

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**F** IT'S AN INCREDIBLE HONOR TO REPRESENT **FELLOW ALUMS FROM ACROSS THE YEARS WHO** MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO KEEP **OUR COMMUNITY STRONG."** 

As I begin my tenure as president of our Medical Alumni Association, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to Fred Mandell for his leadership over the past two years. We've benefited from his energy and enthusiasm, and I look forward to continuing his work building opportunities for alumni to connect with each other and with current students. It's an incredible honor to represent fellow alums from across the years who make it a priority to keep our community strong.

Our Larner College of Medicine White Coat Ceremony — held this year on October 5th - has become a key moment of connection between alums and students. We always receive such an outpouring of support from alumni in the form of notes to students, and this year was no exception. Thanks to all of you who took the time to write a few sentences and pass on words of wisdom to the Class of 2022. Students benefit from your perspective, and knowing they have alumni support during their first year of medical school (and beyond) can make all of the difference.

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!

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BETSY SUSSMAN, M.D.'81 President UVM Medical Alumni Association

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2019 Nominations

# Plan now to spend a long, glorious REUNIONIS Old friends and faculty members **REUNION 2019 OCTOBER 4-6, 2019**

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# 1940s

#### REUNION 2019: 1944 + 1949

Donald E. Rock writes from '49 Spanish Fort, Ala.: "Still on top of the grass and doing a bit of traveling. You know when you're old when your children are retired."

# 1950s REUNION 2019: 1954 + 1959

Paul Giles Stevens writes: '55 "We are now almost a year living away from Hawaii and managing quite well. This area in lowa is very pleasant and reminds me of Vermont in many ways. Winter is OK as long as you stay inside! Best wishes to the classmates that are still around."

A. Rees Midgley says: "My wife, Jane Wilson Coon, and I have spent a different winter restoring our second home in the British Virgin Islands subsequent to two Cat 5 hurricanes, Irma and Maria, last September. We are making good progress, but still have much to do including adding an aluminum roof, replacing all windows, and adding roll-down shutters. While we are fine, the BVI islands are not. Soper's hole, where we live, was devastated with only a small coffee shop and the top of the Pussers Restaurant partially usable. All the other shops, restaurants, and grocery store were destroyed and reconstruction only began on one building a week ago, ten months after the storm. Sad for this beautiful and popular harbor. Via the internet I am still working on vCases, our many-year effort to develop a realistic, simulated and virtual case workup system for medical education and assessment. If anyone is intrigued, let me know!"

#### Ronald S. Nadel of '59

Longmeadow, Mass., writes: "I am still working full time when I am here, but I am away in Florida in the winter and traveling out of the country a few times a year. My original group of four dermatologists has morphed into 13 physicians and five physician assistants."

# 1960s

REUNION 2019: 1964 + 1969

**'64 Bob Fenning** and Gloria have relocated to Greenville, S.C. Bob remains active, volunteering at two free clinics and tutoring medical students. He misses his Kiawah home, but enjoys the youthful spirit of Greenville

Lester Wurtele has retired from his radiology practice. He and Irma now divide their time between the Jersey shore and Florida, where he maintains contact with Avram Kraft and Larry Eisenstein.

Frank Bolles continues his spiritual development on Whidbey Island, Wash., where he enjoys easy access to his children and grandchildren. Despite some recent GI surgery for a carcinoid tumor which "keeps me on a short leash to the bathroom," Frank has visited northern New England with one of his granddaughters. He recalls youthful activities and adventures there with wistful enthusiasm.

John Chiu believes he is the only class member still working. He has recently contracted to provide part-time allergy services at a local health facility, but says he has difficulty adjusting to the electronic health record. He and Karin continue their very ambitious worldwide travels and have probably visited "everywhere" by now.

**Bob Cross** stays close to home near Lake Bomoseen in Vermont. He is the only class member who remained in Vermont for his practice and truly enjoyed his clinical career as a primary care provider. Despite being 81 he says he can "still swing a sledge hammer or an axe" at his camp in Johnson, but he doesn't get up there as often as he would like.

Paul Morrisseau reports he is happy and well following elective repair of a thoracic aneurysm. His advice to classmates is to not wait too long before reaping the pleasures associated with retirement.

Jerry Frank happily indicates that he is the grandfather of twins. He continues to muse with the heart of a poet, but is eager to remain in touch with old acquaintances and

friends. He and Pam split their time between Illinois and Florida.

Mike Cheney advises that he is still

searching for his soul mate while man-

aging rental property at Pemaquid on

the Maine coast. Many of his children

and grandchildren are in or are con-

templating health professions, and

Tony Belmont continues to enjoy

life on the Maine coast where he and

Linda are deeply involved in a variety

of community activities. Retired now

from all clinical pursuits, he regrets

that none of his three children or six

grandchildren has an interest in a

medical career

Mike is offering his guidance.

**'65 Joseph H. Vargas** offers congratulations to his daughter, Sara, who is the recipient of The Distinguished Academic Achievement Award, pediatric pathologist at Boston Children's Hospital.

'69 James David Cahill writes: "Looking forward to 50th reunion. Where did the years go!"

**REUNION 2019: 1974 + 1979** 

'71 Howard D. Solomon says: "Bill Belville and I enjoyed Howard D. Solomon says:

another great salmon fishing trip at Hippa Island, British Columbia in July."

**'72 Gary L. Towle** writes: "I recently retired after 42 years of practicing emergency medicine. Best part of my career was serving as medical director for Yosemite National Park from 2002 to 2010.



#### MARCH 15, 2019

Noon Match Day UVM Campus – Hoehl Gallery

MAY 19, 2019 Medical Commencement 3:00 pm UVM Campus – Ira Allen Chapel

OCTOBER 4-6, 2019 Medical Reunion UVM Campus

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Lots of time now for travel, golf, and family activities. I have been on the board of directors of the Western States 100 Mile Endurance Run for 35 years."

'73 James M. Betts writes: "The Class of '73 had a wonderful 45th reunion! This was, once again, graciously hosted by Susie Parker at her lovely lakeside Charlotte home. The evening flew by, as we reminisced about our four years...eight for almost 40 percent of our class... at UVM. Many attended sessions on

# UVMCONNECT C

UVM Connect is your community - exclusive to the UVM family. Find and reminisce with fellow alumni, see what they have been up to, and stay in touch. Connect, mentor and advise students and young alums. Share job opportunities. The Larner College of Medicine hosts its own group within UVM Connect!

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updates to the curriculum, new buildings, and equipment, while some also accompanied the Class of '88, as they have a tradition of contributing cultivating skills to the public family gardens in the North End of Burlington. Hard to believe that it has been almost a half century (phew!) 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 Ferulio 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 karate, having recently attained a master's ranking after 25 years of participation. My enjoyment is my family, now involving three generations. My own my children and as of last count, four grandchildren.

Mark Smythe Yerby says he "closed the clinic, is working part time and still chairs the Scientific Advisory Board of the North American Antiepileptic Drug and Pregnancy Registry. Retired from polo but wife, Lucy, and I raise horses, grass-fed beef and organic hay in central Oregon."

REUNION 2019: 1984 + 1989

'80 Jeryl Dansky Kershner was named a Palm Beach Illustrated Top Doctor for 2018 in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry.

Robert Michael Kershner was honored at Palm Beach Medical Society's 15th annual Heroes in Medicine Awards luncheon for his contributions in health care higher education. Dr. Kershner is chair, medical director and the lead professor for Palm Beach State College's Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program.

'81 George C. Fjeld writes: "Carol and I are very proud of our youngest daughter, Kalle, who has successfully completed her first year at the Larner College of Medicine! And Christian graduated from UVM's College of Agriculture and Life

Sciences in microbiology summa cum laude! That's our third summa graduate from UVM! Hannah got her master's in education as well!"

**Bavid Jeffrey Wlody** says: "On April 1, 2018, I was appointed chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at the State University of New York Downstate College of Medicine, after the retirement of our chair of 39 years, Dr. James Cottrell. 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."

**Stephen Russell Payne** is "celebrating 30 years in general surgery practice at Northwestern Medical Center. I also have my fifth book coming out this fall. Life on a Cliff is the sequel to my 2011 awardwinning novel, Cliff Walking.

**'85 Jay Piccirillo** says: "Just completed my 26th year at Washington University! This year I was inducted into the AOA Honor Medical Society."

Nancy Elizabeth Cornish writes: "I am in my seventh year at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta as the medical officer for the Division of Laboratory Systems. Check out our website at: https://www.cdc.gov/ ophss/csels/dls/index.html. We have the Anticoagulation Manager app for physicians available for download now, and our new edition of Ready, Set, Test Training 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@cdc.gov.

#### REUNION 2019: 1994 + 1999

Daniel Scott Zapson "had a great time visiting Israel in July. It was an especially proud moment as our son had his Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem at Western Wall."

#### Kathryn Ann-Kelly McQueen

says: "A pivotal event for me during the last year was giving a TED Talk in Nashville, Tenn.! Not only did the opportunity boost advocacy for the Global Anesthesia Crisis, but it led to my joining the TEDxNashville Board." Watch the talk here: https://m.youtube.com/ watch?feature=youtu. be&v=tt8\_2Qdhexg

'97 Steven Andrew Battaglia writes: "Steven Ryder, M.D.'98, is planning a trip to Palm Springs this fall, where he will be competing in several mini triathlons. He remains fit by snowshoeing and shoveling snow in Lake Tahoe in the winter, and eating clean vegan."

James Anthony Bell writes: "Hey guys! Doing great! Still owner of four doc office in Chicopee, Mass., just celebrated my 18th year and have seen kids from birth to adulthood. Connor, age 19, is entering second year at Skidmore College; Ryan, age 16, is entering junior year at high school, performing in drama and jazz bands. Lauren is doing well as speech therapist/voice specialist at an ENT office and part-time musician as pianist and choral singer. Hope all is well!"

# '98 Carole Elizabeth Bibeau writes: After 15 years of

gutting it out in primary care internal medicine, I got to a toxic level of burnout and guit. 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 can set my own hours and have no call, no pager, and no work to bring home on nights or weekends any more!! It was great to see classmates at the recent reunion."

# 2000s

#### REUNION 2019 · 2004 + 2009

Ronald Edward Hirschberg is '02 Ronald Edward ..... in Boston. There is music threaded in, and it weaves into health, science, education and another topics. Recent guests are Mickey Hart of Grateful Dead, and Cirque du Soleil. Past quests include Don Henley, Jewel, Blue Man Group and others. Here's the website: www. abovethebasement.com. Call with any questions (781-354-0850).

After 10 years in Sacramento, Calif., Emily (Vail) Hannon and her family have moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. When my husband, Chris, a pathologist and microbiologist, was offered a position at Duke, he couldn't pass it up. Chris, our three girls (Sabrina, age 8, Lauren age 7, and Phoebe, age 3), and I left California in November and eleven fun-filled, road-tripping days later, we arrived at our new home in Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill is beautiful and everyone is very friendly. I accepted a position as the medical director of the Newborn Nursery at Duke. Hopefully, this position will combine my work as a pediatrician and lactation consultant, and I will get to spend a huge amount of time with a lot of cute babies! In my previous position at



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Kaiser in Sacramento, I was lucky enough to work in the same hospital as Jason Chang and Hannah Choi Chang, and here in North Carolina, I've already enjoyed reconnecting with Kristin Page Chartrand ('02). I look forward to catching up with other UVMers at Duke (that means you, Jared Christensen!)."

**'05 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 in Boston on June 14.

Erin M. (Perko) Garvey says: "I '11 completed my pediatric surgery fellowship at Phoenix Children's Hospital and am excited to join their Division of Pediatric Surgery this fall. My husband, Tyler, and I love living in Scottsdale, but we do miss beautiful Vermont and hope to make it back for a reunion year visit. We hope everyone is happy, healthy and thriving!"

Ryan Vealey is an associate anesthesiologist with DuPage Valley Anesthesiologists, Ltd. in Naperville, III. after completing residency in anesthesiology and fellowship in neuroanesthesia at Northwestern University. He has been appointed the section chair for neurosurgical anesthesia and directs the anesthesia service for operating room neurosurgery and neurointerventional radiology.

#### Daniel G. Liebowitz **Daniel G. Liedowitz** graduated from internal

medicine residency at University of Maryland in 2017. "I am currently working in a primary care internal medicine practice at Denver Health in Denver Colo '

**Laurel Wickberg Xu** writes: "Thought I should let people know I finally got around to changing my last name – no longer Wickberg, but now Xu. Me and the other Xu have moved from Boston to Cambridge and I'm just getting started at the pediatrics practice at Cambridge Hospital. I imagine lots of us are settling into new jobs this summer or fall, good luck everyone!"

Peter M. Wingfield is in his final year of residency training at UC San Diego before fellowship in cardiothoracic anesthesiology at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles.



## **Class of '52 Member Returns**

"The Tunbridge Docs." a story in the summer 2018 issue of Vermont Medicine about some of his classmates, inspired Nathan Glover, M.D.'52, a 100-year old alumnus of the UVM Larner College of Medicine, to return to his medical alma mater for a visit in August of 2018. His trip included a conversation with Dean Rick Morin, M.D., and a meeting with Kalin Gregory-Davis '22 at her locker. The locker (number 52, appropriately) is named after Glover and his wife, Lotte, to honor their gift to the Larner College of Medicine. Born in 1918 in Maine, Glover attended pharmacy school in Boston after the end of the Great Depression. He was immediately recruited to work on the Manhattan Project at the University of Rochester, studying the toxicology of uranium. While working full time, he earned a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester, and then went on to receive his medical degree from UVM. Before retiring 20 years ago, Glover had a long career as an anesthesiologist in Miami, Florida.



(L to R): Todd and Beth Warren, owners of Vermont Custom Closets and sponsors of the UVM Athletics Rally Against Cancer program; Gary Stein, Ph.D., Director of the UVM Cancer Center; Rally Catamount (UVM Mascot); Marie Wood, M.D., UVM Cancer Center oncologist and Associate Director for Cancer Control and Population Health Sciences, and Jeff Shulman, Director of UVM Athletics.

## **Rally Time**

UVM Athletics is once again "Rallying Against Cancer" for the 2018-19 season, raising awareness and funds for UVM Cancer Center at selected games for men's and women's hockey, 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 fan pledges and sponsor Vermont Custom Closets.

# **Reunion**'18

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.

**MAA Awards** 





# Flashback

# FAMILIAR FACES?

Flashback usually features photos of unknown people of the past at the College. That's not the case this time. Graduates from classes 30 year ago up to the "aughts" will recognize these two staff members of what was then called the Office of Student Affairs: **Collette Ozarowski** at left, and **Ann Chauncey** at right. They are sitting at what was, up until 1999, the front desk of the College's Dean's Office, at the entrance across from Carpenter Auditorium. To this day, graduating classes honor an outstanding student support staff member with the "Collette Award."

Do you have a reminiscence of being helped by Collette and Ann? Share your memories with erin.post@uvm.edu and we'll include them in the next issue of Vermont Medicine.



#### FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE

Several alumni wrote in with guesses on the identities of Dallas Boushey's anatomy students. Thanks to John McIntyre, M.D.'91, Denise Soucy, M.D.'87, and Dan Peruzzi, Ph.D.'93. Most think this scene dates from around 1987, with students possibly being Peruzzi, Alan Stern, Mitch Kirshner, and Susan Diebler, or Michael J. Kaplan, James Howe, and Diane Napoli.

# **Obituaries**

'43 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.

## 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 1945 and his M.D. from UVM in 1946 following an intensive, single year of medical school. In 1947, Dr. Nichols interned at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City followed by a two-year term at Charleston Naval 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 Medical Board of Trustees in 1970.

## Joseph C. Foley, M.D.

**'49** Joseph C. 1010, ...... Dr. Foley died August 30, 2018, in Burlington, Vermont. Born in Fair 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 radiology departments at the DeGoesbriand Hospital and Fanny Allen Hospital, and was president of the medical staffs of the Medical Center Hospital DeGoesbriand 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 Colleae of Radioloay, a member of the Association of University Radiologists, and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha.

'52 Harry E. Howe, M.D. Dr. Howe died Sept. 12, 2018, in Lebanon, N.H., at the age of 96. He arew up in Tunbridge, 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. Howe did his internship at the Mary Fletcher Hospital, where he stayed on 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.

**'57 Peter R. Manes** Dr. Manes of Williamsburg, Virginia, 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

# **'57** Sanford Bloomberg, M.D. Dr. Bloomberg died June 7,

2016. Born Dec. 12, 1924, in Burlington, Vermont, he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943, and was awarded the bronze star. Dr. Bloomberg completed a residency in psychiatry in Northville, Michigan, and opened a private practice in Detroit. After he and his family relocated to Northampton, he served as the founding medical director of the East Spoke inpatient psychiatric unit at the Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield. Dr. Bloomberg was a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association; past president 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.

'62 Daniel I. Palant, M.D. Daniel I. Palant died August 18, 2018, in Albany, N.Y. Known fondly as "Dr. Dan," Dr. Palant practiced pediatric medicine in Lexington, Massachusetts. He trained at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y. and Boston City Hospital. Dr. Palant was pediatrician and Chief of Professional Services at the 7206 USAF Dispensary in Athens, Greece, where he received the United States Air Force Commendation Medal for Outstanding Service.

**David C. Staples, M.D.** Dr. Staples died in Santa Rosa, California. Born in Maine in 1944, he graduated from the University of Maine in 1966 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 Letterman Hospital in San Francisco. In 1979, Dr. Staples moved to Santa Rosa to begin his private medical practice, serving patients for 30 years.

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

**13** Brian Costello, M.D. Dr. Costello died September 13, 2018. Born April 4, 1983, in Peterborough, New Hampshire, he graduated from South Burlington High School and Tufts University before entering the Larner College of Medicine. 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."

## Faculty

#### Nancy Jenny, Ph.D.

UVM Associate Professor of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Nancy Jenny, Ph.D., died unexpectedly on June 13, 2018.



Born May 12, 1964, in Cedar Rapids, lowa, she earned her B.S. and Ph.D. dearees in chemistry from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She began her career at UVM in 1990 as a postdoctoral fellow working with UVM Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry Kenneth Mann, 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 physiology 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. Amidon, M.D., he developed the university's medical Cardiology Unit and cardiovascular, clinical, research and training program. In addition to holding numerous leadership positions, including Chief of Cardiology from 1954 to 1980, he authored 56 papers, was chosen as Teacher of the Year in 1975, and was three times Cardiac Fellows 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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## 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 Mtuke'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.

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