

The Grapevine

The Alumni Newsletter of NYU School of Medicine



Remembering
Raymond J. Brienza,
an NYU School
of Medicine legend
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No wonder they're smiling!

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–Vivian Halpern, MD

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–Louis Cornacchia, MD

From Generation to Generation



Anthony J. Grieco, '63,
BS '60ARTS

Dear Friends,

As alumni of the NYU School of Medicine, we are part of a community that spans multiple generations and, sometimes, generations within the same family. That's true of Robert A. Press '71 and his father, Joseph H. Press '41. We recognized Bob on Dean's Honors Day last fall, and Joe was there to share the special day (see page 9).

I am fortunate. I get to practice medicine at the same great institution where I earned my degrees. I get to visit with many of you at our reunions, including the recent Washington, DC, lunch, a Florida brunch, and, this month, the annual on-campus reunion. I am waiting for someone to discover the NYU gene, because I am certain I carry one.

I am also convinced that our late, great associate dean of admissions and financial aid, Raymond J. Brienza, had an NYU gene. When he passed away last November, many of you wrote or phoned to tell us how "Mr. B" made sure that you had the opportunity to earn your degree, no matter what challenges you faced. We share some of your memories of this strong, kind, and gentle soul in this issue.

All of us will soon be celebrating the many people who have made our School one of the most historically important institutions in medicine because we're embarking on our **175th anniversary** from now through 2017! Our faculty member and NYU Langone Trustee Jan Vilcek, whose wonderfully written memoir is featured on page 22, certainly belongs in the pantheon.

Please enjoy this issue of *The Grapevine*. Your good work and your support of our School are its strengths.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony", written in a cursive style.

Anthony J. Grieco, '63, BS '60ARTS
Associate Dean of Alumni Relations

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APRIL

Friday, April 8

NYU Alumni Association Awards Luncheon
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12 noon, *Empire Ballroom, Grand Hyatt New York*

Saturday, April 16

Alumni Reunion Day
8:30 a.m., *Farkas Auditorium,
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Alumni Reunion Ball

7:00 p.m., *The Ritz-Carlton New York,
Battery Park, New York City*

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 11

Massachusetts/Rhode Island Alumni Brunch
11:00 a.m., *Boston Harbor Hotel*

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 15

Northern California Brunch
12:00 p.m., *Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco*

Sunday, October 16

Southern California Brunch
11:00 a.m., *The Peninsula Beverly Hills*

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The Legacy of Ray Brienza

Raymond J. Brienza, who passed away last year on Friday, November 6, at the age of 80 after a long illness, was a legendary figure who spent 31 years serving as the associate dean of admissions and financial aid at NYU School of Medicine.



Ray's commitment to help select and support deserving applicants to our School was one he took seriously and with great heart. The Newark native, who spent the last 50 years of his life in South Orange, New Jersey, was also unusual.

Was there any other dean in higher education who could claim a concurrent career as a noted harness racing sports columnist, one who generated numerous awards and a place in the Harness Racing Hall of Fame?

If you think about it though, Ray's dual careers made perfect sense. He had a gift, a sense of people and their potential. He understood which applicants would thrive at our School and which drivers and horses were true contenders at the track. He knew the decisions he made would change and even save people's lives; he knew that by accurately handicapping a race, bettors would make informed decisions.

Ray's life story is classically American. His career had its start when he became a copy boy, covering harness racing at Weequahic Park for one of Newark's now-defunct dailies while he attended, and then graduated from, Rutgers University. Later, Ray spent 40 years at the *Newark Star-Ledger* newspaper.

Ray's life in academia began when, three years after earning an MA in education, he became associate director of admissions at Pratt Institute. Ray spent five years there before moving on to become director of financial aid at NYU's Washington Square campus in 1967. He arrived at our own School in 1973 and, over the course of a 31-year career, helped guide its progress.

An honorary alumnus of the Class of 2005, Ray was recognized for his extraordinary and generous leadership at that time with the establishment of the scholarship fund that bears his name. Frequently described as a class act and a family man, Ray was married to his wife, Una, for 43 years (she passed away in 2002). He also served on the Rutgers University Board of Trustees. Raymond Brienza is survived by six children and six grandchildren.

Remembering Mr. B

*Many School of Medicine alumni contacted The Grapevine to share memories of their beloved “Mr. B,” and we share some of them here. We regret that we could not include every submission, * but we know that Dean Brienza would appreciate being remembered by the people on our campus he loved best: the students and his colleagues.*



Jeffrey Heit, MD '93

“Having lost my mother shortly before my first year at Medical School, I recall a fair amount of anxiety with regard to the affordability of the tuition. I made a number of trips with my father to Dean Brienza’s office. Ray had an uncanny way of making us both feel at ease. No matter what the circumstances, we knew that everything would indeed ‘work out.’”

Andrew E. Price, MD '80

“He believed in the ‘humanity’ of a person as an important ingredient in producing great physicians. So, he looked for people who had interesting and diverse experiences beyond Organic Chemistry Lab.”

Halina Wiczuk, MD '82

“I was working as a nurse at University Hospital, and I realized I wanted more science [in my career]. I made an appointment with Dean Brienza...he recommended the post-baccalaureate program at Columbia University, one of the first of its kind in the U.S. I was fortunate to attend NYU SOM after finishing my post bac, and did my residency here. I also met my husband, who was two years ahead of me in medical school. I have always been grateful to Dean Brienza for his guidance in helping me find my way. I am sure I am one of many who can fondly remember Dean Brienza.”

Laura J. Bessen, MD '88

“I remember him fondly from my interview, when I assumed he was the secretary stuffing envelopes. Later, to my surprise, he was on the stage during orientation as dean of Admissions. He was always available to students, with a smiling face.”

Joanne McGrath, MEd, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid, NYU SOM

“I worked for Mr. B for 20 years, from 1985 to 2005. He was all about his employees, and he never wanted to take credit for anything. Dean Brienza pushed me to get my undergraduate degree, which I did. And then, three months after I graduated, he brought me the paperwork to apply for a master’s degree program in higher education. Whenever he stood up at graduation, the whole audience would cheer. This happened every year...all the students just loved Mr. B.”

Michelle L. Mendoza, MD '05, BA '01CAS

“I am one of those students that needed some extra help. Dean Brienza offered me a work-study position in the financial aid office doing some odd jobs to make a little extra money...then he awarded me a small named scholarship and encouraged me to write a letter to the donor family. He said, ‘There’s nothing better than hearing exactly how you were able to help someone.’ Thank you, Dean Brienza—I would not be the physician that I am without you.”



Soma J. Mandal, MD '97, BA '93WSC

“When I was a third-year student, Dean Brienza helped me immensely to make ends meet with my tuition. I had maxed out on all my loans and had no idea where to get the extra money. He sat down with me and gave me a few excellent options. I am forever grateful to this kind-hearted man who always had a smile on his face.”

David Ansel, MD '98

“He was a brilliant, kind and unassuming man...even now, after 20 years, I clearly remember his gentle demeanor and feel grateful for having had him by my side. Dean Brienza played a role equal to any faculty member in ensuring my medical education.”

Scott W. Organ, MD '89

“I met Mr. B shortly before my first year at school. As luck would have it, I did not get assigned housing on campus—my housing application had gotten lost in the mail. That left retail housing or commuting from East Islip. The first option was unaffordable, the second, undoable. Mr. B came to the rescue—I ended up in a three-story walk-up on the corner of 33rd and First that he somehow secured for me and another student to share. He came to the rescue again when he nominated me for the JT Tai Foundation Scholarship [which I received]. I certainly was financially challenged during medical school. Mr. B, however, had a way of looking after me without the added embarrassment that often comes with need. He remains one of the brightest memories I have from NYU Medical School.”



**Lieutenant Commander
Mu-I Karen Kuo, MD '01**

“I was ecstatic when the federal government granted a merit scholarship for my medical school education. Little did I realize that my excitement would be dampened on April 1 [when my parents’ accountant informed me that I owed taxes on this benefit]. I had no cash reserves and neither did my parents, who could barely make ends meet. The next morning, I stood outside Dean Brienza’s door with head down. He lifted his head from his paperwork and welcomed me with a big smile... immediately I felt as if I was staring at the face of my financial Messiah. ‘Karen, don’t worry. I’m sure we can scrape something off the couch here to pay for those taxes,’ he said. I will forever be grateful to Dean Brienza and our School.”

Philip J. Marion, MD '85

“He was the first person I met during our orientation to the medical school. From the start he was a wonderful mentor who was always kind and encouraging. Such a gracious man, he would write an occasional note to both my wife, Tanya ('90), whom he would also encourage, and me. That and for many other reasons, Dean Brienza will be missed.”



Philip J. Marion and Tanya Lumpkins

**Please note that submissions have been edited.*

A photograph of Dean Robert I. Grossman, MD, smiling and wearing a maroon academic gown with a green stole. He is standing at a podium with a microphone. To his right is a large floral arrangement with yellow and blue flowers. The background is a wood-paneled wall.

Dean's Honors Day

A Celebration of Achievement

On October 5, 2015, the NYU School of Medicine marked Dean's Honors Day by recognizing outstanding academic achievement and philanthropic leadership. Each year, three faculty members are celebrated as masters: a clinician, an educator, and a scientist. Two of the three 2015 masters earned their medical degrees at our School, and one of these two also earned a doctorate in microbiology here.

Robert I. Grossman, MD, our Saul J. Farber Dean and CEO, brought good humor and grace to the festivities, which included remarks by NYU Langone Medical Center Board Chair Kenneth G. Langone as well as Vice Dean and Department of Medicine Chair Steven B. Abramson, MD, the Frederick H. King Professor of Internal Medicine.

The Grapevine is pleased to share highlights of Dean Grossman's speech about the 2015 masters as well as his remarks about NYU Langone Trustee Paolo Fresco, who was honored for his extraordinary generosity and vision with the Valentine Mott Founders Award.

Dean Grossman on Master Clinician Robert A. Press, MD '71, PhD '73GSAS, Senior Vice President and Vice Dean, Chief of Hospital Operations, and Clinical Professor of Medicine:

"I'm proud to announce that—at long last—I have the inside scoop on Bob Press! And I don't mean his passion for the theater and gourmet cuisine.

I mean that I know why, of the 16 medical interns on duty at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital in 1973, Bob was the only one who didn't make it into Samuel Shem's *House of God*.* He was such a good guy that there was nothing to satirize!"

Dean Grossman went on to describe Dr. Press's brilliance, humanism, and unflappable demeanor. Dr. Press's clinical specialty has been treating inpatients with surgical infectious diseases. His leadership skills have helped initiate programs that empower staff to excel in and improve patient-centered care. These initiatives include Infection Control and Prevention, the Hospitalist Program, Partners in Quality, the Pharmacotherapeutics Program, and others.

"Beyond his professional prowess, it is Bob's strengths as a human being that have made him so effective at those critical, ceaselessly demanding responsibilities," said Dean Grossman. "Thank you, my friend...and bravo!"

*The House of God, published in 1978, is a satirical novel following a group of interns at a fictionalized version of Beth Israel Hospital, Boston. Considered shocking at the time of its publication for its no-holds-barred revelations about hospitals and residency training, it became an instant classic. Its real author (Shem was a pseudonym) is Stephen J. Bergman, MD, DPhil, who based the novel on his own residency training experience and who joined the NYU SOM faculty as a clinical professor of medicine in the Division of Medical Humanities in October 2014.



Two generations: Joseph H. Press '41, '37WSC with his son, Bob Press



Jef Boeke



Marc Triola



Steve Abramson

Photo Credit: Jay Brady

Dean Grossman on Master Scientist Jef Boeke, PhD, DSc (Hon.), Founding Director of the School's Institute for Systems Genetics and Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology:

Dean Grossman began his remarks by noting the Renaissance man qualities of Dr. Boeke, which include dobro player in a Celtic-bluegrass fusion band, beekeeper, certified diver, and restorer of houses and repairer of boats. "His first year out of college, on a Watson scholarship, Jef Boeke drove from Maine to Peru," said Dean Grossman, "and not exactly in a car, but in a plant-drying 'oven-on-wheels' he'd concocted to be able to collect and preserve hitherto unknown botanic species."

It is Dr. Boeke's special combination of intelligence and entrepreneurial spirit that led him to create the world's very first working eukaryotic chromosome from scratch and to hold nine patents. The sophisticated research tools he's invented as well as his trailblazing accomplishments in synthetic biology are matched by his capacity to listen and connect with others and to generate excitement as well as trust among investigators.

"When people come away from a conversation with Jef, they don't know who had what idea. It's everyone's idea," said Dean Grossman. "Jef, we're thrilled you're here, and we're thrilled to be able to learn from you as our Master Scientist."

Dean Grossman on Master Educator Marc Triola, MD '98, Founding Director of the Institute for Innovations in Medical Education (IIME), Associate Dean for Educational Informatics, and Associate Professor of Medicine:

"Marc Triola's work has become so central to how we teach medicine that if he didn't exist, we'd have to invent him," said Dean Grossman. "In fact Marc's talent, determination, and contagious enthusiasm were so obvious to everyone who met him that he was appointed director of the Division of Educational Informatics when he was the only one in it!" The division has since become an institute, with a faculty of 22 people.

Dr. Triola is a national leader in harnessing technologies that improve and personalize the medical education experience. The Virtual Microscope and the Bio Digital Human are among the innovations that bear his imprint. His extraordinary vision as well as his gifts in mentoring others has placed Dr. Triola as the chair on state and national committees on educational technology for the health care professions.

"This is a guy who walked across the Brooklyn Bridge the morning after Superstorm Sandy to assess its impact on the lecture halls...and made sure the courses were up and running again the Monday after the storm," noted Dean Grossman. "And he met his wife...via, where else, but the Anatomy Room! He is—to borrow his favorite word—'Awesome.'"

Dean Grossman on the **Valentine Mott Founder's Award** honoree, Medical Center Trustee Paolo Fresco, a dedicated philanthropist and international business leader:

"Paolo Fresco is one of those larger-than-life people who excel at everything they touch," said Dean Grossman. "He's a masterful aficionado of art and art history, a chess champion, and a world-class yachtsman. His incredible energy and acumen took him from a law practice in Rome to the topmost echelon of GE in the storied days of Jack Welch to the chairmanship of Fiat."

Mr. Fresco brings this same level of commitment and an extraordinary generosity of spirit to his philanthropic endeavors—last year he and his adored wife, Marlene, together made a \$25 million gift from their Fresco Foundation to establish The Marlene and Paolo Fresco Institute for Parkinson's & Movement Disorders at NYU Langone, with a new, fully integrated operation planned for Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fresco's dedication to helping others facing the hardships of Parkinson's and movement disorders came straight from the heart and from personal experience—Marlene Fresco, who sadly passed away in November 2015, fought a courageous battle against Parkinson's.

Dean Grossman acknowledged that the Frescos had been grateful for the wonderful care provided by our Founders Professor of Neurology and Fresco Institute Executive Director Alessandro Di Rocco, MD. "But I think what was truly extraordinary," said Dean Grossman, "was taking a personal trial and transforming it into a force that has the potential to help millions and millions of people across the globe. Paolo, we salute you...I am honored to bestow on you the Valentine Mott Founder's Award."



Jean and Brian Blechman and Kathryn Moore, PhD, Jean and David Blechman Professor of Cardiology

Faculty Appointments

Dean's Honors Day traditionally honors academic appointments and The Grapevine shares some of the many appointments made that day:

Appointment to Department Chair or Institute Director

Benjamin G. Neel, MD, PhD, Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Director, Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center

Barbara A. Sampson, MD, PhD, Chair, Forensic Medicine

Marc M. Triola, MD '98, Director, Institute for Innovations in Medical Education

Jeffrey N. Weiser, MD, Chair, Microbiology

Appointment to Endowed Chair

Jill P. Buyon, MD, Lady Va and Sir Deryck Maughan Professor of Rheumatology

Joshua Chodosh, MD, MSHS, Michael L. Freedman Professor of Geriatric Research

Joel D. Ernst, MD, Jeffrey Bergstein Professor of Medicine

Kathryn J. Moore, PhD, Jean and David Blechman Professor of Cardiology

Jonathan D. Newman, MD, MPH, Eugene Braunwald, MD Assistant Professor of Cardiology

Danny Reinberg, PhD, Terry and Mel Karmazin Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology

Janet C. Rucker, MD, Bernard A. and Charlotte Marden Associate Professor of Neurology

Bernardo Rudy, MD, PhD, Valentino B. Mazzia, MD, JD Professor of Anesthesiology

Daniel H. Serman, MD, Thomas and Suzanne Murphy Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Thomas M. Wisniewski, MB, BS, Lulu P. and David J. Levidow Professor of Neurology

With Great Appreciation... The School Thanks Its Donors to Education

On November 19, 2015, the NYU School of Medicine highlighted leadership contributions to education with its annual Appreciation Dinner at the Water Club in Manhattan. Our education-oriented benefactors, many of them alumni, contribute annually and with legacy gifts to scholarships, curricula, and program development.

They have helped the school achieve a rank of No. 11 in the annual ratings published by *U.S. News & World Report*, up from No. 34, in nine years. These donors, including NYU Langone Trustee Jan Vilcek, MD, PhD, and his wife Marica Vilcek, have also helped triple the number of full scholarships offered since 2011, a remarkable rise.

Vice Dean for Education and Department of Medicine Chair Steven B. Abramson, MD, kicked off the evening with remarks, noting that every table in the room hosted at least one student. This annual dinner acknowledges high-achieving and generous alumni and friends by putting the spotlight on exceptional individuals, and Associate Dean of Alumni Relations Anthony J. Grieco MD '63, BS '60ARTS, gave a history of the awards that were handed out that evening.

Jennifer Batel, Class of 2016, spoke eloquently about the value of financial support; she received scholarships as an undergraduate at Harvard University and again at our School. "I was the first person in my family to attend a four-year university. Without the scholarship support I have received at NYU, I may not have had the opportunity to choose the field that I love," said Ms. Batel.

The first award presented was the Raymond J. Brienza Award, and it was a poignant moment as members of the late Dean Brienza's family observed the presentation to Olga Santiago, MD '81, an international leader in advanced therapeutics at Novartis. Everyone in the room then paused for a moment of silence in remembrance of a man whose warmth and dedication to students has left an enduring legacy.

Howard Furst, MD '93, a nephrologist who earned an MBA from the Wharton School, combines his medical experience and business acumen to foster successful venture capital investments with the biotech and other medical industries. He was celebrated with the Leidesdorf Associates Award.

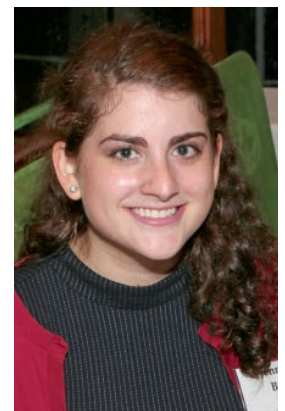
The dynamic couple of Peter Kent, MD '71, and his wife Carol Kent, PhD, MA '69 STEINHARDT, were the evening's Jerome S. Coles awardees. Dr. Carol Kent has taught literature and film courses in the English departments at several universities including Brown and Georgetown. Dr. Peter Kent spent the majority of a more than 24-year active duty career as a Navy Medical Corps officer in numerous and varied assignments, including program manager for the U.S. Navy's Diving and Submarine Medical Research Program.



Eleven students, all scholarship recipients



Awardees: Howard Furst, Olga Santiago, and Peter and Carol Kent



Scholarship recipient, Jennifer Batel, Class of 2016

Photo Credit: Jay Brady

The DC Luncheon Highlights Pediatric Leadership

Our School's annual Washington, DC, alumni lunch, held on October 25, 2015, became a double celebration for honoree Bernard Dreyer, MD '70. That same weekend, Dr. Dreyer became president-elect of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is also a past president of the Academic Pediatric Association.



Arthur H. Fierman, MD



John Klein, MD, Bernard Dreyer '70, and David Werho, MD



Mary Chang, MD, Jill Paulson '04, and Joanne Chang '05

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Dr. Dreyer is a national leader in children's health as well as the director of the Division of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics on our campus and the director of Pediatrics at Bellevue Hospital Center, where he helped establish the Frances L. Loeb Center for Child Protection and Development.

This champion of children's health, who is deeply passionate about eliminating childhood poverty, has developed a program with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prevent medication overdoses in children. He has also authored more than 70 articles about cognitive and language development, the impact of media on child development, and other topics.

It was fitting then, that Arthur H. Fierman, MD, spoke at the luncheon about the extraordinary expansion of Children's Services under way at NYU Langone Medical Center. Dr. Fierman is also a pediatrician at NYU Langone.

His research explores childhood and adolescent health problems in underserved populations as well as disparities in care regarding asthma, obesity, immunization delivery, health literacy, and other areas.

Thomas Hui, MD '79, president of our School's Alumni Board of Governors joined Associate Dean of Alumni Relations Anthony J. Grieco, MD '63, BS '60ARTS and other alumni at the luncheon in celebrating Dr. Dreyer and his leadership.

Catherine S. Manno, MD, chair of the Department of Pediatrics and the Pat and John Rosenwald Professor of Pediatrics, has been leading a major expansion of Children's Services since she arrived at NYU Langone in 2008. Construction is also currently under way on the Hassenfeld Children's Hospital, which will be encompassed on several floors within the Helen L. and Martin S. Kimmel Pavilion with its own street entrance, lobby, and family-friendly rooms and facilities.

Dean Grossman Celebrates with Alumni in Florida

Our School's annual Florida alumni brunch was held on February 7 at the Boca Beach Club in Boca Raton. Alumni were joined by our Saul J. Farber Dean and CEO Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08), and honoree Bernard M. Rosof '57.

Dean Grossman gave alumni and their guests a front-row seat on the extraordinary campus- and metro-area-wide expansion in facilities, programs, and physician practices as well as the impressive metrics concerning growth and improvement in patient care, research, and education. Among these measures are development of a technologically advanced, national model curriculum, called C21; No. 1 in the University HealthSystem Consortium's patient safety and quality ranking for the third year in a row; No. 12 on the *U.S. News & World Report* annual hospital ranking; the fastest growth rate in NIH grants of any major medical school; and an A3 credit rating from Moody's on bonds.

Honoree Dr. Rosof has been in the vanguard for health care quality and performance improvement throughout his career and has been recognized for his efforts to improve and implement evidence-based performance measures for use at the point of care. A roundtable chair of the Institute of Medicine, an immediate past chair of New York's North Shore-LIJ Health System's Huntington Hospital, and a past member of the Board of Directors of the National Quality Forum—these are just some of the leadership positions in which Dr. Rosof has delivered extraordinary impact.

He is currently CEO of the Quality in Healthcare Advisory Group, providing strategic consultative services, as well as a professor in the Department of Medicine at Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine.



Associate Dean Anthony J. Grieco '63, BS '60ARTS; Honoree Bernard Rosof '57; and Dean Grossman, MD (Hon. '08)



Alumni Nancy Ryong Cho '84 Robert Nagler '84

Photo Credit: Santa Barbara Photography

Have You Heard...

1940s

Joseph H. Press '41, '37WSC celebrated his 100th birthday in October 2015.

1950s

Cassius M. Plair '50 celebrated his 100th birthday in August 2015.

Edwin S. Robbins '52 celebrated his 90th birthday in November 2015. He has been in the private practice of psychiatry for 56 years, and his family believes that his staying physically and intellectually active has kept him young.

Robert S. Wilkinson Jr. '55 will receive the Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher Award from the American College of Physicians (ACP) in May. The ACP only gives one such award each year. Congratulations to Dr. Wilkinson!

Maurice A. Mufson '57 shares that he continues "to conduct research on the pneumococcus, deliver a few lectures to the internal medicine residents and mentor...my wife, Deedee, and I travel lots. [In the summer of 2015] we returned to Stockholm for a few days, where I served a sabbatical leave at the Karolinska Institute in 1984-1985, and we enjoyed several lunches and dinners with the research colleagues from that year... it was exciting to see them."

Edward L. Amorosi '59 tells us that his late father-in-law, James B. Donovan, is the subject of the Stephen Spielberg-directed movie, *Bridge of Spies*, which stars Tom Hanks as Donovan and was, at press time, nominated for six Oscars.

1960s

Howard E. Voss '61 became a Master of the American College of Physicians and received the 2015 Guardian of the Mission Award from Florida State University College of Medicine. This award is presented annually to a faculty member who is honored for furthering the college's mission and for being responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority, and underserved populations. Dr. Voss has been a clinical assistant professor for the Fort Pierce Regional Campus since 2008. He is also a volunteer medical director at the Volunteers in Medicine clinic in Stuart.

1970s

Marc J. Homer '71 received an award from the Society of Breast Imaging "in recognition of outstanding leadership, dedication, and contributions in breast imaging." After serving 38 years as chief of the Mammography section at Tufts Medical Center, he retired from practice on June 30, 2015. He was appointed professor emeritus of radiology at Tufts University School of Medicine and was also appointed to the emeritus staff at Tufts Medical Center. Dr. Homer still teaches at the medical school and the hospital.

Robert A. Press '71, PhD '73GSAS has been appointed senior vice president and vice dean, chief of hospital operations, at NYU Langone Medical Center. Dr. Press is also clinical professor of medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, at our School. Since June 2007, he has served as chief medical officer and, later, as patient safety officer at NYU Langone. Dr. Press previously had an active infectious diseases practice, focused mainly on inpatients with surgical infectious diseases.

Matthew J. Peake '79, who worked as a physician for 27 years, currently lives in Vermont where he is an art instructor and full-time contemporary artist. He recently exhibited his work at the Agora Gallery in New York City. Dr. Peake paints his figures from above, portraying people from a few feet above their heads with no faces visible. He applies paint in small pieces of color in a technique that he likens to mosaic-making and mounts his oil paintings on a "RoFrame" that allows the viewer to rotate the piece.



Matthew J. Peake, Overlook #7 Honored in the Breach, Pastel on Board, 20" x 16", Courtesy of Agora Gallery

Jonathan Woodson '79 will receive the NYU Alumni Association's 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award on April 8, 2016. This honor is given annually to respected and distinguished graduates who have demonstrated extraordinary achievement and service in their professional, vocational, social, or cultural endeavors.

1980s

James B. Spies, MD, MPH, FELLOW Vascular and Interventional Radiology '85 was elected in November 2015 by the American Board of Radiology to serve as a trustee for interventional radiology. Dr. Spies is chair and chief of service at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's Department of Radiology and professor at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC. He is an interventional radiologist whose primary clinical and research interest is in uterine embolization for fibroids.

1990s

Michael C. Schwartz '92 shares, "I was recently named the chairman of the Department of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, ProHEALTH Care Associates LLP, based in Lake Success, New York. We are a multispecialty group with over 600 physicians.... I have served as the orthopedic team physician for the New York Islanders, the New York Dragons, and World Team Tennis." Dr. Schwartz has also served as the covering orthopaedist for multiple sporting events and is the head team orthopaedist for Hofstra Athletics.

Eric L. Martin '96, an orthopaedic surgeon, joined the medical staff of Orange Regional Medical Group in Middletown, New York, in 2015. Previously, Dr. Martin was director of joint reconstruction surgery and attending surgeon at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, New York, as well as director of joint reconstruction and attending surgeon at Orange Regional Medical Center, where he was also chairman of the Department of Orthopedics. Dr. Martin has held attending surgeon positions at other area hospitals, including our own Tisch Hospital and Hospital for Joint Diseases and Bellevue Hospitals Center.

Fritz Francois '97, BA '93WSC, MS '07MED has been appointed chief medical officer and patient safety officer at NYU Langone Medical Center, where he has also served as chief of medicine. He

is associate professor of medicine at our School and was once its associate dean for diversity and academic affairs. Dr. Francois is an academic gastroenterologist whose research interests include esophageal disease, H. pylori, hepatitis C, and colorectal cancer screening in minority populations.

2000s

Fang-Yang A. Foo '02, assistant clinical professor of neurology at our School, received the PHA Patient O2 Breathe Award from the Pulmonary Hypertension Association—Greater New York and Philadelphia Chapter at their gala in November 2015.

Michael J. Lombino '03 shares that, “while maintaining my position as chairman of radiology at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital, I have just been appointed as director of musculoskeletal imaging at Imaging Advantage, LLC, now covering over 300 hospitals in 26 states.” His article, “Value of Portal Venous System Radiological Indices in Predicting Esophageal Varices,” was published in the *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Gastroenterology* and on *Dovepress* in February 2015.

Shaun A. Steigman '04 married Yaffa M. Vitberg, MD, on December 13, 2015, at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center in Roslyn, New York, as reported in *The New York Times*.

The couple are attending physicians at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, she in pediatric emergency medicine and he in pediatric surgery. They are also assistant professors at Weill Cornell Medical College, she in pediatrics and he in surgery. The bride received a medical degree from Tufts.

Kristy G. Ahrlich Mascarenhas '06, husband, Brendan Mascarenhas, and dog, Chewy, welcomed Gabriel Henry Mascarenhas into the world on August 10, 2015, at 12:17 pm at 19 inches long and weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces!



Kristy Mascarenhas '06, son Gabriel, and Chewy

Kevin H. Small '08 married Stephanie Kalikow, MA '17STEINHARDT, on October 10, 2015, at Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Samantha K. Brenner '09 married William D. Pollak, JD, on June 20, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort in Incline Village, Nevada, as reported in *The New York Times*. The bride is a specialist in critical-care medicine at the Stanford University Medical Center in Stanford, California. Her mother, Nereyda Gonzalez Brenner, PhD '87GSAS, is a retired psychologist, a former clinical instructor in psychiatry at our School, and a former director of graduate student training in psychology at Bellevue Hospital's bilingual treatment program. The groom is an associate in the Menlo Park, California, office of the Manhattan law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell. He received a law degree cum laude from the University of Michigan.



Stephanie Kalikow and Kevin Small '08

2010s

Christian J. Zaino '10, BA '06CAS became a licensed physician in New York and Illinois last year. His first-year accomplishments included presenting his research on cast pressures and carpal tunnel syndrome at the American Association for Hand Surgery annual meeting and a paper on the effectiveness of cast cutting in the March edition of the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*.

Rachel A. Bring '13 married Andrew E. Underberg on September 27, 2015, at Tribeca Rooftop in New York City, as reported in *The New York Times*. The bride is a third-year internal medicine resident at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center in New York. The groom is a music producer and songwriter in New York. He has co-produced and co-written music for the Heydaze, a New York-based pop band, and for the Korean and Japanese pop artists Tohoshinki and Kumi Koda.

Grenye O'Malley '13 married Fletcher A. Fernau on July 18, 2015, at Camp Red Pines in Upper Saint Regis Lake, New York.



Grenye O'Malley '13 and Fletcher Fernau

Brent Dibble '15, MBA '15STERN married Faith Mulroy on June 6, 2015, in Savannah, Georgia. The couple met as undergraduates while attending Georgetown University. The bride is a first-year law student at NYU School of Law. The groom, who was a commencement speaker at the NYU graduation ceremony in Yankee Stadium last spring, is a first-year emergency medicine resident at NYU Langone Medical Center.



Faith Mulroy and Brent Dibble '15

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Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD

IN MEMORY OF OUR LEADERS

Bernard A. Birnbaum '83, senior vice president and vice dean and chief of operations at NYU Langone Medical Center, passed away on September 14, 2015, at age 57. Dr. Birnbaum, a noted radiologist, "was one of the principal architects of our rapid ascent to our position today as one of the nation's premier academic medical centers," noted our Saul J. Farber Dean and CEO Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08).

Dr. Birnbaum completed his medicine internship, radiology residency, and abdominal imaging fellowship at NYU Langone. He served with great distinction as a member of the faculty of NYU Langone's Department of Radiology until 1993, when he left to become chief of computed tomography at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Birnbaum returned in 2001 to serve as vice chair of clinical affairs and operations and chief of service in the Department of Radiology.

In 2007, he joined the executive leadership team to head hospital operations. He led the creation of a new Department of Patient-Centered Care and was a leader of the Lean Six Sigma program. Dr. Birnbaum led efforts in quality improvement and safety, led the Incident Command Team during Hurricane Sandy, and directed the deployment and implementation of Epic, the Medical Center's integrated electronic health records system.

Dr. Birnbaum was committed and devoted to NYU Langone's patients and staff as a physician, leader, and mentor and will be remembered for his intelligence, wit, and warmth. He is survived by his wife, Maj Wickstrom, MD, assistant professor of radiology at our School, and their two children.

Richard F. Edlich '62, PhD on December 25, 2013, at age 74, as reported in *UVA Today*. Winner of our 2011 Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Health Science, Dr. Edlich was a Ford Foundation Scholar who gained early admission to Lafayette College at age 15. He became a plastic surgeon with an outstanding career in medical research and biomedical engineering, pioneering the field of wound care as the founder and director of University of Virginia's Burn and Wound Healing Center.

Dr. Edlich came to UVA for his plastic surgery residency in 1972. He left in 2001, as professor emeritus, to pursue medical research opportunities in the Pacific Northwest. His projects resulted in several important discoveries and innovative products, including the adhesive skin closure tape, Steri-Strips, now used routinely around the world.

Dr. Edlich also served as director of Emergency Medical Services at UVA until 1982, and he helped develop a comprehensive emergency medical system throughout the commonwealth, which was credited with saving President Ronald Reagan's life in 1981 when he was shot. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, one of many awards that recognized his contributions throughout his career.

Dr. Edlich, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1985, became a strong advocate for enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also co-wrote seven books and 4,000 scientific articles. He is survived by three children and two grandchildren.

Howard Green, MD, former chairman of our Department of Cell Biology, on October 31, 2015, at age 90, as reported in *The New York Times*. Dr. Green was instrumental in revolutionizing skin grafts for burn patients. He received his doctorate in medicine from the University of Toronto. After serving as a captain in the U.S. Army, he began his career at our School in 1956, becoming professor of cell biology and pathology and chairman of the Department of Cell Biology. He left NYU in 1970 to teach at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and, later, Harvard Medical School. Dr. Green was most known for his pioneering work in the Burn Unit at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where his laboratory cultivated patients' human skin cells in sheets that became grafts. The individual grafts regenerated a functioning epidermis in these same burn patients, and the treatment's success has been credited with saving lives ever since. He subsequently founded BioSurface Technology and was recognized around the world with special honors for his work. Dr. Green is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rosine Kauffmann Green.

Julius R. Krevans '46, BS '44ARTS on July 12, 2015, at age 91. Dr. Krevans was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha while attending NYU. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in the Philippines and the Walter Reed Hospital. Later, he began a career at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He quickly rose through the ranks, starting as a hematology fellow and eventually becoming dean of academic affairs. In 1971, Dr. Krevans was appointed dean of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), School of Medicine. During his 10 years as dean, he remained active in clinical practice.

In 1982, Dr. Krevans was appointed the fifth chancellor of UCSF. He was a national leader on patient safety, championed science, and helped spawn the biotechnology industry. He also boosted the recruitment of women and minority students to careers in health sciences.

Dr. Krevans received many awards, including our Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in 1978, the American College of Cardiology Convocation Medal in 1984, and the UCSF Medal in 1993. Dr. Krevans and his wife, Patricia, retired to Mt. Desert Island, Maine, in 2002, where he spent the last several years of his life surrounded by family and friends and enjoying the beauty of Acadia National Park, baking bread, sailing, and taking classes at the Acadia Senior College. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, five children, and seven grandchildren.

Oliver W. Sacks, MD, clinical professor of neurology and a writer acclaimed for what he described as “neurological novels,” on August 30, 2015, at age 82. Dr. Sacks, in his characteristic fashion of frankness, had written of his impending death in a February 19 *New York Times* essay, where he discussed the particulars of his case (metastatic ocular melanoma) as well as his gratitude for a life that was long and “equally rich in work and love.”

Born in London, Dr. Sacks was the youngest of four sons. At age 10, Dr. Sacks became interested in science, especially chemistry and biology, and created a lab in his basement. When he was 14, his mother, the first woman allowed to join the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, allowed him to dissect a leg that belonged to a girl his age. He also began keeping journals that year and later said that writing gave him “a joy, unlike any other.”

Dr. Sacks received his bachelor’s and medical degrees from Queen’s College, Oxford. In 1960, he moved to California to complete a medical internship at Mount Zion Hospital and then to southern California, where he spent a residency in neurology at University of California, Los Angeles. An adventurous spirit, he became an avid weightlifter, experimented with recreational drugs, and joined the Hells Angels on motorcycle trips.

He moved to New York City in 1965 for a fellowship at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and lived here the rest of his life. Dr. Sacks began his career as a researcher but soon turned to clinical practice. His associations in the New York City area included Beth Abraham Hospital in the Bronx, nursing homes, and other venues. He served as a professor of neurology and psychiatry at Albert Einstein College, Columbia University, and our School.

Dr. Sacks practiced medicine throughout his life because he genuinely loved working with patients. He was known for the time he gave them and the deep understanding he developed of their illnesses and their lives. Dr. Sacks wrote with great insight and sensitivity about people with brain disorders such as Tourette’s and Asperger’s by describing patients’ resiliency and, often, the strange and remarkable abilities that came with these ailments.

Orrin Devinsky, MD, director of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at NYU Langone, was a good friend of Dr. Sacks and, in a National Public Radio interview following Dr. Sacks’s death, stated, “He was a remarkably sensitive, brilliant, quirky, and fun person—just all of those features and an incredibly special human being and soul.”

Dr. Sacks was named a Commander of the British Empire in 2008, one of many honors and awards he received during a long and celebrated career. A former resident of City Island in the Bronx, where he liked to swim, he most recently lived in Greenwich Village. He was also a skilled pianist. Dr. Sacks is survived by his partner of six years, Billy Hayes.

Robert L. Spitzer ’57, considered one of the most influential psychiatrists of his era, passed away on December 25, 2015, at age 83. A Columbia University faculty member for over 50 years, Dr. Spitzer led a transformational change in standardizing psychiatric diagnoses with a clear framework of measurements. His work is especially remembered for the lasting changes it fostered as well as for leading Dr. Spitzer to his reexamination of homosexuality, which was identified at that time as a mental disorder in the American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

He met with gay rights advocates and by 1973 had engineered a change that would remove homosexuality as a mental disorder and replace it with “sexual orientation disturbance,” a diagnosis that describes people whose sexual orientation, gay or straight, caused them distress. It was considered a landmark breakthrough in civil rights.

Dr. Spitzer’s influence led to his chairmanship of a committee as well as work with the researcher who would later become his wife (Janet Williams, MD) to produce the DSM-III. The 1980 manual, which helped distinguish the boundaries between normal and abnormal behavior, sold widely. It replaced an unscientific system that had relied on a Freudian-based pamphlet, caused inconsistencies in diagnosis across the profession, and led to a distrust of psychiatry.

Dr. Spitzer’s career was later marked by a discredited 2003 study he conducted, one that supported the idea of “reparative” therapy to alter homosexual behavior in individuals desiring to change. In 2012, Dr. Spitzer apologized for the study: “You know, it’s the only regret I have, the only professional one,” he said in a *New York Times* interview.

Dr. Spitzer, after graduating from our School, completed a psychiatric residency at the New York Psychiatric Institute and graduated from Columbia University’s Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. He retired from Columbia in 2003. He is survived by his wife, five children, and four grandchildren.

1930s

Irwin H. Feigin '38 on January 22, 2015, at age 99 as reported by his son, Joel Feigin. Dr. Feigin spent 30 years on our faculty and was professor of neuropathology. After medical school, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Dr. Feigin began his research career in neuropathology at New York Presbyterian Medical Center. He later worked at Sydenham Hospital and Mount Sinai before joining our faculty, where he remained until his retirement. Dr. Feigin made seminal contributions during his career, studying mucopolysaccharides in the brain extracellular space and the reactions of astrocytes and microglia in a wide variety of conditions.

1940s

Burton P. Hoffman '43D on December 14, 2015, at age 95, as reported in *The New York Times*. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Hoffman did his medical training at NYU and Hospital for Joint Diseases. An orthopaedic surgeon, he was married for 50 years to Betty Kornfeld, who passed away in 1992. Dr. Hoffman later married Carolyn Laev Kagan, who also predeceased him. He spent his last years in Boston. Dr. Hoffman was an active athlete who loved to travel and who completed the New York City Marathon at age 70. He is survived by his three sons, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Nelson J. Weiser '43D on March 31, 2015, at age 94, as reported in *Citizens' Voice*. Born in New York City, Dr. Weiser was a U.S. Army World War II veteran. He practiced medicine at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center in Pennsylvania for more than 40 years. Dr. Weiser was known for his exemplary medical knowledge and his dedicated, caring manner. He was an avid tennis player and a member of Congregation Ohav Zedek and other civic, religious, and professional organizations.

E. Wayne Martz, Jr. '44 on October 4, 2015, at age 94, as reported by his son. Dr. Martz completed an internship at Bellevue Hospital and served as a U.S. Army captain during World War II. In 1952, he opened a private practice in Pittsburgh, where he was highly regarded for his diagnostic abilities. Dr. Martz was director of medical education at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh and Christiana Care in Wilmington, Delaware. He taught at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Later, he became the executive director of

the Delaware Board of Medical Practice. He also served as president of the Pennsylvania, Delaware, and American Heart Associations. Dr. Martz was recognized with several awards, including the Distinguished Service Award by the Medical Society of Delaware and the Laureate Award from the American College of Physicians. He is survived by four children, 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

1950s

Ruth M. Qualben '50 on August 26, 2015, as reported by her daughter, Elizabeth Pervin. Dr. Qualben, a native of Brooklyn, completed her internship at Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn and became a staff physician at the New York Telephone Company and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. She then worked for the New York City Department of Health for 20 years, as regional consultant and later assistant director for the Brooklyn and Bronx Bureau of School Health and regional health director for Staten Island and West Brooklyn. She then became medical director for the Equitable Group and Health Insurance Company.

Dr. Qualben served on the Eger Lutheran Home Board of Directors. She enjoyed biking, walking, and gardening, remaining active through her last days. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul A. Qualben '53, and a son and is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Jesse L. Schomer '52 on November 6, 2015, at age 87, as reported in *The New York Times*. Born in New York City, Dr. Schomer served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. In addition to his private psychiatric practice in Manhattan and Westport, Connecticut, he was director of the Adult Psychiatry Clinic of New York Hospital—Westchester Division. Dr. Schomer was also on the faculty of New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical College and the Columbia University Psychoanalytic Center. A longtime member of the American Psychoanalytic Society, he will be remembered for his scientific mind, intellect, wit, and humor. Dr. Schomer is survived by two children and three grandsons.

Harold J. Berman '53 on June 28, 2015, at age 87, as reported by his wife, Barbara Alk Berman. Dr. Berman was a dermatologist for 55 years in Alexandria, Virginia. He was predeceased by his first wife, Joan Felstein Berman, and is survived by his wife and five children.

Joseph Katz '53, '49ARTS on June 19, 2015, at age 86, as reported by his son, Jon M. Katz '85. Dr. Katz served as a U.S. Air Force captain and began his medical practice as an anesthesiologist in Pittsburgh. Nine years later he moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he worked at St. Joseph's Hospital for over 20 years. In 2001, our School honored Dr. Katz with the Jerome S. Coles, MD Award. He and his wife, Arlene Katz, retired to Boca Raton, Florida, where he enjoyed playing golf, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Dr. Katz is survived by his wife of 57 years, three children, and nine grandchildren.

Walter E. Jacobowitz '58 on September 3, 2015, at age 82, as reported by his son, Glenn R. Jacobowitz '89. Dr. Jacobowitz completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at NYU/Bellevue before going into practice in Morristown, New Jersey. He practiced for 40 years at Morristown Memorial Hospital, where he served as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and president of the medical staff. This quiet and dignified man was loved by his family and patients, and bestowing NYU SOM degrees upon Glenn and Glenn's wife, Marilyn Jacobowitz, both members of our Alumni Board of Governors, was a proud moment in his life. Dr. Jacobowitz is survived by his wife, Suzanne Jacobowitz, their three children, and five grandchildren.

Maurice E. Shils '58 on June 29, 2015, at age 100, as reported by his classmate Gerald A. Gellin '58. Dr. Shils spent almost five years as a civilian scientist with the Army during World War II and helped develop more palatable, safe, and nutritious foods including combat rations. His centenarian birthday was celebrated in *The Grapevine's* Winter 2015 issue. A faculty member at Columbia University School of Public Health in the Industrial Medicine Department, he was a forefather of parenteral feeding. Dr. Shils also held leadership and/or faculty positions at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Cornell University Medical College, and Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital. He served as executive secretary of the Committee on Public Health of New York Academy of Medicine. He was predeceased by his wife of almost 50 years, Cylia Finkel Shils, and is survived by his wife of 26 years, Betty Bell Shils, two children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandsons.

Clinton N. Levin '58 on November 7, 2015.

Dr. Levin was a gastroenterologist and internal medicine specialist as well as a co-founder, in 1970, of Hawthorn Medical Associates, a large, multispecialty medical group practice in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Earlier, he served as a U.S. Army physician (captain) in South Korea and was assigned to one of the first MASH units. Dr. Levin had a love of music and art. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Frances, two sons, and three grandchildren.

Allan J. Waltzman '58, BS '54WSC on September 3, 2015, as reported by his wife, Renee F. Waltzman, JD '62LAW. Dr. Waltzman was a child and adult psychoanalyst. He attended the New York Psychoanalytic Institute and taught a latency course there. He also taught child psychiatry for 35 years at SUNY Downstate and had a private practice. Dr. Waltzman is survived by his wife and two children.

1960s

Robert S. Bart '60 on July 18, 2015, at age 82.

Dr. Bart served as president of NYU's Alpha Omega Alpha Chapter during his student days. Following his training in dermatology at NYU, Dr. Bart served for two years as an Air Force captain. He joined our faculty in 1966. During his tenure, he published on a broad array of dermatologic issues, including over 140 papers co-authored with his longtime collaborator Alfred W. Kopf, MD. The most famous of these described the "ABCDs" of melanoma. Dr. Bart retired in 1994. He is survived by his wife, Celia Tiangco-Bart, MD, and one son.

Fredda V. Ginsberg-Fellner '61 at age 78 on October 22, 2015, as reported in *The New York Times*. Dr. Ginsberg-Fellner was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. A pioneer for her work on juvenile diabetes and childhood obesity, she was a retired professor of pediatrics and director, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology, Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Mount Sinai honored her with its Alexander Richman Award for Humanism and Ethics in Medicine. Dr. Ginsberg-Fellner was a past president of the New York Diabetes Association and the New York Pediatric Society and a past chair of the Council on Diabetes in Youth and the American Diabetes Association. She is survived by her husband, Michael J. Fellner, MD, a former associate professor of dermatology at our School, two children, and five grandsons.

Charles M. Mansbach, II '63 on August 19, 2015, at age 77. Dr. Mansbach did his internship and residency at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, where he became a faculty member in gastroenterology. From 1968 to 1970, he served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy and, afterwards, returned to Duke, where he engaged in patient care, research, and teaching. In 1986, he became chief of the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center with an appointment at the Memphis VA. Dr. Mansbach studied mechanisms of lipid absorption and transport and was adding to his roster of 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts at the time of his death. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of opera and classical music and lived with unquenchable optimism. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, May Lynn Mansbach, three sons, and eight grandchildren.

Bertrand Agus '65, BA '61ARTS, clinical associate professor of medicine in July 2015. Dr. Agus completed his residency and rheumatology fellowship here and provided 47 years of outstanding teaching and dedication to students, house staff, and fellows at our School. This warm and caring physician will be greatly missed.

Ronald S. Citron '65 on July 23, 2015, at age 74, as reported in *The Napa Valley Register*. Dr. Citron moved to Los Angeles in 1968. A clinician-researcher and author, he developed a career in oncology and hematology and focused on the early detection and prevention of cancer. Dr. Citron conducted research at the Institute for Immunology Basel and at the National Institutes of Health. He also served on the faculties of the University of Southern California and University of California, Los Angeles, and as medical spokesperson and lobbyist for the American Cancer Society. His book, *Dr. Citron's Evolutionary Diet and Cookbook* for cancer prevention was published in 1997, and he also created a health risk assessment computer program. In retirement, he enjoyed sailing and tooling around his vineyard in a 20-year-old pickup truck. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Citron, two stepchildren, and one grandson.

1970s

Alfred G. Ehlenberger '77, PhD '75GSAS, MS '71POLY, BS '66POLY on June 7, 2013.

1980s

Elizabeth M. Andrew '84 on April 6, 2015, at age 64, as reported by her lifelong companion Thaddeus S. Nowak, PhD. After graduation from our School, Dr. Andrew completed a residency at the University of North Carolina's Memorial Hospital and practiced pediatrics in Silver Spring, Maryland, before moving to Memphis in 1992. She joined Memphis Children's Clinic, where she continued to practice until shortly before her death. Dr. Andrew was an avid gardener and an accomplished photographer, knitter, and runner. She competed numerous half and full marathons, including the Boston Marathon in 2006. In addition to Dr. Nowak, Dr. Andrew is survived by her mother and six siblings.

David G. Orloff '84 on September 13, 2015, as reported by his son, Jeremy Orloff. Dr. Orloff completed his medical training at Yale University and fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. An endocrinologist, he published his NIH laboratory work in immunology in *Nature*. As director of the Division of Metabolism and Endocrinology Products at the Food and Drug Administration, he oversaw the approval of a new class of statin drugs. Dr. Orloff achieved the rank of captain in the Public Health Service, after which he joined Medpace Inc., where he was senior vice president of medical and regulatory affairs. He was regarded as an industry opinion leader in the study of metabolic diseases and drug development and is survived by his mother and two sons.

Jeremy R. Geffen '86 on June 1, 2015, at age 58, as reported by his partner, Kristina Holmes. Dr. Geffen completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of California San Diego Medical Center and his fellowship in hematology-oncology at University of California San Francisco Medical Center. He was executive director of the Geffen Cancer and Research Institute in Vero Beach, Florida, and affiliated with the Indian River Memorial Hospital in Vero Beach. Most recently, he was president of Geffen Visions International, Inc., and The 7 Levels of Healing Program, a mind-body-spirit program for cancer patients and their loved ones.

Patricia A. Thomas '86 on May 6, 2015, at age 58, as reported in the *Kansas City Star*. Dr. Thomas, a national expert on pathology and cytopathology, also obtained a master's degree in biology and biochemistry from the University of Kansas. She

had a special interest and training in fine needle aspiration and breast pathology and her research focused on early detection of benign breast lesions and their predictive value as well as any racial or ethnic variations in breast cancer survival. Dr. Thomas was chair of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Kansas and championed diversity as an associate dean of its Office of Cultural Enhancement and Diversity. She was much honored and also published more than 110 articles and abstracts. Dr. Thomas is survived by her husband, Martin K. Haynes, and their three children.

FACULTY PASSINGS

Michael S. Bruno, MD, a former associate dean and trustee, as well as a Department of Medicine director for Lenox Hill Hospital, on November 16, 2015, at age 93, as reported in *The New York Times*. Dr. Bruno was also a clinical professor at our School for 65 years. A native of New York City, Dr. Bruno earned his MD at Columbia University and completed his internship at Bellevue Hospital, where he later was appointed chief resident. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army in Japan.

His leadership was instrumental in transforming Lenox Hill Hospital into an outstanding teaching hospital and tertiary care center, and he was well regarded for his diagnostic skills. Dr. Bruno was predeceased by his wife, Ida M. Bruno, and is survived by his partner, Maria Goode Schwartz, three children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Joe H. Dwek, MD, former clinical professor of medicine, on December 25, 2015, at age 87. Dr. Dwek graduated from medical school in Manchester and Edinburgh and later emigrated to the U.S. He joined the staff of Booth Memorial Medical Center (now New York-Presbyterian/Queens) in 1965 and served in several leadership positions there. He served on our faculty for 39 years as clinical professor of medicine. In 2000, he launched HealthReach NY, a not-for-profit organization providing free medical care to the uninsured in Queens. A program fund was established in his honor at NYU's undergraduate campus, and it engages students from underserved populations with NYU research mentors. Dr. Dwek, a humble and brilliant clinician, is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sally Dwek, their four children, and 11 grandchildren.

Edward S. Rachlin, MD, former clinical instructor in orthopaedic surgery, on May 28, 2015, at age 85, as reported in *The New York Times*. An orthopaedic surgeon and physical medicine specialist in New York City and Watchung New Jersey, he maintained a holistic perspective and was on our faculty for 46 years. In the last 20 years, he and his wife, Barbara C. Rachlin, volunteered in Africa and Asia through Health Volunteers Overseas. This humble, generous, and wise man enjoyed playing clarinet and was an outstanding tennis player, even in his 80s, beating opponents half his age. Dr. Rachlin is survived by his wife and three children.

David H. Saxe, MD, clinical professor of surgery, at age 101 on December 13, 2014, as reported by his son, Andrew Saxe, MD. Dr. Saxe earned his medical degree at the University of Michigan and served as a medical officer during World War II in Cuba, the Arctic, and the Battle of the Bulge. He was a faculty member for 59 years. Dr. Saxe was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Caroline S. Saxe MA '68STEINHARDT, and is survived by his two children and four grandchildren.

Arthur C. Upton, MD, former chairman of environmental medicine and director of our Institute of Environmental Medicine from 1979 to 1992, on February 14, 2015, at age 91, as reported by his daughter, Melissa P. Upton, MD. Dr. Upton earned his MD from University of Michigan and completed an internship in medicine and residency in pathology there as well. His research concerned the health effects of radiation and other hazardous environmental agents; he held several leadership positions during his career, including director of the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Upton was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, and received honors, including the Ernesto Orlando Lawrence Award from the U.S. Department of Energy. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Upton, three children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Ira A. Wasserberg, MD, former clinical associate professor of urology, on December 7, 2015, as reported by Roslyn Palusci. Dr. Wasserberg was a faculty member for 30 years. He was also an artist, World War II veteran, and world traveler. He is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

Dorothea Zucker-Franklin, MD, professor emerita of medicine, Department of Medicine, on November 24, 2015, at age 86, as reported by Dean and CEO Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08). Dr. Zucker-Franklin and her family evaded the Nazis when they moved from Berlin to Amsterdam. She came to the United States in 1946 and later became class president and valedictorian at Hunter College. Dr. Zucker-Franklin earned her MD from New York Medical College and completed her residency and a fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center. She was a distinguished leader and contributed to the basis of contemporary cell biology through her work on the microarchitecture of blood cells. A member of our faculty for 52 years, she ran a lab here for almost 40 years. Dr. Zucker-Franklin co-authored a definitive atlas of hematology and was a president of the American Society of Hematologists. She and her late husband, former SOM faculty member Edward C. Franklin '50, loved their farm in the Berkshires. She is survived by one daughter and a grandson.

Dr. Ancowitz, center, with Dr. Blaum, left, and Nina Blachman, MD, a faculty member whom Dr. Ancowitz has supported with a prior gift.



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An Alumnus's Calling: Supporting Stroke Research

Arthur Ancowitz, MD, talks the talk and walks the walk. The nonagenarian, a 1948 graduate of the NYU School of Medicine, exemplifies healthy living by following his own sound advice. He has biked through many countries; is a frequent swimmer, tennis player, and runner; and has recently taken up tap dancing. His diet, a recipe for living, is low in salts and saturated fats.

Dr. Ancowitz has also dedicated his career and his philanthropic efforts toward stroke research, and his most recent gift to our School comes at a time when research on strokes and related diseases is on the upswing. Caroline S. Blaum, MD, MS, is the Diane and Arthur Belfer Professor of Geriatric Medicine and director of the Geriatric Medicine Division. She has a background in hypertension and stroke research and has been recruiting some of the best geriatricians in the field to NYU Langone Medical Center over the past few years.

“Even after many years of studying hypertension and stroke risk and working to prevent strokes and associated cognitive impairment and disabilities,

many questions remain about strokes and their prevention in older adults,” says Dr. Blaum.

Thanks to a generous grant from The Stroke Foundation, founded by Dr. Ancowitz, Dr. Blaum and her colleagues have organized a study that will promote the understanding of brain flow, which they believe may be one of the keys to identifying suitable treatment targets for hypertension and other conditions that cause stroke. “This is cutting-edge research that has strong potential for both rapid publication of pilot results and future NIH funding,” says Dr. Blaum, “and we are very grateful to Dr. Ancowitz and his longtime leadership support of our institution.”

The Alumni Bookshelf



Jan Vilcek, MD, PhD (Hon. '06)

Love and Science: A Memoir by Jan T. Vilcek, MD, PhD

Professor Jan Vilcek, an NYU Langone Medical Center trustee and co-creator of the blockbuster drug Remicade, is sharing his extraordinary life story with readers everywhere with the recent publication of his memoir, *Love and Science*.

Jan's story is dramatic. As a Jewish child in Nazi-controlled Czechoslovakia, he was forced to hide in order to avoid deportation to an extermination camp. As a scientist, he risked all to escape, with his wife, Marica, an art historian whose interests did not match the apparatchiks' vision for art, to New York and the freedom it offered them. They arrived in the United States without a penny.

Once here, the Vilceks went to work, he as a scientist at NYU School of Medicine, she as a curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Jan spent many hours in his lab, trying to develop a cancer cure using interferon and TNF blockers, but was unsuccessful. He persevered, though, and later this same work led to the development of Remicade, the very first drug in a new category of highly effective treatments for autoimmune diseases. The Vilceks were suddenly and unexpectedly wealthy. They were also grateful for the opportunities they'd been given, and they decided to give back, in spades.

The faculty, students, and staff who know Jan Vilcek best speak of a remarkably generous and humble man with a superb intellect, drive, and curiosity. He is a scientist who, with Marica, has empowered the quest for scientific discovery and scholarship and for artistic freedom and expression.

Jan, like his wife, shares an abundance of time, money, and knowledge with an open heart and a desire to help others reach for the stars. Love and science it is, and so beautifully written about in this exceptional book. (Dr. Vilcek will give a reading during the NYU SOM Alumni Reunion on Saturday, April 16.)

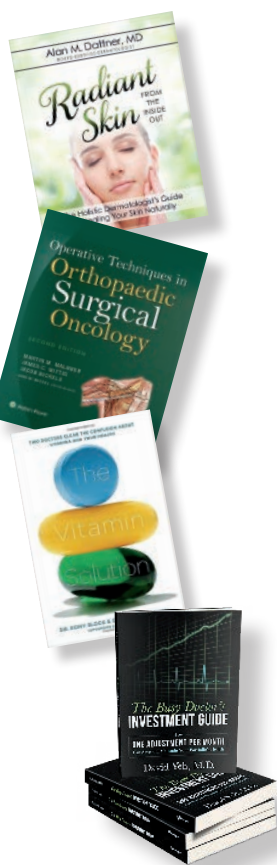


Alan M. Dattner '69 is the author of *Radiant Skin from the Inside Out: The Holistic Dermatologist's Guide to Healing Your Skin Naturally*. Dr. Dattner describes the book as "a blueprint for understanding natural treatment of not only skin diseases but other inflammatory disorders. It will help both the clinician and the patient understand how to reduce cross-reactive attack leading to inflammation."

Martin M. Malawer '69 is the lead author of the second edition of *Operative Techniques in Orthopaedic Surgical Oncology*. The book provides authoritative, easy-to-follow guidance to the novice trainee or experienced surgeon.

Romy Block, MD, FELLOW Endocrinology '05 is the co-author of *The Vitamin Solution: Two Doctors Clear the Confusion About Vitamins and Your Health*. The book explains which vitamins and supplements can be helpful, which can be harmful, and which are unnecessary. It is a guide to safely incorporating vitamins and supplements into any lifestyle.

David M. Y. Yeh '94 is the author of *The Busy Doctor's Investment Guide: How One Adjustment Per Month Can Save and Maintain Your Portfolio's Health*. Dr. Yeh is a practicing physician, speaker, author, investment advisor, and founder of The Wealthy Doctor Institute.





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