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**A dear mentor and friend, Dr. Jack Geiger\***, the founder of Physicians for Human Rights and Physicians for Social Responsibility, passed away recently. He was a giant—perhaps the giant—in the world of social medicine. Dr. Geiger is considered the founder of the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) model. A primary care physician in rural America, he advocated for his patients by arguing that the conditions they lived in helped determine their health outcomes. We now call these the “social determinants of health.” Jack called them injustices. The famous story about him getting in trouble for using clinic funds to prescribe food for malnourished patients is true. He was not simply “troubled” by these injustices; he was incensed by them. He channeled this emotion into simultaneously being his patients’ kindest doctor and their fiercest advocate.

The concepts of health equity and social determinants are intertwined and timeless. They are the heart of medicine: the desire to improve people’s lives. These lives cannot be improved solely within a medical center or doctor’s office; we must, as teachers, healers, and advocates, be *with* the patient and their life circumstances.

I learned the theory of community-based primary health care in public health school, and I applied it at the UVM Larner College of Medicine. Master clinicians and teachers such as Dr. Mimi Reardon and Dr. John Saia demonstrated how caring for the community is both preventive and curative. We saw our Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Marga Sproul, practice family medicine the same week she functioned as an advisor and administrator. Throughout our medical education, we saw *engagement*. Those who taught, also practiced, and those who primarily practiced, were called in to teach. Through numerous experiences and institutions, it was and is the best model of medical pedagogy I have ever experienced.

The state of Vermont taught us important lessons too. In between Gross Anatomy and Pharmacology, we imbibed a certain Vermont style of common-sense ethics, a social libertarianism that defied political definition. Our elected leaders were openly discussing important issues such as health care for all, and civil unions

as a precursor to marriage for all, putting the state at the forefront of social change. Despite a lack of ethnic diversity, I still came to enjoy rural Franklin County, Vermont as a familiar

and welcoming home for this South Asian “UVMer”. Now here we are together at the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic. As vaccine distribution begins, I hope you are all in the queue and rolling up your sleeves (literally!) as we drive ahead to serve those in our communities who need our help the most.

In this shared commitment to service, Vermont is unique and the Larner College of Medicine doubly so. You, the alumni, wherever you are, are always Larner family. I hope you will consider supporting the annual fund, our most critical source of funding for important diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. I also hope you share your own stories of how the College shaped you in your professional trajectory, and perhaps how in these troubled times you look to the idealism of your former educational home as a source of comfort or inspiration. As always, I welcome your thoughts and we may even be able to include them in a future edition of *Vermont Medicine*.

*Omar Khan*

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\*This is one of the best accounts of Dr. Geiger’s life with links to his work: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/28/health/h-jack-geiger-dead.html>

### PRESIDENT’S CORNER

## 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)

### CLASS NOTES

## 1950s

REUNION 2021: 1956 + 1981

**'57 James Cherry** has been awarded the Infectious Diseases Society of America’s 2020 Alexander Fleming Award for Lifetime Achievement. Dr. Cherry is a research professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California Los Angeles and UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital, Division of Infectious Diseases.

## 1960s

REUNION 2021: 1957 + 1981

**'66** After 39 years of private practice and after serving as a clinical associate professor of ophthalmology at Brown University from 2012 to 2014, **Sumner Fishbein** moved back to Augusta, Ga., where he is an associate professor of ophthalmology at the Medical College of Georgia-Augusta University. Summer retired in June of 2020 after “running out of sick leave and annual leave due to COVID.” He enjoys reading and practicing the oboe. He shares that he is “not enjoying sheltering in place!”

## 1970s

REUNION 2021: 1976 + 1981

**'70 Daniel C. Sullivan** was honored with The Prevent Cancer Foundation’s James L. Mulshine, M.D., Leadership Award for his work in founding and chairing the Quantitative Imaging Biomarkers Alliance (QIBA) whose mission is to transform patient care by making radiology a more quantitative science and for his contributions to the field of radiologic cancer screening.

**'73 Lee Jacobs** writes: “Dear UVM classmates—and graduates from all years! As you know—the COVID layoffs have magnified the already large crisis of the uninsured. In our medical clinic for the uninsured in Georgia, we put faces to the statistics as we care for people with very limited options. Bottomline my friends—there are people in need of your help in your neighborhood. Consider stepping forward to provide badly needed care. It takes a community to address the crisis—so I believe that it is very appropriate that the Larner College of Medicine’s Vision has Community as one of the four strategic priorities! So if you are


not already doing so, please consider leaving the sidelines to serve. You can make a major difference! As stated in my February editorial below: We need a countrywide safety-net movement, driven by the crisis, led by the health care community, and fueled by collaboration and compassion. My email address is in the article if I can help!” <http://www.thepermanent-journal.org/files/2020/19.154.pdf>

## 1990s

REUNION 2021: 1996 + 2001

**'93 Stanford R. Plavin** joined the Atlanta Center for Medical Research (ACMR), a CenExel Center of Excellence, as a principal investigator for clinical studies in several therapeutic categories including acute pain and vaccines. He is the owner and co-founder of Technical Anesthesia Strategies and Solutions LLC, a medical consulting and advisory firm, and founder of Ambulatory Anesthesia Partners LLC, an Atlanta-based physician practice.

**'97 Sharon Savage** writes: “Hello to both of my classes—1995 with whom I started and 1997 with whom I finished after an NIH ➔



# Thank Mooooo

## for making the 2021 Match Challenge a complete Success!

Thanks to the generosity of amazing alumni, faculty and staff, family and friends, the 2021 Match Challenge reached the goal of 500 donors more than a week ahead of Match Day. Gifts made as part of the Match Challenge support student success, and help today’s students become tomorrow’s physicians.

If you made a gift and received Limited Edition Dr. Moo socks, please wear them with pride! The Challenge is over, but if you have not made your annual gift, please do so at <http://go.uvm.edu/givemed>.

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research fellowship. As chief of the Clinical Genetics Branch and clinical director of the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics at the National Cancer Institute, I am fortunate to lead an amazing group of researchers working to understand the causes of cancer through large-scale clinical, genetic, and epidemiology studies of individuals and families at risk of cancer. We are also applying our expertise to select key scientific issues related to the pandemic. It would be great to hear from UVMers.”

**'99 Richard Sarle** was named urology residency program director for the Sparrow/Michigan State Urology Residency Program in Lansing, Michigan, in August 2019. He welcomes applications from UVM medical students!

2000s

REUNION 2021: 2005 + 2010

**'02 Ron Hirschberg** helps lead Frontline Songs, which aims to provide a platform for healing via music to those healthcare workers who have and continue to serve on the frontlines in the COVID-19 pandemic.

**'05 Jean Andersson-Swayze** received the 2020 Vermont Medical Society Physician Award for Community Services. A family medicine physician, she was honored for her work to improve international public health. Dr. Andersson-Swayze has used her expertise to help during many health crises, including volunteering in New York as part of the International Medical Corps Disaster Response Team during a COVID-19 surge. Dr. Andersson-Swayze currently practices at Middlebury Family Health Clinic in Middlebury, Vt.

**'06 Jeffrey G. Brooks** has been appointed chairman of radiology at Milford Regional Medical Center. He completed a diagnostic radiology residency program at Boston University Medical Center and continued his training with a breast imaging fellowship program at Boston University Medical Center.

**'07 Julie Hoover** writes: “Hi, all! Some of you might remember my eventful pregnancies during medical school—I entered with the Class of 2005, but graduated with 2007. Well, my first child, baby Gracie,

whom I toted inside and out during second year and beyond, is now 17, and is applying to colleges, among them UVM. My son, Patrick, the little one with whom I had a little trouble —y’all might remember me doing fourth year with a PICC line in and getting septic—Jiminy Crickets! Anyway, my son is now 15 and in ninth grade at Milton High School. Time flies. Remembering you all fondly.”

**'07 Meghan McInerney**, a pulmonary and critical care physician at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center (SARMC) in Boise, Idaho, has been named the medical director of the intensive care unit. Dr. McInerney began her career at SARMC in 2016 after completing a three-year pulmonary and critical care fellowship that took her to multiple hospitals for training as well as a research rotation in Kenya.

2010s

REUNION 2020: 2005 + 2010

**'13 Matthew T. Davies** has joined Orthopaedic Associates of Duluth, Penn., in the department of surgery as a board-eligible neurosurgeon. He will be working with a variety of patients including individuals who require care in spinal oncology and spinal deformity. He completed his neurological surgery residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, and also trained at Parkland Hospital, UTSW, the North Texas VA, and Children’s Medical Center Dallas. He went on to complete his fellowship training in spinal oncology and spinal deformity, and received additional training and certification in SI joint fusion through SI-Fuse/SI-Bone.

**'14 Aaron Maxwell** has joined Rhode Island Medical Imaging’s medical team as a radiologist. He completed a fellowship in interventional radiology, at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Weill Cornell Medical College. He did a diagnostic radiology residency at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Brown University-affiliated hospitals in Rhode Island and an internship at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Harvard Medical School/Tufts University School of Medicine.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

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*In this ongoing series, Vermont Medicine shares a note of thanks from a student for the support they’ve received from alumni. Anneliese L. Lapides ’24 sends her gratitude for the Medical Alumni Association Scholarship:*

**Dear Dr. Omar Khan and the Medical Alumni Association,**

I cannot thank you enough for the Medical Alumni Association Scholarship. Attending the Larner College of Medicine has been a dream come true for me, and I have quickly felt it become my new home. Becoming a physician is something that I have wanted for years now, but my passion for the field, motivation to learn, and eagerness to practice has heightened since I have stepped foot on campus. I can truly say that I am the happiest I have ever been, and I feel like I am where I am supposed to be. So, thank you for investing in my education—which I am already learning so much from, both personally and academically—and in my future medical career.

I hope to use my time in medical school and as a physician to advocate for equity in our healthcare system and to serve communities affected by disparities. One day, I hope we can live in a society where health is fully realized as the human right that it is, and that all people have access to quality care. Your scholarship has allowed me to take the next step in my journey toward that goal, and I hope to make you proud.

Sincerely,  
Anneliese L. Lapides  
Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont  
Class of 2024

Sayan Garners National Recognition

**Mutlay Sayan, M.D. ’16**, has been named a *STAT* Wunderkind, a national recognition from the award-winning health and medicine publication honoring the “most impressive doctors and researchers on the cusp of launching their careers, but not yet fully independent.” Sayan, who is now chief resident for the clinical radiation oncology residency program at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, is described by *STAT* as a “real-life David Copperfield who went from little kid in his parents’ fields to child factory worker in Istanbul to radiation oncologist in New Jersey.” Sayan has already proved to be a prolific

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– *STAT*

researcher: He has completed a clinical trial on chronic brain fatigue in patients treated with partial brain radiation and he’s working on research in Turkey focused on Syrian refugees’ access to cancer therapy. While a medical student at UVM, he published two papers as first author.

Read the full *STAT* article: [go.uvm.edu/wunderkind](https://go.uvm.edu/wunderkind)



Mutlay Sayan, M.D. ’16, at his class’ White Coat Ceremony



Alumni Honor

Chan Named Citizen of the Year

**Benjamin Chan, M.D.'07, was named** New Hampshire's Citizen of the Year by *The Union Leader* for his lead role in the state's COVID-19 response. As state epidemiologist, he has been a guiding force and key leader at the governor's press briefings and other public events. The newspapers calls him the "calm voice of science and reason that New Hampshire leaders and residents have turned to for facts, context and reassurance amid the fear and uncertainty of an unparalleled health and economic crisis." After receiving his medical degree at UVM, Chan—a New Hampshire native—completed his residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and combined a fellowship in infectious disease with a master's degree in public health through Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Leadership Preventive Medicine Residency program. He has served as state epidemiologist with the Department of Health and Human Services since 2014.



Benjamin Chan, M.D.'07

DAVID LANE, UNION LEADER



Celebrating Kevin McAteer

**After serving for seven years** as the UVM Medical Center Foundation's first chief development officer for academic health sciences, Kevin McAteer resigned in January of 2021 to take a position as vice president of philanthropy for Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Boston, Mass. During his

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tenure he provided key leadership through a successful \$500 million Move Mountain Campaign for the university. Milestones included the completion of two major capital projects at the UVM Medical Center that garnered more than \$33 million in community support: The Glen and Rosemarie Wright Mother-Baby Unit and the Robert and Holly Miller Inpatient Building. He also joined university and foundation leadership in the final planning and execution of the renaming of the UVM College of Medicine in honor of Robert Larner, M.D., and Mrs. Helen Larner's lifetime giving of \$100 million.



Honoring Alan Rubin, M.D.

**Alan Rubin, M.D., has taught and mentored** medical students at UVM for more than four decades. When he retired at the end of January, former students and colleagues honored his commitment to the College with hundreds of heartfelt notes of congratulations. An associate professor of medicine and psychiatry, Dr. Rubin was often one of the first faculty members students interacted with during Doctoring Skills sessions at the very beginning of medical school, when his steady presence and kindness helped to calm frayed nerves. He also played a role in welcoming new scientists to UVM as graduate program director for the clinical and translational science program. Over the years, he has served as a preceptor and mentor for countless students, offering advice and support to generations. Read some of the notes of gratitude for Dr. Rubin:

(Top and below left): Alan Rubin, M.D., at Commencement 2017.  
(Right): At Match Day 2006



46 Years teaching and mentoring

*"Congratulations! You were my first preceptor as a med student on Pine Street and one of my last as a senior psych resident. Above all, you are one of the best!"*

*"Congratulations Dr. Rubin!! Thank you so much for helping my brother and I become physicians. I vividly remember your classes from the first weeks of medical school—lessons that will always stick with me. You have undoubtedly changed so many lives through your dedication to medical education and I am so grateful to have been taught by you. Wishing you a very happy retirement!"*

*"It was a pleasure to work with you in Doc skills last year. You always treated me with kindness and respect and your input helped me progress so much at a time when everything was new and difficult. I hope you enjoy your retirement!"*

*"Dr. Rubin, your commitment and dedication to medical students is a gift to this community and beyond. Thank you so much for your leadership and example of what it means to be a champion of integrity and teaching."*

*"Dear Dr. Rubin, I feel so lucky to be mentored by you on the first paper published since I joined UVM. Millions of thanks! Enjoy your new chapter of life."*

*"Dear Dr. Rubin: Thank you for embodying humanity in medicine. You are truly an example for us all."*

*"Dear Alan, Thank you for being such an incredible human being, mentor, teacher and friend. Your gentle spirit and brilliant mind have given more to the world than you may ever be aware. Though it has been many years, your lessons have stayed with me."*

*"What a wonderful role model you are, to me and I imagine countless others. Your strengths of authenticity and compassion shine in the way you greet people, the way you treat people, the way you are welcomed. I cherish your mentorship and friendship."*



SUPPORTING WELLNESS

As the Larner College of Medicine puts an even stronger focus on wellness, both physical and mental, two alumni donors have made significant philanthropic contributions that will benefit wellness initiatives for medical students now and in perpetuity.



**Suzanne R. Parker, M.D.'73** is a Burlington board-certified psychiatrist and addiction medicine specialist with a passion for physician wellness for that of medical students and other health care providers. After serving as psychiatric director of substance abuse services at Henry Ford Hospital, she returned to Vermont in 1987 and became a founding member and long-term supporter of the UVM College of Medicine's Student Wellness Committee, a highly effective program that is a model of student/faculty partnership that continues to grow and evolve. **The Suzanne R. Parker, M.D.'73 Wellness Endowment** will honor and carry forward Dr. Parker's legacy at her alma mater in perpetuity by supporting wellness programs for medical students with a priority on destigmatizing mental health issues.



**Robert Jandl, M.D.'79**, is a nephrology specialist in Southborough, Mass., and has over 40 years of experience. Currently, he is chief of clinical integration at Reliant Medical Group in Massachusetts. Dr. Jandl is passionate about preparing medical students for the unexpected and ever-changing demands of careers in health care. He hopes that the Robert Jandl, M.D.'79 Resiliency Education Endowment will help future medical students be more resilient in their own careers by its support of resiliency education activities, both didactic and experiential, for Larner medical students. He establishes this fund in gratitude to UVM for giving him the values and humane perspective that helped shape his medical practice and his life.

ROKKAS INVESTED AS INAUGURAL FRANK P. ITTLEMAN CHAIR IN CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY



When **Chris Rokkas, M.D., Ph.D.**, was in grade school, a special visitor came to his village in the mountains of southern Greece: the pioneering South African heart surgeon Christiaan Barnard, who had performed the world's first human-to-human heart transplant, was there to visit Rokkas's cousin, a fellow heart surgeon whom he had helped train. As his cousin explained to him how surgery would change the way the world treated heart disease, the young Rokkas became captivated and decided that he, too, would one day become a heart surgeon.

HUBER PROFESSORSHIPS HONOR PARENTS OF LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBER

Professor Emerita of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Sally Huber, Ph.D., a member of the UVM faculty for 40 years, has instituted a lasting memorial to her beloved parents by endowing two Green and Gold Professorships for faculty in the early stages of their career.



In a March 30 online ceremony, **Sarah A. Nowak, Ph.D.**, was invested as the Blodwen S. Huber Early Career Green and Gold Professorship in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. This professorship is named in honor of Dr. Huber's mother. Dr. Nowak received her doctorate from UCLA, and was an associate physical scientist at the RAND corporation before joining the UVM faculty and the UVM Cancer Center in 2019.



In the same ceremony, **David J. Seward, M.D., Ph.D.**, was invested as the Elmer R. Huber Early Career Green and Gold Professorship in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, a position that honors the memory of Dr. Huber's father. Dr. Seward received his M.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and was a fellow at the University of Michigan before joining the UVM faculty and UVM Cancer Center in 2016.

Though completing higher education was not a possibility for Blodwen and Elmer Huber, they instilled a deep respect for it in their children. "There was never a question that my sister and I would ultimately go to college, and we both always had the complete support of our parents," said Dr. Huber. The ultimate goal for these professorships is to honor the love of learning of Blodwen and Elmer Huber, and to memorialize their deep desire to help others achieve academic success.

Fast forward to today, and Rokkas—now an international expert in adult aortic surgery—has been invested as the inaugural **Frank P. Ittleman Chair in Cardiothoracic Surgery** at the University of Vermont's Larner College of Medicine. The investiture ceremony was held remotely on February 2, 2021 in front of guests watching from across the United States and around the world. The Ittleman Chair was established through the generous support of a large community of donors, all giving in recognition of Professor of Surgery Frank Ittleman's long history of outstanding surgical care and medical teaching as a cardiothoracic surgeon and member of the faculty.

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Flashback



Strike that Pose!

It looks like someone's trying to make a point, or several points, in this group photo from sometime in the '90s (?). Is that a faculty member in the center? And who are the rest of his learned colleagues?

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



**FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE**

◀ Amy (Rubman) Siegel, M.D.'96, writes: "This *Hall A* picture is from the Class of '96. On the left is Neelima Vemuganti. This guy in the middle is Tracy Stevens and next to him is Soohyung Kim. The woman smiling in the next row is Anne Valente."



'52 Luke A. Howe, M.D.

Dr. Howe died July 11, 2020, at Wheelock Terrace in Hanover, N.H. Born November 23, 1925, in Tunbridge, Vt., he received his medical degree from UVM in 1952 and completed his residency at Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington. Dr. Howe and Brewster Martin, M.D.'52, were recruited by former Governor Stanley Wilson to start their practices in Chelsea, as the governor was gravely concerned about the lack of medical care available to the valley. As a result, Drs. Howe and Martin opened the Chelsea Health Center and a nursing home. In 1964, Dr. Howe left the practice for an assignment as the Physician and Acting Director of Public Health for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI). In November of 1967, Dr. Howe returned to Vermont to open a practice in Townshend. In 1975, he returned to the U.S. Public Health Service, serving in Norfolk, Va., New London, Conn., Baltimore, Md., and Washington D.C. until his retirement. He did overseas volunteer medical work for short tours with Project Hope (Navaho Nation), Partners of the Americas (Honduras), and as a volunteer physician to Vietnam. He traveled to Zimbabwe as a consultant with a tour of Heifer International. He retired from the U.S. Public Health Service as a captain in 1992.

'54 Edmund B. "Mickey" McMahon, M.D.

Dr. McMahon died October 17, 2020. Born in Colchester, Vt., on June 23, 1926, he served as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II, participating in the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and the occupation of Japan. After receiving his B.S. and medical degrees from UVM, he returned to active duty in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps until his retirement to South Carolina in 1985 where he continued a life of service, volunteering with multiple organizations into his 90s. Dr. McMahon served as chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the National Naval Medical Center and served under the U.S. Surgeon General in the Bureau of Personnel, Washington, D.C. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Life Fellow of the American College of

Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

'54 Margaret Newton, M.D.

Dr. Newton died October 30, 2020, at the age of 92. She received her undergraduate degree in English from Vassar College. In 1954, she graduated third in her medical school class at UVM, as one of just three women in her cohort. Dr. Newton completed her medical residency, followed by a fellowship under the preeminent nephrologist Louis Welt, at the University of North Carolina Hospitals in Chapel Hill. She taught at the University of Wisconsin medical school and practiced as a kidney specialist. As part of Vermont Citizen's Campaign for Health and Physicians for a National Health Program, she pushed for universal health care.

'54 Herbert White, M.D.

Dr. White died September 16, 2020, in Peabody Fla., at the age of 92. Dr. White was a board-certified dermatologist who had a private practice in Malden, Mass., for 35 years. He was the past president of the Massachusetts Academy of Dermatology and the Section of Dermatology, Massachusetts Medical Society. He served on the American Academy of Dermatology Advisory Council. Dr. White received his medical degree from UVM and completed his residency training in dermatology at Boston City Hospital and University Hospital. He had a lifelong interest in photography and was one of the first to use photography in his clinical practice and teaching.

'55 Stanley L. Burns, M.D.

Dr. Burns died October 21, 2020, in Shelburne, Vt., at the age of 94. He 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. He received his medical degree from UVM in 1955, which was followed by five years of post-graduate training in internal medicine, cardiology and hematology at the Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In 1960,

Dr. Burns returned to Burlington where he became a member of the UVM faculty. He devoted his career to teaching clinical skills, providing direct patient care and consulting in the field of hematology. He achieved the rank of professor of medicine in 1972 and became emeritus in 1991.

'55 Richard B. Raynor, M.D.

Dr. Raynor died October 1, 2020, in New York City, at the age of 92. A pioneering neurosurgeon and an innovator in spinal surgery, he served in the military as an army surgeon, stationed in San Antonio. He was a clinical professor affiliated with New York University, served as a president of the Cervical Spine Society, and published many noteworthy articles in numerous medical journals. Dr. Raynor's contributions to medicine in his fifty-plus years of practice were extraordinary. He was thoughtful yet exacting, and trained generations of neurosurgeons to take nothing for granted.

'60 George Adam Soufleris, M.D.

Dr. Soufleris died September 4, 2020, at the age of 92. After serving in the U.S. Army in Japan at the end of World War II, he returned home to attend college at Dartmouth. He worked for five years selling shoes before deciding to go back to school at UVM to become a doctor. Dr. Soufleris completed his internship and residency training in OB-GYN in Syracuse and spent the next 36 years caring for the women of Onondaga County. During the 60's and 70's, he served as medical director of the Onondaga County Family Planning Program and as consulting gynecologist at Van Duyne Hospital. Dr. Soufleris had teaching appointments in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, progressing from clinical instructor to clinical professor in 1976. He also served for five years as the chief of the OB-GYN department at Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital.

'61 John C. Mesch, M.D.

Dr. Mesch died December 11, 2020. After receiving his medical degree from UVM in 1961, he completed his residency in New York City at Roosevelt Hospital, moved to Albany in 1970, and started a private practice, later becoming chief of Pulmonary Medicine at St. Peter's Hospital and a

partner in the Pulmonary and Critical Care Services. He was an attending physician at St. Peter's, Samaritan, and Albany Memorial Hospitals, in addition to Albany Medical Center, where he was also an assistant professor of medicine.

'82 Joseph Edward Corbett, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Corbett died December 2, 2020, at the age of 66. Born in Burlington, Vt., on May 24, 1954, he attended Middlebury College and received his medical degree from UVM in 1982. He completed his surgical residency at the University of Michigan before going on to train as a neurosurgeon and practicing in Wisconsin, Dallas, Tex., and Portland, Maine. In 1993, after accepting a partnership with the late Dr. Peter Upton, Dr. Corbett moved to Pittsford, Vt. He practiced neurosurgery until his retirement in 2014.

'14 Paul Richard Jarvis, M.D.

Dr. Jarvis, formerly of Barton, Vt., passed away suddenly on January 3, 2021, at his home in Bellerose, N.Y., at the age of 33. He was born on May 31, 1987 in Kansas City, Kan., to Jim and Karen (Richard) Jarvis. He graduated from Lake Region Union High School, with the class of 2005, and then received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology and mathematics from St. Michael's College, class of 2009. He went on to receive his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Larner College of Medicine, class of 2014. At the time of his death, Dr. Jarvis was in his second year of a four-year residency program specializing in neurology with rotations at North Shore Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y., and at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in Queens, N.Y. He was an avid runner, and enjoyed playing video games online with his friends. He was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 2933 in Barton.

Faculty

Patricia Ann Tietjen M.D.

Dr. Tietjen died January 1, 2021 in Bonita Springs, Fla. Born on June 30, 1958, she graduated from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center. She completed her postdoctoral training at both St. Vincent's and Memorial Sloan Kettering. After her training, she continued to be affiliated with both hospitals and eventually became president of Saint Vincent's Medical Staff. In 2008, Dr. Tietjen became the chair of the Department of Medicine for Danbury Hospital. In 2020, she became the chief medical officer for Nuance Health. Almost as much as practicing medicine, she loved to teach. She received the Richard J. Kennedy Attending Teacher of the Year Award four times. In her role as chief medical officer, she had oversight of all aspects of medical education and was responsible for the development of a network-wide teaching academy. Nuance Health has named the new teaching academy in her honor.

In Memoriam

Hugh S. Levin, M.D.'56

Dr. Levin died August 1, 2020.

Walter F. Miner, M.D.'57

Dr. Miner died August 13, 2020, in Mount Dora, Fla.

Michael Boniface Bruehl, M.D.'75







**December 15, 2020**

**10:15 A.M.**

Cindy Wamsganz, an Emergency Department nurse at the University of Vermont Medical Center, talks about the importance of being vaccinated after she received the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.







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## 18 Say it Forward

For the past seven years, alumni from across the class years have volunteered to write a short note of encouragement to the College's newest students for their white coat ceremony.



## 20 Diverse Voices

The Vermont Leadership Education on Neurodevelopmental Disabilities program prepares health professionals to improve healthcare for children with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families.



## 24 Supporting VT Kids

Two Larner College of Medicine alums in Vermont—James Metz, M.D.'06, and Nick Bonenfant, M.D.'17,—are breaking new ground in the critical pediatric fields of child abuse prevention and mental health.



## Come Together October 8-10 for Medical Reunion

We're hopeful that by October 2021 COVID-19 will have passed, and we will once again be able to gather in-person, but your safety and health are our first priority. Please know that our staff is committed to developing a celebration for your milestone reunion whether it's in-person or virtual.

Please check [med.uvm.edu/alumni/reunion](https://med.uvm.edu/alumni/reunion) for updates on our planning.

