

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**"WHO WE HAVE BROUGHT WITH US" ARE THOSE WHO HAVE INFLUENCED US, THOSE WHO HAVE TAUGHT US, THOSE WHO HAVE SHOWN US THE WAY.**

I once heard a story about a young man who knocked on a monastery door. The monk, dressed in orange, opened the gate. "I have come to learn," said the young man. "Can I learn here with you?" The monk in orange looked at the young man. "Who have you brought with you?" he asked. The young man looked behind him, "No one," he answered. But the young man learns from his encounter with the monk that no one reaches any important goal in life all by themselves.

"Who we have brought with us" are those who have influenced us, those who have taught us, those who have shown us the way. All the important parts of my life as a physician — the caring, the sensitivity, the medicine, the quest to learn, to heal, to teach, all came from my years as a medical student at UVM. That is "who" I brought with me; that is "who" I have kept with me, through my years of practice, my time with the Lakota people, the medical missions I served in Peru and in the jungles of Ecuador. Over the years I have carried the same wonderment of those medical student years, in both the illnesses I have been asked to treat and the souls of the people I have come to know.

On Match Day, March 17, 2017, our students at the Larner College of Medicine began the next stage of their journey as physicians. They take with them the same heart, the same sensitivity, the same ability to listen and respond that we

all have found at our alma mater. Although, over time, the educational content may be different, the qualities of the practice of patient care are the same. This is the constant of this College of Medicine through all of our years.

I am sure most of us recall our own Match Day: That mixed feeling of leaving and moving on has not changed. I hope you would consider all of these shared feelings as a call to respond to the College of Medicine; a call to keep the College of Medicine's medical education up to the moment and to continue to teach the heart of medicine; a call to view the changes on campus, perhaps during reunion, and return to a place where we know "who" we have brought with us to serve our patients and communities.

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## 1960s

REUNION 2017: 1962 + 1967

**'64 Marvin Feldman** has "retired June 30, 2016 after 46 years in practice — plus six to seven years in the Army prior to going into practice — including one year in Vietnam. Enjoying life now — golfing, traveling, and watching my seven grandchildren alongside my wife."

**'66 Jeffrey Simons** reports: "I have closed my practice of Pulmonary

Medicine and Critical Care and I am working part time as a medical director of a Hospice Organization. I moved to Carlsbad after my wife Susan died in September."

## 1970s

REUNION 2017: 1972 + 1977

**'71 Steven Lampert** was appointed president of Lifespan Physician Group, Rhode Island's largest multispecialty physician group, effective October 2016. He

joined the Lifespan group from Atrius Health in Newton, Massachusetts, where he was senior vice president and regional medical director. He previously worked at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, also in Newton, last serving as interim chief medical officer.

**'72 Richard Houle** reports that he has retired from Emergency Medicine, but is still working. "Wishing the best of the golden years to all my classmates."

**Charles Elboim** is "still practicing as medical director of the St. Joseph Health Regional Cancer Care Breast Center in Santa Rosa, California. I am also a surveyor for the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers of the American College of Surgeons."

**'76 Matthew Zetumer** is "still in private practice of psychiatry and teaching at UC San Diego. Will gradually begin cutting back my hours to 30 hours in 2017. Plan on visiting Steve Lampert and Anita Feins with my wife, Lynn, early in the new year."

**'79 Alan Rogers** writes: "30 years in Santa Fe. Solo private practice in Family Medicine. Loving it more than ever. Can't believe it's been nearly 40 years since we graduated!"

## 1980s

REUNION 2017: 1982 + 1987

**'81 Elliot Rubin** was selected by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics as Pediatrician of the Year and was honored by them on April 19.

**'82 David Wlody** writes: "It's been an interesting millennium. From 2003 to 2014 I served as Chair of the Anesthesiology Department at Long Island College Hospital (LICH), which was the major clinical affiliate of SUNY-Downstate Medical Center. I also served as Chief Medical Officer at that institution from 2008-2013. For reasons that are too tedious to recount, that institution was closed in 2014, and my clinical responsibilities were transferred to the main Downstate Campus. Since 2014, I have been the anesthesiology

# COLLEGE EVENTS

**AUGUST 7-11**

Larner College of Medicine Orientation Week Class of 2021 UVM Campus

**OCTOBER 13, 2:30 P.M.**

Class of 2021 White Coat Ceremony Ira Allen Chapel, Reception to follow in Grand Maple Ballroom, UVM Dudley H. Davis Center

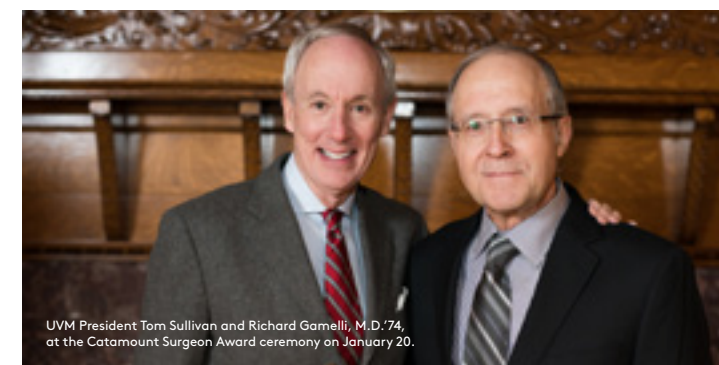
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residency program director, and in September 2016 I became the Designated Institutional Official and Associate Dean for Affiliations at Downstate. Outside the hospital, I served as President of the Society of Obstetric Anesthesia and Perinatology, ran the Annual Meeting of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists, the second largest anesthesiology CME meeting held in the U.S., and in 2017 will run the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists in Boston. Life is good!"

**'83** Buffalo, New York's Roswell Park Community Cancer Practice network of oncology physicians recently expanded with the appointment of **Frederick Hong** as a staff physician at Soniwala Hematology Oncology Associates in Williamsville, N.Y. He remains a clinical assistant professor of medicine at Buffalo's Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

In early November, 2016, **John J. Orloff** was appointed executive vice president, head



UVM President Tom Sullivan and Richard Gamelli, M.D.'74, at the Catamount Surgeon Award ceremony on January 20.

## '74 RICHARD GAMELLI, M.D.'74, IS FIRST CATAMOUNT SURGEON AWARDEE

This year, the Department of Surgery established the Catamount Surgeon Award to commemorate the accomplishments within academic surgery by an individual with ties to the department as a medical student, surgical resident or faculty member.

"The Catamount Surgeon Award will serve as a strong reminder of the value that the UVM Department of Surgery places upon clinical care, education, research and leadership," said Stanley S. Fieber Chair of Surgery Mitchell C. Norotsky, M.D.'89. "This celebration will remind us of the proud history of our academic department while also providing the opportunity to re-connect with mentors, colleagues, trainees, and friends."

The inaugural Catamount Surgeon awardee is **Richard L. Gamelli, M.D.'74**. Dr. Gamelli's vast contributions to academic surgery as a leader, clinician, educator

and researcher were cited by Dr. Professor of Surgery Frank Ittleman, M.D., spoke at the January 20 presentation, and remembered his view of Dr. Gamelli when they were both young surgeons beginning their careers at the then Medical Center Hospital of Vermont: "Richard always gave you the truth. He was able to see clarity where there was confusion and reason where there was chaos. He had the unique ability to parse a conundrum into its simplest parts and reach a solution... He was the consummate clinician who cared deeply about his patients and his profession."



Read Dr. Ittleman's full remarks. Go to: [www.med.uvm.edu/vtmedicine](http://www.med.uvm.edu/vtmedicine)

# CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION '17 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## FAMILY MEDICINE REVIEW COURSE

June 6-9, 2017  
Sheraton Hotel,  
Burlington, Vt.

## TRANSFORMING PRIMARY CARE/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

September 14-15, 2017  
The Essex,  
Essex, Vt.

## PRIMARY CARE SPORTS MEDICINE CONFERENCE

September 27-29, 2017  
DoubleTree Hotel,  
South Burlington, Vt.

## VERMONT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEADERS SUMMIT 2017

October 4-5, 2017  
Sheraton Hotel,  
Burlington, Vt.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH & CANCER CONFERENCE

October 6, 2017  
Sheraton Hotel,  
Burlington, Vt.

## CRITICAL CARE CONFERENCE

October 12-14, 2017  
Stoweflake Conference Center,  
Stowe, Vt.

## UVM MEDICAL GROUP (FIRST) HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

"PHYSICIAN INTEGRATION: LESSONS LEARNED"  
October 15-17, 2017  
Hilton Hotel  
Burlington, Vt.

## NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND NEUROLOGY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

October 20-21, 2017  
Stoweflake Conference Center,  
Stowe, Vt.

## NEUROLOGY FOR THE NON-NEUROLOGIST

October 20, 2017  
Stoweflake Conference Center,  
Stowe, Vt.

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of research and development, of Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company that develops innovative therapies for patients with debilitating rare diseases. John has nearly 20 years of global experience in drug discovery and development. Aegerion merged with a Canadian company later that month to become Novelon Therapeutics, Inc.

**Stephen Russell Payne** has published a new book, *Ties That Bind Us*, a collection of Vermont-themed short stories. It is available via Amazon.com.

'84 **Brick Campbell** wrote in to report that "en route to Bar Harbor, Maine, we met Jeff Darrow

and his lovely wife, Ellen, for lunch in Cambridge. He is currently catering to the wrinkled blue blood of Boston!"

'86 **Paul Laprise** was named Caregiver of the Year at Southern Maine Health Care (SMHC). He practices at SMHC's Biddeford facility. He was cited for being an integral part of the Biddeford Internal Medicine office for 24 years.

## 1990s

REUNION 2017: 1992 + 1996

'92 **Paul Afek** completed his Family Medicine residency

at Forbes Family Medicine in Pennsylvania. He worked for 13 years at a rural community health center near Tucson, Arizona through the National Health Service Corps, and has been a volunteer clinical faculty member at the University of Arizona. He recently moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is working primarily at UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center, and precepting residents at the North Valley Clinic. He enjoys outdoor activities with his wife and playing with his grandchildren, as well as fitness and amateur natural bodybuilding.

'93 **Dennis Klein** has been named state medical examiner for the state of Iowa. He has academic appointments with Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of Iowa's College of Medicine.

'94 **Maureen Phipps** was interviewed for an article in *Ob.Gyn News*, titled "Women Reach for the Top in Ob.Gyn," published May 11, 2016. She is chair of obstetrics and gynecology and assistant dean at the Warren Albert Medical School of Brown University.

**Michael Polizzotto** joined the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford Family Medicine Residency Program. He is responsible for the clinical teaching in the family health center, inpatient family medicine service, and surgery rotations.

**Diane Smith** joined the Internal Medicine practice at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, Vt. With this appointment, she also joined the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Putnam Medical Group.

'98 **Joyce Dobbartin** writes: "On July 29, 2016, I placed first in my division in the Eastern U.S. Regional Slalom Water Skiing Tournament, qualifying me for the National Slalom Water Skiing Championship in Idaho in August, 2016."

## 2000s

REUNION 2017: 1992 + 1996

'01 **Bobbi Pritt** was featured in an April 20, 2016, story in the *Star Tribune* titled "Mayo Clinic Parasite Researcher is Ticked Off by Her Work." She is associate professor of pathology and director of the Clinical Parasitology Laboratory at the Mayo Clinic.

'07 **Gabrielle Jacquet** has been named medical director of Child Family Health International, a non-profit organization providing more than 30 global health education programs in 10 countries. Jacquet, an attending physician and director of global health in emergency medicine at Boston Medical Center (BMC), and assistant professor of emergency medicine and assistant director of global health programs at Boston University School of Medicine, will assist with pre-departure training and research as well as curriculum development.

## 2010s

REUNION 2017: 1992 + 1996

'12 **Piyush Gupta** was named regional medical officer of CareMore Health System in Tucson, Arizona. Previously, he had served as a patient safety and quality improvement fellow and internal medicine attending hospitalist at Kaiser Permanente in Northern California.

**Semeret Munie** is co-author of a paper published in the August 2016 issue of *Polyhedron* titled "Reactivity of electrophilic Cp\*Ru(NO) complex towards alcohols."

'15 **Marissa Mendez** writes: "Class of 2015 is finishing up intern year! I'm sure I speak for many of us when I say UVM prepared us well!"

## Ph.D.s

'03 Historically Black University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff received a \$265,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund improvements to the university's Immersive 3-D Visualization, Teaching, Research, and Outreach Laboratory. The grant project is under the direction of **Sederick C. Rice, Ph.D.'03**, an assistant professor of biology at the university. Dr. Rice is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, where he majored in biology. He went on to earn a master's degree in biology from Delaware State University and a Ph.D. in cellular and molecular biology from the College of Medicine at the University of Vermont.

# Flashback



## NOT KIDS' STUFF

We know one person who appears in this unmarked photo from the UVM archives — **R. James McKay, M.D.**, seated in the center background. Dr. McKay was the first full-time pediatric faculty member when he arrived in Burlington in 1950. He was professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics for 33 years. He died in 2012 at age 95. But where is this meeting taking place, and who are the students or residents in the room?

If you have a clue, send in your information to [erin.post@uvm.edu](mailto:erin.post@uvm.edu) and we will include it in the next issue of *Vermont Medicine*.

### FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE ▶

The last Flashback received several responses, from Phil Lapp, M.D.'90, Michèle Gérin-Lajoie, M.D.'88, Jennifer Lawson, M.D.'90, Michael Butler, M.D.'90, and Mike Cross of the UVM custodial staff. Michael Butler noted "You make us sound so old in the flashback picture this month! It was anatomy class in 1986 and we were the class of 1990. In the picture from left to right is Jacquelyn (Jackie) Hedlund, Giulio Cavalli, Karen (Kari) Dittrich, John Berreen (with his face covered), Chris Bigelow, and Mike Butler. We all wore matching plain yellow shirts every day to the lab. We were a great team and learned a lot from each other. Thanks for the photo and the memories."



# 2017

## Medical Alumni Association Awards

The MAA Awards for 2017 are presented every year at the Celebration of Achievements Ceremony. Full biographies of the awardees can be found at [www.med.uvm.edu/alumni](http://www.med.uvm.edu/alumni)

### DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**Michael L. Cunningham, M.D.'87, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of the Division of Craniofacial Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine and the Jean Renny Chair of Craniofacial Medicine and Medical Director of the Children's Craniofacial Center at Seattle Children's Hospital.



**Donald P. Goldsmith, M.D.'67**  
Director, Section of Rheumatology, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia; Professor of Pediatrics, Drexel University College of Medicine.



**Davidson H. Hamer, M.D.'87**  
Professor of Global Health and Medicine, Boston University Schools of Public Health and Medicine; Adjunct Professor of Nutrition, Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy.



**Elliott K. Main, M.D.'77**  
Chairman and Chief of Obstetrics, California Pacific Medical Center; Medical Director, California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative, Stanford Medical School.

### SERVICE TO MEDICINE & COMMUNITY AWARD



**Dora Anne Mills, M.D.'87 M.P.H.**  
Vice President for Clinical Affairs and Interim Vice President for Research, University of New England (UNE), Portland, Maine, and Director of UNE Center for Excellence in Health Innovation



**William A. O'Rourke, Jr., M.D.'57**  
Retired; Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease physician, Rutland Regional Medical Center and Physician, Rutland Free Clinic



**Kerry D. Solomon, M.D.'87**  
Co-Founder, Operation Sight; Private practice ophthalmologist; Former Chair of Storm Eye Institute at the Medical University of South Carolina, President of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons.

### EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**Joseph H. Dayan, M.D.'02**  
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NYC; Director MSK Facial Reanimation Program; Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery — MSKCC.



**Kristen K. Pierce, M.D.'02**  
Infectious Disease Specialist, Department of Medicine, UVM Medical Center; Associate Professor, Larner College of Medicine



**Mitchell Hon-Bing Tsai, M.D.'02**  
Anesthesiologist, Department of Anesthesia, UVM Medical Center; Associate Professor, Larner College of Medicine



**Eric T. Schmidt**  
University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine, Class of 2018

**ROBERT LARNER, M.D.'42 STUDENT AWARD**



### A. BRADLEY SOULE AWARD

**James C. Hebert, M.D.'77**  
Surgeon, University of Vermont Medical Center. Albert G. Mackay, M.D.'32 and H. Gordon Page, M.D.'45 Professor of Surgery, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine.

Dr. Hebert arrived in Burlington as a freshman medical student in 1973 and has spent his residency and entire career at what is now the Larner College of Medicine where he has supported the academic, teaching and clinical mission in many ways. Encouraged by his friend and mentor, Richard Gamelli, M.D.'74, he stayed to do a residency in surgery and was subsequently hired as an assistant professor of surgery in 1982. He established a laboratory based on work he had done as a surgery senior major at UVM and was able to secure NIH funding as a new investigator. A true general surgeon, Dr. Hebert was described by Dr. David Pilcher in his book *Catamount Surgeons* as "... a jack-of-all-trades and master of many. He never refused an assignment."

Dr. Hebert maintains an active surgical practice and has been the primary pancreatic surgeon for the past two decades. In 1983, he was asked to represent the department at a newly formed organization, the Association for Surgical Education, where he developed a passion for medical education. In 1997 he was appointed by Dr. Frymoyer to chair the Curriculum Task Force which developed the principles upon which the current Vermont Integrated Curriculum was built. Dr. Hebert has served

on many committees within the College including the Admissions and Instructional Improvement Committees and has had many leadership positions at the College including Division Chief for General Surgery, Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Surgery, Program Director for the Surgery Residency, and Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official at Fletcher Health Care. Dr. Hebert was promoted to Professor in 1994 and in 2005 became the Albert G Mackay, M.D.'32 and H. Gordon Page, M.D.'45 Professor of Surgery.

Dr. Hebert is a past president of the Association for Surgical Education and the New England Surgical Society. He is currently the immediate past-president of the Vermont Medical Society and remains active on the VMS executive council. He has been an active member of the Medical Alumni Association as Class Agent and as a member of the Medical Alumni Executive Committee (MAEC) serving as president from 2010 to 2012. He also serves on the UVM Foundation Leadership Council. Dr. Hebert received the Distinguished Academic Achievement Award awarded by the MAEC in 2002.

#### A. BRADLEY SOULE AWARD:

Presented to an alumnus/a whose loyalty and dedication to the College of Medicine most emulate those qualities as found in its first recipient, A. Bradley Soule, M.D.'28.

#### DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

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

#### 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.

#### EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

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.

#### 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.

## 2018 NOMINATIONS

Do you know a class member deserving of recognition?

Send in your nominations for the 2018 awards at:

[www.med.uvm.edu/alumni](http://www.med.uvm.edu/alumni)

# Obituaries

**'42 Robert Larner, M.D.**  
Dr. Larner died peacefully on April 20, 2017, at his home in Woodland Hills, California. He was 99 years old. He was born January 27, 1918 in Burlington, Vt., the seventh child of Russian immigrants Jehuda Likofsky, a roofer, and his wife, Rebecca. He attended the public schools of Burlington, and became a state champion debater in high school. Scholarship money he won through debating allowed him to become the first member of his immediate family to attend college. He entered the University of Vermont (UVM) in 1936, and received his B.S. degree in 1939, and his M.D. from the UVM College of Medicine in 1942. After a brief internship, Dr. Larner joined the U.S. Army Medical Corps and served throughout World War II in the Pacific Theater, treating wounded soldiers at Guadalcanal and Okinawa. After the war, he settled in Los Angeles in the late 1940s, where he built a thriving medical practice that spanned 40 years. Once established, he began making investments in California real estate, and in 1970 married the love of his life, Helen Hann. For the following 40 years they worked side by side, by using their real estate acumen to enable hundreds of tenants to start and maintain their businesses. By the 1980s, Dr. Larner began a fund to provide low-interest loans to UVM medical students to help foster the next generation of physicians. This fund has assisted

nearly 1,300 UVM medical students to afford their education. Dr. Larner and his wife, Helen, who survives him, made the advancement of medical education at UVM a key focus of their giving. Their support helped build the UVM Clinical Simulation Center, and the College's team-based active learning classrooms to revolutionize the teaching of medicine. In 2015, after providing the largest one-time gift in UVM history, Dr. Larner was recognized with the UVM Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award for 2013, and in 2014 received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from UVM. On September 23, 2016, in recognition of Robert and Helen's further substantial financial commitment, the trustees of the University of Vermont announced the naming of The Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at The University of Vermont — the only medical school in the nation named for an alumnus.

**'43 Arthur D. Wolk, M.D.**  
Dr. Wolk died on November 17, 2016. Born in 1919 in Rutland, Vermont, he grew up in Rutland, attended Rutland public schools, UVM and the College of Medicine, and served his country as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He practiced as a Rutland pediatrician for 42 years. Dr. Wolk lived for the past eight years at The Gables at East Mountain in Rutland Town with his wife, Florrie.

**'47 William Flood, M.D.**  
Dr. Flood died on September 8, 2016 at Brookdale Fillmore Pond in Bennington, Vt. He was 94. After graduation from the College of Medicine, he and his wife, Shirlie, returned to North Bennington and built their home next door to Dr. Flood's parents. The Bank Street house served as his family practice office for many years. During the 1950s, Dr. Flood also worked as the regional Medical Examiner for southern Vermont. He loved his home town, but did leave in 1951 to join the U.S. Navy as a Medical Officer during the Korean War. After the war, he completed an OB/Gyn residency at Albany Medical Center in 1961, while continuing to work at his general practice at home. He opened an office in Bennington and continued to practice Obstetrics and Gynecology for several decades. He retired in 2003.

**'50 Peter F. Esteran, M.D.**  
Dr. Esteran, died April 18, 2016. He was born in Barre, Vt. on May 17, 1923, the youngest of five children. He graduated from the University of Vermont and began attending medical school before being called to service in the U.S. Army. He served in General Patton's Third Army and participated in the invasion of France. After receiving a Purple Heart award, he was granted an honorable discharge and completed his medical training, then his residency in Wilkes-Barre, Penn. He married and moved to Southern California where he practiced

Urology at many Los Angeles area hospitals. In retirement, he moved to the Del Mar, Calif. area.

**'51 Edward W. Jenkins, M.D.**  
Dr. Jenkins died at home in Tulsa, Oklahoma in September, 2016. He was 90 years old. Born in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1926, he graduated from Burlington High School and then served in the Navy in World War II in the V-12 Program and as an officer in the South Pacific. He graduated from UVM in 1948 before entering the College of Medicine. He began his medical practice in Tulsa, Okla. where he performed the first open heart surgery in the Tulsa area. He practiced in Tulsa until 1981. He then became certified in family practice and continued world-wide journeys to do medical missionary work.

**'53 Richard N. Fabricius, M.D.**  
Dr. Fabricius, 87, died March 30, 2016 at the Vermont Veterans Home. Shortly after receiving his medical degree he entered the U.S. Navy as a medical officer. He served in the Korean Conflict aboard the U.S.S. *Buckner* and left the Navy a Lt. Commander. He served his surgical residency at the Albany Medical Center, then completed an orthopedic surgery residency at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans and Monroe, Louisiana. He relocated to Bennington in 1961. He founded Orthopedic and Hand Surgery in Bennington, from which he retired in 1998. He was Past President of the New England Orthopedic Society.

**'53 Emanuel Goldberg, M.D.**  
Dr. Goldberg died August 9, 2016 at New York City's Beth Israel Hospital after a brief illness. Born in 1926, he was an Army veteran of World War II. Dr. Goldberg was a graduate of Harvard University before entering the College of Medicine. Freedom Summer 1964 found him in Mississippi with the Medical Committee for Human Rights. He was the first chief of cardiology at Beth Israel in the 1960s. He built the cardiology division, cardiac cath labs, critical care units, and one of the first emergency department heart stations in New York City. He developed the cardiology fellowship program there. He conducted clinical research, publishing more than 60 papers and articles.

**'55 Raymond L. Hackett, M.D.**  
Dr. Hackett died on September 11, 2016. He was 87. Following medical school Dr. Hackett did a rotating internship at Colorado General Hospital and went on to become a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corp from 1956-58. He went onto a residency in Anatomic Pathology at the University of Colorado Medical Center from 1958-59 and was a research trainee at the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals from 1961-62. Dr. Hackett then joined the University of Florida Department of Pathology in 1963 as an Assistant Professor. In the ensuing years, he became a departmental leader and rapidly rose to rank of Professor in 1972. Dr. Hackett was heavily involved in departmental administration and was the Acting Chairman from 1978-79 and Associate Chair from 1979 until he retired in 1998. He enjoyed an active research career as an NIH funded investigator.

**'74 Thomas J. LaPlaca, M.D.**  
Dr. LaPlaca died September 18, 2016, at home in Rutland, Vt., from cancer. Born in 1948, he was raised in Rutland. He practiced internal medicine in Rutland for five years then returned to UMass Medical Center for a two-year residency in anesthesiology, followed by a one-year fellowship in cardiac anesthesia and pain control. He then practiced anesthesiology at the Rutland Regional Medical Center for 20 years before moving to the Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, for more than eight years.

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**'70 Norman Snow, M.D.**  
Dr. Snow died February 9, 2017. He was 72. He was born in Providence, R.I., and grew up in Burlington, Vt., and graduated from UVM before entering the College of Medicine. After surgical internship at the University of Virginia, he was drafted by the U.S. Army and was sent to Cleveland, where he served as a Captain in the Army Medical Corps. He completed his residency in general and cardiothoracic surgery at Case Western Reserve University, then began his career at the University of Louisville. He returned to Cleveland as associate professor and director of cardiothoracic surgery for Cleveland Metro Health Medical Center. He served as the inaugural medical director of Metro Life Flight, one of the largest helicopter EMS programs in the country, winning the Distinguished Physician Award from the Association of Air Medical Services.

In 1999 he moved to Chicago, where he was professor of surgery at the University of Illinois and chief of thoracic surgery at UIC and the Jesse Brown Veterans' Administration Medical Center until his retirement in 2011, whereupon he returned to Vermont and joined the faculty of the Department of Anatomy at Geisel School of Medicine. In 2015 the UVM Medical Alumni Association awarded him the Distinguished Academic Achievement Award.

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**'83 John P. Meserve, M.D.**  
Dr. Meserve died unexpectedly on November, 17, 2016 in an early morning car accident on his way to work. Born in 1955 in Gardiner, Maine, he received his bachelor's degree in 1977 from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. After college, he was an EMT in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In 1979, he entered the College of Medicine. After graduating in 1983, he went on to a residency in Pittsburgh, Penn. at St. Margaret's Hospital. He received the Mead Johnson Award for Graduate Education in Family Practice, given

to the top 20 residents in the nation each year. He was also elected chairman of the Pennsylvania Family Practice Residency Council. He returned to Maine in 1986, where he practiced family medicine for over 30 years.

**'98 David Park, M.D.**  
Dr. Park died September 29, 2016 at his home in Seattle, Wash. A pulmonary disease and critical care physician at Harborview Medical Center and Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington, he had waged a six-year battle with brain cancer. He was born in 1961 in Rochester, N.Y., and was raised on his family's farm in Williston, Vt. He graduated from Williams College before entering medical school, where he met his future wife, classmate Julie Ruggieri Park, M.D.'98. They both pursued residency and practice in Seattle. He was nationally recognized for his educational expertise in diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and was a founding member of the Firland Northwest Tuberculosis Center.

## Faculty

**John Craighead, M.D.**

John Edward Craighead, M.D., noted physician, pathologist, and former Chair of the Department of Pathology at the College died at his home in Vero Beach, Florida on January 10, 2017. He was 86. Dr. Craighead's work in virology introduced the concept of a viral etiology for Type 1 diabetes mellitus. His pioneering clinical studies first identified cytomegalovirus as a major infectious complication of organ transplantation. His research in the later years of his professional career focused on the diseases of the lung resulting from occupational exposures to inorganic dusts, particularly asbestos. Dr. Craighead's early years were spent in the coal mining districts of southeastern Pennsylvania. He later moved to Utah where he obtained

degrees in botany and medicine. After training at Washington University in St. Louis, he moved to the National Institutes of Health, where he undertook studies in respiratory disease epidemiology before moving to the Canal Zone in Panama to work in tropical virology at the Middle America Research Unit, Public Health Service. In 1960, Dr. Craighead joined the staff of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston to undertake training in pathology. He then joined the faculty of Harvard Medical School. In 1968 he moved to Burlington, where he became chair of the Department of Pathology, a position he held until 1991. Dr. Craighead's distinguished research career resulted in numerous published scientific reports in the medical literature and three books, the latest of which was entitled *The Pathology and Pathogenesis of Human Viral Disease*. He was the recipient of numerous scientific awards and lectureships. He was also an avid botanist and horticulturist who traveled extensively to study flora worldwide. One of his former students, David Novis, M.D.'74, shared his memories of Dr. Craighead's stern but caring demeanor as an educator, and his wide breadth of knowledge. Years after leaving UVM, Dr. Novis walked into a gardening store on the West Coast. "Quite by chance, my eyes alit on a book on gardening," recalled Dr. Novis. "Guess who the author was? It reminded me of the great Virchow, the father of Pathology who had three careers, all of which had nothing to do with each other and in all of which he was regarded as an icon."

A memorial service for Dr. Craighead was held May 20, 2017 at the Union Church Cemetery in Tyringham, Mass. The Craighead Family has requested that memorial contributions in his name may be made to the University of Vermont Foundation to support the Department of Pathology Student Fellowship Endowment c/o Meredyth Armitage, Sr. Director of Major Gifts, Larner College of Medicine, 89 Beaumont St., Burlington, VT 05405.





**February 2, 2017**

**4:23 P.M.**

Medical student **Rio Beardsley '20** high-fives a patient as Karen Lucas, R.N., looks on during a nurse-shadowing session at The University of Vermont Medical Center.

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