When we leave a place we leave something behind and we carry something with us. As alumni we have left behind part of ourselves, each one of us adding to the persona of the Larner College of Medicine. We have also carried away something with us, the way we have been taught, the signature of the College. Some have called it the heart of medicine, the way we listen to patients and the empathy of our responses.

I returned to the College as president of the UVM Medical Alumni Association and had the greatest pleasure knowing that “the way” is still present, taught, practiced and even fine-tuned into computer practice, but not replaced by it. I say with gratitude, my best to Dean Rick Sussman, the former president of the UVM Medical Alumni Association and head of the original founders of the UVM Medical Alumni Association! Dr. Rick Sussman begins his term as president on July 1, 2018 and I know the Medical Alumni Association will be in great hands under her leadership.

FREDERICK MANDELL, M.D.'94
President, UVM Medical Alumni Association

1970s

David L. Bronson was one of 25 U.S. physicians elected to Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians of London, which celebrated its 500th anniversary in 2017. He attended the induction ceremony in September of 2017.

Lorraine Racusen and her husband, Richard, received his Ph.D. from UVM in 1975, and are both retired, from Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland, respectively, and living in the Baltimore area. Lorraine still chairs committee work, reviews journal manuscripts, and attends meetings and gives lectures nationally and internationally. Their sons, Chris and Darren ’11, live near San Francisco with their families, including new granddaughter Lucy Su Ji Racusen, so many trips to California! “Always happy to hear from fellow classmates!”

Jonathan B. Hayden writes: “I am planning to attend the class reunion in June!”

William John Spina says: “I had my fellowship 32 years ago! I did my fellowship in Internal Medicine at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. It was a 4-month fellowship and I have been a family physician in Portland, Me. since 1978. I was just out of residency at the University of Vermont Medical Center. I am now busy with several practices in the area. I am happy to be back in Portland, Me. Love you all!”

1980s

Susan Torrey reports: “My work colleagues know this, but for family and friends let me share a tremendous surprise and honor I recently received...the Massachusetts ACP emergency physician of the year! Looking forward to 40th reunion next year, Turkey and safety in the Kingdom. Love you all!”

Robert D. Harris says: “I was honored to be at the White House, in Washington DC, where I worked for 32 years as a Deputy Assistant to the President. Anyone in town please look me up.”

Sally and David Murdock were recently honored by the Montana Academy of Dermatology for their many years of service as president and executive director, respectively.

1990s

Lynn M. Hietala Wickberg writes: “Over the past five years, my family’s vocation has included retirement from medical practice, completion of a Master of Divinity at Eden Seminary in St. Louis, and ordination in the United Church of Christ (UCC). I am currently a pastor in N.H.”

Michael Eng joined the Community Care Network, Inc. (CCNI) of physicians as a cardiology surgeon in February of 2018. The CCNI physicians of Community Healthcare System are closely affiliated with Community Hospital in Munster, Ind., St. Catherine Hospital in East Chicago, Ill., and St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart, Ind. Prior to this appointment, he served as an attending surgeon and assistant professor at Loyola University in Chicago and as director of cardiology at physicians at Hines VA Medical Center in Illinois.

2000s

Alan Cook is enjoying living in Arizona and has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix campus.

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

If you have news to share, or updated contact information, you may submit it at medalumni.relations@uvm.edu or (802) 656-2292.

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For more information see the Medical Alumni Association website at www.med.uvm.edu/alumni
The MAA Awards are presented every year at the Celebration of Achievements Ceremony at Reunion. Full biographies of the awardees can be found at www.med.uvm.edu/alumni

A. BRADLEY SOULE AWARD
Presented to alumni who embody the qualities that first brought Dr. A. Bradley Soule, M.D. ’28, to Medicine, and who exemplify those qualities in their own achievements.

H. James Wallace, M.D., M.D. ’38
Associate Professor, UVM Larner College of Medicine, Chief, Division of Radiation Oncology, Department of Radiology, UVM Medical Center.

H. James Wallace, III, M.D. ’38 remembers following his father (H. James Wallace, Jr. M.D. ’38) rounding at the Mary Fletcher and Bishop DeGoesbriand hospitals in the 1960s and can’t remember a time that he did not want to be a doctor. His father instilled in him a sense of honor in being part of peoples’ lives when they were most vulnerable and the importance of being a person while being a doctor. These ideals have led Dr. Wallace through his career, informing his work with — and inspiring — patients, students, colleagues, and fellow alumni.

After completing training and working in private practice in a few locations, Dr. Wallace arrived back in Burlington in 2000 and over the last 18 years has led the practice in a few locations.

In addition to his success as a physician and head of the Division of Radiation Oncology, helping integrate the group into the University of Vermont Health Network Division of Radiation Oncology, helping integrate the group into the University of Vermont Health Network, he is also the physician leader for the Patient and Family Centered Care initiative. He has also been active in teaching, serving as the class agent for the class of 1988.

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STUDENT AWARD
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2019 NOMINATIONS
Do you know a class member deserving of recognition? Send your nominations for the 2019 awards at www.med.uvm.edu/alumni

2019 MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Presented to alumni in recognition of outstanding scientific or academic achievement.

Matthew Hsiang, M.D. ’98
Chairman, Board of Commissioners of the Joint Commission; Professor Emeritus, Lerner College of Medicine/Case Western Reserve University; Past President and CEO, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals.

Presented to alumni who have graduated within the past 15 years in recognition of their outstanding community or College service and/or scientific or academic achievement.

SERVICE TO MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY AWARD
Presented to alumni who have maintained a high standard of medical service and who have achieved an outstanding record of community service or assumed other significant responsibilities not directly related to medical practice.

SUMMER SLAVIN, M.D. ’73
Associate Clinical Professor of Plastic Surgery, Harvard Medical School; Founder, Chestnut Hill Plastic & Aesthetic Surgery Associates.

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James David (Dave) Sawyer, M.D. Dr. Sawyer died January 2, 2018, at the age of 97. Born May 18, 1920, he completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Vermont in 1940, and continued on to earn his medical degree in 1944. After serving as a Medical Officer in World War II, he began his general practice in Jewett City, Conn., and furthered his studies at the Lethby Clinic Fellowship in radiology in 1948. He worked at the VAMC Backus Hospital in Norwich, Conn., served as a Medical Officer in the Korean War, and was the head of radiology at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Conn. Dr. Sawyer was a member of the American College of Radiology and the Connecticut Medical Society. He retired from medicine in 1976.

Bernard Kaye, M.D. Dr. Kaye, who delivered thousands of babies over a 68-year career practicing obstetrics and gynecology, died March 1, 2018, after a lengthy illness, at the age of 93. Born in New Rochelle, N.Y., on August 29, 1924, he grew up in Brandon, Vt., where his parents ran a general store. He received a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, from UVM in 1944, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and he obtained his medical degree with highest honors from the College in 1947. He completed his medical training in New Rochelle, N.Y., and at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. He served his country honorably at numerous military postings, including as chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Dow Air Force Base in Bangor, Maine, from 1953 to 1957. He served as a faculty member at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Dr. Kaye authored numerous articles in medical journals over the course of his career. In 2002, he received his Medical Service to Community and Education Award from UVM, where a scholarship fund was established in his name to support medical students from Vermont. He was a member of the American Faculty Society, the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, the American Medical Association, and was a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Kaye was the consummate physician, dedicated to his patients until illness sidelined him at the age of 84. He served on the medical staff of Highland Park Hospital (now part of North Shore University Health System), for 51 years and held several leadership positions there, including chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, chief of staff, and longstanding member of the Ethics Committee. He had a treasured professional partnership with the late Dr. Burrell Reaney for 40 years.

Michael Marrs, M.D. Dr. Marrs died February 5, 2018. Born January 8, 1917, he grew up in New York City. His father, a Sicilian immigrant, passed away when he was just a toddler, prompting his mother to move to Boston to live with her grandparents. Only Italian was spoken in that home, Dr. Marrs didn’t learn English until grade school. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and attended UVM for medical school on the G.I. Bill. He served the community of Amherst, Mass., for 50 years, retiring in 1979.

Cecil Harry Kimmel, M.D. Dr. Kimmel, 94, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, died Feb. 10, 2018, at a local assisted living facility. Born in Greensfield, Mass., he was a veteran of both the United States Army, serving in both World War II and the Korean War. He was honorably discharged with the rank of major. While on leave from the military, he returned to school and finished his medical degree at UVM. He moved to Cleveland in the late 1950s, after his last assignment at an Armed Forces Hospital in Orleans, France, and established his medical practice, becoming the community’s first radiologist. He retired from his practice in 1992.

William E. Allard Jr., M.D. Dr. Allard died March 11, 2018, at age 84. Born in Linton, Conn., a native of New Haven, N.H., he was raised in Rutland, Vt. He was educated at UVM and worked as a family doctor in Montpelier, Vt., for more than 50 years, and as the medical director for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont. Dr. Allard was known for his sharp intellect and warm, generous heart.

Bernard Raymond Bleis, M.D. Dr. Bleis, a resident of Clinton Park, N.Y., died December 23, 2017. A respected ophthalmologist and decorated 30-year military veteran, Dr. Bleis was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended St. Michael’s College and the UVM College of Medicine and received numerous honors throughout his Navy career, including the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star (Vietnam Conflict) National Defense Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal. Dr. Bleis specialized in both ophthalmology and occupational medicine, and led two ophthalmology departments as chairman — Naval Hospital Philadelphia and Naval Medical Center of Bethesda, Maryland. Later in his career, he served as Force Medical Officer of the Military Health Command (Corporate Medical Director) and head of the Surgeon General’s Occupational Division at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, U.S. Navy. Dr. Bleis served as regional medical director for Knolls Atomic Plant Laboratory (KAPL) in Schenectady, N.Y. He was president of Bleis Consulting, a firm specializing in occupational ophthalmology, for which he was awarded the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Achievement Award in 2008. Dr. Bleis was widely noted across the industry for his color Vision in the Occupational Setting: Analysis and Testing, a broad-based manual highlighting the topic of color vision from the occupational and environmental medicine point of view.

Peter David Hodes, M.D. Dr. Hodes, 76, died January 3, 2018, in Fort Myers, Fla. Born March 1, 1942, in Providence, Rhode Island, he graduated with a B.S. degree in 1964 from North Park College and received his medical degree from UVM in 1970. He began his medical career at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, and completed his residency program at the Medical Practice in 1979. He then began a long and successful clinical practice at Waterbury Hospital, where he delivered over 3,500 babies and was known as a Low T lipids kind professional. He was a lifelong member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Christian Medical and Dental Society.

Paul Kenneth Lewis, Jr., M.D. Dr. Lewis, 58, of Fostoria, Ohio, died February 18, 2018. Born April 16, 1959, in Tokai, Western Cape, South Africa, Dr. Lali worked as a taxi driver, security guard, and even in a clothing factory. Early on, he had two options for work: study as a laborer or struggle his way through basic education. While working as a security guard, a professor from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, offered him a job as a technical assistant, and due to the segregationist apartheid laws, he spent the initial part of his academic career in a three-room unit home with four occupants and no electricity. He graduated from the University of Cape Town with a bachelor of science degree as a double major in biochemistry and chemistry. He then came to the U.S. to attend Western University, where he earned his medical degree in 1996. Dr. Lali furthered his practical training at The Pfizer Research Laboratories in New York, N.Y., as an assistant professor in the metabolic diseases department. He worked at medical facilities from the UVM College of Medicine in 1996, and completed residency training in internal medicine at Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, Penn. He then served as an attending physician at Fostoria Community Hospital, before going on to start his own private practice on Vine Street in Fostoria. He was also the medical director at General Home, where Dr. Lali cares for many people in his life, especially the African Schon Foundation, for his success and opportunity to practice medicine in the United States.
May 20, 2018
3:12 P.M.

Class of 2018 student marshal Stephanie Brooks, soon to officially add an “M.D.’18” after her name, guides her fellow students in the procession into the commencement ceremony at Ira Allen Chapel. She holds the marshal’s Staff of Aesculapius, carved by alumnus Robert Sharkey, M.D.’59.

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