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NEWS & NOTES FOR LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ALUMNI
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PRESIDENT’S CORNER

This academic year the UVM Medical Alumni Association began a program to connect entering medical students with graduates of this College of Medicine. This is part of what I wrote to each class member of the class of 2021:

“Congratulations on your acceptance to the Larner College of Medicine. On behalf of all medical alumni I would like to welcome you to our community. You will soon be wrapped in the white fabric woven from the beliefs, wisdoms, convictions and achievements of your predecessors. From the first class of graduates in 1824 to the present, the Larner College of Health has educated excellent physicians with a commitment to serving their communities. The medicine you practice and the research you do is indelibly linked to the alumni that came before you and now work all over the world. On a personal note, when I was a medical student, I was taught not only the medical curriculum but also the heart of healing. This has been the tradition of medical education at the Larner College of Medicine, and we are so proud to have you carry it on as you join our community.

“Our alumni welcome the opportunity to assist students with their goal that their journey is a reality, to show that in the midst of medical school struggles which can sometimes be difficult and even painful, it is not a blind struggle. We who are alumni have the power to show that message. I hope you will be one of this remarkable group of students who will be part of this unique connection with our students.

That was the email the students received. The response from the students has been remarkable. One student wrote: ‘Thank you so much for reaching out and sharing a little bit about yourself. Another emailed: ‘I am elated to begin my medical education at UVM. Your kind and encouraging words just reaffirm that I have made the right choice 114 years ago.’

Another: ‘Thank you so much for the incredible email. I am very excited to join the UVM community. So far everyone has been so welcoming and gracious; it makes me happy since this is the first time away from home for me.’

The end goal for these students is distant. We who are alumni have the power to show beginning students that their goal is a reality, to show that in the midst of medical school struggles which can sometimes be difficult and even painful, it is not a blind struggle. We represent the reality, clarity and conviction that the medical ideals the students started with can be achieved. I believe the ‘Connect with an Alumni’ program is a way to pass on that message. I hope you will be one of this College of Medicine’s alumni to sign up to be a connecting mentor for a future first year student. To do so, please contact the Medical Development and Alumni Relations Office.

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1960s

REUNION 1965 & 1966

Amy Kerkacz says, ‘I was fortunate to have been awarded the highest honor of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry as a ‘Distinguished Life Fellow.’ I guess they don’t know me as well as all of you. Yes, I’m still working as a psychiatry consultant to the Lighthouse School in Chelmsford, Mass. I am nearing 90 and have taken work forever and a day. I can’t wait to hang out with all of you! Snow Bird, Retired Alumni. My best to you!’

1970s

REUNION 1975 & 1976

Artur Sullivan reports that he retired from academic hematology and bone marrow transplantation at McGill (Montreal) in 2003; then went back and did a residency in psychiatry at University of Washington. Now in full time private practice in psychoanalysis in Ottawa.

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MARCH 10, 2018
Serving Alumni Executive Council Meeting
UVM LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
MARCH 16, 2018
Match Day
Larner College of Medicine Campus – Hobg Hall
MAY 20, 2018
Medical Reunion 2018
JUNE 8–10, 2018
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For updates on events see med.uvm.edu/alumni.

Larner College of Medicine graduates are also members of the UVM Alumni Association. See those events at: www.alumni.uvm.edu

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DAVID WARSHAW, Ph.D. ’79 RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE ALUMNUS AWARD

On November 11, David Warshaw, Ph.D. ’79 accepted the Larner College of Medicine Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award and delivered a lecture on his work studying the role of GTPase regulation of motor proteins in cell motility at the 2018 Dartmouth Conference on Research Excellence at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. Dr. Warshaw has pioneered research careers as a biophysical and quantitative biologist and mentor, during more than 40 years at the University of Vermont. His research has focused on cell motility and cytoskeletal protein networks.

Project Grand (PGP) which has been renewed three times. This PGP’s work centers on translating the fundamental insights of motor proteins into understanding cancer: hypoxia and heart failure. Dr. Warshaw has received several prestigious awards. He was an Established Investigator of the American Heart Association and a University Scholar in 1999, the same year he was inducted into the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Warshaw has served on numerous editorial boards and study sections, and organized several international symposia. He has taught undergraduate, graduate, and medical students, and has mentored over 20 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia.

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MEDICAL ALUMNI STORIES
Development and Alumni Relations here, can be found on the Medical process in medical practice. More stories, years, or during the long lifetime learning education — both during medical school of the College to share their stories of Vermont Medicine, With this issue of We returned to our mentor embarrassed own name. This was our first real patient. There was a long uncomfortable moment of "No!" I said, "I am Fred Mandell and this is Arthur Kotch!" “No!” I said, “I am Fred Mandell and this is Arthur Kotch!” — Frederick Mandell, M.D.’64 — Robert M. Kershner, M.D.’80, M.S.’78

LESSONS FROM THE PRACTICE: THE GIFT OF SIGHT
It was my very first year of medical school. We were deep into our anatomy course located on the 4th floor of the Green Building in the cadaver dissection room. We had heard the course for some time now and felt fairly comfortable with the work while we were doing exposing muscles and identifying nerve components. Dr. Chertoff is chair of the Department of Radiology and professor of radiology and aesthetics and genealogy on Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Dr. Robert Harris reports that he is a clinical professor of pediatrics University of Iowa, moving on to Professor and Chair, Department of Family Medicine Resident PGY-2, University of Vermont. Those who are interested in a career in medicine at the Larner College of Medicine, was appointed to the board for the past eight years, and was secretary for four years. Dr. Jones remains on staff at Northern Maine Medical Center as a full-time emergency physician.

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James Jarvis received a two-year, $75,000 grant from the Autism Foundation to study how gene and environment work together to influence the immune dysfunction in juvenile arthritis. He is a professional clinician at the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Pediatrics. David Jones serves as a volunteer member of the Maine Board of Medicine in July at age 70. He served on the board for the past eight years, and was secretary for four years. Dr. Jones remains on staff at Northern Maine Medical Center as a full-time emergency physician.

With this issue of Vermont Medicine, we introduce this new forum for alumni of the College to share their stories of key events or moments in their medical education — both during medical school years, or during the long lifetime learning process in medical practice. More stories, or expanded versions of pieces published here, can be found on the Medical Development and Alumni Relations website at: med.uvm.edu/alumni

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REUNION 2018: 2013
Dorab Basu co-authored an opinion piece published in Storit titled “Future doctors should be trained to promote social change.” In the article, she discusses the “high demanding course in social medicine and research-based health advocacy” he developed with colleagues at Cambridge Health Alliance.

Marish Stump is an attending women’s health primary care internist in a community hospital in Turner, Iowa, who is also a certified medical acupuncturist practicing in the Harvard course for physicians.

John Malcolm joined the family medicine practice at New London Hospital in New London, N.H. Board-certified in family medicine, he completed the New Hampshire Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency at Concord Hospital.

2018
Matthew Hsieh appears in the Sun Journal Channel documentary about NHL clinical trials, titled “First in Human.” He says: “Our group focuses on current therapies for patients with sickle cell disease, headed by John Tudor. I ran the clinical arm of his team, providing care for patients undergoing allogeneic stem cell transplant, and more recently a autologous gene transfer transplant. In this three-week Discovery Channel documentary, our work (and a few of our patients) is highlighted.”

2010s
Dr. Paul O’Malley had been selected as the winner of the Hospital’s new director of emergency services and emergency room doctor. A United States Army veteran, he served as a battlefield field doctor during his four-month deployment in the Middle East during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Omar Khan, who is a service line leader for Primary Care & Community Medicine at Christiana Care Health System in Wilmington, Del., has been named president and CEO of the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance. The organization is dedicated to advancing the health of Delaworians through biomedical research, access to health care and the education of health care professionals.

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In order to make full use of the directory, you need to log in. Please check your e-mail for a message with your login information. If you did not receive one, go to www.med.uvm.edu/alumni.
Connecting Across the Years

Alumni from 1945 through 2012 gathered on campus to reconnect with class members and their families, and share memories with faculty and staff from the place where their medical careers began.

See who’s planning to attend Reunion 2018 and other details at: go.uvm.edu/medreunion

SMILE PLEASE

For decades now, the SMILE DOCS program (Students of Medicine Involved in Local Education — Doctors Ought to Care) has matched medical students with Northern Vermont elementary school classes to provide a fun learning experience about medicine and the human body. This unidentified UVM medical student was probably photographed visiting a local school sometime in the 1990s, but since the photo is unlabeled, we can’t be sure. Do you recognize him? If so, send in your information to erin.post@uvm.edu and we will include it in the next issue of Vermont Medicine.

And do you have a fun story from your time as a SMILE DOCS participant? Share it with your fellow alums through our new Medical Alumni Stories feature that debuts on page 30 of this issue.

FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE

Many alumni wrote in to share their thoughts about last issue’s photo of Dr. McKay and students. Linn Larson, M.D.’85 recognized herself at far right, and believes the photo was taken in January of 1983. Other 85 classmates possibly identified by Linn and other alumni include Anne Dorenian, Glen Peeke, Henry Talbotico, Brenda Cameron, Rick Menosi, Jim Sheehan, Mark Albertino, Katherine Sh valued, Bill Martin, and Rick Lowett. Peter Dark, M.D.’80 may appear in the upper right. Thanks to Dr. Larson and to James Norton, M.D.’86, Don Weinberg, M.D.’86, Gary Kirk, M.D.’84, Jay Baxter, M.D.’85, and Doug Francy, M.D.’84 for contributing.
Obituaries

Wilton Warner “Bud” Covey, M.D.
Covey, M.D. was born on July 21, 2017. In 1919, he was raised in Manchester, N.H. He attended Middlebury College and graduated from the College of Medicine. Responding to a call to service, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in World War II. After the war, he returned to UVM at age 43 for a residency in psychiatry. Upon completion of his studies in 1966, the Coveys moved to Cornwal, where Bud was employed by Middlebury College Health Services, The Counseling Service of Addison County and Spring Lake Ranch in Rutland County. Throughout his career, he also saw patients in private practice and practiced extensively with Vermont’s Bosnian refugee population.

Myrtle Douglas Johnson, M.D.
Dr. Johnson passed away peacefully in her sleep at home with her husband, Warren Newton, on March 28, 2017, after living with dementia for many years. A native of Vermont, Myrtle Douglas Johnson was in the first group of African Americans to attend the UVM College of Medicine. She graduated in 1944. Myrtle had a number of achievements that included receiving honorary degrees from Stanford University and Yale University. After graduating, she worked with Dr. Asa V. Clippard at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia. She completed an internship and residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Vanderbilt University. She was one of the first African American women to graduate in medicine, and she served as the chief of the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II. At the age of 37, her career was diagnosed with cervical cancer, which she treated successfully. Despite her diagnosis, she offered assistance and friends other significant personal and medical support.

Facuity

Paula D. Kruzinski, M.D.
Dr. Kruzinski died June 25, 2017, in Stoughton, Mass., from cancer. She was 89. A graduate of Bowdoin College, she was a member of Alpha Kappa Delta. She was in the midst of completing her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Portland, where at the age of 37, her cancer was diagnosed. Despite her diagnosis, she offered assistance to friends and other significant personal and medical support.

Lamont Daniel F. Bailey, M.D.
Dr. Bailey died April 17, 2017, in Costa Rica, from cancer. She was 96. In 1946, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Vanderbilt University. She was in the midst of completing her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Portland, where at the age of 37, her cancer was diagnosed. Despite her diagnosis, she offered assistance to friends and other significant personal and medical support.

Jerry F. Lucey, M.D.
Dr. Lucey was an accomplished dermatologist and a dedicated teacher, editor, and healer. He was a Professor of Dermatology at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and the University of Vermont Medical Center, where he was a founding member of the Department of Dermatology and an active member of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). He was recognized for his extensive contributions to the field of dermatology, including his service as a member of the executive committee of the American Academy of Dermatology, and his leadership role as a member of the American Society for Dermatology. He was also a member of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American College of Physicians. He was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the American Academy of Dermatology’s Award for Distinguished Service in Dermatology, the American Academy of Dermatology’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dermatology, and the American Academy of Dermatology’s Award for Excellence in Dermatology.

Jan McGuillife, M.D. UVM ’57
“Now I hope you realize the importance of your work on the many years we have served the university and its associated hospitals. I want to express my sincere gratitude for all you have done for us over the years.”

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A few days before the College’s White Coat Ceremony, Professor of Radiology and Medical Alumni Association President Elect Betsy Sassman, M.D.’81, places notes of encouragement from alumni to new first-year students in each of the coats that were presented at the ceremony.

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