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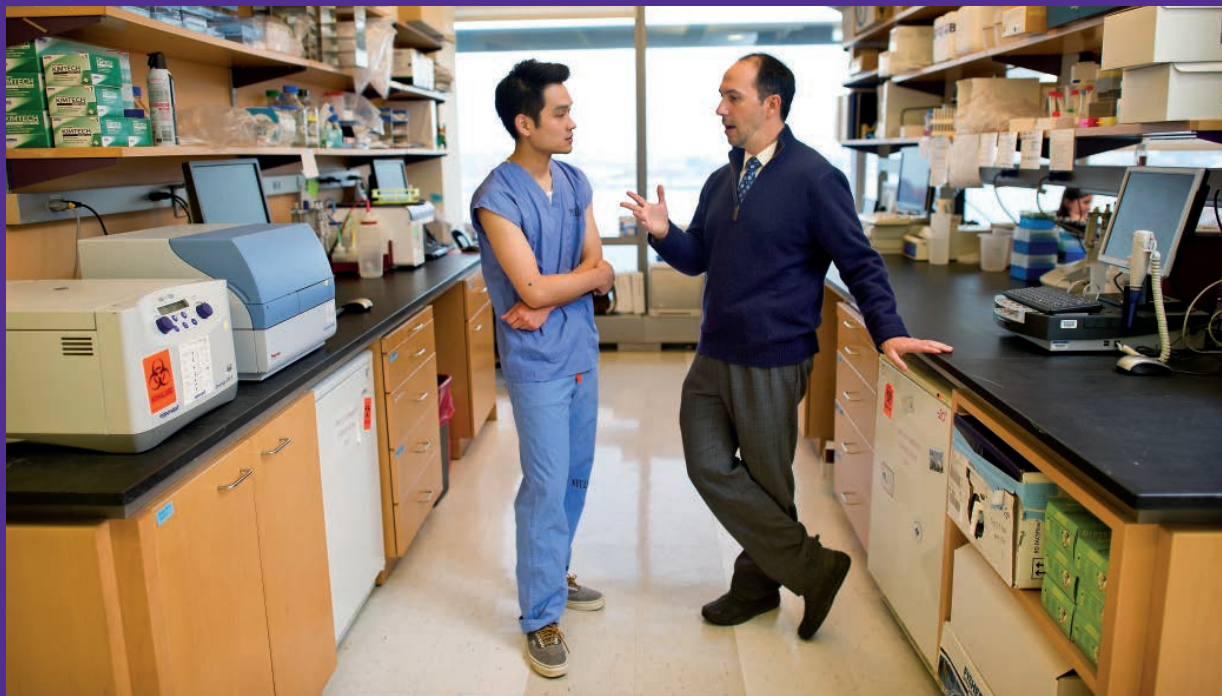
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Joshua Bright

13th Annual Dean's Honors Day



Dean's Honors Day was celebrated on September 29, 2014, in Farkas Auditorium. Faculty and donors came together that beautiful fall day to celebrate the accomplishments of their colleagues. Presenting the honors were NYU President John Sexton, PhD, JD (Hon. '03); NYU Executive Vice President for Health Robert Berne, PhD (Hon. '07); NYU Langone Medical Center Board of Trustees Chair Kenneth G. Langone '60 STERN (Hon. '01); Saul J. Farber Dean and CEO of NYU Langone Medical Center Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08); and NYU School of Medicine Vice Dean for Education, Faculty, and Academic Affairs, Department of Medicine Chair, and the Frederick H. King Professor of Internal Medicine Steven B. Abramson, MD, HS Medicine '78.



Bernard L. Schwartz was presented with the Valentine Mott Founders Award. Mr. Schwartz has served on our NYU Langone Medical Center (NYULMC) Board of Trustees since 1985. He and his late wife, Irene Schwartz, have supported a broad range of research and clinical programs at NYULMC. He began funding

biomolecular research in 1993 and helped establish the Bernard Schwartz Program in Structural Biology and the Bernard Schwartz Program in Humanistic Medicine at the Skirball Institute for Biomolecular Research. His keen interest in the uses and potential of radiology and his generosity led to the creation of the Bernard and Irene Schwartz Neurointerventional Radiology Center, a state-of-the-art facility for minimally invasive treatments and research, and the Bernard and Irene Schwartz Center for Biomedical Imaging, one of the world's premier imaging research and training centers.

During his long partnership with NYULMC, Mr. Schwartz has also supported programs in urology, dermatology, and cancer. Most recently, he has pledged to help establish the Bernard and Irene Schwartz Gastrointestinal Cancer Postdoctoral Fellowship Program and The Bernard and Irene Schwartz Professorship in Gastrointestinal Oncology. Mr. Schwartz has also made a commitment to help create the Venous Thromboembolic Disease Center (VTEC).

He shares his wealth of expertise on the NYULMC Development Committee, of which he is vice chair, and, in 1996, he served as a member of NYU Langone's Urology Research Advisory Board.

In addition to his work on behalf of NYULMC, Mr. Schwartz engages with an array of educational and cultural institutions and advocacy organizations. He is deeply committed to New York University at large and received the NYU Presidential Citation from John Sexton at Dean's Honors Day in 2006. He serves as a trustee of The New School, the New-York Historical Society, and the New York Film Society. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and provides leadership and support to a number of think tanks. Mr. Schwartz has made a lasting impact on the public sphere in New York and beyond – indeed, President Clinton has called him “one of our finest public citizens.”

Mr. Schwartz is currently chairman and chief executive officer of BLS Investments, LLC, a private investment firm. In 2006, he retired as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Loral Space & Communications after 34 years of service. A lifelong New Yorker, he served in the U.S. Air Corps and graduated from City College of New York. He has two daughters and four grandchildren.



Steven L. Galetta, MD, the Philip K. Moskowitz, MD Professor and Chair of Neurology, was named Master Clinician. Through his clinical practice and his profound research agenda, Dr. Galetta has greatly improved the lives of generations of patients. He is a nationally recognized leader in neurology, neuro-ophthalmology,

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awardee Alaleh Ostad; Paul Curtiss '17; and Brienza
Scholarship awardee Ariel Ostad '91, BA '87CAS.

and medical education, with areas of expertise that include the treatment of double vision, multiple sclerosis (MS), concussion, neuro-ophthalmology, and optic nerve disorders. In his drive to continuously advance his field, he has served as principal investigator for several notable clinical trials that examine strategies and potential roles for early therapy in MS.

Dr. Galetta joined NYULMC in 2012 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was the Ruth Wagner Van Meter and J. Ray Van Meter Professor of Neurology, vice chair of the Department of Neurology, and director of the Division of Neuro-Ophthalmology. During his tenure at Penn, he led the Department of Neurology's residency program for an unprecedented 23 years. He also ran the neuro-ophthalmology fellowship program and served as associate dean of admissions at the medical school.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Dr. Galetta has written more than 250 original publications concerning clinical, radiologic, and research aspects of MS, sports-related concussions, and neuro-ophthalmology and has co-authored the textbook *Neuro-Ophthalmology: Diagnosis and Management*. In addition, he serves on the editorial boards of *Neurology* and the *Journal of Neuro-Ophthalmology*. Often noted for his abilities as an educator and mentor, Dr. Galetta has received nearly 50 awards, among them the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, Penn's highest teaching award; the American Neurological Association's Distinguished Neurology Teacher Award, given each year to one teacher in the United States; the Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges; and the Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Galetta has been recognized by numerous periodicals as a top clinician and has received the Louis Duhring Prize, which is awarded each year to one outstanding clinician specialist at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center.

Dr. Galetta earned his undergraduate degree in 1979 from Penn, where he was honored with the Class of 1915 Award in recognition of outstanding athletic, academic, and leadership qualities and was later inducted into Penn Athletics Hall of Fame for accomplishments in lightweight football and track. He received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1983. He completed his neurology residency training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and his neuro-ophthalmology fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Florida.



Victoria M. Harnik, PhD '86GSAS, MS '81GSAS, associate dean for curriculum and professor of cell biology, was named Master Educator. Dr. Harnik was instrumental in the rollout of team-based learning across our integrated Curriculum for the 21st Century (C21). She was also co-chair of the C21 task

force on educational integration. She was later appointed director of education in the basic sciences and then associate dean for curriculum.

Dr. Harnik grew up in Tokyo and received her BS in cell biology with honors from Bryn Mawr College. She came to NYU School of Medicine to pursue her MS and PhD at the Sackler Institute, working in the laboratory of Gert Kreibich, PhD, research professor and director of cell biology and medical co-director of the honors program. In the Kreibich lab, Dr. Harnik cloned and sequenced the mRNA encoding Ribophorin I, a protein involved in protein trafficking.

After receiving her PhD, she pursued teaching part time as an instructor in histology, cell biology, and anatomy. Dr. Harnik joined the faculty full time in 1990 and was named a Master Scholar mentor in the very first cohort. She received Distinguished Teaching Awards in 2004 and 2009 and Teacher of the Year awards in 2002, 2005, and 2008. She co-authored a textbook, *Elsevier's Integrated Anatomy and Embryology*, with Bruce I. Bogart, PhD, research professor of cell biology, and is currently working on an e-book with John J. Qualter, assistant professor of educational informatics, and Sally R. Frenkel, PhD, associate professor of cell biology and orthopaedic surgery, as an outgrowth of their work on NYU Langone's 3D Biodigital Human. Dr. Harnik also serves as chair of an executive admissions committee and is the faculty accreditation lead for the School of Medicine's LCME reaccreditation in 2015.



Gordon J. Fishell, PhD, the Julius Raynes Professor of Neuroscience and Physiology, was named Master Scientist. During his 20 years at NYULMC, Dr. Fishell has built a reputation as a fearlessly creative and groundbreaking neuroscientist. His work first gained prominence through a series of papers published in *Nature*, *Science*, and *Neuron* that outlined his discoveries of the

varied roles of the signaling proteins Notch and Sonic Hedgehog in brain patterning, stem cell origin, and adult neurogenesis. Stemming from Dr. Fishell's passion for understanding brain development, his lab has studied the remarkable variety of interneurons, which gate and coordinate brain function, since 2002. Through this research, he has found that genetic insults that impair the development of interneurons often result in psychiatric diseases like schizophrenia and autism. His lab thrives on demonstrating how basic biology informs our understanding of brain disorders, an approach that has led to key breakthroughs, including three recent papers in *Nature* and *Nature Neuroscience* that make a direct connection between dysfunction in interneurons and affective brain disorders.

Dr. Fishell joined NYULMC in 1994 as an assistant professor, and he gained full professorship in 2002. During his tenure, Dr. Fishell has been a founding member of the developmental genetics program, program coordinator of the Skirball Developmental Genetics Program, and founding director of the Smilow Neuroscience Program. He is currently associate director of the NYU Neuroscience Institute and director of the neuroscience graduate program.

Dr. Fishell earned his PhD in developmental neurobiology at the University of Toronto in 1989 and pursued a postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University. He served as an assistant

professor at Rockefeller University for two years before coming to NYU Langone. In his lifelong quest to link biology to disease, Dr. Fishell has collaborated closely with Bernardo Rudy, MD, PhD, professor of neuroscience and physiology; James L. Salzer, MD, PhD, co-director of the Center of Excellence on Multiple Sclerosis; and Richard Tsien, DPhil, the Druckenmiller Professor of Neuroscience and director of the Neuroscience Institute. Dr. Fishell has received numerous accolades for his work, including being named a Simon's Investigator since 2009, a CIRM (California Institute for Regenerative Medicine) fellow, and a Merson Prize recipient in 2013. His laboratory was honored this year by the Society for Neuroscience, where Dr. Fishell will give one of the three presidential lectures.

Four individuals were recognized for their appointments as department chairs or institute directors: **Jef D. Boeke, PhD**, as director of the Systems Genetics Institute; **Ruth Lehmann, PhD**, the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Professor of Cell Biology and director of the Skirball Institute of Biomolecular Medicine, as chair of the Department of Cell Biology; **Eduardo D. Rodriguez, MD, DDS '92DEN**, the Helen L. Kimmel Professor of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery and director of the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, as chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery; and **Andrew D. Rosenberg, MD**, the Dorothy Reaves Spatz, MD Chair of Anesthesiology, as chair of the Department of Anesthesiology.

Charles S. Hirsch, MD (Hon. '05), was unable to attend the ceremony, but his contributions serving as chair of forensic medicine for 25 years were acknowledged.

Two gentlemen were thanked for their service as interim department chairs: **Daniel B. Rifkin, PhD**, in the Department of Cell Biology and **David A. Staffenberg, MD**, in the Department of Plastic Surgery.

Eleven people were named endowed professors. **Laurie Miller Brotman, PhD**, was named the Bezos Family Foundation Professor of Early Childhood Development. **Mark D. DeLacure, MD**, was named the George E. Hall Associate Professor of Head and Neck Cancer Research. **George A. Fielding, MB,BS**, was named the J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Professor of Surgery and Bariatric Medicine. **Howard B. Ginsburg, MD**, was named the William F. and Virginia Connolly Mitty Associate Professor of Pediatric Surgery. **Ira J. Goldberg, MD**, was named the Clarissa and Edgar Bronfman, Jr. Professor of Endocrinology. **Marc N. Gourevitch, MD, MPH**, was named the Muriel G. and George W. Singer Professor of Population Health. **Eugene A. Grossi, MD**, was named the Stephen B. Colvin, MD Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery. **David Polsky, MD, PhD**, was named the Alfred W. Kopf, MD Professor of Dermatologic Oncology. **Harmony R. Reynolds '97, BA '93CAS** was named the Saul J. Farber Assistant Professor of Medicine. **Arieh Y. Shalev, MD**, was named the Barbara Wilson Professor of Psychiatry. **William H. Shapiro, AuD**, was named the Lester S. Miller, Jr. and Kathleen V. Miller Clinical Assistant Professor of Hearing Health.

Photos from Dean's Honors Day can be found on page 13 of this newsletter.

A Rewarding Evening



The 2014 Donor Celebration Dinner, held on November 18 at The Water Club in New York City, recognized the generosity of some of the School's most generous alumni.

Saida H. Baxt '66 and her husband, Sherwood "Woody" Baxt '66, were presented with the Jerome S. Coles Award. Dr. Saida Baxt received her undergraduate degree from Bennington College and completed a residency in dermatology at Kings County Hospital. She has practiced dermatology in New York and in New Jersey and has been active with the American Academy of Dermatology, serving on its consumer affairs committee and with its government liaison group. Dr. Baxt has also served on the national advisory committee for graduate medical education in dermatology and has held faculty appointments at SUNY Downstate and at Mount Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine. She is a member of the Scholars Circle of the Dermatology Foundation.

Dr. Sherwood Baxt received his BA from Tufts University and completed an internship at Kings County, a surgical

residency at NYU/Bellevue Hospital Center, and plastic surgery training at Mount Sinai.

The Baxts have been exceptional benefactors of our School, committing to a full scholarship endowment for financially needy students. "They graciously serve on our Board of Governors, where they share their wisdom with the dean and the School's administration," said Dr. Anthony J. Grieco '63, associate dean for alumni relations.

Doreen J. Addrizzo-Harris '89 and her husband, Loren J. Harris '87, received the Samuel D. Leidesdorf Award. Dr. Addrizzo-Harris received her BA from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was elected to Phi Lambda Upsilon. She completed a residency in medicine and a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at NYU and then joined our faculty, rising to the rank of associate professor of medicine.

Dr. Addrizzo-Harris's research currently focuses on bronchiectasis and nontuberculous mycobacterial lung diseases as well as innovations in medical education. She teaches medical students, residents, fellows, and attending physicians and has won several Teacher of the Year Awards at our School.

Dr. Addrizzo-Harris has held many leadership positions throughout her career, including current firm chief in the Department of Medicine and co-director of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. She also serves on many committees of the American Thoracic Society and the American College of Chest Physicians and has served as governor for the latter. In addition, Dr. Addrizzo-Harris has served as president of the Association of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Program Directors.



Saida H. Baxt '66 and her husband, Sherwood "Woody" Baxt '66



Doreen J. Addrizzo-Harris '89 and her husband Loren J. Harris '87

Dr. Loren Harris graduated summa cum laude with a BS from Seton Hall University and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha at our School. He remained at NYU for his residency in general surgery and a fellowship in cardiovascular surgery and then joined the cardiac surgery staff at Beth Israel Hospital, heading their multidisciplinary thoracic oncology clinic.

Dr. Harris subsequently became chairman of the Department of Surgery at Richmond University Medical Center on Staten Island, as well as chief of thoracic surgery at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, where he co-directs their lung cancer screening program and serves as program director of general surgery. He is also a clinical associate professor of cardiothoracic surgery at our School.

Dr. Harris has received the Alfred Soffer Award for editorial excellence from the American College of Chest Physicians and the Excellence in Medicine Award from the Staten Island Heart Society.

The Harrises are an exceptional couple and have devoted their careers to medicine by helping patients and educating young physicians. They are known for their expertise as well as for generously supporting our School and its students.

Alaleh Ostad and her husband, Ariel Ostad '91, BA '87CAS, were honored with the Raymond J. Brienza Scholarship Award. Dr. Ariel Ostad received his BA magna cum laude from NYU, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and earned a Founders Day Scholars Award for academic excellence.

He completed his internship in general medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, his residency in dermatology at NYU, and a fellowship in Mohs micrographic surgery and laser and cosmetic surgery at University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Ostad then joined our School's faculty, becoming clinical assistant professor of dermatology.

He serves on the Dean's Advisory Council and is a preceptor for our High School Fellows Program. On the national level, he is a member of the Skin Cancer Foundation medical council and on the minority representation committee of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Dr. Ostad has co-written a textbook with Dr. Ronald L. Moy, *Practical Management of Skin Cancer*, in addition to scientific publications. He received the Surgical Attending of the Year Award from the Department of Dermatology residents in 2009, and he is also a recipient of a President's Volunteer Service Award. The Ostads have been very generous to our School, endowing a scholarship fund for students with financial need.

Current scholarship recipients also attended this year's celebration dinner and shared the sentiments expressed by one of their own, speaker Paul M. Curtiss '17, who talked about how important his scholarship is to him and how grateful he is to donors who fund students' educations.



Alaleh Ostad and her husband, Ariel Ostad '91, BA '87CAS

MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND ALUMNI BRUNCH HONORING JONATHAN WOODSON '79

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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All names listed left-right

1. David S. Harnett '77; Anthony J. Grieco '63, BS '60ARTS, associate dean for alumni relations and academic events; brunch honoree Jonathan Woodson '79; and his wife, Sherril Woodson.

2. Diane B. Homer; her husband, Marc J. Homer '71; and Vivian P. Halfin '78.

3. Gary Abuelo '65 and his wife, Dianne N. Abuelo '65.

4. Holly Blair and her husband, Donald W. Blair '77.

5. Sheila Jennifer Setlur '06 and Angela Kuhnen '06.

6. Ilina Datkhaeva '13 and Galina S. Tan '13.

7. Rafael Rivera, MD, associate dean for admissions and financial aid.

8. Caroline Chang '08 and Steven C. Katz '00.

9. Walter J. Rok '80.

10. Richard A. Cash '66 and his wife, Stella Dupuis.

Massachusetts/Rhode Island Alumni Leadership Awardee Jonathan Woodson '79

Jonathan Woodson earned his undergraduate degree from City College in New York City, his MD from NYU School of Medicine, and completed postgraduate training in internal medicine, general surgery, and vascular surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital. He had a research fellowship at the AAMC Health Services Research Institute and earned a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is board certified in internal medicine, general surgery, vascular surgery, and critical care surgery.

Dr. Woodson served as associate dean for students, diversity, and multicultural affairs and professor of surgery at Boston University School of Medicine and senior attending vascular surgeon at Boston Medical Center. He has written extensively on vascular trauma and outcomes in vascular limb salvage surgery, and he is recognized as one of the top vascular surgeons in the United States. He received the Gold Humanism in Medicine Award in 2009.



Dr. Woodson's career in the military includes deployments to Saudi Arabia in Operation Desert Storm, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has served as senior medical officer with the National Disaster Management System, where he responded to the September 11th attack in New York City. He holds the rank of brigadier general in the U.S. Army Reserve and has served as assistant surgeon general for reserve affairs, force structure, and mobilization in the Office of the Surgeon General and as deputy commander of the Army Reserve Medical Command. His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster).

In 2010, Dr. Woodson was appointed assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. He administers the entire military health system, managing medical and dental programs that serve more than 9.6 million beneficiaries, who are active duty service members as well as military retirees and their families. Dr. Woodson has stimulated a series of organizational reforms to military medicine that represent the most sweeping changes to management and oversight of the military health system in more than 50 years. He has been the leading health official in creating greater interagency collaboration in humanitarian assistance and international disaster relief. He has introduced preventive medicine initiatives aimed at improving the health of the entire defense community, including reduction of obesity and of tobacco use.

Happy 100th Birthday Maurice E. Shils '58!

Dr. Maurice E. Shils celebrated his 100th birthday on December 31, 2014, and his classmate Gerald A. Gellin '58 thought it would be a wonderful time to celebrate his life and career. The following is based on the autobiographical article Dr. Shils wrote that appeared in the *Annual Review of Nutrition* in 2010.



Dr. Shils is professor emeritus at Cornell University Medical College and retired attending physician and director of clinical nutrition, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. His lifelong interest in nutrition began while he was in high school. He pursued his studies in the field of nutrition at Johns Hopkins University during "one of the most interesting periods of advances in experimental nutrition."

In 1940, he earned his Doctor of Science in biochemistry, and, though his initial interests "were directed to small-animal research," he became increasingly "involved in human nutrition." During World War II, Dr. Shils served as a civilian scientist for the army, where he "helped develop more palatable, safe, and nutritionally adequate food, including new combat rations." Dr. Shils's military studies "led to more specific information on energy and other nutrient requirements."

Near the end of the war, Dr. Shils became a member of the Columbia University faculty in the new Department of Industrial Medicine, and in 1958, he earned his MD from New York University. After completing an internship at Memorial Hospital, he subsequently became the "head of a special laboratory and trained the staff to analyze nutrients in food, blood, and urine of patients."

During this period, Dr. Shils improved enteral tube feeding methods and "developed nutritionally complete formulas" for both enteral and parenteral feeding. As part of a committee, he proposed the Guidelines and Standards for Essential Trace Element Preparations for Parenteral Use, which were published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* in 1979. Dr. Shils's work has "led to better nutrition for all and extended the lives of many who have relied on enteral or parenteral nutrition."

In addition to Dr. Shils's research and clinical practice, he served as executive secretary of the Committee on Public Health of the New York Academy of Medicine. He also became an adjunct professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine until his retirement from teaching and "continued to be the senior editor of *Modern Nutrition in Health and Disease* through the 10th edition." At the age of 95, he "totally retired" and now, on his 100th birthday, enjoys spending time with his family and his little Sheltie, Berry.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ALUMNI BRUNCH HONORING RACHEL D. CANNING '98 AND SOHEIL MOTAMED '98

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

THE FAIRMONT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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1. Alumni Leadership awardee Soheil Motamed '98; his wife and fellow awardee, Rachel D. Canning '98; and keynote speaker, Marc M. Triola '98.

2. Stephen O. Dell '72.

3. Julia A. Walsh '70.

4. Andrew Perlman '75; Arlene R. Kohler, administrative director of the NYU School of Medicine MD/PhD Program; Frederick M. Waldman '80, PhD '78GSAS; Marta Sabbadini; and her husband, Arun Prakash '05, PhD '04GSAS, MS '02GSAS.

5. Frederick M. Waldman '80, PhD '78GSAS and Marc D. Anker '76.

6. Touron Atabaki and Eli B. Richman '63.

7. Gerald A. Gellin '58; Alan L. Rubin '66; and Michael D. Goldfield '66.

Northern California Alumni Leadership Awardees Rachel D. Canning '98 and Soheil Motamed '98

Rachel D. Canning earned her BA in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology from Haverford College and her MD from NYU School of Medicine in 1998. In the year between college and medical school, Dr. Canning worked as a research scientist at the NIH in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, where she isolated, characterized, and performed chromosomal mapping of novel zinc finger transcription factors, leading to peer-reviewed scientific publications. She completed her residency in internal medicine at UCLA Medical Center and then joined the faculty at UCLA, working as a hospitalist and teaching medical students and residents. In 2003,

she joined the Permanente Medical Group in Oakland, where she has a particular focus in palliative care. She is an inspirational teacher of medical residents and medical students.

Soheil Motamed obtained his BS, magna cum laude, in biochemistry from UCLA, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received the Geissman and Canon Southam Awards for chemistry. He earned his MD from NYU School of Medicine in 1998 and then returned to California for his residency in orthopaedic surgery at UCLA. During his residency training, he earned the junior research award and the Neufeld Award for clinical research. He completed his fellowship in sports medicine in Redwood

City, California, and then joined the Mission Peak Orthopaedic Medical Group, where he continues to work. Dr. Motamed's research and publications include work on a novel fluorescent counterstain for use in neuroanatomy synthesis of an RNA-binding fluoro-chrome, study of the effect of fibular malreduction on stresses in an ankle fracture model, and investigation of rotator cuff disease.

Together they have been active alumni of our School, serving as vice chairs of our California receptions, and they have been very generous supporters of scholarships for needy medical students.



Southern California Alumni Leadership Awardee Mark A. Mandel '64

Mark A. Mandel earned his BA, magna cum laude, from Colgate University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and his medical degree from NYU School of Medicine in 1964. While in medical school, he researched the biochemistry of DNA, the role of immunoglobulins in malignancy, and the development of kidney transplantation techniques. He completed surgery residency at Case Western Reserve, followed by research in cancer immunology at the NIH. Afterward, he pursued fellowships for treatment of congenital deformities and cosmetic surgery at the University of Miami and in hand reconstruction, particularly for rheumatoid arthritis and trauma, in Phoenix. He became chief of plastic surgery in Cleveland and director of plastic surgery at the Cleveland VA Hospital, which was the regional center for reconstruction for injured Vietnam War veterans. In Cleveland, he developed and chaired many national courses in trauma for the American College of Surgeons and in cancer treatment for the American Cancer Society. He rose to the academic rank of associate professor of surgery and of medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. In 1979, he relocated to California, where he has balanced his work evenly between cosmetic surgery and reconstructive hand surgery.

On the national scene, Dr. Mandel has served as chair of numerous committees of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, has helped establish the Lipoplasty Society, and



has operated as editor for the journal *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*. Currently, Dr. Mandel functions as a neutral medical-legal expert for workers' compensation cases as an agreed medical examiner, which gives him great satisfaction as he has been able to bring many of these cases to a satisfactory conclusion for the injured parties.

In addition to his extensive surgical proficiency, Dr. Mandel is an expert in the physiology and care of the skin and is a member of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists. He has over 70 scholarly publications, including studies linking immunity, alcohol, and tobacco in carcinogenesis; the treatment of melanoma; and care of various major facial and torso injuries. He also authored one of the first books on plastic surgery for men.

Throughout his life, Dr. Mandel has been exceptionally philanthropic. At our School, he has been instrumental in establishing the Class of 1964 Endowed Scholarship Fund. In addition to his extensive support of scholarships at our School, he established the Foundation for the Advancement of College Education (FACE), which provides scholarships for needy students. He also has been a founding member of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. To help him achieve his philanthropic goals, Dr. Mandel has established a beauty product company, whose sole purpose is to support college education, with 100 percent of the income used for FACE.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALUMNI BRUNCH HONORING MARK A. MANDEL '64

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THE PENINSULA, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

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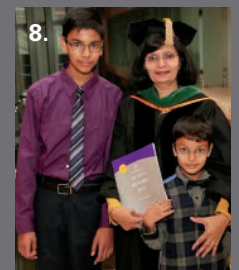
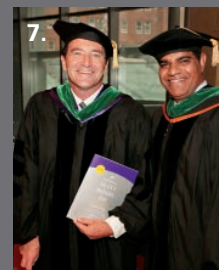
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2. Robert M. Davidson '66; his wife, Susan Davidson; Anthony J. Grieco '63, BS '60ARTS, MACP, associate dean for alumni relations and academic events; Gail Effros; and her husband, Richard M. Effros '61.
3. Majid Tayyarah '97 and his wife, Sara Tayyarah.
4. Rosalie Wolf; her husband, Jeffrey A. Wolf '72; and Marcy L. Zwelling '79.
5. George D. Mitchell '80; Lichuan Fang '94; her husband, James Wang; Jeanne B. Mitchell; and Julie Hallowell, JD, NYU School of Medicine associate director of planned giving.
6. Daniel Shoham; his mother, Susie Shoham; and his father, Steven C. Shoham '82.
7. James A. Burks, Jr. '95 and his wife, Lucy Burks.
8. Joanna Ng and her husband, Richard C. Wong '96.
9. William I. Brenner '69 and his wife, June Brenner.
10. Myra Sosin and her husband, David E. Sosin '61.

DEAN'S HONORS DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

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1. Master Clinician Steven L. Galetta, MD; Master Educator Victoria M. Harnik, PhD '86GSAS, MS '81GSAS; Master Scientist Gordon J. Fishell, PhD; and Valentine Mott Founders awardee Bernard L. Schwartz.
2. Saul J. Farber Dean and CEO Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08); J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family Professor of Surgery and Bariatric Medicine George A. Fielding, MB,BS; Jackie Harris Hochberg; Chair of the New York University Langone Medical Center Board of Trustees Kenneth G. Langone '60STERN (Hon. '01); Jonathan Harris; Nicki Harris; President of New York University John Sexton, PhD, JD (Hon. '03); and Ira Harris.

3. Dr. Grossman; Saul J. Farber Assistant Professor of Medicine Harmony R. Reynolds '97, BA '93WSUC; Mr. Langone; and Dr. Sexton.
4. Barbara Wilson Professor of Psychiatry Arie Y. Shalev, MD and Professor of Psychiatry and Radiology Alexander Neumeister, MD.
5. Professor of Medicine Melanie J. Maslow '77 and Professor of Medicine David T. Stern, MD, PhD.
6. Mr. Schwartz and Associate Professor of Surgery Thomas H. Maldonado '95.
7. Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine Frank Cecchin, MD and Associate Professor of Pediatrics Pradeep N. Mally, MB,BS.

8. Arnav Shah; his mother, Associate Professor of Pediatrics Bina C. Shah, MB,BS, DCH, MD; and his brother, Arnik Shah.
9. Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics Deborah A. Levine, MD; Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine Stephen P. Wall '98, MA '11STEINHARDT; Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Population Health Corita R. Grudzen, MD, MS; and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine Curt Dill, MD.
10. Dr. Grossman; Stephen B. Colvin, MD Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery Eugene A. Grossi, MD; Mr. Langone; Dr. Sandra Weinstein; Dr. Martin Weinstein; and Dr. Sexton.

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1. Coles awardees Saida H. Baxt '66 and her husband, Sherwood A. "Woody" Baxt '66, surrounded by their family.
2. Steven Z. Brandeis '75 and his wife, Ilona V. Brandeis '75, MPH '00STEINHARDT.
3. President of the Alumni Association Cheryl S. Kaufmann '72; Steven B. Abramson, MD, HS Medicine '78, vice dean for education, faculty, and academic affairs; Anthony J. Grieco '63, '60ARTS, associate dean for alumni relations and academic events; Raymond J. Brienza Scholarship awardees Ariel Ostad '91, BA '87CAS; and his wife and fellow awardee, Alaleh Ostad.
4. Ruth B. Marcus and her husband, Stanley S. Marcus '60.
5. Leidesdorf awardee Loren J. Harris '87; his wife and fellow Leidesdorf awardee, Doreen J. Addrizzo-Harris '89; his daughter, Daniëlle Harris; his sister-in-law, Renee Lardieri; and his mother-in-law, Amy Addrizzo.
6. Dana L. Zalkin '15 and Lauren G. Santiesteban '15.
7. Carol L. Kahn, JD '70LAW, and her husband, Martin L. Kahn '63.
8. Joseph Schachter '52 and his wife, Judith S. Schachter '53.
9. Arlene F. Goldsmith, PhD, BS '62ARTS; her husband, Lee S. Goldsmith '64, LLB '67LAW, BA '60ARTS; and Jessica A. Meyer '18.
10. Marilyn T. Cusumano and her husband, Robert J. Cusumano '82.

Have You Heard?

1940s

Ira J. Gelb '51, BA '48CAS

was honored on September 23, 2014, at a dedication ceremony and reception for the June and Ira J. Gelb, MD Auditorium at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Boca Raton, Florida. Dr. Gelb is a board-certified cardiologist with a long history of volunteer service to FAU. He is currently senior academic advisor to the dean for prebaccalaureate programs, professor of clinical biomedical science, and director emeritus of cardiology in the Schmidt College of Medicine. He sits on the FAU Foundation's board of directors and served as chair from 2006 to 2007. In 2011, he received the President's Distinguished Service Medallion, which recognizes individuals who have rendered services of extraordinary value to the university and the community at large.



chief of the cardiology unit and Paul N. Yu Professor of Medicine in February 2003. As chief, he was the guiding force behind the expansion of cardiac patient care services, faculty recruitment, strengthening treatments for those with heart arrhythmias and heart failure, adding new preventive cardiology programs (such as the women's heart program), and forging strong regional services. Dr. Taubman became chair of the Department of Medicine and Charles E. Dewey Professor of Medicine in May 2007 and served in



that role until being named as dean. Dr. Taubman interned at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital before completing his residency and cardiology

fellowship training at the Brigham & Women's Hospital. He held academic appointments at Harvard Medical School, Children's Hospital Boston, and Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Prior to being recruited to the University of Rochester, he was director of cardiovascular research at Mount Sinai.

1970s

Steven R. Goldstein '75, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at our School, is currently president of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, newly elected to the board of the International Menopause Society, and, in September, was inducted as an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Britain.

Mark B. Taubman '78, MS '76GSAS became senior vice president for health sciences and CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) on January 1, 2015. He will also continue in his current position as dean of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Taubman has served as dean since March 2010 and was acting CEO at URMC for nine months. A board-certified cardiologist, Dr. Taubman came to the URMC as

Jerome R. Klein '79 began the Jerome Comet Klein, MD Fellowship for oculoplastics and facial plastic surgery at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute six years ago in memory of his father. Dr. Klein enjoys mentoring and supporting the outstanding fellows in the program.

1980s

Hernando Garzon '88 was recently in Sierra Leone working with International Medical Corps for the Ebola response.

1990s

Tracy L. Breen '97 is now chief medical officer at Mount Sinai Roosevelt Hospital in New York City.

Edith R. Lederman '97 and her husband, Scott Storms, celebrated the

Fourth of July with a new addition to their family, daughter Ivy Rose Storms, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces.



Andrew J. Fishman, MD, HS Otolaryngology '96, Fell Otolaryngology '98

has been named the inaugural Douglas L. Johnson Endowed Chair in Neuroscience at Cadence Health in Winfield, Illinois, where he is also director of both Neurotology and Cranial Base Surgery and the Cochlear Implant Program. Additionally, Dr. Fishman is an otologist and neurotologist at Central DuPage Hospital, also in Winfield. Dr. Fishman was on faculty at NYU School of



Medicine from 1993 to 2006. While here, he supervised the surgical component of the Cochlear Implant Program for the Manhattan

Veterans Affairs Hospital and served as the medical director of the Vestibular Rehabilitation unit at the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine. He also performed pivotal laboratory and clinical research, which ultimately led to the development of one of the cochlear implant electrodes currently in use.

2000s



Joseph F. Merola '05, BA '01CAS and his wife, **Margaret Choy '10, PhD '09GSAS**, "are thrilled to announce the birth of

Madeleine Annie and Ellison 'Ellie' Rose Merola on October 15, 2014."

Angela Kuhnen '06 was named assistant professor of surgery at Boston University School of Medicine and attending surgeon in the section of colon and rectal surgery at Boston

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Medical Center. Dr. Kuhnen completed her residency in general surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, and subsequently completed a fellowship in colorectal surgery at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Massachusetts. Her clinical interests include anorectal disease, diverticulitis, and inflammatory bowel disease, with a special focus on surgical outcomes. She is board certified by the American Board of Surgery.

Jacob G. Unger '09 and his wife, Kelly Eisenman Unger, welcomed their son, Hudson Gordon Unger, into the world on May 20, 2014.



Chelsey J. Forbess '12 married **Aaron M. Smith '13** on September 13, 2014, in Palos Verdes, California. The bride shares: "We met in Student Council at NYU and also performed in a band called Glassfoot at Coffeehouse three years in a row (he plays keyboard and

I sing). Many NYU alumni were at the wedding, including Vivek Murthy '13, another member of Glassfoot, and he performed with us in a special



performance at the reception. We had a wonderful weekend, and it really was a fun way to reconnect with our friends and colleagues from our beloved NYU family."



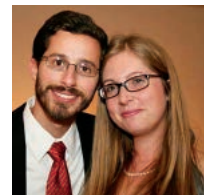
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Kimberly W. Keefe '12 married Roy M. Smith IV on September 13, 2014, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Newport, Rhode

Island, as announced in *The New York Times*. The couple met at Harvard University, where they both graduated, the groom cum laude. The bride is a third-year resident in obstetrics and gynecology at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Her father is David L. Keefe, MD, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and

Gynecology at NYU Langone Medical Center. The groom is a corporate associate, specializing in investment management, at the law firm Goodwin Procter. He works in its Boston and New York offices. He received a law degree, cum laude, from Boston University.

Zachary H. Harnett '13 married Lily Pike, MD, on September 13, 2014, at the Pike family residence on Block Island, Rhode Island. Dr. Harnett is a second-year emergency medicine resident at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Dr. Pike is a third-year family medicine resident at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital. She graduated from the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.



The couple met at Brown University, where they both received their undergraduate

degrees. Dr. Harnett is the son of Vivian P. Halfin '78 and David S. Harnett '77.

NYU School of Medicine Alumni Bring Aid to Haiti

NYU School of Medicine alumni Marilyn Forman Jacobowitz '89, Elliot B. Barsh '84, BA '80CAS, and Allison L. Platt '02 (pictured left to right) were recently part of a medical team that brought much needed medical care to Haiti. All three practice at the Mount Kisco Medical Group in Westchester County, New York, where one of their colleagues has founded Hands Up for Haiti, a medical humanitarian organization committed to improving the quality of health care to the people of Northern Haiti. The group makes close to 10 trips per year to Haiti, staffing clinics and providing much needed medical supplies, as well as educating Haitian health care workers. Dr. Barsh and Dr. Platt are pediatricians, and Dr. Jacobowitz is an internist. They, along with a team of six nurses and a social worker, were in Haiti from October 5 to 12, 2014. Dr. Platt was the team leader, and although most of the team members were returning to Haiti, it was a first trip for Dr. Barsh and Dr. Jacobowitz. All three physicians are likely to return to the impoverished island nation to provide care in the future. NYU School of Medicine alumni are reaching out to the world around us.



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1940s

J. Lester Gabrilove '40 on October 12, 2014, at age 98, as reported by *The New York Times*. Dr. Gabrilove attended Townsend Harris High School and City College. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the Mount Sinai Hospital and subsequently pursued a fellowship at Yale University. His professional career was spent at



the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Considered one of the fathers of modern endocrinology, Dr. Gabrilove greatly advanced the study of endocrinology during a career that spanned more than 70 years. He co-authored *The Human Adrenal Gland* and *Diseases of the Endocrine Glands*, published more than 170 papers in national and international journals until his 90s, and impacted generations of faculty and trainees. He was a role model who inspired numerous endocrine fellows and faculty, who regarded him as a master clinician-educator. Dr. Gabrilove served as chief of the Endocrine Clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital for 20 years and was instrumental in founding the clinic as well as the Division of Endocrinology, where he also served as acting chief. In 2007, the division was renamed the Hilda and J. Lester Gabrilove Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Bone Disease in honor of Dr. Gabrilove and his wife. He also established an annual prize at Mount Sinai in recognition of scientific excellence and character as well as a lecture series, which serves to engage renowned practitioners from throughout the world with the Division on Endocrinology. In 1995, in recognition of his lifelong contributions, he received the inaugural Distinguished Endocrinologist Award by the American College of Endocrinology. Dr. Gabrilove served his community on the board of trustees of Central Synagogue and was a longtime member of the Lotos Club. A man of impeccable character, intel-

ligence, warmth, grace, and curiosity, Dr. Gabrilove is survived by his daughter and two grandsons.


Walter A. Schloss '40 on August 24, 2014, at age 99, six weeks shy of his 100th birthday, as reported in *The Hartford Courant*. Born in New York City, Dr. Schloss grew up in Flushing, New York, and took pride in being an Eagle Scout. An Amherst College graduate, Class of 1936, he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Schloss served as a major in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army during WWII and practiced as a urologist for many years in Hartford, Connecticut. Dr. Schloss was an avid skier up to the age of 94, winning many medals for racing in his age category. He also enjoyed swimming, reading, and repairing anything that needed fixing. Dr. Schloss is survived by his wife of 72 years, Ruth D. Schloss, six children, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Herbert J. Kayden '43D, professor emeritus of medicine at our School, on August 1, 2014, at age 94, as reported by Steven B. Abramson, MD, HS Medicine '78. Dr. Kayden had a long and distinguished career as a cardiologist and scientist. He began his career in medicine as chief resident on the NYU Clinical Service at Goldwater Hospital and did an original investigation with Dr. J. Murray Steele on the use of Pronestyl to treat ventricular tachycardia. His initial investigations into arrhythmias were instrumental in the introduction of procainamide for the treatment of cardiac arrhythmias in the 1950s. Dr. Kayden went on to do important work on the apolipoproteins, vitamin E, and fatty acid metabolism, where he focused on genetic defects. His contributions were published in the finest scientific and clinical journals, and he collaborated with leading investigators, including Nobel laureates Brown and Goldstein. Dr. Kayden was also highly sought as a clinician in lipid disorders and introduced the latest treatments in preventive cardiology to his patients at NYU. Because

of his many valuable contributions, the Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in the Cardiology Division of the Department of Medicine gives the Herbert Kayden Award each year at its annual symposium to an outstanding physician-scientist working in the areas pioneered by Dr. Kayden.

Dr. Kayden will be remembered for his devotion to medicine and science. He was married to the late Gabrielle Reem, MD, professor emerita, herself a distinguished scientist, who passed away in 2011. Dr. Kayden is survived by his son, David S. Kayden '80; daughter, Joelle M. Kayden; and two grandchildren.

Gustav J. Beck '44 on July 13, 2014, at age 94, as reported in *The New York Times*. Born in Vienna, Austria, Dr. Beck and his parents fled the Nazis and immigrated to the United States. He attended City College of New York and graduated from Columbia University. Dr. Beck was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Medical Corps. Specializing in internal medicine, allergy, immunology, and pulmonology, he served on the faculties of Columbia University School of Physicians and Surgeons and New York University for 30 years, from 1971 to 2001, as clinical professor of medicine. He was on the staffs of Lenox Hill Hospital, St. Clare's Hospital, Goldwater Memorial Hospital, and Englewood Hospital. An accomplished medical researcher in pulmonary and respiratory rehabilitation, whose research contributed to the development of the pulmonary function machine, aerosol inhalers, and other major advances, he was a fellow of the American Medical Association, American Thoracic Society, American College of Physicians, American College of Chest Physicians, American Association for Clinical Immunology and Allergy, American Geriatric Society, and Aerospace Medical Association and



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served on the boards and committees of numerous national, state, and local medical and scientific societies. He also helped to establish the respiratory therapy programs at Lenox Hill Hospital and Bergen Community College and was active with the North Jersey Cultural Council and other local community committees. He is the author of his memoir, *Success by Overcoming Adversity*, and his mother's memoir, *The Adventures of Helene*. After retiring, he served on many committees and offices at Foulkeways at Gwynedd, including chair of the residents' committee. Dr. Beck is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Rita Levitiss Beck BA '38CAS; one son; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Alfred E. Rosenthal '44 on October 11, 2014, at age 94, as reported in *The New York Times*. Born in the Bronx, New York, Dr. Rosenthal lived the remainder of his life in Bayonne, New Jersey, after moving there at the age of six. He graduated from Bayonne High School at the age of 16 and Johns Hopkins University in 1940. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the Korean War. He established a practice in internal medicine and cardiology in Bayonne, where he served the community for more than 40 years. He was president of the medical staff at Bayonne Hospital and served as a physician there for 43 years before becoming emeritus staff. Dr. Rosenthal served as president of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center and the Bayonne Mental Health Center and headed Bayonne's United Jewish Appeal. He remained active and engaged in the community his whole life, enjoying, along with his late wife, Ethel, fine restaurants, the Metropolitan Opera, the Philharmonic, the New York City Ballet, and concerts at Tanglewood near his home in Lenox. He also embraced current culture, joining Facebook and watching the *Daily Show* in his 90s. Dr. Rosenthal is survived by his three children and six grandchildren.

William P. Howley '48 on July 29, 2014, at age 87, as reported in the *Poughkeepsie Journal*. Born in New York City, Dr. Howley was an exceptional student with a keen interest in baseball. Following his graduation from Regis High School in 1942, at the age of 15, Dr. Howley continued his Jesuit education at Fordham University, majoring in premedical studies. He postponed his education at Fordham to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. As a young surgeon, he performed his residency requirements at Saint Vincent's and Bellevue Hospitals in New York City. Dr. Howley served as a captain and orthopaedic surgeon in the U.S. Army



Medical Corps during the Korean War. Dr. Howley was an esteemed surgical staff member at both Saint Luke's and Cornwall Hospi-

tals for over 50 years. During that time, he was appointed both chief of surgery and chief of orthopaedic surgery at each of these area hospitals. Dr. Howley was also a past president of the medical staff at St. Luke's Hospital and former medical director of the Cornwall Hospital's physical therapy department. For over 20 years, he was vice chair of the Orange County Board of Health and a charter member and medical officer of the Catholic War Veterans Post 386. Dr. Howley was an enthusiastic golfer and was frequently seen with his numerous lifelong friends on the greens of the Powelton Club near his Balmville, New York, home. This devoted father is survived by six children, nine grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

1950s

Robert D. Kayser '51 on December 14, 2011, at age 88, as reported by his wife.

Leonard C. Harber '53 on October 12, 2014, at age 87, as reported in *The New York Times*. Dr. Harber received his undergraduate degree from Johns

Hopkins University and was a Fulbright Scholar at the Finsen Institute in Copenhagen, 1956-1957. He was a guest investigator at the Rockefeller University Hospital, 1969-1970, and was a visiting scholar at Green College, Oxford University, 1986-1987. Dr. Harber was the Richard and Mildred Rhodeback Professor Emeritus of Dermatology and professor emeritus of public health and served as chair of the Department of Dermatology at Columbia University Medical Center from 1973 to 1988.

Dr. Harber was a gifted and charismatic physician-scientist, educator, and clinician, and one of the leading academic dermatologists of his generation. He trained numerous residents and fellows, who have achieved leadership positions around the world. Under his direction, the Columbia department was recognized as a global center of excellence in the area of photobiology, a discipline focused on studying the effects of sunlight on the skin. He and his



collaborators made major contributions regarding human skin diseases associated with sun exposure, including cutaneous por-

phyria and photoallergic reactions. During his tenure, Dr. Harber created one of the major centers in the world dedicated to using artificial light sources for treating human skin diseases such as psoriasis. He pioneered implementation of outpatient ambulatory day-treatment of patients with psoriasis.

In addition to his academic accomplishments, Dr. Harber was an avid fisherman and a passionate oenophile and gourmet who traveled the world seeking out unique culinary experiences. He was also known for his pithy one-liners, known as Harberisms, which were funny in their oversimplification of life's trials but also showed his ever-present wisdom and humor. Dr. Harber is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rosalyn Harber, two sons, and four grandchildren.

A Remembrance of Edward H. Axelrod '57

by Maurice A. Mufson '57

I am sad to report that my very close and longtime friend, Edward H. Axelrod '57, passed away on March 26, 2014, after a brief illness. We met the first day our first year at Bucknell University, and, during our second year, we shared a double room in a boarding house just on the edge of the campus. Ed instituted strict rules for evening study, and our grades reflected these good study habits, which continued during medical school. Ed completed a residency in orthopaedic surgery, became board certified, and pursued a career as a solo practitioner of orthopaedics in New York City. He held an appointment at St. Vincent's Hospital. His wife, Maxine, and he resided in Riverdale, where they raised two daughters. After Maxine died, Ed moved to downtown New York City. Each time my wife and I visited New York City, Ed joined us for dinner and a Broadway show. In retirement, he enrolled in many courses. Music was his passion, and he was a frequent operagoer. Two daughters, Susan and Elizabeth, and three grandchildren, Lauren, Jeffrey, and Brian, survive him. We miss him greatly.



Edward H. Axelrod '57 and Maurice A. Mufson '57

Marc B. Francis '59 on January 2, 2014, as reported by his family. Dr. Francis is survived by four children and two grandchildren.

1960s

Irwin Sharkey '62 on September 16, 2014, as reported by his wife, Betty Sharkey. Dr. Sharkey was a graduate of Durfee High School in Fall River,

Massachusetts, and Columbia College. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and AOA and was a proud Eagle Scout. His professional career was spent at NYU Medical Center as a clinical associate professor of medicine, and he was a longtime member of NYU School of Medicine's Alumni Board of Governors. He was also chief of medicine at Beekman Downtown Hospital. Dr. Sharkey is survived by his wife of 55 years, three children, and seven grandchildren.

Ronald Freireich '68 on October 17, 2014, at age 71, as reported by his son, Garrett Freireich. Born in the Bronx, New York, Dr. Freireich was a dedicated cardiologist. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Bonnie, two children, and five grandchildren.

1970s

Lloyd F. Mayer, MD, HS Medicine '79 in September 2013, as reported by his wife, Jill Fishbane-Mayer, MD. A 1976 graduate of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Dr. Mayer was a recipient of the Mosby Award for Clinical Excellence at that time. From 1980 to 1984, Dr. Mayer held joint appointments at Rockefeller University and Mount Sinai, where he also completed a fellowship in gastroenterology. He pursued his immunology interests in the laboratory of the late Dr. Henry Kunkel. In 1985, he became associate professor of medicine and microbiology at Mount Sinai. In 1986, he became the director of the Division of Clinical Immunology. Shortly after achieving full professorships in medicine and microbiology, in 1990, Dr. Mayer became vice chair of medicine at the Mount Sinai Medical Center. He also received the Jeffrey Modell Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1994, Dr. Mayer was named the David and Dorothy Merksamer Chair of Medicine and, in 1997, became professor of immunobiology and chair of the Immunobiology Center at the Mount Sinai Medical Center. In 2007, he became

professor and co-director of the Immunology Institute. He was also the director of the Division of Gastroenterology from 2003 to 2010.

Dr. Mayer's research focused on mucosal immunoregulation, inflammatory bowel disease, and cytokine regulation of human B-cell differentiation, with special attention on the role of intestinal epithelial cells (IEC) in regulatory T-cell responses in the gut. He and his team were the first to show that the epithelial lining cells of the intestine are active regulators of mucosal immune responses that are distinct from those that regulate systemic immunity. These findings had a profound significance in the development of highly effective anti-inflammatory drugs for inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD). Dr. Mayer shared his expertise by training the next generation of young IBD investigators and being a mentor and colleague to IBD researchers worldwide.

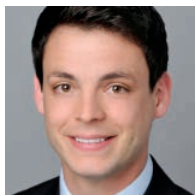
Dr. Mayer was involved with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) for the past 30 years and served as chairman of their National Scientific Advisory Committee from 2008 to 2012. As chair, Dr. Mayer revived CCFA's Clinical Research Alliance, was a force in the Microbiome Initiative, and laid the foundation for the CCFA Partners in Research Program, an online research database.

Dr. Mayer received many awards for a lifetime of outstanding work, including the Saul Horowitz Award, the Irma T. Hirschl Trust Career Development Award, the Jeffrey Modell Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award, the Jaffe Food Allergy Institute Award for Scientific Excellence, and the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Scientific Achievement Award in Basic IBD Research. He spoke and published widely, and his research was consistently funded by the National Institutes of Health. He was also the recipient of the Mount Sinai Alumni Special Recognition Award and the Jacobi Medallion.



A brilliant and dedicated physician, researcher, and mentor, Dr. Mayer was dedicated and deeply committed to his patients. Dr. Mayer is survived by his wife and their three children.

2000s



Sean E. O'Rourke '14 on August 18, 2014, at age 26, as reported in *The New York Times*. Dr. O'Rourke, a native of Georgia, was a

first-year resident in the NewYork-Presbyterian/ Columbia Department of Medicine. He was a gifted young physician who dedicated his life to helping others, including volunteering tirelessly both locally and abroad to ensure the most vulnerable among us had access to care, and teaching classes about health in underserved schools. An exceptional member of his class, Dr. O'Rourke was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society in February. A memorial service was held at Christ Church in Manhattan in September. Dr. O'Rourke is survived by his parents and sister.

Faculty Passing

George E. Ehrlich, MD, FACP, MACR, FRCP (Edin.) on February 28, 2014, at age 85, as reported by his wife of 46 years, Gail Ehrlich. Dr. Ehrlich was an adjunct professor of medicine at our School since 1984. Born in Vienna, Austria, Dr. Ehrlich immigrated with his parents to the United States in 1938 at age 10, after the occupation and annexation of Austria by Germany. He attended Weequahic High School in Newark, New Jersey, and received his bachelor's degree with honors from Harvard University in 1948. In 1952, he received his MD from Chicago Medical School and was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He completed fellowships in arthritis after his internship and residency. Dr. Ehrlich also

served on a Navy destroyer during the Korean War and retired as commander from the U.S. Naval Reserve.



Dr. Ehrlich was an internationally renowned rheumatologist and adviser to the World Health Organization. He was a master of the American College of Rheumatology and a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh. Dr. Ehrlich created one of the first multidisciplinary medical rehabilitation hospitals as the director of rheumatology and chief of the Arthritis Center at Einstein Medical Center and Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia from 1964 to 1980. He served on the Arthritis Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from 1991 to 1996, the last three years as chair, and subsequently on the Council of Chairs. Dr. Ehrlich was also an adjunct professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ehrlich edited 12 medical books and authored more than 180 peer-reviewed articles. He served as editor or on the editorial boards of journals, including the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* and the *Journal of Rheumatology*. In the early 1980s, he served for four years as vice president of development in the Pharmaceuticals Division of Ciba-Geigy Corp. in Summit, New Jersey, and then rose to be head of medical affairs for the pharmaceutical giant at its offices in Basel, Switzerland. After retiring from Ciba-Geigy in 1988, he remained active as a scientific and medical adviser to many countries. Among his many honors, Dr. Ehrlich received the Philip Hench Award from the Association of Military Surgeons and the Dr. Joseph Lee Hollander Award from the Pennsylvania Arthritis Foundation, and, in 2000, he was elected Honorary Life President of the International Society for Behçet's Disease.

Buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, Dr. Ehrlich is survived by his wife, three children, and four grandchildren.

Tucson, Arizona, Reunion for the Class of 1958

To Classmates of the Class of 1958:

Last March, Ken Nieberg, Bob Friedman, Alan Levine, Stan Zeitz, Seymour Sabesin, and Marty Goldman, along with their wives, had a two-day minireunion in Tucson. They spent an afternoon together, had a lovely supper at the Sabesins, and enjoyed a brunch the following morning at the Goldmans. There was plenty of time for socializing in an informal environment.

They all had a wonderful time and have decided to repeat the event on March 22 and 23, 2015. Tucson is a wonderful place to vacation in the winter, and they would like to invite any and all of their classmates to make their mini-Tucson reunion a "real" one. So far, Stan, Seymour, Bob, and Marty will be attending. They can make suggestions to those who are interested as to where to stay and what they might do during their time there. There are plenty of cultural venues in Tucson as well as outdoor activities; the scenery is magnificent. They are about five hours from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. The weather in March is generally quite temperate; you will not need to wear a sweater or coat except during the evening, and it hardly ever rains since it is in the desert! Are you interested in being with other classmates and enjoying the wonderful winter climate in Tucson?

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Remembrance of Stanley G. Schultz '56

When Stanley G. Schultz, MD, NYU School of Medicine (NYU SOM) graduate, Class of 1956, passed away on October 23, 2014, at age 82, he was remembered for his landmark contributions in oral rehydration therapy. The therapy, which addresses life-threatening fluid loss from diarrheal diseases, has saved the lives of millions of people around the world.

Dr. Schultz's education began in force at Stuyvesant High School, one of the nation's most prestigious. He then went on to Columbia University, graduating summa cum laude in 1952 before moving on to NYU SOM. *The Grapevine* recently spoke with some of his classmates, who remembered their friend "Stan" with fondness and reverence.

"I knew Stan all through college, medical school, and afterwards," said Daniel B. Drachman '56. "He was very bright, highly regarded and distinguished. He was also a terrific person, the essence of integrity, and a wonderful friend. I can remember him taking comparative anatomy at Columbia - he took out all the parts of a lobster, put them in a jar, and then identified them. And he had a great sense of humor. He once told a date that his father owned a halvah (candy) mine so convincingly that she believed him!"

Martin R. Liebowitz '56, knew Stan, Dan, and his twin brother, David A. Drachman '56. "We were cadaver mates," said Dr. Liebowitz. "We worked on the same cadaver. The four of us remained close over the years. We saw each other at reunions and meetings in New York.

"Stan made important contributions in physiology - how sodium and other ions move across the mucosal membranes," continued Dr. Liebowitz. "As a person with an incredible amount of energy and drive, he could do many things at once, and well."

Frederick F. Becker '56, another classmate, noted, "In the main, Stan was a quiet listener, but then he would raise a point or ask a question that demonstrated his remarkable grasp of the topic."

Dr. Schultz's career included postgraduate training at NYU-Bellevue and then Harvard Medical School. During his time at Harvard, he took a two-year leave and served as a U.S. Air Force captain in the medical corp. While stationed at Brooks Air Force

Base in San Antonio, Dr. Schultz taught radiation and biology. He also investigated the biological effects of radiation, which inspired his interest in intestinal absorption, particularly on the mechanisms of sodium and glucose-coupled absorption in the small intestine.

Dr. Schultz's career took him back to Harvard and then to the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where he developed a strong research program and spent a sabbatical at University of Cambridge, England. From there Dr. Schultz joined the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Medical School (UTHealth). That was in 1979, and his career continued to advance as an investigator of global importance, as a teacher and mentor, and as an administrator.

He became dean of the UTHealth Medical School in 2004 and was instrumental in the institution's recovery from Tropical Storm Allison.

Dr. Schultz received many honors, some of them international, during his lifetime, and he was heralded not just for his research but for the ways his discoveries led to improving the health of people living in poverty.

But around eight years ago, Dr. Schultz became ill. "An important quality Stan had was courage," explained Dr. Liebowitz. "He became extremely ill after an operation and spent five months in the ICU at UT and survived." Dr. Schultz and his wife then decided to move to Palo Alto, California, when Dr. Schultz retired.

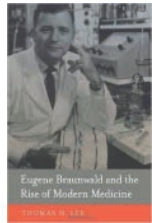
"He sent me an e-mail saying he wanted to spend his twilight time with his family, with his sons. He was always proud of his sons," said Dr. Daniel Drachman.

Adds Dr. Liebowitz, "They bought a condo and were ready to go in early spring of 2014. The night before they were to take the plane, his wife, Harriet Schultz, fell and broke her hip and had to spend five months in the hospital. The couple got to California in June. Stan only had a few months to enjoy his family. Harriet told me that Stan really enjoyed those few months.

"He was a very warm and outgoing person, the kind you want to have as a friend, and always interested in his friends and their families. I will miss him."



THE ALUMNI BOOKSHELF



Eugene Braunwald and the Rise of Modern Medicine by Thomas H. Lee is a biography about **Eugene Braunwald '52, '49WSC**. Dr. Braunwald was the most influential cardiologist of his time, and, in the 1960s, he proved that myocardial infarction could be altered by treatment. The book uses the personal history of Dr. Braunwald to describe the development of many of today's medical advances.



Murray S. Weissbach '55, '51ARTS shares: "Hi, to the Bad Bunch. I have begun a new career as an author. *The Golden Eagle, A Novel of the American Revolution*, has just been published. Of course, I want you all to buy and read it (paperback or e-book). Naturally, the hero is a young physician. Learn about colonial medicine and surgery, and how variolation saved the Continental Army and the Revolution. Relearn our country's history, be present at the battles and colonial weddings, see signs of early women's lib, meet spies, traitors, heroes, the ordinary men and women, and the kings, diplomats, politicians, admirals and generals who made and fought our revolution. I would love to hear from each of you. E-mail: murmar2@verizon.net."

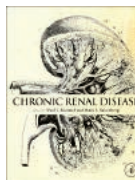
Robert E. Kravetz '58 recently came out of semiretirement as he was asked to join the faculty of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix where he had been teaching on a voluntary basis for a number of years. He has accepted a dual appointment as clinical professor in both the Departments of Internal Medicine and Bioethics and



Medical Humanism. At the age of 80, he now claims to be the oldest member of the faculty, as well as the newest addition, both receiving and paying Social Security! He also recently completed his fifth published book, *The Golden Medina – America: The Land of Opportunity*. It deals with the immigration of his family from Eastern Europe to America in the early part of the last century and the numerous success stories of those individuals who came from lands of oppression, pogroms, and poverty. This is the story of all individuals whose families migrated from Eastern Europe in the early part of the last century.



Priscilla Laubenstein wrote a book about her late daughter, **Linda J. Laubenstein '73**, entitled, *Tales of Linda: An AIDS pioneer Is Remembered by Patients, Colleagues, Friends and Family*.



Paul L. Kimmel '76 co-edited the recently published book, *Chronic Renal Disease*, with Mark E. Rosenberg, MD. It contains more than 70 chapters by 150 highly esteemed authors.

The book comprehensively investigates the physiology, pathophysiology, treatment, and management of chronic kidney disease and includes a companion web-based question-and-answer supplement to each chapter.



Lydia Y. Kang '98 is the author of *Control*, her debut young adult science fiction novel. Set in 2150, a 17-year-old girl endures the violent death of her father and searches for her sister. Dr. Kang incorporates science, adventure, and romance into her work.

Three Poems by Ruth P. Cohen '67

A Hospital Patient

*Imagine the sweetness
of a child, tasting red fruit.
The first suck blesses
with tasty juice.*

*A few chews and it's gone,
slipping down the throat,
away, like Cherry, a patient
who says, "My faith is in God,"
whose lips smile
and hide her body's pain.*

Between the Beaches

*On the beach of indecision
waves roll over and out to sea,
so different from the beach of decision
where progress gets measured in acts.*

Why the beach?

*Because sand stretches
to blue-green waters
and the sniff of seaweed
catches the nostrils midway
into lungs that breathe
glowing sunburnt air.*

Notice Death

*If you read The Times
on the obit page
the faces smile or stare,
often full of life.*

Mr. M died at 92.

The family prefers a midlife photo.

Mrs. S was beloved.

She left a marriage of 50 years.

Neither spouse wrote

but in 50 years

they spoke much.

*The door locks shut
as it did for my friend.*

*She counseled children,
wrote about it,*

raised two children of her own.

*One day she phoned
to complain bitterly
of back pain, stairs to climb,
a demented husband.*

The next day – silence.



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Battery Park, New York City*

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ACP/NYU Medical Alumni Reception
*8 p.m., Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel,
Boston, Massachusetts*

MAY

14/Thursday

Board of Governors Meeting
*6 p.m., Smilow MultiPurpose Meeting Room,
NYU Langone Medical Center*

20/Wednesday

NYU School of Medicine Graduation Ceremony
*6 p.m., Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center for the
Performing Arts, New York City*