Six Weeks in Uganda

Larner students find a deeper understanding of medicine across cultures.

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A Commitment to Improving and Integrating Care

As a clinical urologic oncologist and cancer researcher, Scott Perrapato, D.O., FACS, helps patients fight cancer through surgery, chemotherapy, and other cutting-edge treatments available at the UVM Medical Center and UVM Cancer Center. Tracy Perrapato, D.O., Scott’s wife, is a family medicine physician skilled in the osteopathic fields of cranial sacral and biodynamic therapies, and a master of Reiki, a therapy that harnesses the energy of the human body to heal and restore. Together, the Perrapatoss have created an integrative therapies fund for the UVM Cancer Center. The gift of $100,000 provides three years of seed funding for patient access to hands-on care such as massage therapy, acupuncture, mindfulness training, Healing Touch, Reiki therapy, and yoga.

“This fund is vitally important because it directly impacts a patient’s healing and improves quality of life during difficult therapies,” says Scott Perrapato. “Given the fast pace of medicine in our current climate, these therapies help the patient’s mind, body and spirit heal in a caring and supportive environment.”

In addition to their giving to the UVM Cancer Center, the Perrapatoss family also recently honored Scott’s parents through the creation of the Ruth and Carmine Perrapato Endowed Lecture in Urologic Oncology at UVM’s Larner College of Medicine. The $100,000 endowment brings leading researchers and practitioners to Burlington each year to help ensure community practitioners, UVM Cancer Center researchers, and medical center residents continue to stay up-to-date on the newest developments in the field.

For information about how you can support the work of the UVM Larner College of Medicine and its affiliates, please contact the Medical Development and Alumni Relations Office.
My first few weeks as dean of Larner College of Medicine have been a whirlwind. Never before have I experienced such energy and enthusiasm, or such a warm welcome. My fortuitous arrival during the week of reunion and homecoming allowed me to accelerate my connection with this wonderful University of Vermont community.

In my first ten days on campus, two significant events took place that underscored this institution’s commitment to the missions of education, research, and patient care. The first of those events was the White Coat Ceremony for our Class of 2022. These students graduated their studies two months prior, and were already immersed in the active learning experiences of the Vermont Integrated Curriculum. But this ceremony marked an important turning point for the class — the beginning of their role as clinical learners, and as members of patient care teams. I was moved, as I sat on the stage at Ira Allen Chapel, by what I saw happening on the stage — rows upon rows of students clad in street clothes were transformed into medical professionals as they donned this symbolic garment, and as they recited the physician’s oath.

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The second recent major event was a celebration of the College’s research mission. On October 11, UVM’s fifth NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence, the Translational Global Infectious Disease Research Center, was announced at a press conference in our Hoehl Gallery. I was already impressed by the close proximity of the various colleges and schools of the University. This multi-million dollar, multidisciplinary research grant highlighted the advantage of the relationships among this University’s researchers, wherever their “home base” might be. Such collaboration across campus, in this case among the Larner College of Medicine, the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, is critically important in today’s research environment.

In the months ahead, I plan to meet many more members of the Larner community and listen to your aspirations for our College. It is a tremendous honor to serve as the dean of this great institution and I look forward to the many opportunities before us to contribute to education, clinical care and research in Vermont and beyond.

FROM THE DEAN

NIH Names Langevin Director of National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

Helene Langevin, M.D., has been named director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH). She was, until recently, a visiting professor of neurological sciences at the Larner College of Medicine. As NCCIH director, Langevin will oversee the federal government’s lead agency for scientific research on the diverse medical and health care systems, practices, and products that are not generally considered part of conventional medicine.

Langevin comes to NIH from the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine, jointly based at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School. She has served as director of the Osher Center and professor-in-residence of medicine at Harvard Medical School since November 2012. From 1996 to 2012, she served as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Neurological Sciences at the Larner College of Medicine.

As the principal investigator of several NIH-funded studies, Langevin’s research interests have centered on the role of connective tissue in low back pain and the mechanisms of acupuncture, manual, and movement-based therapies. Her more recent work has focused on the effects of stretching on inflammation resolution mechanisms within connective tissue.

Med Schools, Teaching Hospitals: Valued Institutions

A recent survey from the Association of American Medical Colleges revealed a strongly positive perception of medical schools and teaching hospitals amongst respondents, and a recognition of the value these institutions add to patient care.

• Seven out of 10 voters surveyed believe that teaching hospitals provide added value for patients over other types of hospitals. The top cited: 1) more people weighing in on diagnoses, 2) their expertise in educating and training new doctors, and 3) providing the latest information and cutting-edge techniques.

• Medical schools and teaching hospitals both achieved their highest favorability ratings in 20 years — 72% and 69%, respectively.

• 92% of those surveyed said that medical schools are doing an “excellent” or “good” job in training doctors in medical knowledge — a 7% increase from 2010 findings.

*From “What Americans think about medical schools and teaching hospitals” by AAMC President and CEO Darrell Kirch, M.D., AAMC News, July 31, 2018
UVM Launches Emergency Medicine Residency Program

UVM has created a new emergency medicine residency program, with its inaugural class of six residents slated to arrive in July of 2019. Directed by UVM Associate Professor of Surgery Richard Bounds, M.D., FACEP, FAAEM, the three-year program is primarily based at UVM Medical Center but also includes rotations at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin. The vision for the program combines training at a nationally-recognized academic medical center with deep experience providing emergency care in a resource-limited environment. To this end, residents will receive advanced training and leadership opportunities in key areas of emergency medicine including rural emergency medicine, wilderness medicine, point-of-care ultrasound, EMS medical direction, and global health.

A Trio of College Researchers Receive SPARK VT Funding

Three Larner College of Medicine researchers have been awarded 2018 SPARK VT grants by the UVM Offices of the Provost and Vice President for Research. SPARK VT, a University-wide program designed to cultivate faculty entrepreneurship and technology commercialization, features a panel of distinguished and successful entrepreneurs who critically evaluate projects presented by selected researchers from across the University. Those judged to be most meritorious receive start-up funding and milestone evaluation by the panel.

The 2018 SPARK VT recipients are:

- UVM Associate Professor of Medicine Jason Bottens, Ph.D. [1], for Development of monoclonal antibodies for treatment of hantavirus disease in North America.
- UVM Professor of Medicine Peter Spector, M.D. [2], for Seeing Atrial Fibrillation through a Clearer Lens.
- UVM Professor of Medicine Daniel Weiss, M.D., Ph.D. [3], for Development of Tissue-Specific Bioinks for Regenerative Medicine.

PARSONS LEADS AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY, NAMED ATS FELLOW WITH 3 UVM COLLEAGUES

University of Vermont E.L. Amidon Chair of Medicine Polly Parsons, M.D. [1], was installed as president of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) during the organization’s 2018 International Congress, held in San Diego, Calif., May 20 to 25, 2018, serving a one-year term. In addition, Parsons and three Larner College of Medicine colleagues, including Jason Bates, Ph.D., Sc.D. [2], Anne Dixon, M.A., B.M., B.Ch. [3], and Renee Stapleton, M.D., Ph.D. [4], were inducted as the inaugural class of ATS Fellows at the event. With a mission to improve health worldwide by advancing research, clinical care, and public health in respiratory disease, critical illness, and sleep disorders, the ATS has more than 15,000 physicians, research scientists, and nurses and other allied health professionals among its members. The Fellowship designation—ATS—represents a new level of distinction for ATS members who have demonstrated dedication to the Society and made significant contributions to the fields of pulmonary, critical care, and/or sleep medicine.

KING ELECTED CHAIR OF FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

UVM Professor of Medicine Patricia King, M.D., Ph.D., was elected chair of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) at the organization’s 106th annual meeting in Charlotte, N.C., on April 28, 2018. King, who served as the FSMB chair-elect from 2017-18, will have a one-year term as chair. The FSMB Board of Directors is composed of leaders from the field of medical regulation that are passionate about protecting the public and serving their communities. By serving on the board of directors, individuals have the opportunity to help drive the strategy and direction of a nationally respected organization with a critical role in healthcare. A former chairwoman of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, King has served as a member of the FSMB board since 2005 and is the 2014 recipient of the FSMB’s John H. Clark, M.D., Leadership Award.

WOOD NAMED FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

UVM Professor of Medicine Marie Wood, M.D., was named a Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology at the organization’s annual meeting, held June 1 to 5, 2018 in Chicago, Ill. The distinction recognizes ASCO members for their extraordinary volunteer service, dedication, and commitment to ASCO. Wood, who joined the UVM faculty in 1997, is director of the UVM Cancer Center’s Familial Cancer Program and founder and principal investigator of the High Risk Breast Program. In addition to her service on four ASCO committees, she is also an active member of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology, the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project and has been a Fellow of the American College of Physicians since 2010.

MONTGOMERY HONORED WITH 2018 OUR COMMON GROUND AWARD

Erin Montgomery, coordinator of faculty development, graduate education, and postdoctoral training for the Larner College of Medicine, has been selected as a recipient of a 2018 President’s Our Common Ground Award. She was recognized at an awards breakfast held at the University of Vermont on June 20, 2018. The Our Common Ground Staff Award recognizes UVM staff members who exemplify the qualities of Our Common Ground, the statement of aspirations and shared values for the UVM community: Respect, Integrity, Innovation, Openness, Justice, and Responsibility. This award honors the extraordinary contributions and the significant impact the award recipients have made on the University. Montgomery, who has worked at UVM since 2004, was nominated for the award by members of the UVM Postdoctoral Association. Each recipient receives a trophy, a prize of $1,000 and is recognized on a permanent plaque.

Montgomery Honored with 2018 Our Common Ground Award

ERIN MONTGOMERY, 2018 Our Common Ground Staff Award winner.

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How do years of life experience affect a medical school applicant’s performance during the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) process? Do gender differences come into play?

In research led by Teaching Academy Director of Education Program Outcome Analysis Alison Howe, M.S., a team dove into three years of data to begin to suss out answers to these important questions, work that resulted in a major poster prize from the Northeast Group on Educational Affairs (NEGEA), one of four regional groups from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The project also laid the groundwork for more research to come.

The goal is to continually assess and better understand outcomes as the College is now in its fifth year using the MMI, says Associate Dean of Admissions Janice Guiffreit, M.D. A tool that is backed by evidence and employed by medical schools nationwide, the MMI at the Larner College of Medicine includes a series of six-minute interviews with nine people. Through contemplating different scenarios and interacting with a range of interviewers, the College has the opportunity to assess a student’s readiness for medical school through the lens of the core personal competencies identified by the AAMC. These competencies include qualities like a sense of ethical responsibility, a capacity for improvement, and an ability to communicate effectively with patients. Although previous studies have demonstrated that female applicants tend to perform better than male applicants on the MMI overall, this study is one of the first to look at how life experience correlates with gender and MMI outcomes.

The admissions research team analyzed MMI scores from a three-year cohort of 1,795 applicants to the College. They found that “years since undergraduate degree” was associated with higher MMI scores, particularly in female applicants. This suggests that “females are more likely to transform experience into traits that are assessed with patients. Although previous studies have demonstrated that female applicants tend to perform better than male applicants on the MMI overall, this study is one of the first to look at how life experience correlates with gender and MMI outcomes.”

For Gayathri Prabhakar, M.D.'18, who has served as a volunteer for admissions since her first year, the research opens up interesting new questions to explore, including whether the type of experience applicants gain in between their undergraduate degree and medical school makes a difference in the application process.

“The trend is to take time off between undergrad and medical school,” she says. “What do the different experiences that people have mean for them?”

The poster was one of two to receive a 2018 Excellence in Medical Education Award at the NEGEA annual meeting, held this year at the Larner College of Medicine. NAID is sponsoring the trial. UVM Associate Professor of Medicine Kristen Pierce, M.D., is a co-investigator for the Phase 1 clinical trial.

**WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR APPLICANT POOL WELL AND REDUCE BIAS.” — ALISON HOWE, M.S.**
It’s always bustling for students and faculty at the UVM Larner College of Medicine. Catch a few moments of the activity over the past several months:

1. UVM ropes course, Class of 2022 Orientation
2. First day of Orientation for the Class of 2022
3. The Design Med Student Interest Group leads a design thinking workshop.
4. Medical students in the 2018 Burlington Pride Parade*
5. Students sign a Dr. Moo poster to thank Dean Rick Morin, M.D., for his years of service.
6. UVM Assistant Professor of Medicine Tim Plante, M.D. ’11, preps a pepper plant he purchased for the bike ride home.
7. Purvi Shah ’20** and Cari Carpenter ’21, atop Burnt Rock Mountain. Shah serves as “big sib” to first-year student Carpenter through the Big Sib/Little Sib peer support program.

*Photo courtesy Rose Martin ’22  ** Photo courtesy Purvi Shah ’20

Welcome, Class of 2022

Whether it’s a passion, life experience, vocation or fate that brought them here, the first day of medical school is a major milestone for future doctors. The Class of 2022 arrived on campus August 13 to participate in their first course — Orientation — and begin the process of filling their brains with the people, places and information that will support their journey to earning an M.D. over the next four years.

‘THE RED WHEELBARROW’ CELEBRATES LITERARY AND VISUAL ARTS

Named after physician William Carlos Williams’ famous poem, The Red Wheelbarrow is an annual publication featuring visual and literary art from Larner College of Medicine students, alumni, faculty and staff. Lead editor Collin York ’20 compiled essays, poetry, photographs, and paintings — even images of string art and cross-stitch — for a 2018 journal that showcases the breadth of talent in the College community.

Find a link to the online version of The Red Wheelbarrow. Go to www.med.uvm.edu/vtmedicine

Cross-stitch of a pathology slide by Emily Ryan ’19 is one of the pieces of artwork in The Red Wheelbarrow
Empowering Residents to Improve Health Equity

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It was love at first sight.

Bobbi Pritt, M.D.’01, was drawn to pathology the minute she looked through a microscope at slides of human tissue. “I thought they were just beautiful,” Pritt recalls today. “In tissue pathology, we use all these stains. So there were these brilliant pinks and purples, blues, reds—beautiful colors—and I thought it was very pretty. I liked the structure of the tissue. It kind of got back to my artistic side, I guess. It’s a very visual field.”

It might seem odd that a woman of science—and one of the foremost experts in parasites and diseases carried by ticks and mosquitoes—would highlight the visual artistry of her field over the technical aspects. Pritt, though, has taken a unique approach to medicine from the start and a somewhat circuitous route to her successful career.

A pathologist and microbiologist who graduated from the Larner College of Medicine in 2001, Pritt is now director of the Clinical Parasitology Laboratory and co-director of Vector-Borne Diseases Laboratory Services at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Mayo’s lab is among the largest clinical parasitology laboratories in the world, serving as an international reference center, and testing patient specimens from all 50 states and across the globe.

Pritt’s early interest in art threads throughout her career trajectory. It spurs her imaginative outlook, innate curiosity and hunger for discovery.

In the past decade, Pritt has gained international recognition for leading teams that found two never-before-identified bacterial organisms carried by ticks that sickened patients in Wisconsin and Minnesota. These pathogens differ from the one that’s best known as the source of Lyme disease, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the most common tick-transmitted bacteria in the United States.

The discovery of these new organisms began with a little boy who presented at the Mayo Clinic; physicians couldn’t figure out why he was so sick. They ordered several tests, including a specialized assay that Pritt offered in her lab to distinguish between different species of bacteria. Unexpectedly, the test came back positive with an unusual result. This prompted Pritt to investigate further; within two months, state health departments and the federal Centers for Disease Control helped identify five more patients who had the same organism. This team of investigators eventually proved that the patients were sick from a new organism, which was named *Borrelia mayonii* in honor of the Mayo brothers who founded Mayo Clinic.

The buzz around this latest discovery, described in a paper in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* in 2016, spurred further investigations by other labs. Commercial developers contacted Pritt to see if their tests could detect the new culprit, which fortunately responds to the same drug to treat Lyme, doxycycline.

“That was the goal,” Pritt says. “We wanted to get the news out there so that people knew about it, so that physicians would think of it when they were seeing patients that were sick with something and they didn’t know what the patients had.”

Christopher Paddock, M.D., a pathologist and rickettsiologist who also specializes in tick-borne diseases at the CDC in Atlanta, knew of Pritt and her work before he met her in person in 2011 on the way to a conference they were both attending in Greece, where she presented the findings on the first discovered organism, *Ehrlichia muris eauclairensis*. He has since collaborated frequently with Pritt, and her eagerness to share samples and information is critical, he says.

“Her background and interest are exceptionally important in terms of her discovery of new agents,” Paddock says. “There’s just not a lot of expertise out there, and she’s one of the few people who has that expertise.” Paddock is a member of the department that published with Pritt on the new *Ehrlichia* organism in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. 

**Infectious Enthusiasm**

A love of both art and science led Bobbi Pritt, M.D.’01 to her career as an authority on parasitology.

By Carolyn Shapiro
Pritt thrives on the constant variability of her work. Besides overseeing her labs, she teaches and publishes. She communicates with colleagues all over the world about new pathogen discoveries, new methods to detect them and new places getting diseases they hadn’t seen before, such as the Latin American outbreak of Zika virus — previously seen primarily in Africa.

She keeps a close watch on other mosquito-borne and other infections such as dengue, malaria, yellow fever and chikungunya. And occasionally she serves as an expert on nasty topics such as parasite Halloween costumes, a crocheted parasite on a red blood cell, and even a song entitled “Home in the Gut,” to the tune of “Home on the Range.”

Pritt uses a range of social media to reach her audience, mostly fellow researchers and educators who often use her cases in classrooms. Her regular visitors will often discuss the parasites with each other and trade different ways. Pritt posts a photo, and readers from around the world weigh in on what the parasite-in-question might be. The conversation is often lively and detailed, and there’s a familiarity to the exchange that reminds him back and forth like old friends. Pritt has cultivated this community of parasitologists and eager microbiologists for over 10 years; she recently surpassed 500 “Cases of the Week,” with some posts generating upwards of 20 comments. A screenshot of a blog archive date from 2007, allowing readers to take a deep dive into pasting contexts. In posting the answer for each Case of the Week, Pritt often offers detailed information about the epidemics, providing important learning opportunities for students, parasitologists and curious readers.

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Six Weeks in Uganda

A Photo Essay

On June 29, 2018, medical students Katherine Callahan ’21 and Christina Dawson ’21 arrived in Kampala, Uganda, not quite sure what to expect. They returned to Vermont six weeks later with a deeper understanding of medicine across cultures, and what it means to be a physician. In their weekly reflections, they write about feeling lost, frustrated, and out of place. They worry about their lack of medical knowledge, and question their ability to help patients in any meaningful way. As they work through the learning curve and the inevitable frustrations, they also forge deep bonds with patients and providers at St. Stephen’s Hospital. They witness births, and also their first patient deaths. They care for patients at a rehabilitation home, help at an anti-retroviral clinic for HIV patients, and scrub in on surgeries.

Perhaps most importantly, they gain from the Ugandan physicians and healthcare providers they work with a framework to better understand healthcare on a global scale. They witness resourcefulness and commitment in the hospital wards and in the community on a daily basis, while at the same time they experience the systemic challenges and socioeconomic inequalities that impact patients’ and providers’ lives. Although there are no easy answers, students come home ready to advocate for patients on a global scale.

Key to the success of the global health program is the integration of faculty alongside students: Mariah McNamara, M.D., an emergency medicine physician and assistant professor of surgery at the Larner College of Medicine, accompanied students for the summer rotation, as did Paul Bachman, M.D., a geriatrician at clinical partner Hudson Headwaters Health Network. Sharon Sukhdeo, M.D., a resident at Norwalk Hospital, also participated in the trip.

“During their first global health rotation I see students find inspiration for their identity as physicians. I have no doubt that what they have experienced will make them better doctors. Their curiosity and humanity bring hope for a better future.” — Mariah McNamara, M.D.
Callahan, Dawson, McNamara and others welcome Samuel Luboga, M.Med., Ph.D., back from a trip to London with a festive song before dinner at his home. In addition to serving as a medical doctor and priest with the Anglican church of Uganda, Luboga and his family host medical students in the Global Health Program. The homestay model provides students an opportunity to connect with community in a deeper way. Dawson and Callahan visited the Luboga’s farm one weekend, and also had the chance to participate in an introduction ceremony, an engagement party for a new bride and groom.

Rocky Kisekka, M.D., known to all as Dr. Rocky, reviews an X-ray with Dawson and Callahan outside of the hospital, where the light is better to interpret results. Dr. Rocky, an orthopedic surgeon, proved to be a frequent presence and key teacher for students.

Students work on a quality improvement project for St. Stephen’s Hospital related to compliance with Uganda Ministry of Health HIV Guidelines. They note that although compliance with recommendations for viral load testing appears to be low, the manual recording in patient logs and lack of dedicated personnel for data entry may mean that what is recorded in the medical registry does not capture actual activity. Callahan and Dawson are submitting their abstract to the Consortium of Universities for Global Health for potential presentation in 2019.

The UVM/WCHN Global Health Program creates international partnerships with the vision of improving patient care and medical education through cooperation and the exchange of ideas. As participants are exposed to vastly different health care systems and socioeconomic structures, the goal is to foster a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by partner countries in providing high quality care to their underserved populations. Students, residents and faculty have the opportunity to complete rotations at five partner sites around the world.

St. Stephen’s Hospital Mpererwe is a private non-profit organization founded in 1987 by the Christians of St. Stephen’s Church of Uganda Mpererwe. Located seven kilometers from Kampala city center, it serves eight parishes with a catchment area of about 80,000.

As the oldest medical training university unit in East Africa, Makerere University College of Health Sciences has been training medical and health professionals for over 80 years. The college is located on Mulago Hill within the Mulago National Referral and Teaching Hospital complex northeast of Kampala.
Catherine Nakibuule, known to the students as Dr. Cathy (at center, with Dawson, Callahan, and Norwalk Hospital resident Sharon Sukhdeo, M.D.), is the medical superintendent for St. Stephen’s Hospital and a key partner for the global health program. She teaches students at the bedside and helps to organize learning opportunities, like a presentation the students gave to new mothers bringing their children to an immunization clinic.

During their global health rotations, students are required to submit weekly reflections, in part as a way to process what they’re experiencing. Dawson took the opportunity to add color and texture to her reflections. Here, she provides a glimpse into Ugandan food. The page at right is illustrated with a drawing of the entrance to St. Stephen’s Hospital.

“THIS AFTERNOON WE GOT THE CHANCE TO ACCOMPANY DR. OKELLO ON SOME HOME VISITS. DESPITE THE VEHICLE’S FLAWS, OFFERING A SOLUTION TO THE CHALLENGE OF EVEN GETTING TO A MEDICAL FACILITY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS ONE CAN DO HERE.” — CHRISTINA DAWSON ’21

“WE SEE TWO PATIENTS. A SWEET OLDER WOMAN WHO INVITES ME TO STAY LONGER SO SHE CAN TEACH ME LUGANDA AND A MAN WHO REMINDS ME OF MY GRANDPA JACK. IT’S FASCINATING TO BE INVITED INTO PEOPLE’S HOMES. IT GIVES ME CLEARER INSIGHT INTO THE LIVES OF THE PATIENTS WE SEE EVERY DAY.” — CHRISTINA DAWSON ’21
Dawson and Callahan during rounds at St. Stephen’s Hospital. As time goes on, the students gain confidence even as they continue to acknowledge how much there is left to learn.

**THIS WEEK IS THE FIRST WEEK I HAVE NOTICED A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN MYSELF: I AM COMFORTABLE. THAT IS, DURING MONDAY MORNING ROUNDS, I FOUND MYSELF AS LESS OF A BYSTANDER AND MORE OF AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT.**

— KATHERINE CALLAHAN ’21

See more photos and an interview with photographer David Seaver at: med.uvm.edu/vermontmedicine/web-extras

**EVERY TIME I STEP INTO THE OR, REGARDLESS OF COUNTRY, THERE IS A SANCTITY AND STERILITY THAT I CANNOT GET ENOUGH OF. I LOVE THE CONSTANTS AND RULES THAT SURPASS ANY GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES. I LOVE THAT THE TECHNIQUES REMAIN — MORE OR LESS — UNVARIED. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SURGERY WILL BE MY FUTURE.**

— KATHERINE CALLAHAN ’21

Dr. Cathy and Olivia surprised us with a cake. It was so kind, and I was so touched by the gesture. We cut the very delicious cake into a bunch of small pieces and shared it with all of the staff at the hospital. It was a great way to say goodbye. Everyone has been wonderful and generous and open to us, and everyone has been so willing to teach us and help us learn. I could not have imagined spending the last six weeks any other way. I have learned so much, and have met many wonderful people. I look forward to coming back.”

— CHRISTINA DAWSON ’21

Every day we see a parade of people without adequate resources, suffering from diseases and injuries that would otherwise be managed differently, or at a higher level. In my six weeks here, there is no way I will change the structure of the Ugandan healthcare system, or really have any significant impact on the patients receiving healthcare. However, in these six weeks I have begun my career as a physician and member of the global community. My impact will not come in the next three weeks, or even next years, but eventually I hope to be a driver of change on the global level.”

— KATHERINE CALLAHAN ’21

The communal meeting room serves as a nerve center of St. Stephen’s Hospital. The entire staff — from cleaners and social workers to surgeons and visiting medical students — sits down together for lunch almost every day.
On the fourth floor of the Given Building at the Larner College of Medicine, Adam Atherly, Ph.D., surveys the space outside of his newly-painted office. Two adjacent doors open into rooms with empty desks. A common area includes space for a few more cubicles with top-notch views of the Green Mountains. In one corner, a coat rack hangs on otherwise empty walls. Outside the glass door, a sign reads: UVM Center for Health Services Research. Although the offices may be a work-in-progress, the mission for the new center is clear: Foster cutting-edge research that improves the delivery of healthcare, leading to better population health in Vermont and across the country.

As the first director of the Center for Health Services Research just a few months into the job, Atherly sees the space as brimming with possibility. Soon enough, the cubicles and offices will be filled with analysts and researchers. Faculty from across the university will be stopping in for statistics support and consultation on their work. Brown bag lunches hosted by the center will allow faculty from across disciplines to get to know each other and find new collaborators from across the university.

“We want to help researchers who’ve got clinically- and policy-relevant questions build good research design, work with data in appropriate ways, and publish their research in leading scientific journals,” says Atherly, who was hired in February of 2018 after a national search.

The time is right to focus on health services research, as Vermont is embarking on a bold experiment in healthcare reform. The state is one of two that has received a waiver from the federal government to create an all-payer system, shifting from fee-for-service to a value-based model over time. As the state’s sole medical school, the Larner College of Medicine has the opportunity to become a national leader in evaluating how the delivery of care affects health outcomes. What happens in Vermont could inform the country’s trajectory. This shift in state policy, combined with Vermont’s relatively small population, proximity to other rural populations in neighboring states, and unique access to data, make it a prime location for studies focused on health services.

Adam Atherly, Ph.D., founds the UVM Center for Health Services Research to identify new solutions for improving care.

By Erin Post
Atherly expects to be conducting many two decades, publishing important work on the management of chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma, and heart disease. He also trains PhD and master’s degree students in UVM’s Clinical and Translational Science Program.

“We teach students about large data sets, which are the backbone of health services research,” says Littenberg. “Our emphasis is on learning how to learn from human populations about how best to take care of individuals and populations.”

The Stute of Vermont and Beyond
The Center for Health Services Research promises to bring together regional institutions all looking to improve the delivery of care, says Gordon Jensen, amplifying their collective effect.

“This is probably the best area of alignment of interest between the medical center, the health network, the Larner College of Medicine, and the University,” says Jensen. “The medical center and the health network are very interested in health quality, and health services research you can really view as part of a continuum. We can share our investment and share our resources.”

UVM Associate Professor of Hospital Medicine Allen Repp, M.D., expects the medical center’s leadership on quality — which is focusing prospectively applying evidence to improve clinical practice — to inform the work of the center, and vice versa. As vice chair of quality for the Department of Medicine and director of the primary care internal medicine unit at the Larner College of Medicine, “we have a lot of opportunities for collaboration across the UVM Health Network.”

“As we move towards an integrated electronic health record, we’ll have a wealth of data from all of these different sites that we can leverage,” he says.

In addition to an educational mission, there will also be a connection to state policy makers. “The UVM Assistant Dean for Primary Care Charles MacLean, M.D., says the center is poised to conduct research in real time as Vermont continues to implement changes in health care delivery and payment,” he says. “We’ve got the talent, we’ve got the data, and we’ve got the expertise.”

Healing Communities
As the Larner College of Medicine continues to focus on research related to health services and population health, the UVM Health Network, under the leadership of Chief Population Health and Quality Officer Stewart MacLean, M.D., is partnering with local social services agencies to offer programs that address non-medical conditions like poverty, housing, as well as initiatives that improve systems for complex problems like addiction.

For example, Housing as Healthcare helps provide housing and support services to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness or living in unsafe conditions that inhibit their recovery. The Community Health Investment Fund supports programs that aid those in need, such as food and housing, as well as initiatives that improve systems for complex problems like addiction.
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 8th — 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/medalumni/directory.

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.

VMC 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!

Betsy Sussman, M.D.’81
President
UVM Medical Alumni Association

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2019 Nominations

Do you know a class member deserving of recognition? Send in your nominations for the 2019 Medical Alumni Association Awards at: www.med.uvm.edu/alumni

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Plan now to spend a long, glorious weekend in Vermont with old friends and fellow alumni.

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2019 News & Notes for Larner College of Medicine Alumni

MARCH 15, 2019
Noon Match Day UVM Campus — Husk Hall

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

FOR UPDATES ON EVENTS, VISIT med.uvm.edu/alumni

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

If you have news or updates, or would like to submit content, you may submit it to go.uvm.edu/infoupdate. You may also contact your class agent or the Development & Alumni Relations office at med校友 relations@uvm.edu or (802) 656-4014.

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UVM Connect is your community — exclusive to the UVM family. Find and reconnect with fellow alumni, see what they have been up to, access exclusive events, and meet current students and young alumni. Share job opportunities. The Larner College of Medicine hosts its own group within UVM Connect!

Click to sign up in 3 easy steps
1. Go to https://uvmconnect.org/
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updates to the curriculum, new buildings, and equipment, while some also accompanied the Class of ’88, who have a tradition of contributing skills to the public greater good through their work in Burlington. Hard to believe that it has been almost a half century (what?) since we were receiving the educational foundations to prepare us for our mission to provide healthcare 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 Furila 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 kayaking, having recently attained a master’s ranking after 25 years of retirement. My enjoyment is my family, now involving three generations. My own children and as of last count, four grandchildren.

Mark Smythe Yerby says that he closed his clinic, is working part time and still chairs the Scientific Advisory Board of the North American Antiepileptic Drug and Related Epilepsy Medications Registry but still, Lucy and those horses, grass-fed beef and organic hay in central Oregon.”

Class of ’52 Member Returns

“'The Trumbee Docs,” a story in the summer 2018 issue of Vermont Medicine about some of his classmates, inspired Nathan Glover, M.D., ’52, a 190-year-old alum of the UVM Larner College of Medicine, to return for an Alumni Weekend of 2018. His trip included a conversation with Dean Rick Morin, M.D., and a meeting with Kalin Gregory-Devries ’22 at her locker. The locker number (52) is appropriately named after Glover and his wife, Lorette, to honor their gift to the Larner College of Medicine. Born in 1918 in Maine, Glover attended medical 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 toxicity of uranium. While working full time, he earned a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester, and then returned to work full time in medicine. Before retiring 20 years ago, Glover had a long career as anesthesiologist in Miami, Florida.

1980s

Jeryl Donsky Kershner was named a Palm Beach Illustrated Top Doc 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, professor for Palm Beach State College’s Osteopathic Medical Technology Program.

George C. Fjeld writes: “Carol and I are very proud of our youngest daughter, Kalle, who will, successfully completed her first year at the Lamar 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, a great time visiting last fall, he will be competing in several mini-triathlons. He remains fit by working with the Nelson snow in Lake Tahoe in the winter, and skiing clean ways.”

Steven Andrew Battaglia writes: “Steven Ryder, M.D., VA, has recently been 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 Cornish. 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 Medicine. I also have my H1b, book coming out this fall. Live on a Cliff at the top of my 2017 award-winning novel, Cliff Walking.”

Jay Piccoliletti says: “Just completed my 20th year at Washington University! This year was inducted into the AOA Honor Medical Society.”

Nancy Elizabeth Cornish says: “I am in my seventh year as the Director for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta as the medical officer for the Division of the Laboratory Systems. Check out our website: https://cdph.ca.gov/ LaboratorySystems/PublicHealth.htm. We have the Anticoagulation Manager app for physicians available for download now. 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 get us feedback on what other products you need or contact me at NCornish@cdph.gov.

Daniel Scott Zapson says: “had a good talk with our office manager, the reason I went for my last visit was getting to meet the staff at the Burlington office. They set out their new hours and have no call, no pager, and no work to bring home on week-ends or during the day. Everyone was happy, healthy and thriving!”

Emily (Vail) Hannon says: “I 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 have been living in Scottsdale, but we miss beautiful Vermont and hope we make it back for a reunion year visit. We hope everyone is happy, healthy and thriving!”

Ryan Vealey is an associate anesthesiologist at Valley Anesthesiologists, Ltd. in Napanee, IL after completing residency training and fellowship in neuroanesthesia at Northwestern University. He has been appointed the section chair for neuroanesthesia and directs the anesthesiology service for operating room neurosurgery and neuroradiological intervention.

Daniel D. Liebowitz 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: “I know you met the Xu family at this year’s reunion and got my card. I finally got around to changing my last name — no longer Wickberg, but now Xu. With the Xu’s having moved from Boston to Cambridge and I am just getting started at the addiction practice at Cambridge Hospital. I imagine lots of us are setting into new jobs this summer or fall, good luck everyone!”

Peter M. Wingfield is happy, healthy and thriving!”

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 $16,000 thanks to our alumni and supporters Vermont Custom Closets.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE UPDATE
January 11-12, 2019 Stonehouse Mountain Lodge, Stowe, Vt.
CURRENT CONCEPTS AND CONTROVERSIES IN SURGERY
35TH ANNUAL EASTERN WINTER DERMATOLOGY CONFERENCE
February 7-10, 2019 Stonehouse Mountain Lodge, Stowe, Vt.
HOSPITAL MEDICINE 2019
February 10-12, 2019 Stonehouse Mountain Lodge, Stowe, Vt.
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

Flashback usually features photos of unknown people of the past at the College. That’s not the case this time. Graduates from classes 30 years ago up to the “aughts” will recognize two members of what was then called the Office of Student Affairs: Collette Ozorowski at left, and Ann Chaucy 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 write in with questions on the identities of Dallas Boushay’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 1967, with 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, 2019. 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 Harbor 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.

Peter R. Manes
Dr. Manes was born in Guilford, Vermont, on April 25, 1933. He received his B.S. from Middlebury College in 1955 and his M.D. from UVM in 1960 following a single year of medical school. In 1965, Dr. Manes interned at St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City followed by a two-year term at the Charlestown Naval Hospital in South Carolina. He completed medical residencies at St. Vincent’s Hospital and Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn, N.Y. Dr. Manes 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 1975.

Sanford Bloomberg, M.D.
Dr. Bloomberg died July 6, 2016. Born Dec. 12, 1914, 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 Detroit. After he and his family relocated to Northampton, he served as the founding medical director of the East Spoke important psychiatry unit on the Franklin Medical Center in Deerfield. 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. 

Daniel I. Palant, M.D.
Daniel I. Palant died August 18, 2018, in Albany, N.Y. Fruits family as “Dr. Dan.” Dr. Palant practiced pediatric medicine in Lebanon, Massachusetts. He trained at Offutt State Medical Center in Sycamore, Ill. and Boston City Hospital. Dr. Palant was pediatrician and Chief of Professional Services at the 7200 USAF Dispensary in Athens, Greece, where he received the United States Air Force Commandation Medal for Outstanding Service.

Harry E. Hows, M.D.
Dr. Hows died Sept. 12, 2018, in Lebanon, N.H., at the age of 96. He grew up in Turnbridge, 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. Hows 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.

Mark Stephen Cooper, M.D.
Dr. Cooper of Fitchton, Maine, died April 28, 2018. Born February 26, 1950, 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 Somerset Valley Obstetrics & Gynecology. He retired in 2010 to serve as medical director for the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine.

Brian Costello, M.D.
Dr. Costello died September 13, 2018. Born April 4, 1983, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Seton Hill College and Tufts University before entering the Lerner College of Medicine. As his family wrote after his death, “Brian struggled with mental illnesses for many years. He tried many forms of therapy and spirituality to end his suffering, but it ended. 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.”

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.

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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.