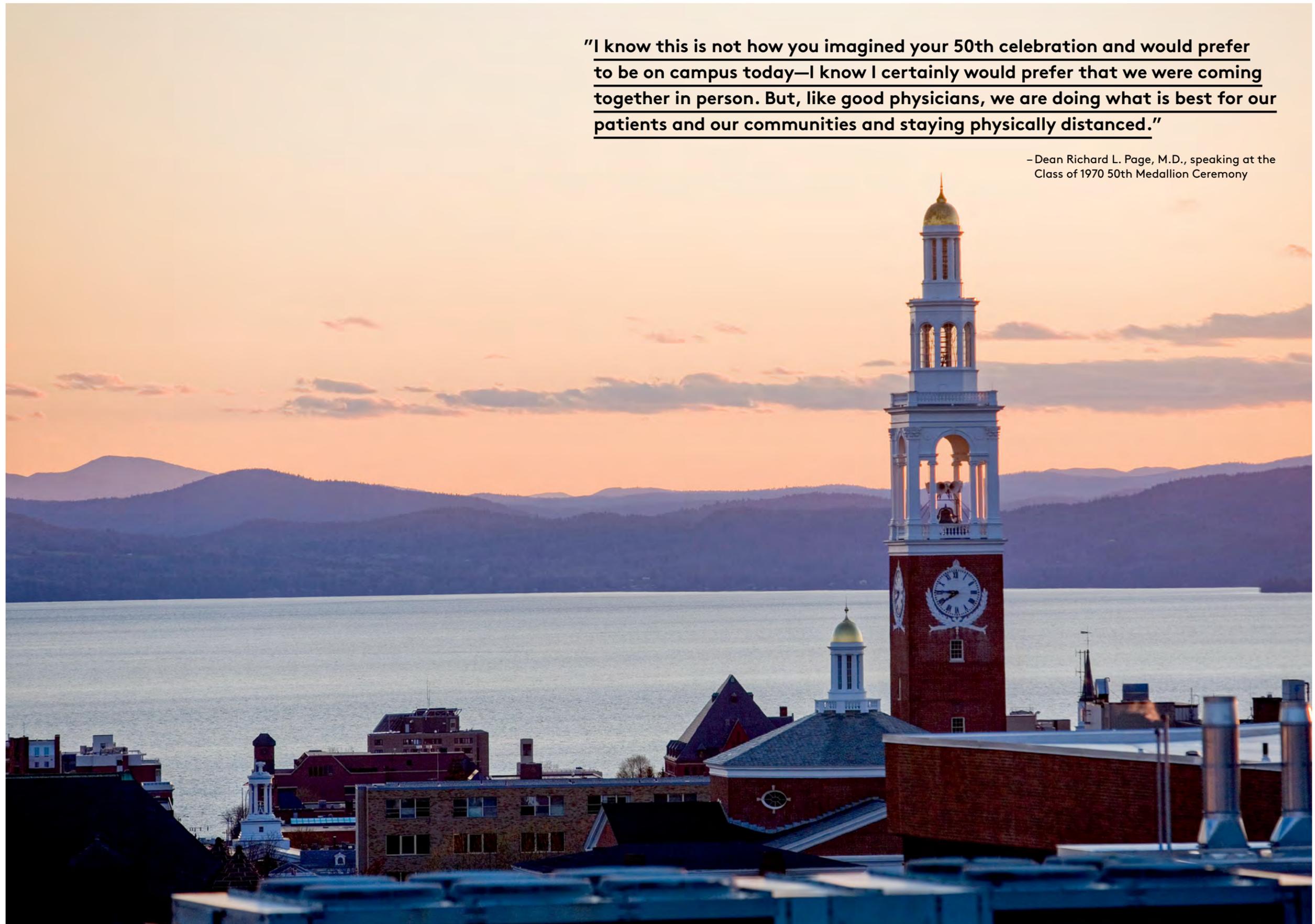


It's not over yet!

Many of the reunion sessions are viewable online. See what all the excitement was about at go.uvm.edu/medreunion

"I know this is not how you imagined your 50th celebration and would prefer to be on campus today—I know I certainly would prefer that we were coming together in person. But, like good physicians, we are doing what is best for our patients and our communities and staying physically distanced."

—Dean Richard L. Page, M.D., speaking at the Class of 1970 50th Medallion Ceremony





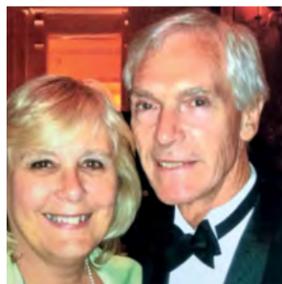
PETERSON NAMED INAUGURAL GOLDMAN PROFESSOR

Thomas Peterson, M.D., chair of the Department of Family Medicine, has been invested as the inaugural **Morris Goldman '29 M.D.'32 Professor of Family Medicine**. The ceremony was the first of its kind to be held remotely, via Zoom, on August 13, 2020.

Harriet Goldman and Michael Kaplan established the professorship in honor of Dr. Goldman's late father, Dr. Morris Goldman, a member of the UVM class of 1929 who went on to receive his medical degree in 1932. As a Jewish man, Morris Goldman was always deeply grateful to UVM for helping him achieve his dream of becoming a physician at a time when very few medical schools accepted students without regard to race, creed, or religion. He went on to a career as the quintessential family physician.

"I'm very proud to represent Dr. Morris Goldman and his contributions to healthcare. His example is an inspiration and in alignment with modern family medicine. Dr. Goldman provides a vision and a North Star for us all." – Thomas Peterson, M.D.

Like Morris Goldman, Peterson has dedicated his medical career to caring for multiple generations of families. He has twice been voted Family Practice Teacher of the Year and was honored as Family Physician of the Year in 2003 by the Vermont Academy of Family Physicians.



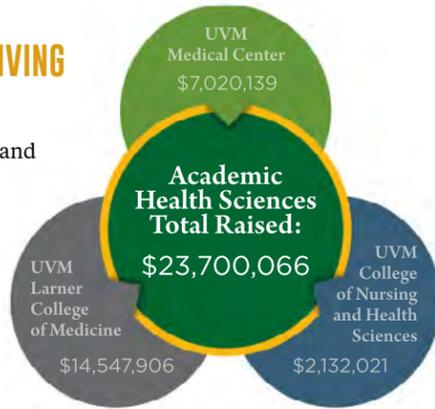
COLLEGE CELEBRATES LIFE OF JEFFREY SCHUMACHER, M.D.'74

The Larner College of Medicine community has come together to honor the memory of alumnus **Jeffrey Schumacher, M.D.'74**, through contributions to a fund created by his family to benefit the Department of

Pediatrics. Over 80 households—including many classmates—have given to the Schumacher Family Endowed Fund in Pediatrics since Dr. Schumacher's death on May 26, 2020, with gifts totaling over \$40,000. The fund, founded by the Schumacher family, supports students, residents, fellows and faculty "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." The Schumacher family has a long-standing connection to UVM and the field of pediatrics: Jeffrey and his wife, Cajsa, both graduated in the Class of 1974 and went on to become pediatricians. Two of their children, Erika and Heidi, graduated from the College in 2008 and 2010 respectively and practice pediatrics. Their son, Ryan Schumacher, D.O., is an emergency medicine resident physician in Utah. Known as "Dr. Jeff" by patients and families in Albany, N.Y., Dr. Jeffrey Schumacher leaves a legacy of three decades of compassionate patient care.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING AT A GLANCE

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, more than 9,000 donors made gifts to support clinical care, research and education at the UVM Medical Center, the UVM Larner College of Medicine and the UVM College of Nursing and Health Sciences, for a total of over \$23 million.



TANDOY APPOINTED GAMELLI GREEN AND GOLD PROFESSOR OF SURGERY

Margaret A. Tandoh, M.D., associate professor of surgery and associate dean for diversity, equity and inclusion, was invested as the inaugural **Richard L. Gamelli, M.D.'74 Green and Gold Professor**

in Surgery during a virtual ceremony on September 22, 2020. Established by Richard Gamelli, M.D.'74, and his wife Mary, this professorship honors his accomplished 40-year medical career and aims to support the work of Dr. Tandoh and her colleagues in the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Gamelli earned a medical degree from UVM, completed a five-year surgical residency at what is now the UVM Medical Center and was as an attending surgeon caring for burn patients at the medical center for 11 years, serving as vice chair of surgery, mentoring countless medical students and residents, and conducting research. His burn care expertise led him to a distinguished career at Loyola University Chicago, where he served as senior vice president and provost of Health Services, the Robert J. Freeark Professor of Surgery, and director of the Burn Center at Loyola University Medical Center before retiring as professor emeritus in 2014.

Known for her extraordinary commitment to the local, regional and global community, Dr. Tandoh has dedicated her medical career to acute care surgery and the treatment of trauma and burn patients. She serves as the medical director of the Burn Program at the UVM Medical Center. A member of both the Advisory Council and the Learning Environment and Professionalism Committee, Dr. Tandoh also serves on the New England Surgical Society Task Force on Diversity in Surgical Leadership and was appointed to the Vermont Medical Board in 2019.

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Flashback



Attention, Please

We're guessing the lecture was over, or not yet begun, in this photo that seems to have been taken in the "new" Hall A that existed on the second floor of Given from 1968 till the early 2000s. Is that person in front meditating on all the knowledge he's just ingested? And who are his classmates?

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

FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE



◀ The Summer 2020 Flashback drew a great number of responses from alumni in classes from the late 1970s. There was a wide range of suggestions for the students in the photo. The consensus seems to be that Class of '79 members Tom Boduch, Sally Shulman, and Tom Harrington, along with Jim Sensecqua from the Class of '80, are the students in the foreground. There were thoughts that the instructor could be Dr. Roy Korson, but most respondents voted for his being Dr. Jackson Clemmons (Dr. Clemmons was featured in the Summer 2019 *Vermont Medicine* when he received an honorary degree from UVM).

Thanks to alumni Tom Boduch, Cynthia Christy, Michael Hermans, Jim Jarvis, Jon Keller, David Little, Gerard Nuovo, Dennis Plante, and Marga Sproul for their contributions.

'42 Robert D. Wakefield

Dr. Wakefield, 99, died May 31, 2020, in Auburn, Maine. Born July 7, 1920, in Camp Dix, N.J., he graduated from UVM and received his medical degree from UVM in 1942. He began military service in 1945. Ordered to the European theatre in 1946, he served as a battalion surgeon for the 14th Infantry before reassignment to the 26th Infantry Regiment's Medical Detachment in Nuremberg, Germany. He attended sessions of the Nuremberg trials, as his regiment was responsible for security during the trials. Following discharge in 1947 as a captain, he continued his service in the U.S. Army Reserves as a medical officer, retiring in 1968 as a lieutenant colonel. Dr. Wakefield did his internship at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn., followed by residencies at Boston City Hospital, Worcester City Hospital and Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester, Mass., and Montana Deaconess Hospital in Great Falls, Mont. He practiced medicine in Boston, Mass., and Great Falls, Mont., eventually settling with his family in Auburn, Maine. He was a pathologist at Central Maine General Hospital (now CMMC) and later chief pathologist at St. Mary's Hospital, where he was instrumental in establishing the hospital lab and a training program for lab technicians. He also served as medical examiner for the state of Maine.

'47 Edward Byington Crane

Dr. Crane died May 15, 2020, at the age of 96. Born October 25, 1923, in Burlington, Vt., he was drafted at the end of World War II, but had already been accepted into medical school. He completed his medical training and his medical internship at UVM in 1947 on inactive reserve status. Dr. Crane established a private practice in Charlotte, Vt., at the age of 25. He was a true country doctor, with his medical practice often serving as an ambulance. During the Korean War, he received permission to continue his practice instead of joining the war effort because he was the only doctor in Charlotte. In 1955, he was called up to fulfill his military commitment, joining the U.S. Army as a captain. Following a brief stint at the U.S. Army's psychiatry school, Dr. Crane jumped at the opportunity to be stationed in Baumholder, Germany.

Upon leaving the U.S. Army in late 1956, he returned to his private practice in Charlotte. In 1975, Dr. Crane "retired" from private practice after working too many seven-day work weeks as a country doctor, choosing instead to join the Air Force. His first assignment was in Colorado Springs, Colo., at Peterson Air Force Base, where he was put in charge of the outpatient clinic. In 1982, Dr. Crane was transferred to Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Tex., becoming the flight surgeon for a B-1 bomber wing with the responsibility of conducting crash investigations. In 1986, he was transferred to Montgomery, Ala., to support the Air War College as chief of the base outpatient clinic. In 1987, he finally retired for good as a colonel and returned to Frisco, Colo.

'54 Jacqueline A. Noonan

Dr. Noonan, 91, died July 23, 2020. Born in Burlington, Vt., she was a pediatric cardiologist in the Bluegrass, Ky., area for over half a century. She earned her bachelor's degree from Albertus Magnus in New Haven, Conn., and her medical degree from UVM. She was professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Kentucky. She discovered a congenital heart condition, Noonan Syndrome, and devoted her life to caring for children.

'55 Stanley L. Burns

Dr. Burns died on October 21, 2020, in Shelburne, Vt. He was 94 years old. Born in Rutland, Vt., in 1925, he was graduated from Rutland High School in 1943 and served as a Surgical Technician with the 116th Evacuation Hospital with the 7th Army's Rhineland, Alsace-Lorraine and Germany Campaigns in World War II. After discharge he completed his undergraduate and graduate studies under the G.I. Bill. In 1950 he married Mary (Marcy) Picard, R.N. He received his medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1955. There followed five years of post-graduate training in internal medicine, cardiology and hematology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In 1960 Dr. Burns and his family returned to Burlington where he became a member of the faculty of the College of Medicine. Throughout his professional career, he devoted his

career to teaching clinical skills, providing direct patient care and was a key figure in the development of hematology oncology in Vermont. He achieved the rank of professor of medicine in 1972 and became emeritus in 1991. Dr. Burns also served as assistant dean at the College of Medicine and associate chair of the Department of Medicine. In addition, he was a longtime leader of the UVM Medical Alumni Association. He served as president of the Vermont Medical Society in 1975 and received their Distinguished Service Award in 1991.

'58 Eugene M. Beaupre

Dr. Beaupre died April 27, 2020, in Bedford, N.H. at the age of 89. Born in Barre, Vt., on Feb 19, 1932, he earned his medical degree at UVM and completed internships at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1970, he moved to Waterville, Maine, to begin a hybrid occupation of medical practice and hospital administration at Mid Maine Medical Center, eventually serving as its president. He launched with colleagues an ambitious project called Cancer 2000, which became The Alford Cancer Center in Augusta. He retired from MMC to go into private practice. Lastly, Dr. Beaupre served as the chief of medicine at the VA Togus Hospital in Augusta, Maine. He facilitated an overhaul to the management structure and facility improvements to help our veterans and families to receive better health care.

'61 James Edward O'Brien

Dr. O'Brien died in Wethersfield, Conn., on May 9, 2020. Born June 30, 1930, in New Haven, Conn., he earned a B.S. in pharmacy and a M.S. and Ph.D. in pharmacology at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy, received his medical degree from UVM, and completed his residency in internal medicine at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn. He became clinical pharmacologist and acting visiting physician in the Department of Medicine, medical director of the Intensive Care Unit, and director of the Methadone Detoxification Program at St. Francis. Following that, he was appointed medical director of the Combined Hospital Alcoholism Program (CHAP) in Hartford and then assistant professor of psychiatry and medicine at the

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, serving as medical director of the Alcohol Treatment Center at University of Connecticut John Dempsey Hospital. He was the medical director of the Connecticut Poison Control Center. He was also a commissioner of pharmacy for the state of Connecticut. He served as medical director of the government managed care programs at BlueCross BlueShield of Connecticut and as outside consultant at The Hartford. Dr. O'Brien was recognized for his leadership and commitment to drug education, receiving awards from the U.S. Department of Justice, New England Narcotics Enforcement Association, and the Governor's Prevention Partnership for Safe and Successful Drug-Free Kids. He was also named a Distinguished Alumni of the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy.

'62 Neil F. Mara

Dr. Mara, of Bloomfield, Conn., died August 20, 2020, at the age of 90. Born in Chicopee Falls, Mass., he served in the U.S. Army in Korea and devoted himself to caring for the chronically ill at a leprosy colony near his base. His medical career was largely spent at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn. He was a founding member of Woodland Anesthesia Associates, P.C. For many years, Dr. Mara was chief of St. Francis' anesthesiology department and president of its medical and dental staff. He was instrumental in founding St. Francis' renowned chronic pain management clinic and St. Francis' outpatient surgery program. Dr. Mara was also a teacher. Hundreds of resident anesthesiologists and student nurse anesthetists learned their craft from him and his Woodland colleagues. In recognition of his career of service and teaching, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center named Dr. Mara as a Distinguished Physician.

'65 Myer S. Bornstein

Dr. Bornstein of Taunton, Mass., died June 6, 2020, at the age of 81, due to complications from COVID-19. Born September 7, 1938, in Boston Mass., he served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and obtained the rank of lieutenant colonel. Dr. Bornstein went on to a distinguished career in obstetrics and gynecology,

working at Charlton and Truesdale Memorial Hospitals in Fall River, Mass., New London Hospital in New London, N.H., and serving as chief of obstetrics and gynecology and medical director at Morton Hospital in Taunton, Mass. He also served as medical director for Seminole Point Rehabilitation Center in Sunapee, N.H., and was a former president of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

'74 Stephan M. Hochstin

Dr. Hochstin, of Plymouth, Mass., died May 2, 2020. Born in Phoenix, Ariz., on December 18, 1948, he was raised in Windsor, Vt. At the time of his death, Dr. Hochstin was in his 46th year practicing medicine as an award-winning hematologist and oncologist. In 1979, he began his practice at the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Plymouth, Mass. His honesty, openness, and commitment to respecting and communicating with his patients were hallmarks of his career. He believed fervently that the key to his patients becoming well again was a team approach as well as a compassionate, empathetic, and collaborative relationship with his patients.

'77 Cornelius O. "Skip" Granai, III

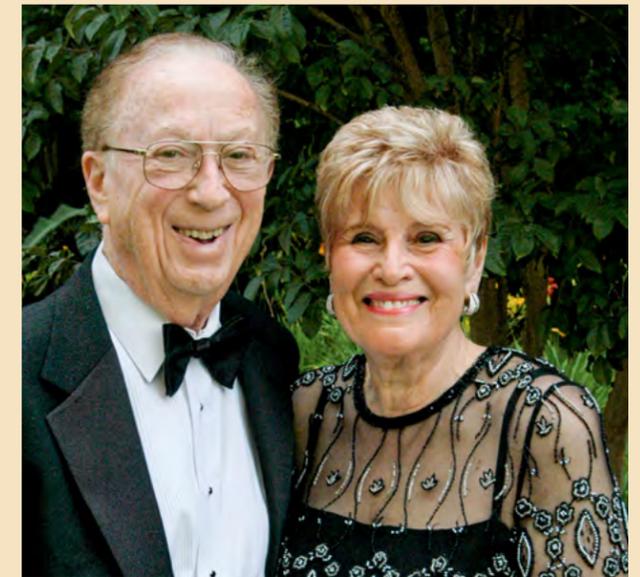
Dr. Granai, 71, died June 28, 2020, at his home in Ashaway, R.I. He graduated from UVM in the class of 1970 and served in the Army ROTC. Dr. Granai earned a master's degree in cell biology from UVM in 1973 and his medical degree from UVM in 1977. He completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Tufts University School of Medicine and a fellowship in gynecological oncology at New England Medical Center. Over the course of his professional life, he was on the faculty of Tufts University, Harvard University and Brown University and on the staff of the New England Medical Center and Massachusetts General Hospital. He became director of Women's Oncology at Women & Infants Hospital in Providence, R.I., and executive chief of oncology for Care New England. He taught the many oncology fellows and residents he trained to keep "fighting the good fight" by advocating strongly for what they learn is right from being at a patient's bedside and by remembering the values and privilege that brought them to medicine in the first place. He

became a sought-after speaker and spread his message throughout the world. Dr. Granai loved his work and would have done it unsung, but he was awarded many honors, among them the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Cancer Society, and the Kaali Award, which he received in Hungary for his "invaluable and lasting contribution in gynecologic oncology and integrative care, for his motivational speeches worldwide, and for his passionate humanism."

'77 Andrew A. Jeon

Dr. Jeon died at his home in Hanover, N.H., at the age of 68. Dr. Jeon was born in Boston, Mass., on November 17, 1951. He most recently served as the CEO and president of Harvard Medical International and accomplished much in more than two decades of senior academic, clinical, research, administrative and leadership experience in academic medical centers of the highest caliber. Prior to joining Harvard Medical International in 1996, Dr. Jeon held various positions at Harvard Medical School and its affiliated institutions, including serving as chief medical officer of Harvard Medical International, chief of hospital services and operations at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and director of ambulatory surgical services at Massachusetts General Hospital, and director of ambulatory services at Boston Children's Hospital. As a certified anesthesiologist and published author, Dr. Jeon also taught at Harvard Medical School in the Department of Anesthesiology. His postgraduate training in pediatrics and anesthesia was conducted at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada.

In Memoriam



Robert Larner, M.D.'42 and Helen Larner in 2005.

Helen Moray Larner (1925 - 2020)

Our College of Medicine lost one of its most steadfast supporters with the passing of Helen Moray Larner on November 2, 2020, at her home in Woodland Hills, California. She was 94.

Born in the Bensonhurst neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1925, Helen and her family moved to California in the 1940s. Her family recounts that, far from her familiar Brooklyn, Helen left her suitcases packed for two weeks upon arrival. Then, she settled in for life. The daughter of immigrants, Helen became a skilled bookkeeper. She married pharmacist Saul Hann in 1945. After the war, they worked in a drug store together, with Helen keeping the books and running the cosmetics counter. They later purchased a drugstore in the San Fernando Valley, and then two more drugstores, in Oxnard and Santa Barbara, Calif., respectively.

Saul Hann passed away in 1971 and Helen sold the drugstores. Not long after she met a new love of her life, Robert Larner, M.D. After a brief courtship, they married.

Together the Larners ran a successful property management firm for over 40 years. That success, and years of prudent real estate investment, built a financial base that allowed them to pursue their passion—the support of medical students and the fostering of medical education at Dr. Larner's alma mater, the place that he credited with changing his life. Over the years, the Larners helped thousands of students through the Larner Loan Fund. They also underwrote the building of the UVM Clinical simulation Laboratory, the renovation of teaching spaces at the College to accommodate active learning methods, and the creation of nation's first endowed professorship in medical education. In 2016, a landmark gift that brought their total philanthropy to the College to the \$100 million level prompted the naming of the institution in honor of Dr. Larner.

Helen Larner was an enthusiastic partner in all these endeavors, and cared deeply about the College's mission to educate the next generation of physicians. Today, a portrait of Robert and Helen Larner hangs in the College's Hoehl Gallery. Her generosity and that of her husband will continue to benefit this institution and its students, faculty, and staff for decades to come.



August 10, 2020

7:59 A.M.

Students in the Class of 2024 wait in a physically-distanced line outside of the Larner College of Medicine to begin their first day as medical students. While Orientation had a different look and feel this year, the poignancy of the moment was no less significant.



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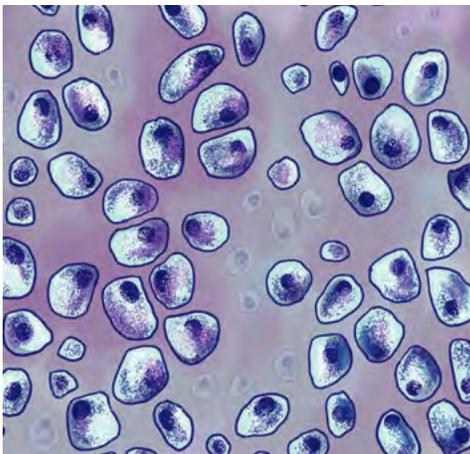
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14 **The Red Wheelbarrow**

The Larner College of Medicine's yearly literary and visual arts journal, *The Red Wheelbarrow*, showcases the talents and insights of people associated with an institution dedicated to the science and art of medicine.



20 **The Covid-19 Pivot**

As the COVID-19 pandemic began its march across the globe in the spring of 2020, Larner physicians and scientists quickly adapted their investigations to focus on diagnostics, therapies and basic science research.



26 **On Track**

As co-principal investigator of the GeoSentinel Surveillance Network, Davidson Hamer, M.D.'87, has been at the front line of tracking the spread of COVID-19 and coordinating a response to the pandemic.

