Even as we continue to focus on events like the White Coat Ceremony, and of course Medical Reunion, which in 2019 will be shifting to October 4-6 (mark your calendars now!), we’re creating opportunities to connect online. If you haven’t had the chance to check out the new medical alumni directory, available through the College’s development and alumni relations website, I would encourage you to take a look by visiting www.alumni.uvm.edu/medicaldirectory.

It’s easy to create an account, and you can search by name, class year, and more. It’s a great resource to reconnect with classmates. UVM has also launched UVM Connect, an online community specific to UVM grads. The Larner College of Medicine has its own group where alums can connect with each other, provide mentorship opportunities to current students, share events, news, photos, and more. Find it at: www.uvmconnect.org.

I look forward to connecting with you online, and seeing many of you at Reunion and other events over the next several years!

If you have news to share, or updated contact information, you may submit it at www.alumni.uvm.edu/alumni

Betsy Sussman, M.D. ’81
President
UVM Medical Alumni Association
updates to the curriculum, new buildings, and equipment, while some also accompanied the Class of ’90. They noted that it was a tradition of cultivating skills to the public family group, while also being part of the North Carolina tradition of service in Burlington. Hard to believe that it has been almost half a century (1963) since we were receiving the educational foundations to prepare us for our mission to provide health care in all the specialties we now...or did...practice. Next stop, the 50th. Truly a milestone to be celebrated in 2023. In between, I would enthusiastically suggest to those who have not been on campus in a while to return to UVM and see what transformation has evolved since your last visit.

John Albert Furula says that he is “thinking seriously about retirement. Hard to give up lifelong work and worked to another occupation of sorts. Current interests include boating, having recently attained a captain’s license, and keeping, having recently attained a master’s rank in sailing. After 25 years of participation, my enjoyment is in my family, now involving three generations. My own children and as of last count, four grandchildren.”

Mark Smythe Yerby says that he is “closer to the clinic, is working part time and still enjoying my retirement. My enjoyment is my occupation of sorts. Current interests include hiking, but I am extremely excited to take on this new role.”

Stephen Russell Payne says that he is “celebrating 30 years in general surgery practice at Northwell Health Medical Center. I also have my 55th book coming out this fall. Life on a Cliff is the sequel to my 2011 award-winning novel, Cliff Walking.”

Jay Piccillo says that he “just completed my 26th year at Larner College of Medicine! This year was inducted into the AOA Honor Medical Society.”

Nancy Elizabeth Cornish says: “I am in my seventh year of practice for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta as the medical officer for the Division of Laboratory Systems. Check out our website: https://www.cdc.gov/aphl/publications/bulletin/pdf/2018/1801-02.pdf. We have the Anticoagulant Management app for physicians available for download now, a new edition of Ready, Set, Test Text for doctor’s office staff who perform waived testing, as well as other resources. Check it out and give us feedback on what other products you need or contact me at NCornish@atcf.gov.”

Steven Andrew Battaglia writes: “Steven Ryan, M.D. ’96, from North Carolina got her master’s in education as well!”

David Jeffrey Woddy says: “On April 1, 2018, I was appointed chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at the State University of New York College of Medicine, after the retirement of our chair of 39 years, Dr. James Hoden. Those of you who are anesthesiologists understand the size of the shoes I have stepped into, but I am extremely excited to take on this new role.”

James Anthony Bell says: “Hey guys! Doing great! Still owner of four doc offices in Chicago, Moms, just celebrated my 75th birthday, and I have been blessed with kids from both with adulthood. Concorde, age 19, is entering second year at Skidmore College; Ryan, age 16, is entering junior year of high school, performing in drama and jazz bands. Lauren is doing well as speech therapist, voice specialist at an ENT office and part-time music pianist and choral singer. Hope all is well!”

Elizabeth Silveus writes: After 15 years of getting it out in primary care internal medicine, I got to a toxic level of burnout and quit. I am now working for the New Hampshire Disability Determination Services office (part of the Social Security Administration) as a medical consultant evaluating online disability applications. I have to drive to Concord to do this but I am really enjoying it. I have three girls (Sabrina, age 8, Lauren age 7, and Phoebe, age 5), and I left California in November and eleven fun-filled, road-tripping days later, we arrived at our new home in Chape Hill. Chapel Hill is beautiful and everyone is so friendly! I accepted a position as the medical director of the Newsmom Nursery at Duke. Hopefully, this position will provide me with more time to volunteer as a pediatrician and Bartonian consultant, and I get to spend a huge amount of time with a lot of cute babies! In my previous position at Kaiser in Sacramento, I was lucky enough to work in the same hospital as one of the best surgeons in the world, Dr. Charles Chang, and here in North Carolina, I’ve already enjoyed reconnecting with classmates. During 2020, I look forward to catching up with all UVMers at Duke (that means you, Jared Christensen).”

Jason Michael Shapiro was recently named the Rising Healthcare Leader in Inflammatory Bowel Disease by the New England Chapter of the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation. He received this award at a banquet at UVM on June 4, 2018.

The UVM Class of ’80 was organized as a group to help those who have not been on campus in a while. While returning, they were able to visit classmates and professors and catch up on their news. This year, the teams are switching to men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s lacrosse, men’s and women’s soccer, field hockey, men’s and women’s lacrosse, men’s and women’s basketball, and swimming and diving events. This year, the teams are switching from a focus on “pink” to the use of lavender as a way to be more inclusive of all cancers. Last year, donations to the UVM Cancer Center totaled $11,000 thanks to the UVM Athletics, which raised nearly $11,000 to the UVM Cancer Center for their efforts in 2018. This year, the UVM Athletics is once again “Rallying Against Cancer” for the 2018-19 season, raising awareness and funds for the UVM Cancer Center at selected games for men’s and women’s hockey, men’s and women’s volleyball, field hockey, men’s and women’s lacrosse, men’s and women’s basketball, and swimming and diving events.

About the UVM Athletics Rally Against Cancer Campaign: The UVM Athletics Rally Against Cancer campaign is a fundraising effort that helps support the UVM Cancer Center at the Larner College of Medicine and the UVM Cancer Center at the College of Health and Human Sciences. The campaign is led by Joe Sullivan, Director of UVM Athletics.
Hundreds of alumni caught up with classmates and learned more about the newest developments at their medical alma mater during Medical Reunion 2018, held June 8-10. Events included a lively nostalgia hour, two Best of Grand Rounds lectures, the UVM Medical Alumni Association Awards Ceremony, picnics, community service at the Intervale Community Farm, and much more.
Flashback

FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE

Several alumni wrote in with questions on the identities of Dallas Boushay’s anatomy students. Thanks to John McIntyre, M.D.’91, Denise Soucy, M.D.’67, and Dan Peruzzi, Ph.D.’93 (Most think this scene dates from around 1977, both students possibly being Peruzzi, Alan Stern, Mitch Kirshner, and Susan Diebler, or Michael J. Kaplan, James Howe, and Diane Napoli.)

Obituaries

George Tulin, M.D.
Dr. Tulin died in San Diego on January 27, 2018. Born November 7, 1918, in Hartford, Connecticut, Dr. Tulin attended UVM for medical school and then joined the Navy as a doctor during World War II. When he returned home, he practiced psychiatry at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. In 1977, he moved to La Jolla, California. Dr. Tulin served as director of the San Diego County Senior Evaluation and Treatment Hospital until his retirement in 1987.

Harry E. Howes, M.D.
Dr. Howes died Sept. 12, 2018, in Lenox, N.H., at the age of 96. He grew up in Turnpike, Vt., and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was captured as a prisoner of war and released in 1945. He taught high school math and science before applying to the College of Medicine in 1948. Dr. Howes did his internship at the Mary Fletcher Hospital, where he stayed for his general surgical residency. He practiced in Massena, N.Y. for one year before moving to Canton, N.Y., where he practiced for almost 30 years.

Peter R. Manes
Dr. Manes of Williamsburg, Va., died April 17, 2018, at the age of 87. Born in Berlin, Germany, he and his parents escaped the Nazis when he was six years old, eventually settling in Bennington, Vermont. He played violin professionally, and received a music degree from Yale University. Dr. Manes specialized in psychiatry and was a U.S. Army veteran, earning the rank of colonel. After retirement, he continued to work as a locum tenens psychiatrist in the United States and New Zealand.

Sanford Bloomberg, M.D.
Dr. Bloomberg died July 6, 2018. Born Dec. 12, 1924, in Burlington, Vermont, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942, and was awarded the bronze star. Dr. Bloomberg completed a residency in psychiatry in Northville, Michigan, and opened a private practice in Chicago. After he and his family relocated to Northampton, he served as the founding medical director of the East Spoke inpatient psychiatric unit on the Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield. Dr. Bloomberg was a Life Fellow of the American Medical Association, and was a member of the Western Massachusetts Psychiatric Association; instructor at the Smith College School for Social Work and Westfield State University; and a faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He served in the counseling service at Amherst College for over 25 years.

Daniel I. Palant, M.D.
Daniel I. Palant died August 18, 2018, in Albany, N.Y. Krusan family as “Dr. Dan.” Dr. Palant practiced pediatric medicine in Longview, Massachusetts. He trained in Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y. and Boston City Hospital. Dr. Palant was pediatrician and Chief of Professional Services at the 7205 USAG Dispensary in Athens, Greece, where he received the United States Air Force Commandation Medal for Outstanding Service.

David C. Staples, M.D.
Dr. Staples died in Sarona, California. Born in Mone in 1944, he graduated from the University of Mone in 1964 and received his medical degree in 1970. He served as a doctor in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1979, where he received his medical training at Walter Reed in Washington D.C. and Latterman Hospital in San Francisco. In 1979, Dr. Staples moved to Santa Rosa to begin his private medical practice, serving patrons for 30 years.

Mark Stephen Cooper, M.D.
Dr. Cooper of Fitchburg, Maine, died April 28, 2018. Born February 26, 1955, in Somerville, Massachusetts, he completed his internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at UCL Medical Center. He then established a solo practice in Maine that would become Sanford Valley Obstetrics & Gynecology. He retired in 2010 to serve as medical director for the State of Maine Bureau of License in Medicine.

Brian Castello, M.D.
Dr. Castello died September 13, 2018. Born April 4, 1983, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Penn State University before entering the Lerner College of Medicine at UCI. As his family wrote after his death, “Brian struggled with mental illness for many years. He tried many forms of therapy and spirituality to end his suffering, but it endured. He was courageous through difficult times and always reached out to family and friends who supported him through his struggles. Brian was in tremendous pain, and all of us hope that he is now at peace.”

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John Nichols, M.D.
Dr. Nichols died in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at the age of 95. He was born August 22, 1922, in Rutland, Vermont. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he earned his B.S. from Notre Dame in 1946 and his M.D. from UVM in 1949 following an intensive, single year of medical school. In 1945, Dr. Nichols interned at St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City followed by a two-year term at Boston City Hospital in South Carolina. He completed medical residencies at St. Vincent’s Hospital and Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn, N.Y. Dr. Nichols held teaching appointments and served as attending physician at Methodist Hospital and University Hospital, SUNY, earning the rank of president of the Board of Medical Trustees in 1970.

Joseph C. Foley, M.D.
Dr. Foley died August 10, 2018, in Burlington, Vermont. Born in Bowers Haven, Vermont, Dr. Foley worked as a chemist prior to service in the U.S. Army during World War II. He completed his internship at the Mary Fletcher Hospital and his residency at UVM College of Medicine. Dr. Foley was head of the pathology departments at the DeSoto Hospital and Fanny Allen Hospital, and was president of the medical staffs of the Medical Center Hospital, DeSoto Hospital and Fanny Allen Hospital. He served on the board of directors for Fanny Allen, and retired from active practice in 1985. Dr. Foley was a fellow of the American College of Radiology; a member of the Association of University Radiologists; and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha.

Simon Dorfman, M.D.’50
Fellows Teacher of the Year.

Nancy Jenny
UVM Associate Professor of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Nancy Jenny, Ph.D., died unexpectedly on June 13, 2018. Born May 12, 1946, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, she earned her B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry from the Iowa State Polytechnic Institute. She began her career at UVM in 1990 as a postdoctoral fellow working with UVM Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry Kenneth More, Ph.D. She then joined the Department of Pathology’s Laboratory for Clinical Biochemistry Research, where she established her expertise in the field of molecular epidemiology, earning numerous honors and awards. Dr. Jenny was an outstanding researcher, with hundreds of collaborations nationwide and more than 170 publications.

Burton Tabakin, M.D.
Dr. Tabakin died September 2, 2018, at the age of 97. Born July 6, 1921, he earned his bachelor’s and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. Following residency training in internal medicine and fellowship in radiology at UVM in 1952, he spent two years as a medical officer in the U.S. Air Force Hospital Thoracic Center in San Antonio, Texas. In 1954, Dr. Tabakin became a member of the Mary Fletcher Hospital staff. With the support of UVM Professor E. L. Armiton, M.D., he developed the university’s medical Cardiology Unit and continues, clinical, research and training program. In addition to holding numerous leadership positions, including Chief of Cardiology from 1954 to 1983, he authored 56 papers, which was chosen as Teacher of the Year in 1975, and was three times Cardiac Fellow Teacher of the Year.

In Memoriam

Simon Dorfman, M.D.’50
William F. Byrnes, M.D.’54 of East Point, Georgia, died August 2, 2014.

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Associate Dean for Students Christa Zehle, M.D.’99, helps Class of 2022 member Nicole Delgado put on her coat during the 2018 White Coat Ceremony. A total of 120 students received their first white coats this year. In every student’s coat pocket: a message of support from a Larner College of Medicine alumni.

PHOTO: ANDY DUBACK
The Culture of Giving

At the 2018 White Coat Ceremony in October, many members of the Class of 2022 met graduates of past classes who were on campus for the ceremony. Francis Muku’22 had a very special meeting with one alumnus, Vito Imbasciani, M.D.’85. Francis is the current Imbasciani/DiSalvo Scholar. Established by Dr. Imbasciani and his husband, George DiSalvo, in 2017, the Imbasciani/DiSalvo Scholarship supports a medical student for all four years of their education, and fosters a diverse and inclusive student body that reflects the patients future physicians will serve throughout their careers.