As we continue to navigate the ever-changing face of the COVID-19 pandemic, I find myself reflecting on how important it is to have a team of people to rely on—whether that is in a healthcare setting, in a family, or through a network of friends. At the UVM Larner College of Medicine, we are thrilled to celebrate, through the Alumni Association Awards, an outstanding group of alumni who have gone above and beyond to support the College, their community, and the broader field of medicine. From innovative research to volunteer work to years of service to patients, they have all put their heart and soul into the work that they do. Our 2021 Bradley Soule Award winner, Dr. Betsy Sussman, exemplifies this dedication to service over the past three decades. She has a storied history as a superb mentor for new radiologists; she also has a family connection to the College: Her uncle, at the national level. She also has a family connection to the College: Her uncle, a member of the MAA. Read more in this issue about Dr. Sussman and all of our most treasured alums, past A. Bradley College by serving on the Alumni Executive Committee for many years. I will always remember meeting her at Larner reunions. She was gentle, gracious, and insightful. Dr. Noonan chose to give back to her medical alma mater through a generous estate gift, which is helping the College to recruit the best and brightest new faculty and realize important strategic priorities. Lastly, as details of Medical Reunion are still being worked out, I am pleased to let you know that it will be hosted live and in-person on campus this fall! (How long have we waited to see those words?) Mark your calendars now for October 8-9, 2021. Stay tuned for additional information while we continue to fine-tune the weekend, to meet the changing needs of our environment—we consider it creativity born of crisis! As always, I look forward to connecting with alums from across the years. I am proud to serve with you as a fellow physician, helping advance our science and craft through improved health for all we serve. Stay well, and I look forward to seeing you very soon!

Omar Khan
M.D. ’93
President, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine Alumni Association

Thank Moooo Again!

The 2021 Match Challenge had a lofty goal of reaching 500 donors, from late February through Match Day. Thanks to the generosity of our loyal alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends, the Challenge exceeded that number well ahead of Match Day, reaching over 700 donors by its completion! Hundreds of donors are proudly wearing their limited edition Dr. Mao sacks as a thank you for their participation. Although the Match Challenge is complete, there is always a reason to give—today’s students and researchers! Gifts of ANY size make a difference in student success. In addition, each alumni gift increases our alumni participation, an important indicator of alumni support.

To make your gift, please visit http://go.uvm.edu/givemed today.

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

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Class of 1991
95

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Class of 1957
95

NUMBER OF ALUMNI DONORS
95

NUMBER OF FIRST TIME DONORS
45
Robert G. Selli writes: “I have been retired for 10 years now. Sara and I will live where we have been for the last 31 years, but it may move soon. It is interesting to see the changes in the last few years. I have been a partner for over 50 years and think that is enough.”

Jeffrey Black says: “We are all doing well. My wife, Jerry, is in senior services for Lofoteyte, Calif. and I am still working.’

HALL A

PHILIP BUTTARAVOLI writes: “After retiring from clinical practice at the UVM Medical Center to complete the fourth edition of our medical textbook, Minor Emergencies, in addition after working for the past several years with Kevan Freeman, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of surgery and pharmacology at UVM, the research that I developed in the journal of the American College of Emergency Physicians, the research is titled ‘An anophropharyngeal device for airway maintenance in semiconscious patients: A randomized single-participant case series.’ The research is titled ‘An anophropharyngeal device for airway maintenance in semiconscious patients: A randomized single-participant case series.’ The research is titled ‘An anophropharyngeal device for airway maintenance in semiconscious patients: A randomized single-participant case series.’ The research is titled ‘An anophropharyngeal device for airway maintenance in semiconscious patients: A randomized single-participant case series.’ The research is titled ‘An anophropharyngeal device for airway maintenance in semiconscious patients: A randomized single-participant case series.’ The research is titled ‘An anophropharyngeal device for airway maintenance in semiconscious patients: A randomized single-participant case series.’

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the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine in Roanoke, Virginia for the last four years. Prior to that, he had an eight-year tenure as the vice president of development at HumanKind in Lynchburg, Virginia. Mr. Morrison also has an extensive background in journalism. He will be responsible for securing philanthropic support of initiatives and priorities at the College.

A NOTE OF THANKS

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

FRIETZE NAMED GREEN AND GOLD PROFESSOR

On May 6, 2021, Seth Frietze, Ph.D., associate professor of medical laboratory science in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was invested as the inaugural Dr. Ronald W. Pero International Research Green and Gold Professor in the Department of Biomedical and Health Sciences. Established by Margaretha Pero, M.D., Ph.D., in honor of her late husband, Ronald Pero, Ph.D., a 1962 graduate of UVM, the professorship will support research related to the onset and spread of cancer and innovations in effective cancer treatment and prevention. Ronald Pero spent the bulk of his career at the University of Lund in Sweden, where he became a world-renowned expert on the role of DNA repair and DNA damage in regulating transcriptional mechanisms important to normal and tumor cell survival. Magaretha Pero, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, worked alongside her husband in his lab at Lund. Frietze joined the UVM faculty in 2015. In addition to running a large research program, his expertise in cutting-edge cancer genomic techniques is sought out by researchers internationally.

ALUMNI LEAD THE WAY FOR FIRESTONE CAMPAIGN

A group of dedicated Larner College of Medicine alumni are playing pivotal roles in the development of the new Firestone Medical Research Building, a 62,500-square-foot, four-story structure set to open in the fall of 2022. The building, which will accommodate over 200 faculty, post-doctoral fellows, staff, and students, will feature cutting-edge modular facilities to improve efficiency and help interdisciplinary teams of researchers collaborate more effectively.

David Reines, M.D.’72, is serving as chair of the Campaign Committee, a 13-member group tasked with leading fundraising efforts and sharing news about the project with alumni and community members. Steve Firestone, M.D.’69, serves as honorary co-chair. He provided the lead gift for the new building, which is to be named Dr. Frederick and Mrs. Bobbie Firestone Medical Research Building in honor of his parents. Alumni from across the class years have volunteered to serve on the campaign Committee members include:

Ray Anton, M.D.’70, James Betts, M.D.’73, Marilyn Cipolla, Ph.D.’97, Mary Exslin, Arnold Goran, M.D.’58, James Hubert, M.D.’77, Frank Iittieman, M.D., Jeffery Lawson, M.D.’90, Ph.D.’92, Jennifer Lawson, M.D.’90, Karen Meyer ’70, John Persing, M.D.’74, Claudia Serwer ’67.

For more information on the project, visit:
med.uvm.edu/FirestoneBuilding

For more information about giving opportunities, contact:
Manon O’Connor, associate vice president, major gifts, at Manon.OConnor@uvmhealth.org or (802) 734-0711
Ceremony during Reunion weekend. at the Celebration of Achievements on the UVM campus. All Larner Alumni are invited to attend. More details regarding this event can be found at med.uvm.edu/alumni.

Presented to a current student(s) for his or her outstanding leadership and service to medicine and community. Presented to alumni who have graduated within the past 15 years in recognition of their outstanding community or College service and/or scientific or academic achievement.

**SERVICE TO MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY AWARD**

**STEVEN S. BLACKWELL, M.D.‘49**

Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

**EDNA M. BLACKWELL, M.D.‘50**

Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

**DANA M. BLACKWELL, M.D.‘58**

Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

**HERMAN A. BLACKWELL, M.D.‘63**

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**CLINTON A. BLACKWELL, M.D.‘63**

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**JENNIFER BLACKWELL, M.D.‘69**

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**PAUL CHAN, M.D.‘04**

Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass.

**KELLEY SAIN, M.D.‘01**

Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine; Founder and Director of Project RESPECT

**JENNIFER MCMINN, M.D.‘86**

Professor, Departments of Dermatology and Pathology; Director, Yale Dermatopathology Laboratory; and Director, Yale Dermatopathology Fellowship Program

**FREDERICK ROGERS, M.D.‘81**

Adjunct Professor of Surgery, University of Pennsylvania; Perelman School of Medicine

**TIMOTHY S. CAREY, M.D.‘76, M.P.H.**

Research Professor of Medicine, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

**PATRICIA KING, M.D.‘96, Ph.D.**

Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

**MICHAEL J. SPROUL, M.D.‘76**

Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Larner College of Medicine; 2021 American College of Radiology Fellow

**BRUCE H. SPROUL, M.D.‘78**

Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology, Larner College of Medicine; 2021 American College of Radiology Fellow

**ELIZABETH BLACKWELL, M.D.‘78**

Professor, Departments of Medicine and Pathology, Boston University School of Medicine; Founder and Director of Project RESPECT

**JUNJIE CHEN, Ph.D.‘93**

Professor and Chair, Department of Experimental Radiation Oncology, Division of Radiation Oncology, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

**JENNY MACNABB, M.D.‘94**

Professor, Departments of Dermatology and Pathology; Director, Yale Dermatopathology Laboratory; and Director, Yale Dermatopathology Fellowship Program

**DANIEL H. WARD, M.D.‘99**

Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

**DAVID W. WARD, M.D.‘99**

Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

**JILLIAN WATSON, M.D.‘03**

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Boston Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine; Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass.

**SHANNON WATTS, M.D.‘03**

Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

**JASON WELLS, M.D.‘05**

Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

**JENNIFER WOOLARD, M.D.‘07**

Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

**JULIAN WOOD, M.D.‘07**

Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco

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Betsy Sussman, M.D.’81

Radiologist and Professor, Department of Radiology, UVM Medical Center and UVM Larner College of Medicine; 2021 American College of Radiology Fellow

Dr. Sussman started her medical practice at the Larner College of Medicine with so many teachers and mentors along the way. One of her greatest joys is when one of her students achieves success which surpasses her own.

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Swing Time

For many years, the UVM Ropes Course was a regular part of Orientation Week for new students. We’re guessing that’s what’s going on in this image, but just exactly who’s on the rope (s), and who’s trying to lend a hand?

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

In Memoriam

Dean William H. Luginbuhl

Dr. Luginbuhl, the thirteenth dean of the UVM Larner College of Medicine, died June 21, 2021, at age 92, in Pennsylvania, where he had lived for many years. Born March 11, 1929, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of a physician and a schoolteacher, Dr. Luginbuhl attended Iowa State University and received his medical degree from Northwestern University in 1953, after which he completed an internship and residency in pathology at Northwestern. He pursued additional training in Cleveland and was drafted into the U.S. Army, spending two years as the only pathologist in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Dr. Luginbuhl joined the UVM faculty in 1969, in what was then known as the Department of Pathology and Oncology. He served the College as assistant dean in the 1960s, during the deanship of Edward Andrews, M.D., and was a leader of the significant curricular reforms during that decade that paved the way for today’s Vermont Integrated Curriculum at the College.

Upon Dr. Andrews’ becoming president of the University in 1970, Dr. Luginbuhl became dean of this institution, as well as dean of what was then the Division of Health Sciences, and led the College for 21 years—the second-longest tenure of any of the College’s deans—through an era of great change and expansion of both the student body and research enterprise.

Dr. Luginbuhl also had a profound effect on the delivery of patient care in Vermont, as the key driver of the formation of the University Health Center in 1971. He and his wife, Viola (“Vi”) Luginbuhl, a former Vermont legislator and UVM trustee, retired to a home that he had designed and built on Lake Champlain in Panton, Vermont, where he pursued his passions of gardening, travel and enjoying his family. Among his many interests and hobbies, he was particularly focused on horticulture, and grew a variety of fruit and vegetable gardens, including 100 varieties of apples, and developed and patented his own apple, the “Vermont Gold.” He was an expert on trees, and collected and grew every variety of oak and hickory tree native to New England.

The Luginbulhs moved to Kendal at Longwood in Pennsylvania in 2011.

Dr. Luginbuhl’s service to the College and University was recognized at Commencement 2016 with an honorary degree from UVM. Viola Luginbuhl was similarly honored at the same time. The Luginbulhs’ connection with the College is deep and enduring: two of their children and two grandchildren are alumni.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Dean William H. Luginbuhl Education Fund at UVM.

Olin D. Samson, M.D.

Dr. Samson died April 27, 2021, in Hingham, Mass. He received his medical degree from UVM in 1956 and served internal medicine internships from 1956 to 1959. He began his career at Beverly Hospital in Beverly, Mass., and then spent many years at Hunt Memorial Hospital in Danvers, Mass., where he served as chief of staff. He also served on the board of trustees at Hunt Memorial Hospital before retiring in 1991. After medical school, Dr. Samson became a captain in the U.S. Army and was stationed in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., between 1957 and 1965. After moving to Danvers, Dr. Samson set up his medical practice and his surgical practice, which he worked as the business manager. He was an essayist, funny, and kind to his family, friends, and his patients.

Charles Rudolph Brinkman III, M.D.

Dr. Brinkman died Feb. 21, 2021, at age 87. Born April 8, 1934, he graduated from Springfield College in Massachusetts and received his medical degree from UVM. After completing his residency at Yale University Medical School, Dr. Brinkman worked at the UCL School of Medicine as a professor in obstetrics and gynecology for 30 years, rising to be chief of obstetrics and gynecology. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as captain, medical corp., at Ft. Ogdensburg during the Vietnam War. He retired as a professor emeritus from the UCL School of Medicine.

Philipp A. Goddard, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Philip-Antony Goddard, Jr. (“Tony”) died August 1, 2020, at the age of 82. He received his undergraduate degree and medical degree from UVM. After completing his year of internship at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., Dr. Goddard volunteered for the Army’s 89th Air Evacuation Hospital, at Fort Bragg, N.C. He was trained as a pathologist and served as a medical doctor for his division, deploying for 14 months of combat duty in the Dominican Republic. After completing his two years of service, Dr. Goddard began four years of surgical training at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover, N.H. Ultimately, he was chosen to be the chief resident surgeon. He thoroughly enjoyed surgery, especially how quickly operations could aid patient’s ailments. He said more than once, “If they didn’t pay me to do surgery, I’d pay to do it.” Once his surgical residency was completed, he set up his practice at Cosley Hospital in Minneapolis. There he was able to share his love of surgery and aid for medicine with his father, who also worked at Cosley. They became “Dr. Phil” and “Dr. Tony” to distinguish the two Dr. Goddards. When his father died in 1976, much of his father’s practice became his. Tragically, at the age of 48, he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and could no longer perform surgery. For seven years he continued with his general practice patients on a part-time basis and later served on the admissions board for the UVM Larner College of Medicine and on the Vermont State Medical Review Board.

Frederick P. Hobin, M.D.

Dr. Hobin transitioned into forensic pathology where he spent the last twenty plus years of his career as a medical examiner in south Florida. He loved forensic pathology work so much he did not fully retire until he was 81 years old.

In Memoriam

William D. Belville, M.D. ’71

Dr. Belville died Jan. 2, 2021, in Olympia, Wash., at the age of 75.

Faculty

Robert D. Orr, M.D., C.M.

Dr. Orr died May 20, 2021 in Burlington, Vt., at the age of 90 after a five-year battle with cancer. Born March 16, 1941, he studied at McGill University Faculty of Medicine, earning the M.D., C.M. in 1966. After service in the U.S. Navy, he practiced family medicine in Brattleboro, Vt., for 18 years. He established Brattleboro Memorial Hospital’s first ethics committee and helped to found the Brattleboro Area Hospice, serving as its first president and volunteer medical director. He pursued a postdoctoral fellowship at the Madden Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago. He served for 25 years in various professional roles including professor of medical ethics and director of clinical ethics of Loma Linda University Medical Center, professor of family medicine and director of clinical ethics at UVM Larner College of Medicine, professor of bioethics at Trinity University in Oxford, England, and professor of bioethics at Union University Graduate School. His numerous awards include Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (McGill). University Scholar (McGill), Vermont Family Doctor of the Year, the American Medical Association’s Isaac Hayes and John Bell Award for Leadership in Medical Ethics and Professionalism, the Servant of Christ Award from the Christian Medical and Dental Associations; and several teaching awards from various academic institutions.
April 27, 2021
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Dean Rick Page adds his signature to dozens of other Larner faculty, staff and students who signed the last beam of the framework of the Firestone Medical Research Building, now under construction on the south end of the medical campus. Minutes later the beam was hoisted aloft and welded in place.
COME CELEBRATE AT MEDICAL REUNION 2021!

1 SAVE THE DATE
Mark your calendars for October 8-9, 2021 to join your classmates for a special celebration. It’s not too early to let us know you plan to attend! Add your name to the see who’s coming list at med.uvm.edu/alumni/reunion

2 BOOK YOUR HOTEL
It’s foliage season, and rooms fill quickly—but we have reserved special blocks for you and your classmates. Visit med.uvm.edu/alumni/reunion for more information.

3 RALLY YOUR CLASSMATES
Now is the time to reach out to your friends and build excitement about reunion. Get in touch with our office for a class contact list by emailing: medalumni.relations@med.uvm.edu.

Your reunion will be here before you know it and we’re making it easy for you to have a great in-person experience. It’s as simple as 1-2-3!