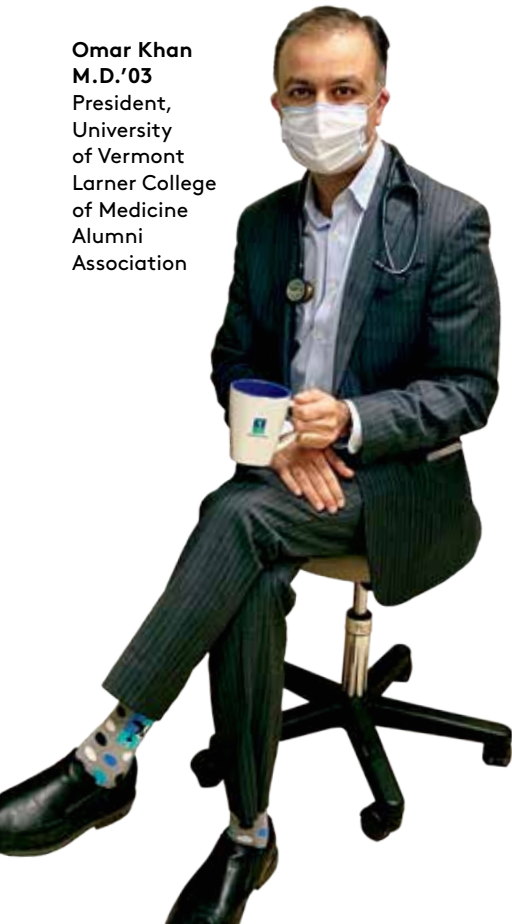


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As we continue to navigate the ever-changing face of the COVID-19 pandemic, I find myself reflecting on how important it is to have a team of people to rely on—whether that is in a healthcare setting, in a family, or through a network of friends. At the UVM Larner College of Medicine, we are thrilled to celebrate, through the Alumni Association Awards, an outstanding group of alums 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 A. 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; the five teaching awards she's received speak to the impact she has had on students and residents. Dr. Sussman was recently awarded fellowship in the American College of Radiology, one of the highest honors bestowed on a radiologist, and a fitting tribute to her influence at the national level. She also has a family connection to the College: Her uncle, Ralph Sussman, M.D.'38, was a founding member of the MAA. Read more in this issue about Dr. Sussman and all of our 2021 MAA award winners. See their full bios at: med.uvm.edu/alumni.

It's never too early to start thinking about fellow alums you'd like the College to consider for the 2022 awards! Visit: med.uvm.edu/alumni to submit your nominations.

Also in this issue of *Vermont Medicine*, we celebrate the life and legacy of one of our most treasured alums, past A. Bradley Soule Award winner Dr. Jackie Noonan. A 1954 graduate, she passed away in July of 2020. Not only did she transform the field of pediatric cardiology—she discovered a rare congenital heart condition known as the Noonan Syndrome—she selflessly gave time and energy to the 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 the 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

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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:

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CLASS NOTES

1950s

REUNION 2021: 1951 + 1956

'52 **Arthur Kunin** writes: "Few of us are left, but we still celebrate our years at UVM. There are changes in classrooms, but the enthusiasm of present students is heartwarming and unmistakable."

1960s

REUNION 2021: 1961 + 1966

'63 **Arnie Kerzner**, child psychiatrist, continues to love his work, and currently is a consulting psychiatrist at the Lighthouse School, interviewing children, supervising residents, and meeting with parents. At times, he consults with his daughter, Leslie Kerzner, M.D.'85, oncologist at MGH. For R'n'R and lobster, they retreat to their cottage in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Arnie received the Distinguished Senior Fellow Award from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He would love to hear from his UVM buddies, as med school was "one fantastic experience."

'63 **Ronald Nadel** writes: "I retired in December 2020. I now spend about six months of the year in Boca Raton, Florida, and the residual time in my home in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. I continue to enjoy golfing, gardening, cooking, and reading."

'64 **Anthony Belmont** writes: "Linda and I have spent the year of the pandemic hunkered down here on the Maine coast—a very nice place to hunker down. Although we both have escaped COVID, clinical problems have occurred. Plans for elective knee surgery were postponed when new onset angina prompted a CABG last March from which I am recovering uneventfully, but my knee still hurts. A bumper crop of tourists is expected this summer and support staff from overseas will not be available, so classmates in the Wiscasset area are welcome to drop by our little house by the sea."

'64 **Lester Wurtele** writes: "Retired from practice of radiology in 2009 after nearly 39 years. Did some consultation for an insurance company for three years. Married to Irma 58+ yrs. Have three

wonderful children and five terrific grandchildren. Have traveled. Still enjoy tennis and spending winters in Florida."

'65 **Jamie Jacobs and Jean Pillsbury Jacobs** (UVM '62) remain in Lexington, Kentucky. They moved from a three-level home to a one-level home on the other side of town and love the new place. Since March, they've hunkered down, leaving only for their granddaughter's wedding in Cleveland, Ohio, in October. Thank goodness for golf this summer, allowing them to get out of the house three days a week and be safe. Jamie shares, "Like most of you, we had to cancel trips. It was two to Argentina, and one each to Russia, Scandinavia, Canada, and Colorado. I'm starting to reschedule some of these as I write. I hope this finds all of you safe and well. Best of everything to all in 2021, which won't have to work very hard to be better than 2020."

'66 **Jeremy Alperin** says: "Still living in Dallas... recently moved to Independent Living Facility. My son now lives in London and daughter moved to Dallas."

Thank Moooo Again!

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Match Challenge Reaches 700 Donors

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. Moo socks 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.

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'66 Robert G. Sellig writes: “I have been retired fully for 10 years now. Sara and I still live where we have been for the last 31 years, but we may move soon. It has been interesting to see the changes in the last few years. I have been a class agent for over 50 years and think that is enough.”

'67 Jeffrey Black says: “We are all well. My wife, Terry, is head of senior services for Lafayette, Calif. We have five grandchildren who are a delight.”

1970s

REUNION 2021: 1971 + 1976

'70 Philip Buttaravoli writes: “After retiring from clinical practice at the beginning of the pandemic last year I began working with the emergency physician staff 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 Kalev Freeman, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of surgery and pharmacology at UVM, the research on a device that I developed has been published in the *Journal of the American College of Emergency Physicians Open*. The research is titled ‘An oropharyngeal device for airway management of conscious and semiconscious patients: A randomized clinical trial.’ As an aside, Jenny Stanley and I just bought a 22’ Bay cruiser together that we will be exploring the Chesapeake Bay in over the next several summers :-).”

'72 Phillip Canfield shares a note after seeing a picture of Science Hall where he proudly spent many hours during all four years as an undergraduate. He writes, “I remember looking out of top windows towards Lake Champlain on almost always cold days. I remember as a freshman undergrad looking over from fourth floor of Converse Hall towards Mount Mansfield and the medical complex.” After four years, he got “the coveted acceptance” to the UVM medical class of 1972. Phillip will never forget his teachers and classmates who cared for him in times of dismay and gave him the best medical fund of knowledge that served him for 45 years of medical practice. Phillip retired in 2017 and sends blessings to all.

'73 Jim Betts shares the following note: “As I pen this in mid-January, the post-holiday surge of the pandemic is on the rise. There is a vaccine, and distribution here in California is gradually increasing. I’m sure all of you are having the same challenges. Hopefully, by the time you read this, there will be many(!) millions who have received their doses, and we can be on the mend as a country, both medically and politically. I’m so impressed with our university as UVM has adapted to both a virtual and on-campus format to educate our student learners. Contributions to UVM through our Foundation have been challenged this past year. Everyone’s finances have been impacted. The students, faculty, and all facets of UVM’s operation depend on charitable gifts. In these extraordinary times, I encourage everyone to send whatever is possible to support the university, which provided us an outstanding education. Although our 55th is still a few years away, I’ll look forward to being on campus with everyone. Stay well!”

'75 David Morin says: “38 wonderful years in general pediatrics, now retired. Six grandchildren all living within 10 minutes.”

'75 Charles Norris Jr. writes: “I finally retired after 46 years. At 72 years old I finally get to take it easy in the morning. I can read, be creative and get in better physical shape. The last couple of years were challenging with death of a partner, dealing with the pandemic and a sudden switch to telehealth. I do not envy the younger docs as they move forward with government regulation, interference from insurance and the politics of who gets to call themselves a doctor without time spent in medical school. I am continuing to teach at local medical school and enjoy the interaction with the students.”

'75 Lorraine Parent Racusen has received the 2021 Robert H. Heptinstall Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Renal Pathology Society. She is an emerita professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she did her residency in pathology, fellowship in renal pathology, and served on the faculty for over 30 years. She and her husband, Richard Racusen (PhD ’75), divide their time between their home in Maryland and a family home on Lake Champlain, with occasional visits to children and grandchildren in California.

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PRIMARY CARE SPORTS MEDICINE

September 16, 2021

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September 17, 2021

Sugarbush Resort
Warren, VT

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October 1, 2021

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DERMATOLOGY UPDATE FOR PRIMARY CARE

October 7-8, 2021

Doubletree by Hilton
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NEUROLOGY FOR THE NON-NEUROLOGIST

October 22, 2021

DoubleTree
Portland, ME

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

October 22-23, 2021

DoubleTree
Portland, ME

ANY ON-CAMPUS EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS.

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'77 Mark Novotny writes: “Been in practice now for 40 years! Twenty in primary care, 20 in hospital medicine, and overlapping 15 years in various leadership positions. Now winding down as part-time hospitalist. Still camping every year with Michael Polifka (Class of 78). Kids all grown, three in Vermont and one in Chicago, and two adorable grandchildren living in Stowe. My wife Sandi and I look forward to venturing out with hiking and travel again this year.”

'77 Mark Popovsky says: “My daughter is now a professor of pediatrics at Northwestern. My medical device start-up is about to enter first-in-human trials of a product—if successful—will save 40,000 lives a year in the U.S. alone.”

'78 John Alexander says: “My wife and I retired at the end of March 2021. It is very freeing.”

'78 Michael Hermans writes: “I made the decision to fully retire in February 2021 due to lingering issues after contracting COVID in Scotland in March 2020. When my residents told me I was not the same energetic and peppy Dr. Hermans, I knew it was time to stop practicing. I have issues with fatigue, insomnia, nightmares, irritable bowel, dyspnea on exertion and ‘brain fog.’ I have had a wonderful career in urology, being able to retire from the United States Army Medical Corps, Scott and White Health Care System, and the Veterans Administration. Fellow 1978 classmate Roy Kaplan has been a tremendous supporter throughout this time. Thanks again Roy. I would love to hear from my classmates at michaelhermans6@gmail.com.”

'79 Thomas Boduch says: “I’m still in solo private practice in Kingston, Tenn., and serving as our county’s medical examiner. I’ve just released my fifth album of solo piano music (available on iTunes).”

'79 David Cohen writes: “Working now at a NYS Mass Vaccination Site, otherwise, partially retired. My husband, Alan, and I are looking forward to our new home in Burlington for 2022! Presently, loving being so close to our second grandchild!”

1980s

REUNION 2021: 1981 + 1986

'80 Susan Burroughs says: “Happy to have moved back to Vermont during the pandemic after retiring in 2019. Enjoying volunteering in the Medical Reserve Corps with Becky Foulk. Neither of us have aged a day!”

'81 Andrew Weber says: “Looking forward to reunion, hopefully in person. I am practicing golf game, so Bruce—watch out!”

'82 Ronald Blatt writes: “Hi everyone. Still living in New Canaan, Connecticut, with a second home in Naples, Florida. My office is The Manhattan Center for Vaginal Surgery. I specialize in cosmetic genital surgery. Hope you are all well.”

'82 David Wlody writes: “Just finished my third year as chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at SUNY Downstate. So if the average chair serves a little more than five years, I’m on the glide path to obsolescence. I’m sure each of us were affected by COVID-19 but my hospital was hit earlier and arguably harder than most other places. We were declared a COVID-only hospital by New York State and at one point we had close to 60 patients on vents and a dozen deaths a day. But our staff, especially my residents, did an amazing job, sometimes at significant personal risk. I’m really proud of them. Looking forward to 2022 and our 40th reunion.”

'83 Robert Quimby retired from primary care medicine on December 29, 2019.

'84 Susan Pories writes: “I am the director of the Hoffman Breast Center and associate chair for Academic Affairs for the Department of Surgery at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I am also associate co-director of the Arts

and Humanities Initiative at Harvard Medical School. It has been a joy to connect with physician writers and artists who bring their passion for the arts to medical education.”

'87 David Zuckerberg says: “Currently working as an EM physician at Northern Westchester Hospital as well as director of our observation unit. My oldest kid, Jules, is a freelance illustrator living in Providence and I am excited that our youngest, Gabe, is moving to Providence to start a Ph.D. in musicology and ethnomusicology at Brown. My wife, Elisa, and I enjoy cycling together and have nearly perfected the at-home quarantine pizza and spend some free time volunteering at the Westchester County Center giving COVID-19 vaccinations.”

'88 Therese K. White was hired as the director of the breast care center at Central Maine Healthcare Oncology Institute. She joins them from her most recent position as president of Plastic and Hand Surgical Associates in South Portland, Maine.

1990s

REUNION 2021: 1991 + 1996

'81 As of December 2020, **Rich Russell** has joined classmate Dawna Eastman-Gallo in the Retire and Play Tennis Program in Boulder, Colo. Looking forward to Reunion!

'92 Jennifer Woodson writes: “**Peter Woodson, M.D.**, 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 non-profit 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!”

'95 Leslie Kerzner writes: “So happy to see so many at the Zoom reunion. So impressed with what everyone is doing and how many made charitable donations this year! Lots going on around here—Elana is a junior at UVM and hoping to go to medical school! Adriana just gave word she will be going to Florida State to study nutrition science and how it relates

to medical illnesses! I am still at MGH, running the NICU developmental follow-up program and working with mother/baby dyads affected by opioid use disorder. Also, I am engaged to be married to a cute Coloradian, Mike O’Neal (yes, that means he is a Broncos fan!) He brings two teenage boys and an adorable golden retriever.”

'96 Jules Duval has been promoted to chief medical officer having primary responsibility for managing the health and wellness of World Bank Staff. In this capacity Jules leads a global team of doctors and nurses working in several international locations implementing multidisciplinary regional Hubs in Senegal, Kenya, Bulgaria, India, and Singapore. He also provides COVID-19 guidance and support to senior leaders, managers, and staff of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund working in over 140 country office locations across the globe.

'96 Anders Holm was voted a Top Doctor in otolaryngology in New Hampshire for 2021 by *New Hampshire Magazine*.

'97 Steven Battaglia writes: “My practice in Pasadena has matured, with the addition of two new partners. I enjoy hiking in the San Gabriel mountains and occasionally surfing near Huntington Beach. I look forward to the UVM Class of 1997 class gathering in Reno-Tahoe.”

2000s

REUNION 2021: 2001 + 2006

'01 Jennifer Majersik was accepted as a Distinguished Chair of Health in the Fulbright Scholars Program, an international education exchange program funded through the U.S. State Department. Her host institution is the University of Newcastle, Australia, and her research work will focus on using telestroke networks for clinical trials enrollment and follow-up across large distances. The program is on hold due to the pandemic but she hopes to go with her family in early 2022—just one more reason to get this pandemic over with!

'01 Elizabeth Welch Marsh writes: “The Welch Marsh family is spending a year in New Zealand. We arrived mid-January, and I am working for a District Health Board in Gisborne. So far we have had a

wonderful experience learning about NZ, its national health service, and all of its amazing outdoor places.”

'03 Emily Hannon writes: “In June 2020, I moved from my job at Duke as medical director of the Newborn Nursery to join an independent pediatric group in Cary, N.C. I love connecting with patients and the increased flexibility has allowed me to get more involved with my state chapter of the AAP and my role as AAP Chapter Breastfeeding Coordinator for North Carolina. I am excited to have been elected to serve on the executive committee of the national AAP Section on Breastfeeding starting Nov 2021. My three kids are loving North Carolina with lots of playtime and trips to the beach.”

'04 Priti Patel has been appointed chief medical officer at Neoleukin Therapeutics. Dr. Patel joins Neoleukin Therapeutics after working at AstraZeneca as vice president, head of hematology, clinical development since 2019.

'04 Rachel B. DiSanto has joined Statesville Family Practice in Statesville, N.C., which is part of the Iredell Physician Network. She has served on multiple boards, including the Christian Medical & Dental Associations, North Country Hospital, United Christian Academy and Kenya Children’s Fund. She served as the COVID coordinator for United Christian Academy in Newport, Vt.

2010s

REUNION 2021: 2016

'10 Congrats to **Joe Pare** for receiving the Academy of Emergency Ultrasound (AEUS) Rising Star in Research Award! It recognizes an early career attending physician (less than five years since completing fellowship) who has demonstrated commitment to the field of emergency ultrasound and to SAEM and AEUS through education on a local, regional, and national scale.

2020s

'20 Scott Mitchell says: “Very happy out here in Indianapolis for my residency! If anyone’s ever traveling through Indianapolis please let me know and will try to hang out or I can host you!”

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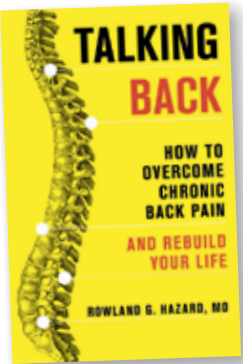
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Morrison Appointed Director of Major Gifts

Mark Morrison joined the UVM Foundation and the Larner College of Medicine as the director of major gifts on June 1. Mr. Morrison comes to UVM with a notable background in development, having most recently served as the director for development at



the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine in Roanoke, Virginia for the last four years. Prior to that 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.



Alum’s Book Focuses on Managing Chronic Back Pain

Rowland G. Hazard, M.D. ’78, emeritus professor of orthopedics at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, has published a new book, titled *Talking Back*. Published by Rowman and Littlefield, the book “brings the reader into the classroom with people disabled by chronic back pain to experience the insights and lessons that have helped thousands of them to regain the physical and emotional capacities to resume productive lives and wellness.” Hazard has devoted his over 30-year clinical and research careers to the understanding and care of people who are disabled by chronic low back pain. He has been a pioneer in the field of rehabilitation, and he is internationally known for developing the goal achievement model for overcoming painful disability.



(L to R): Jaesung Sim, Ji Jeon, Young Bo Sim

In this ongoing series, Vermont Medicine shares a note of thanks from a student for the support they’ve received from alumni. Young Bo Sim ’23 sends his gratitude for the Dahl-Salem Family Endowed Scholarship. He also received the Dwight C. Deyette Scholarship:

Dear Dr. Dahl,

I hope you are staying safe and healthy during these uncertain times. I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your kind gift that has contributed to my education at LCOM. Although medical school has come with its own challenges, I constantly reflect on the privilege I have as a medical student, let alone receiving a scholarship that has greatly lessened the financial burden that comes with medical education. Your generosity has allowed me to receive education at a school where I can say I am truly happy and am surrounded by other compassionate and aspiring physicians under the supervision of wonderful faculty. Although the delivery of the curriculum has changed given the unique circumstances of COVID, words cannot adequately describe how grateful I am for your generosity. I simply hope to follow in your example and pay the generosity forward to the next generations of aspiring physicians. I have also attached one of the photos from white coat last year as it reflected one of the biggest moments so far in my education. Thank you once again.

Best,
Young Bo Sim
LCOM Class of 2023

To support students like Young, visit
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ALUMNI LEAD THE WAY FOR FIRESTONE CAMPAIGN



A group of dedicated Larner College of Medicine alums 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 alums 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. Alums from across the class years have volunteered to serve on the committee.

Committee members include:

Ray Anton, M.D. ’70, James Betts, M.D. ’73, Marilyn Cipolla, Ph.D. ’97, Mary Evslin, Arnold Goran, M.D. ’58, James Hebert, M.D. ’77, Frank Ittleman, 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

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FRIETZE NAMED GREEN AND GOLD PROFESSOR



On May 6, 2021, **Seth Frieze, 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 toxicological mechanisms important to normal and tumor cell survival. Margaretha Pero, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, worked alongside her husband in his lab at Lund. Frieze 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.

TABAKIN FELLOWSHIP EDUCATION FUND SUPPORTS CARDIOLOGY

In the 1950s, **Burton Tabakin, M.D.**, founded UVM Medical Center’s medical cardiology unit and cardiovascular clinical, research and training program

with support from his beloved mentor and chair of the Department of Medicine, **E.L. Amidon, M.D.** Tabakin’s deep dedication to cardiology



clinical care and education continues through a bequest to establish the Burton S. Tabakin Fellowship Education Fund. It is designated to support education and research activities of the fellowship program in the Division of Cardiology, a fitting tribute to Tabakin’s legacy as an influential teacher. In 1975, he was selected as the College of Medicine Teacher of the Year, and was a three-time winner of the Cardiac Fellows Teacher of the Year. On September 2, 2018, Tabakin died of natural causes at the age of 97. He earned his bachelor’s and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. Following the completion of his residency training in internal medicine and a fellowship in physiology at UVM in 1952, Tabakin spent two years as a medical officer in the U.S. Air Force Hospital Thoracic Center in San Antonio, Texas. In 1954, he returned to Vermont where he became a member of the Mary Fletcher Hospital staff. Apart from two sabbaticals, he spent his entire career at UVM and served in many leadership roles, including chief of cardiology and president of the medical staff.



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AWARDS

The UVM Larner Alumni Association Awards are presented every year at the Celebration of Achievements Ceremony during Reunion weekend.

This year's event is scheduled for Friday evening, October 8, 2021, on the UVM campus. All Larner Alumni are invited to attend. More details regarding this event can be found at med.uvm.edu/alumni.



ROBERT LARNER, M.D.'42 STUDENT AWARD

Presented to a current student(s) for his or her outstanding leadership and loyalty to the College and one who embodies Dr. Larner's dedication to not only supporting his medical alma mater, but to inspiring others to do so as well.

Luke Higgins

UVM Larner College of Medicine,
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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

In grade school, Betsy Sussman, M.D.'81, was inspired to study medicine after reading a biography of Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to graduate medical school in the U.S., in 1849. A Burlington, Vt., native, Dr. Sussman was also encouraged on this path by her father, Joe Sussman. Although he did not attend college, he had great respect for his brother, Ralph Sussman, M.D.'38, a local pediatrician and founder of the Century Club of the UVM Medical Alumni Association.

After training in internal medicine and diagnostic radiology in Rochester, N.Y., Dr. Sussman returned to Vermont in 1987 as a body-imaging fellow in radiology. Encouraged by her mentor, Dr. John Tampas, she never left. She started as assistant professor in 1988, rising through the ranks to associate professor in 1994 and professor in 2001. Her interest in women's imaging led to dual appointments in radiology and obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Sussman has enjoyed teaching, serving on many local and national committees and volunteering on federal Indian reservations. She has joined classmate Peter Millard, M.D.'81, to teach ultrasound to medical students attending the Catholic University of Mozambique and has worked with her mentor, Kristen DeStigter, M.D., on the Imaging the World program scanning protocols in obstetric and breast ultrasound to improve healthcare in developing countries.

Dr. Sussman always emphasizes the importance of work/life balance to new physicians. When in medical school, she attended a panel that included Marga Sproul, M.D.'76. As a young attending physician with a family, Dr. Sproul spoke about how, although she could not always read the latest journal articles when they came out, she managed to keep up and provide great care to her patients and her family. At the time, this was a revelation to Dr. Sussman. She has since mentored residents and medical students to choose a specialty they love and to do the best they can to achieve a healthy work/life balance.

Dr. Sussman feels humor and curiosity have served her well in her career. After looking up Elizabeth Blackwell for this bio, it came to light that Dr. Blackwell had befriended Florence Nightingale. Dr. Blackwell was interested in educating women to be physicians and nurses. Ms. Nightingale believed women should only be educated as nurses, causing a fallout between the two friends. Wouldn't both of these famous women of medicine be surprised to know that just over half of all medical students in the U.S. today are women? Dr. Sussman is so grateful for the opportunity to have had a fulfilling career, which started and continues 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.



2022 NOMINATIONS

Do you know a class member deserving of recognition?
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DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented to alumni in recognition of outstanding scientific or academic achievement.



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



Jennifer McNiff, 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

SERVICE TO MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY AWARD

Presented to alumni who have maintained a high standard of medical service and who have achieved an outstanding record of community service or assumed other significant responsibilities not directly related to medical practice.



Paul Morrow, M.D.'76

Forensic Pathologist, Auckland, New Zealand



Kelley Saia, M.D.'01

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



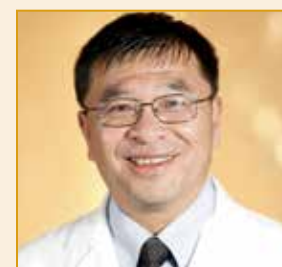
Philip Chan, M.D.'06, M.S.'04

Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Brown University; Chief Medical Officer at Open Door Health; Medical Director at the Rhode Island Department of Health



Alexa Craig, M.D.'06

Director of Neonatal Neurology Program, Department of Pediatrics, Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center, Portland, Maine; Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Mass.



DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE ALUMNI AWARD

Presented to an alumnus/a from the UVM Larner College of Medicine's Ph.D. or M.S. programs who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in basic, clinical or applied research; education; industry; public service/humanitarianism; and/or outstanding commitment to the Larner College of Medicine community.

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

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*.



FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE

Two alums responded to our last photo. First came Peggy Cyr, M.D.’98, who identified the doctor in the center as Ed McCarthy, a psychiatrist who worked in Portland, Maine. Next came a message from the photographer herself—Halleh Akbarnia, M.D.’98, who relates: *“I got a good laugh when I saw the picture in the alumni magazine on the Flashback page. In fact, several people sent it to me first, before I even got my magazine in the mail! I took that picture in February of 1996 during my psychiatry clinical rotation at Maine Med. That was my first clinical rotation ever, and that was our attending for the month, Dr. McCarthy. From left to right: Jeff McKenna, Reono Bertagnolli, myself (Halleh Akbarnia), front row: Anne Brena, Dr. McCarthy, Matt Hsieh.”*



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 1960, 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—work 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 all 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”) Larimore Luginbuhl, a former Vermont legislator and UVM trustee, retired to a home that he 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 extensive 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 Luginbuhls 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 Luginbuhls’ connection with the College is deep and enduring: two of their children and two grandchildren are alums.

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

58 Olin D. Samson, M.D.

Dr. Samson died April 27, 2021, in Hingham, Mass. He received his medical degree from UVM in 1958 and practiced internal medicine from 1963 to 1991. 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, Doc became a captain in the U.S.

Army and was stationed in White Sands, N.M., between 1959 and 1961. After moving to Danvers, Dr. Samson set up his medical practice and his wife, Lyn, worked as the business manager. He was easygoing, funny, and kind to his family, friends, and his patients.

60 Charles Rudolph Brinkman III, M.D.

Dr. Brinkman died Feb. 21, 2021, at the age of 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 UCLA 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. Ord Military Base in Monterey, Calif., during the Vietnam War. He retired as a professor emeritus from the UCLA School of Medicine.

63 Philip A. Goddard, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Philip Anthony 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 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. He was trained as a paratrooper and served as a medical doctor for his division, deployed 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 fix 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 Copley Hospital in Morrisville. There he was able to share his love of surgery and zeal for medicine with his father, who also worked at Copley. 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 a few 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.

63 Frederick P. Hobin, M.D.

Dr. Frederick (Fred) P. Hobin died December 19, 2020. He grew up in Boston, Mass., and received his undergraduate degree from Tufts University and his medical degree from UVM. After residency, Dr. Hobin served as an Army captain in the

Vietnam Evac 85 Hospital for one year. He then began his career in pathology, first in Jacksonville and then Palm Beach County, Fla. 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 80 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 Maclean 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 at 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 International University; and professor of bioethics at Union University Graduate School. His numerous awards include Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary 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
1:44 P.M.

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.





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