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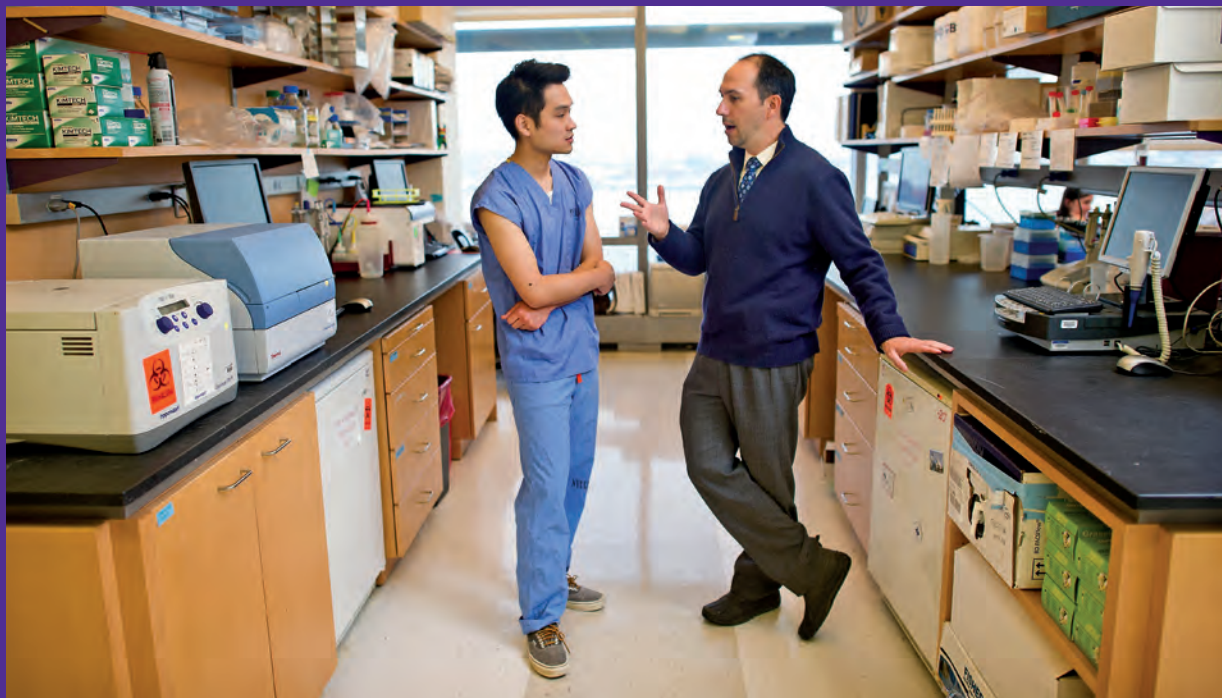
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Medical Alumni Weekend

Our annual NYU School of Medicine Alumni Weekend was held on Saturday, April 26. The weekend kicked off with a scientific program on advances in medicine and science by faculty and alumni. David Oshinsky, PhD, director of the Division of Medical Humanities and professor in the NYU Department of History, gave a talk on Jonas Salk, MD, Albert Sabin, MD, and the battle against polio. An award-winning writer and historian, Dr. Oshinsky wrote *Polio: An American Story*, which won both the Pulitzer Prize for History and the Hoover Presidential Book Award. He graduated from Cornell University and obtained his PhD from Brandeis University.

Eduardo D. Rodriguez, MD, DDS '92DEN, chair of the

Department of Plastic Surgery and an internationally recognized leader in reconstructive, craniofacial, and plastic surgery, spoke about redefining the future of facial reconstruction. Previously with the University of Maryland School of Medicine and R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Dr. Rodriguez led the team that performed the most extensive and comprehensive full-face transplant completed to date—a groundbreaking advancement in the field of plastic and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Rodriguez earned his Bachelor of Science in neurobiology from the University of Florida, followed by a DDS degree from NYU. He completed residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Montefiore Medical Center/ Albert Einstein College of Medicine and received his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia. He then studied plastic surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the University of Maryland Medical Center. He subsequently completed an International Reconstructive Microsurgery Fellowship at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan.

Since the inception of our School in 1841, our alumni have made major contributions to medicine and science. In recognition of the accomplishments of our graduates, the Medical Alumni Achievement Award was established in 1954, with Jonas

E. Salk '39 as the first recipient. In 1969, Solomon A. Berson '45 received the award for the discovery of radioimmunoassay of peptide hormones. His colleague, Rosalyn Yalow, PhD, was later awarded the 1977 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for their work. Because it is not awarded posthumously, Dr. Berson did not receive the Nobel Prize. However, in 1979, the NYU School of Medicine Alumni Association memorialized him by naming the prestigious Medical Alumni Achievement Awards in his honor.

This year's recipient of the Solomon A. Berson Alumni Achievement Award in Basic Science was Robert Friedman '58. Dr. Friedman is professor and chairman of the Department of Pathology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Dr. Friedman gave a presentation titled "The

Peculiar Story of Interferons: From Panacea to Pariah to Paragon." Dr. Friedman has spent his career in medicine as a pathologist conducting research on interferons and cytokines. He was one of the early workers on interferon, which he began to study soon after he finished his internship at Mount Sinai Hospital. His first project as an NIH research fellow in the lab of Samuel Baron '52, '48ARTS was to find out why immune-impaired patients often recovered from viral infections. To study this phenomenon, he developed a method for inhibiting both humoral and cellular immunity in animals by employing radiation and methotrexate. This was one of the first uses of the latter for inhibiting immunity. The animals he

studied recovered from virus infections just fine, and he showed that they still produced interferon. This was among the first proofs that interferons were important natural antiviral agents. After completing his residency at the NIH Clinical Center, Dr. Friedman worked for a year at the National Institute for Medical Research in London at the lab of Alick Isaacs, the discoverer of interferon, and then returned to the NCI at the NIH both as a surgical pathologist helping to train residents and to continue his work on interferon, this time on how it induced antiviral activity in cells. In 1971, the NCI sent him back to London to work for two years



Dean and CEO Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08); Jennifer A. Stein '04, PhD '02GSAS, MS '00GSAS, the Julia Zelmanovich Young Alumni Award winner; Lee Morin '81, PhD '82GSAS, MS '78GSAS, the Solomon A. Berson Alumni Achievement Award in Health Science winner; Eduardo D. Rodriguez, MD, DDS '92DEN, chair of our Department of Plastic Surgery; Robert M. Friedman '58, the Solomon A. Berson Alumni Achievement Award in Basic Science winner; Mark B. Taubman '78, '76GSAS, the Solomon A. Berson Alumni Achievement Award in Clinical and Translational Science winner; and Anthony J. Grieco '63, BS '60ARTS, associate dean of alumni relations and academic events.

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with Ian Kerr on developing a cell-free system to fully understand how interferon worked. Appointed chief of the Laboratory of Pathology at the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases in 1973, Dr. Friedman's research then centered on how interferon inhibited the growth of viruses with lipid membranes such as leukemia viruses. In 1981, he was awarded a fellowship by the Royal Society to work at Warwick University near Coventry, England. Dr. Friedman returned to the NIH in 1982 and has helped to train about 20 percent of the physicians who have served in the Uniformed Services and a much larger percentage of those sent to serve in combat areas.

The recipient of the Solomon A. Berson Alumni Achievement Award in Clinical and Translational Science was Mark Taubman '78, '76GSAS. Dr. Taubman is dean of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Taubman spoke about tissue factor, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. Dr. Taubman received his BA in biochemistry from Columbia University. He completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular diseases at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. After five years on the Harvard faculty at Brigham and Women's, he joined the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, where he developed a well-funded research program in vascular biology, focusing on the regulation of proinflammatory and prothrombotic molecules in smooth muscle cells and in the arterial wall. In addition to his research program, Dr. Taubman was the director of the Cardiology Fellowship, the principal investigator of an NIH training grant in molecular cardiology, and the director of the Medical Scientist Training Program (the MD-PhD program). In 2003, Dr. Taubman moved to the University of Rochester as chief of the Cardiology Division and the director of the Cardiovascular Research Institute. In 2007, Dr. Taubman was appointed the chair of medicine at the University of Rochester, and in 2010 he became dean of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Taubman has served as a charter member of the AICS study section of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the chairman of the Research Committee of the National American Heart Association (AHA). In 2006, in recognition of his contributions to vascular biology, he received the Russell Ross Memorial Award of the Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology Council of the AHA. In 2007, Dr. Taubman was named editor-in-chief of the AHA journal, *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology*.

Lee M. E. Morin, MD '81, PhD '82GSAS, MS '78GSAS, MPH was the recipient of this year's Solomon A. Berson Alumni Achievement Award in Health Science. Dr. Morin is an astronaut working at the Johnson Space Center and is currently assigned to the Exploration Branch, working on the cockpit of NASA's newest spacecraft, the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle. Dr. Morin gave an overview of space medicine and how it enables expansion of our species. After graduating from the University of New Hampshire in 1974, Dr. Morin worked at the Media Lab at MIT and then matriculated at NYU School of Medicine, earning a Master of Science in biochemistry, his MD in 1981, and a PhD in microbiology in 1982. He completed residency training in surgery at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center and Montefiore Hospital. In 1982, Dr. Morin received a direct commission in the Naval Reserve. In 1983, he entered active duty and attended

the Naval Undersea Medical Institute, where he became an undersea medical officer and diving medical officer, and received his “Dolphins” as a qualified submarine medical officer. Dr. Morin then entered flight surgeon training at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAMI) and received his Wings of Gold as a naval flight surgeon in 1986. He remained on the staff at NAMI as flight surgeon/diving medical officer until 1989, concurrently earning his Master of Public Health from the University of Alabama. He briefly left active duty to practice occupational medicine in Jacksonville, Florida, but remained in the Naval Reserve, where he served with the U.S. Marine Corps. In August 1990, Dr. Morin returned to active duty and was assigned to Bahrain as diving medical officer/flight surgeon during Operation Desert Storm and during the postwar build-down period. In 1992, Dr. Morin rejoined the staff at NAMI, initially as special projects officer and later as the director of Warfare Specialty Programs. In 1995, he entered the residency in aerospace medicine at the Naval Aerospace

postgraduate course, in addition to regularly lecturing medical students and residents on a number of topics in dermatology. Her research has included molecular analysis of transcriptional repression of Bithorax Complex genes; genetic characterization of zebrafish notochord mutants; molecular and genetic analysis of novel genes controlling cellularization and germ cell migration; and comparison of dermoscopic algorithms for diagnosing melanoma. Her current research interests include multiple primary melanomas; genes controlling melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancers; imaging of melanoma; and skin cancer in organ transplant patients.

Dr. Stein is active on the regional and national level with the American Academy of Dermatology and the Skin Cancer Foundation and on the international level with the International Dermoscopy Society and the International Transplant Skin Cancer Collaborative. She has received numerous honors and awards for the broad spectrum of her multifaceted talents. These include awards for her writing, mentorship, clinical and teaching excel-

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and Operational Medical Institute. Selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA, Dr. Morin reported to the Johnson Space Center in 1996, having qualified for flight assignment as a mission specialist. He initially was assigned to the Astronaut Office Computer Support Branch, followed by the Astronaut Office Advanced Vehicles Branch, and training tasks in the Shuttle Operations Branch. Dr. Morin served on the EVA crew of STS-110 in 2002 and has logged over 259 hours in space, including over 14 EVA hours. After STS-110, he was appointed deputy assistant secretary of state for health, space, and science in Washington, DC.

The Julia Zelmanovich Young Alumni Award is presented each year to an alumnus who early in his or her career already has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the profession and our School. This year’s recipient was Jennifer A. Stein, MD ’04, PhD ’02GSAS, MS ’00GSAS, an assistant professor of dermatology at our School. Dr. Stein earned her BS in molecular biophysics and biochemistry at Yale and then came to NYU School of Medicine, where she earned her PhD in cell biology and developmental genetics in 2002, under Ruth Lehmann, and her MD in 2004, having been elected to AOA. She remained at NYU for medical internship and dermatology residency and then underwent additional training in international dermoscopy at the University of Graz in Austria. After completing training, she joined the faculty at our School, where she excels in her clinical activities, in education, and in research. She is associate director of the pigmented lesion section of the Ronald O. Perleman Department of Dermatology at NYU, coordinator of the Medical Center’s interdisciplinary skin tumor conference, and director of our transplant dermatology program. She is course director of the nonmelanoma skin cancer medical student concentration and the Advances in Dermatology

and education of the public at large about the risks of skin cancers and methods to prevent them.

Laurie and Isaac Perlmutter were installed as honorary alumni of NYU School of Medicine. For over 30 years, the Perlmutter’s generous friendship has fostered advances across our campus—from gains in research and education to their most recent transformational gift to name the Laurie and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center, which will increase our leadership in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and help us attract the brightest students, physicians, and scientists. Mrs. Perlmutter is a trustee of the Medical Center and a member of the Cancer Center’s Advisory Board. She came to NYU in 1978 as a volunteer. She served as a buyer and merchandiser for the hospital gift shop. For nearly 10 years, she was president of our Auxiliary, leading efforts to enhance patients’ overall quality of life.

Mr. Perlmutter recently joined the Board of Trustees. Mr. Perlmutter, CEO of Marvel, has been a “superhero” supporter of our institution. One of the Perlmutter’s previous gifts established the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Professorship in Cell Biology and supported treatment and research facilities for childhood cancers and gynecological cancers.

The morning program concluded with Dean Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. ’08) giving a report on NYU School of Medicine and NYU Langone Medical Center. Following a luncheon with classmates, there was a demonstration of the biodigital human that is used as an adjunct to teach anatomy dissection. In the afternoon, student-led nostalgia tours were provided of our School and of Bellevue. Later in the evening, the Alumni Reunion Ball was held at the Ritz Carlton Downtown.

Please mark your calendar for next year’s Medical Alumni Reunion, which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Photos from this year’s reunion can be seen on pages 7–8 of this newsletter.

Murray J. Berenson '61

and the Program He Inspired

During his more than 40 years as a distinguished internist and gastroenterologist at St. Vincent's Hospital in Greenwich Village, Murray J. Berenson, MD, touched the lives of countless patients in profound ways. A 1961 graduate of NYU School of Medicine, Dr. Berenson was renowned for his keen diagnostic skills and extraordinary ability to communicate effectively and compassionately with those under his care.

On the occasion of Dr. Berenson's retirement in 2008, three of his patients, the late Jonathan Auerbach, Lorraine DiPaolo, and Ernest Rubenstein, were instrumental in launching the Murray J. Berenson, MD, Program in Quality Care and Physician-Patient Communication. Their intent was not only to honor a beloved physician and friend,

but also to ensure that training in the communications skills he had exemplified and taught throughout his career would remain a vital component of medical education at St. Vincent's. Unfortunately, two years later, financial difficulties forced the closing of the hospital. Faced with the demise of the program they had helped make possible, the three philanthropists decided to take action and find a new home for it. Within a year, they found exactly what they were looking for at NYU Langone Medical Center's Program for Medical Education Innovations and Research (PrMEIR), led by Drs. Sondra Zabar '91 and Adina Kalet. "The fit could not have been better," says Mr. Rubenstein, a retired partner who is also of counsel with Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. "NYU Langone is deeply committed on every level to the education of doctors who are not just skilled scientists but also responsive and caring healers in Murray's mold. And where better to place the program than at his alma mater?"

Thanks to the initiative and ongoing generosity of Mr. Auerbach, Mr. Rubenstein, Ms. DiPaolo, and other visionary donors, NYU's PrMEIR is home to the *Murray J. Berenson, MD, Distinguished Scholar in Physician-Patient Communication Program*. Annually, PrMEIR's leadership selects a thought leader in the field of physician-patient communication. Berenson



Murray J. Berenson '61 (center), with Lorraine DiPaolo and Ernest Rubenstein, two of the grateful patients who helped launch the Murray J. Berenson, MD, Program in Quality Care and Physician-Patient Communication.

Distinguished Scholars come to NYU School of Medicine to conduct educational programs, deliver a lecture as part of the Department of Medicine's Grand Rounds, and lead small group sessions with house staff, fellows, residents, and medical students. "What I found in Murray when I first met him many years ago was a doctor I could talk to," recalls Ms. DiPaolo, president of Benchmark Capital Advisors, "someone who really cared and really listened. Creating future Murray Berensons, physicians with his qualities of heart and mind, is no easy feat, but that's precisely the objective of the Berenson Scholars program and why it's so worthy of support."

There have been three Berenson Distinguished Scholars to date, attracting over 250 participants to a robust, two-day program of talks and workshops, including physicians, nurses, psychologists, social workers,

pharmacologists, researchers, residents, and medical students. In 2012, Judith Bowen, MD, FACP, professor of medicine at the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) School of Medicine, spoke about rethinking the continuity of care in complex health systems. In 2013, Clarence Braddock, MD, MPH, vice dean for education in the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, talked about shared decision making and whether it can reduce health disparities. At the time of his visit to NYU, Dr. Braddock was associate dean for medical education, associate chief in general internal medicine, and director of clinical ethics at the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, Stanford University School of Medicine. Most recently, in February 2014, Amitai Ziv, MD, MHA, chairman of the Department of Medical Education at Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, and founder and director of the Israel Center for Medical Simulation, spoke about simulation-based education as a patient safety and quality care vehicle.

In 2012, with additional support from generous donors, the Berenson Grants Program was established to complement the Berenson Distinguished Scholar Program. A grant is awarded each year to a junior faculty member to conduct research in physician-patient communication and to develop innovative medical education curricula and programs.

ALUMNI DAY 2014

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014
 NYU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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All names listed left-right

1. Standing: Rita Orkin; Lisa Spring; her mother, Doris L. Spring; Evelyn Dubowy; her husband, Jerome Dubowy '41, '37ARTS; and Patricia A. Press.
 Seated: Fatima Abdallah; Lillian Weiss; her husband, Alvah Weiss '41; and Joseph H. Press '41, '37CAS.
2. Standing: Henry N. Claman '55; Thomas G. Argyros '54; Clarita E. Herrera, MD; and Charlotte R. Colp '55.
 Seated: Anthony Shaw '54; Thomas J. Bellezza '54; Mary Louise La Rotonda Formato '54; and Kurt Hirschhorn '54, MS '58MED, '50CAS.
3. Phyllis L. Young '63STEINHARDT; her husband, Bruce K. Young '63; and honorary alumna and trustee, Laurie Perlmutter.
4. Standing: Barton L. Cobert '74, BA '70ARTS; Carmen Myrie Williams '74; Roma V. Gumbs '74, BA '67CAS; Joseph M. Yee '74; David Howard '74; Robyn H. Deutsch-Sokol '74; Arthur C. Louie '74; Peter Y. Lee '74; Richard A. Sachs '74; and Robert B. Sarnoff '74.
 Seated: Susan L. Friedlander '74; Cynthia G. Kaplan '74; her husband, Martin P. Kaplan '72; Stephen G. Rice '74, PhD '74GSAS; and John E. Gardella '74.
5. Standing: Michael Greenfield '50; Richard D. Amelar '50, BA '46CAS; Austin A. Schlecker '50, BA '47CAS; Leonard Flom '50, BS '47ARTS; and his wife, Marilyn B. Flom '51CAS.
 Seated: Nanette Plair; Cassius M. Plair '50; Alice Z. Amelar '77TSOA; and Matthew H. Vorsanger '10.
6. Standing: Kevin J. Ennis '84, BA '80CAS; Jose L. Fernandez '84; Pamela J. Basuk '84; Adrian Blake Enscoe; his mother, Cindy Carter '84; and Harriet Lester '84.
 Seated: Placid A. Bone '98; Edward Goldberg; and Kit Enscoe.
7. Standing: David A. Cipolla '89; Stuart E. Levine '89; Alan L. Saperstein '89; Eric K. Seaman '89; Seth I. Perelman '89; Jean M. Carabuena '89, '85CAS; Glenn R. Jacobowitz '89; Russell M. Reisner '89; David I. Levey '89; Marilyn Forman Jacobowitz '89; Albert J. Polito '89; and David H. Noble '89.
 Seated: Clifford D. Gladstone '89; Dina R. Yazmajian '89; and Thomas A. Corcoran '89.

ALUMNI REUNION BALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014

THE RITZ-CARLTON NEW YORK, BATTERY PARK

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- Standing: Edward M. Cox '54; Kurt Hirschhorn '54, '50CAS, MS '58MED; Patricia Owens; and Eric J. Cassell '54. Seated: Paul Dreizen '54; Rebekah G. Wisoff; her husband, B. George Wisoff '54; and Jacqueline M. Cox.
- Standing: Robert Schiffman; Adam B. Gorelick '94; Cynthia L. Gutierrez '94; Dr. Steve Rosenblatt; Jordan A. Simon '94; and his wife, Julie Simon. Seated: Leah G. Schiffman '94; Judith L. Gorelick '94; Leslie T. Alvarado '94; and Margaret M. Coughlan '94.
- Standing: Glenn Corwin; Sheryl N. Brustein '79; Emma Medina '79; Jonathan Woodson '79; and Paul B. Yellin '79. Seated: Joshua H. Burack, MD; David S. Guzick '79, PhD '79GSAS; Miloslava A. Mervart '79; and Floyd A. Warren '79.
- Standing: Natalie R. Gordon; her husband, Frederick J. Gordon '64; Walter Williamson '64, JD; his wife, Karen Zier; Nira R. Silverman '64; and her husband, Joel P. Silverman '65. Seated: Lee B. Reichman '64; his wife, Rose E. Reichman; Joan Milano; and her husband, Andrew M. Milano '64.
- Standing: Joseph M. Yee '74; Peter Y. Lee '74; Arthur C. Louie '74, JD '76LAW; Fredric B. Kraemer '74; his wife, Linda Kraemer; and Richard A. Sachs '74. Seated: Sally H. Yee; Mary W. Lee; and Lily L. Louie, JD '76LAW.
- Albert J. Polito '89 and his wife, Redonda Miller.
- Standing: Noshir DaCosta; his wife, Robin Weisbrod DaCosta '89; David G. Cziner '86; his wife, Leslie F. Blum '89; Rafael C. Cabrera '89; his wife, Lori Cabrera; and Loren J. Harris '87. Seated: Laura J. Mechanic '89; Glenn R. Jacobowitz '89; his wife, Marilyn Forman Jacobowitz '89; and Doreen J. Addrizzo-Harris '89.
- Standing: Irene M. Lee '04; her husband, Ryan J. Broderick '04; Tara C. Gangadhar '04; Mark Supino '04; Kevin H. Wang '05; Thomas F. Diaz '04; Robert J. Peralta '05, BA '00CAS; David Naeger, MD; and Sabena K. Ramsetty '04. Seated: Dr. Meera Diaz and Samantha Kim.

RECEPTION AND TOUR FOR PARENTS OF THE NEW YORK SIMULATION CENTER FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCES

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL CENTER, NEW YORK CITY

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1. Brent Dibble '15; Stephanie Green, MD; Rena S. Brand '83; and her son, David Orbuch '16.
2. Thomas S. Riles, MD and Jianwei Fan, PhD.
3. Vini Mehrotra and her son, Prakhar Mehrotra '17.
4. Getting a closer look at one of the "patients."
5. Meeting one of the "patients" at the Sim Center.
6. Marc W. Haves; his daughter, Arielle Haves Bayer '15; and his wife, Rita W. Haves.
7. Julio Mendez.
8. Rodman Benedict; his wife, Susan S. Benedict; Eileen Reid; and her son, Andre J. Bryan '16, MBA '16STERN, BA '11CAS.



Hard Work

Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08), the Saul J. Farber Dean of NYU School of Medicine and Chief Executive Officer of NYU Langone Medical Center, addressed the Class of 2014, their families, friends, and faculty at the Alice Tully Hall graduation ceremony on May 21, 2014. Following are his remarks.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. We have so much to celebrate today!

You've certainly earned the right to feel very proud of yourselves. And I'm enormously proud of you, too. But I suspect that proudest of all are the people who have believed in you, hoped for you, and supported you all along the way: your families, your friends, and your teachers.

Let's give them a rousing cheer of thanks!

I'd like to talk to you this evening about the value of hard work. Now, to tell you the truth, I wondered on my way to the podium just how thrilled you'd be to hear that!

After all, you wouldn't be sitting here if you didn't already know a great deal about the importance of effort. You may even feel that these past few years have taught you more about it than you ever wanted to know!

In fact, at this stage of your lives—with one challenge following another

faster than you can blink—the idea of hard work as something to cherish probably sounds a little (if not a lot) crazy. It probably would have sounded that way to me, too, when I was in your shoes. For sure, there's nothing intrinsically beautiful about sleepless nights. I'd like to address it, nonetheless, because to me, it's life defining.

I'd say there are two main phenomena that tend to mask the importance of investing oneself to the fullest. One, of course, is that true excellence looks so effortless. (Which, by the way, is probably why some people take pride in claiming their successes just "happen." You know the type—so "brilliant" that they aced the test without ever cracking a textbook.)

It doesn't matter how many "greats" explain otherwise—from Michelangelo, who said, "If people knew how hard I had to work to gain my mastery, it would not seem so wonderful at all." To Tiger Woods, who, in his own words, was, and

I quote, "never the most talented, never the fastest, certainly never the strongest" and who had only his work ethic to set him apart.

Despite all the evidence that talent is just the spark, and work the decisive factor, in other words, many people still believe that greatness is delivered on some glorious silver platter, straight from the gods.

The second phenomenon—and for many young people today unquestionably the biggest obstacle to embracing a strong work ethic—is discouragement.

As growing numbers of voices are pointing out, economic disparities in this country are more egregious today than they have been in a century. When some parents can afford to hire tutors to get their toddlers into prestigious nursery schools while others are working two or three jobs just to make ends meet, there's not much left, it seems, of the "level playing field."

The belief, the very hope, that hard work will result in solid opportunity gets frayed.

But you know, I'm not sure the "playing field" was ever all that "level."

My father was a coal miner's son and my mother, an illegal immigrant. And I distinctly remember, when I started medical school, that all my classmates seemed to be the offspring of prominent physicians. I felt, actually I was, totally clueless!

So I empathize with those who feel, as *New York Times* columnist Charles Blow pointed out a few months ago, that they were born at the bottom of a hill that others never had to climb. At the same time, bemoaning one's fate has never ranked high as a problem-solving strategy. Some of you sitting here today already know that in deeply personal ways.

Now, at this point, you might be thinking: "I know where he's going with this." Right?

Well, yes, I do believe that investing the effort to rise above whatever circumstances are holding you back is important. And I do hold special admiration for those who have demonstrated the strength of character to surmount adversity—most especially because victory is never assured until you quote-unquote "get there." But I also believe that work is more important than just as a means to an end. In fact, I think it's essential to mental health.

The terrible toll that unemployment has taken—and continues to take—is not just about economic hardship. It's about loss of identity.

Even people who've spent decades dreaming about escaping the tyranny of alarm clocks, and the stresses of so-called "thankless tasks," often find, when they finally get to retire, that they feel adrift.

We tend to forget, I think, that there's a real "high" in getting something done that needs doing—even if it doesn't seem intrinsically "glorious." Work bestows on life a sense of purpose.

In his latest book, *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell demonstrates that it can even transform a disadvantage

into an asset. One of the people Gladwell cites as an example is our trustee Gary Cohn, who's severely dyslexic. Gary explains in the book that "on a good day, it takes him six hours to read twenty-two pages." His mother's biggest dream was to see him graduate from high school so he could go drive a truck.

Instead, he went on to become president of Goldman Sachs!

That's a pretty stunning story, don't you think? It says a lot about the asymmetry some people have in their talents—a serious deficit on the one hand and, on the other, the determination to develop truly extraordinary compensatory strengths.

And to me, it says just how central work can be, both to self-worth and to self-expression.

If a comedian can "work" a room, a farmer "work" the land, a potter "work" clay, if there can be "steelworks," "public works," "good works," "works of art," then clearly "work" is a concept that gets around in a special, very rich way!

Now, let me get specific about what all this has to do with you. For one thing, you'll probably have a number of "choice points" in your life, where the easy road lies one way and the hard way points in a very different direction.

The easy road, obviously, looks a lot safer. Typically it involves skills you have already pretty much mastered, so you know you're likely to shine. But the harder road—from my experience, anyway—is the one that will prove fulfilling. Even if you stumble—which happens to everyone who has the courage to try new things—you will come out stronger, more knowledgeable, and more resilient. The difficult path is the one that will help you grow.

Take the challenge!

Becoming everything you're capable of being is a beautiful, vital quest. But it can take two forms you should watch out for, especially if you're aiming high. One is what I call the "notch-in-the-belt" approach to career building.

So here's the scenario. You have your eye on some exalted role. And

you're very methodical about getting there. You know just the kinds of responsibilities that will have to show up on your résumé, and you tackle them, one by one. Not because you care about them, mind you, but because they'll look good on your CV.

I've seen this so many times. And I can tell you, people can spot a careerist a mile away.

Careerists may get where they wanted to go, but they never make good leaders. If you spend your time skating around the edges, you simply can't be engaged enough to contribute or, for that matter, learn anything along the way.

The second pitfall presents itself when you quote-unquote "get there." You have the exalted title. You're impressed with your own clout. You know, you have become an "icon" or something. After a while, you figure you have earned the right to sit on your laurels and watch the world go by—assuming, of course, that the people around you will keep on "bowing" to you until the end of your days.

To me, that's when it becomes most important of all to remember how much work matters.

In fact, I think it matters far more—to a life fully lived—than any of the trappings of success. Money, fame, adulation may be pleasant, but they are fickle—not to say phantom—goals.

In sum, for me, work matters even when you reach whatever heights you were aiming for. The great Chilean poet and Nobel laureate for literature, Pablo Neruda, saw the absence of ongoing engagement as opting, and I quote, to "die slowly."

"Avoid death in small doses," he said, "always reminding oneself that being alive requires an effort far greater than the simple act of breathing." Unquote.

"Good enough" will never shield you from stress. And for sure, it will never bring you joy. The world needs you.

Work hard. Give much. Create a life of perpetual meaning.

From anything I know, I can promise you: you'll never regret it.

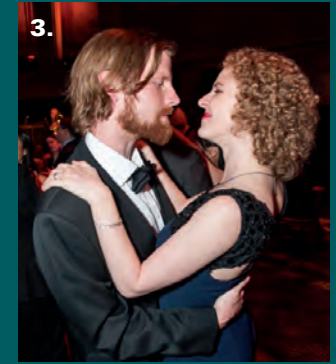
Thank you very much.

DINNER DANCE IN HONOR OF THE CLASS OF 2014

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014

GOTHAM HALL, NEW YORK CITY

Photographer: Jeff Weiner



All names listed left-right

1. Emi E. Okamoto '14; Michael S. Davenport '14; Lynn Feldman Lowy, JD; and her husband, Joseph Lowy, MD, HS Internal Medicine '83, recipient of the Leonard J. Tow Humanism in Medicine Faculty Award.
2. Rachel E. Kaplan '14; Roman Osatinski; Svetlana Azova '14; Daniel Ballen; and Emily C. Gotschlich '14.

3. Andrew M. Watkins and his wife, Hannah L. Kirsch '14.
4. Alex Chin and Tiffany Lo '14.
5. Vicki Chan and Kevin W. Chung '14.
6. Fernando F. Cuadrado '14 and his wife, Kellie Mendenhall-Cuadrado.
7. Melanie Hildebrant and Keith C. Hemmert '14.

8. The Class of 2014.
9. Harris Moore; Di Zhou '14; Elizabeth D. Marlow '14; and Steven Lehrburger.

GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CLASS OF 2014

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014

ALICE TULLY HALL, LINCOLN CENTER, NEW YORK CITY

Photographer: Alan Barnett



All names listed left-right

1. Front row: Lynn M. Buckvar-Keltz '91; Steven B. Abramson, MD, HS Medicine '78; August R. Dietrich '14; Robert I. Grossman, MD (Hon. '08); Stephen J. Bergman, MD, DPhil (Oxon.); and Robert Berne, PhD (Hon. '07).
2. Seth J. Concors '14, BA '10CAS; Wallace A. Bourgeois '14; and Distinguished Teacher in the Basic Sciences award winner, David S. Goldfarb, MD.
3. Jonathan L. Tobkes '02; his husband, Taylor W. Tobkes '14; and their two-month-old son, Samson Warner Tobkes.
4. Brian J. Gilberti '14, BA '05CAS; Christie M. Gutierrez '14; Mariela Mitre, MD/PhD candidate; Mathew S. Lopes '14; Sucharita Boddu '15; and Emily R. Walsh '14.



All names listed left-right

- 5. Rebecca H. Haberman '14 receiving her diploma.
- 6. Samar Kamat and Risa Hoshino '14.
- 7. Roseann F. Titcombe '14, PhD '12GSAS; Jennifer Y. Zhu '14, BA '10CAS; and Courtney R. Cassella '14.
- 8. Michelle Paulis; her husband, Richard Paulis; her daughter, Jacqueline Paulis '14; her son, Richard Paulis, MD; her daughter, Beverly Paulis-Lukaszewski; her daughter, Marilyn Paulis-Kneski; and her three-year-old grandson, Mackas Kneski.
- 9. M. Fahad Khan '07, MS '14MED; Rajul Sheth, MD; and her son, Amish N. Sheth '14.
- 10. Seven-month-old Natalie and her uncle, Ryan P. Lau '14.

Community

Following is the NYU School of Medicine Graduation Ceremony Valedictory Address, given by August R. Dietrich, MD, president of the Class of 2014. The ceremony took place on May 21, 2014, at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall.



It is a true and humbling honor to be standing before all of you today.

This community we call NYU is incredible. Four years ago, it took a chance on us, the Class of 2014. It took us into its fold, into a very rigorous and difficult training environment. But, with a lot of support along the way, we have made it through.

So let's give it up. We are doctors!

What I'd really like to do with this speech is talk about every single one of my classmates. About their altruism, their empathy, their intelligence. About how with every moment available to them outside of the classroom, they are running free clinics, teaching public school students about good health and the power of medicine, and racing in Ironman competitions around the world. Okay, that last one may apply to just one of us, but that is so cool.

I wish that I could even go on and tell you about the great parties that we've had and the lifelong friendships that we have made.

But sadly we don't have the time, even though I'm pretty sure I'd have your attention.

So, what I'd like to do instead, is go back to that concept of community. I'd like to talk about how we, as members, and soon to be graduates, of this NYU community, will be uniquely prepared as doctors.

NYU has taught us the power of community. It has taught us the importance of hope. It has done this not only by showing us—but it has required of us that we learn how to rely on our community, how to find our hope, and how to persevere, overcoming all obstacles as we work together to achieve what we hope for.

So let me give us, the Class of 2014, another collective pat on the back. We have succeeded, as a community, despite

I hope that we take with us what we have learned here about the strength of community and its collective power to do good work.

some very harrowing circumstances. We are the first class to complete our new, and nationally recognized, Curriculum for the 21st Century. We did this despite such extreme compression of our anatomy units that actual Black Holes of Knowledge started forming in our Med

Center basement. We also managed to achieve the highest class average in NYU history on our Step 1 Medical Licensing Examinations. This is may be the most important test we will ever take. Oh, and that was despite living through an earthquake and two major hurricanes. Hurricane Sandy, you were a formidable foe. But NYU, being "in and of the city," is, just as E. B. White once wrote, "peculiarly constructed to absorb almost anything that comes along."

And so have we absorbed. We've learned. We've laughed. We've cried. We've overcome. And now we're here, accomplished and heading to some really great residency programs.

But we could not have done this alone. So, now's the time to give our thanks to each of the members of our community...

First and foremost, thank you to our families and friends, as well as those NYU faculty who have countless times acted, and continue to act, in those capacities. We could not have gotten here without you.

And thank you, in particular, to those spouses and significant others who have practically had to go through medical school themselves. You all deserve a diploma today as well.

So, family, friends, spouses, faculty:

You have been our ever-present support, and ever-understanding, when we time and

time again failed to celebrate your special days, your birthdays, your weddings, or even just that new movie you wanted to see. And that's why today, we've invited all of you here, to share in our collective happiness. And to say thank you to you! Because the celebration of our accomplishments is also a celebration of you.

There's one very special member of the NYU faculty whom I'd like to personally thank as well for being to me, and to many, many others sitting here today, a sort of surrogate mother. Thank you Dr. Vicky Harnik for always having the answer we need. Thank you so much for being willing to work with us and on our behalf to make NYU an even better place.

Many others deserve similar thanks, like Drs. Mel Rosenfeld and Lynn Buckvar-Keltz, as well as our former director of student affairs, Joe Oppedisano, and our tireless director of financial aid, Phyllis Shulz. In fact, Phyllis has the incredibly tough job of explaining to us the extreme amounts of debt we all hold and somehow convincing us that it will all be all right.

Thanks to all of our professors and mentors. And thank you NYU for taking a chance on us four years ago.

So this is our community. These are the people, named explicitly and implicitly, whom we have relied on and who have taught us the value of hope and perseverance. We could not have gotten here today without your sacrifice and support.

Because med school has not been easy, but it has prepared us well.

Here at NYU, it's 4:30 a.m. wake-up calls, 9 p.m. "add-on" surgeries, emergent and not so emergent blood draws, patient transport, and outside hospital medical record requests. Here we take on roles beyond just those of students. We are at times nurses, technicians, social workers, and, near the end of our time here, even doctors.

How did NYU know we could do it?

The power of caffeine aside ...

NYU knows, and has shown us, how community can be leveraged to do great work ... to succeed.

Parents, you may be interested to know that, while we've been here, NYU has rapidly ascended the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. It is bringing in millions more in NIH research dollars every year. And our research is making waves.

In fact, just last week, our very own Dr. Martin Blaser was interviewed by Jon

That wherever we may practice, we live by the principle: "No one who is sick is sent away." And that, always, we ask ourselves, "How can we make the practice of medicine better?"

Stewart on *The Daily Show*! We are not just educated well here, we are educated by celebrities!

This communal success is, to use a medical term, infectious. And, now, we bleed purple.

Yet, today, we find ourselves at another inflection point of life, another time of transition. And, whether we make NYU our home for residency or even our careers, or whether we move outward to other institutions, I hope that we take with us what we have learned here about the strength of community and its collective power to do good work.

Because, as we all know, health care is changing and many are worried. Perhaps I should be, too. But ... I'm not.

Maybe I am still a bright-eyed, inexperienced medical student. Maybe I

am genetically programmed to be overly optimistic. But we, the Class of 2014, are smart, talented, and imaginative individuals. We know the power of community. We are hopeful. And we have proven that we can persevere despite large obstacles and into uncertain territories.

So, let us now, as we move on to our next phase of life, figure out what to hope for, and, in the paraphrased words of Barbara Kingsolver, let's live inside that hope, running down its hallways, touching the walls on both sides.

And let us find our guiding motivation right here, at home—specifically at our home we call Bellevue.

I'd like to share with all of you a few thoughts written by our very own, and extensively published, attending physician—Dr. Michael Pillinger. For a little background, he wrote these words in 1986, just after he had finished his clerkship year. He wrote:

"For the glue that binds us is a principle always understood if rarely stated: 'No one who is sick is sent away.' No one is too dirty, too drugged, too drunken, or too different; none too poor or too hopeless. We do not judge, at least not in our public faces; we do our job. Bellevue is a city on a hill, an ideal that, though abused and insufficient in its reality, stands for the things a caring society might someday achieve."

So, forgive my naïveté, but I truly hope for all of us—all of us in the Class of 2014 and, in fact, all of us who work in health care—that this home, this community in which we have spent some of our most formative years, continues to serve as that ideal for us. That wherever we may practice, we live by the principle: "No one who is sick is sent away." And that, always, we ask ourselves, "How can we make the practice of medicine better?" "What do we need to do?"

And let's go out and do it.

So, Class of 2014: It has been a true pleasure. I will miss you. And I look forward to following all of your incredible careers.

Thank you all.

The Symphony of Medical Rounds

by Lloyd D. Lense '77



Just as music gives organization to noise and mathematics gives meaning to numbers, our daily ritual of medical rounds hopefully yields an effect of education, edification, and healing. If done well, medical rounds will yield the rich notes and textured rhythms of patient improvement, mutual scholarship, and collegial relations.

One of my regrets is that I never learned to play a musical instrument, but that did not limit me in learning the enjoyment of music, my admiration of composers and musicians, and the importance of exposure of music (and mathematics) to developing minds. In fact, one of the best “investments” my wife and I made was the introduction of music at a young age to our children. From this “investment,” we saw dividends of music and scholastic appreciation, respectful teamwork and friendships, creativity, problem solving, and learning another language (music).

The patient is the “body of music” and in “learning” about this work it takes a number of professionals to hopefully bring this creation to its optimal performance. As with any performance, there are important behind-the-scenes and on-the-scene personnel (laboratory, imaging, nursing, pharmacy, transport, and administration). This is not a solo performance.

The physician members with its conductor (attending), concertmaster or -mistress (fellow), and musicians (house staff, medical students) need to properly rehearse through practice, listening, and mentoring. The performance of the physicians depends upon expectations, coordination, and integration to avoid a creation laced with errors or disharmony.

The appreciation of a work of music, as in understanding our patient or a medical condition, rests in part on using our senses. The importance of listening, visualization, and touch are key components of care and appreciation in understanding and enjoyment of our work and artistic creations. Preparation further allows us to derive more meaning and content from the encounter. The sharing and critique of the experience and the opportunity to learn from seasoned colleagues, hopefully, yield opportunities for positive patient care, scientific and artistic appreciation, and development of a legacy chain.

The conductor (attending) needs to know the body of music to be played, the skills and experiences of his musicians (house staff, students), and the talents and commitments of his deputies, namely the concertmaster (fellow). Each member of

the orchestra or team attempts to understand the music (patient and conditions), work on areas of weakness (understanding disease states, mechanisms, therapies, appropriateness, patient preference) in order to master the piece and evolve into a future “first chair” and eventual concertmaster or conductor. The conductor (attending) is granted respect and understanding but must maintain those positions by familiarity of the body of music, guiding his musicians on how to interpret the piece from basic to complex and allowing the concertmaster (fellow) a certain amount of autonomous responsibility in the rehearsal and performance of the body of music. Sometimes a guest conductor (second opinion) or guest artist (consultant) is of value. Recognition of this circumstance will enhance the ability and leadership of the conductor. Since many patient admissions allow for more than one day of medical rounding, there is the opportunity for repeat performances to improve on the body of music (patient) and yield a work (patient outcomes and objectives) that is satisfying and long-lasting as a worthy piece of classical music.

Not every piece of music is a masterpiece and not every patient outcome is an idealized success. Sometimes removing the lack of harmony or atonality will make for a more satisfying experience (guidelines, metrics). Learning how to interpret, struggle, and adapt to these challenges and make improvements is part of our physician mission to promote education, order, healing, and humanity.

As a thought experiment, I attempted to relate certain pieces of classical music and my interpretation of the music to the dominant conditions I either treat or educate medical students or house staff about. Some events are dynamic such as an acute myocardial infarction, recurrent as arrhythmias, and others more contemplative and insidious such as chronic congestive heart failure. All involve an orchestra of professionals working with different skills and experiences in a synergistic process to perfect the elements of medical care into a successful and aesthetically satisfying patient care outcome. The pieces I chose were Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony, Beethoven’s *Moonlight Sonata*, Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto no. 1, and Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons*. Try listening to these pieces as you contemplate the evaluation, treatment, and discussion of medical conditions through the prism of medical rounds.

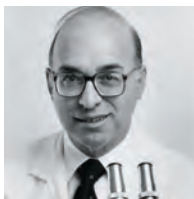
Let the science, critical thinking, and the “music” of our education and physician training translate into an uplifting symphony of medical rounds, where all members of the orchestra or team contribute to the “body of music” and the desire to keep on performing at a fulfilling and gratifying level.

Have You Heard?

1940s

Florentine R. Worden '49, '49CAS, a native of New Jersey, moved to Auburn, New York, when her husband of over 60 years, the late surgeon Robert P. Worden, MD, moved back to his hometown. As a young physician, while also taking care of her family, Dr. Worden made morning rounds at Auburn Memorial Hospital (AMH) and Mercy Hospital, saw patients in her office, and made evening house calls. She worked with AMH patients and staff for 30 years before being appointed emerita physician. Dr. Worden lives in an updated 1840 farmhouse, where over the years she has fished, hunted, and had Tennessee walking horses. She enjoys spending time with her two sons and four grandchildren. She says, "I am grateful to NYU for my good education and still give advice at grocery stores."

1950s



Richard D. Amelar '50, BA '46CAS has been honored by his daughter and son-in-law, Susanna Lodge, PhD, and Timothy Lodge, PhD, with

the creation of the Richard D. Amelar and Arthur S. Lodge Fellowship for Outstanding Collaborative Research in Materials at the University of Minnesota. The fellowship also honors Timothy Lodge's father. The couple drew inspiration from their fathers, both accomplished scientists of high intellectual and moral standards.

Dr. Amelar, now retired, was a professor of clinical urology at the New York University School of Medicine and a pioneer in the field of male infertility. "My father always wanted to be a doctor and the best doctor he could be," says Susanna Lodge. "His patients' needs were paramount. He was an extremely able and compassionate physician, with a broad and deep understanding of medicine."

Dr. Amelar's many publications include *Male Infertility*, a book he co-authored that has been widely cited in the field. In 1969, he was invited to Geneva, Switzerland, to serve as a consultant to the World Health Organization on public health aspects of subfertility and sterility. The following year, he was awarded grants to establish the first free vasectomy clinic in the United States. He later served on scientific and advisory committees for the National Institutes of Health and was director of the American Fertility Society. Dr. Amelar received the 50-Year Faculty Service Award from the NYU School of Medicine in 2006.

Henry N. Claman '55 was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, at the University of Colorado's May commencement for his work spearheading their new Medical Humanities Program. Now retired, Dr. Claman was on the medical faculty for 53 years, serving as allergist/immunologist.

Bernard M. Rosof '57, MACP was honored on April 29 at the "Sunshine at Night" Project Sunshine Annual Benefit Celebration. Project Sunshine empowers over 15,000 volunteers to bring recreational, educational, and social service programming to 100,000 children facing medical challenges and to their families, in 175 major cities across the United States and Canada, China, Israel, and Kenya.

Hampson A. Sisler '57, '54ARTS shares: "I premiered the new oratorio I composed, *The Second Coming of Christ*, at Ethical Culture in New York City. It was also recorded in Sofia and is available on CD. Last year I was in Israel twice, for the premiering of my *Faiths, Cohabiting* orchestral suite (four movements: one for Christianity, one for Judaism, one for Islam, and one amalgamating the three). Then, on July 4, 2013, when Israel celebrated American Independence Day with

a concert in the Tel Aviv suburb of Rishon LeZion, I wrote and premiered my *Israeli/American Festival Overture* for orchestra—consisting of American and Israeli folk melodies intermixed. I was awarded a plaque of recognition for fostering international relations through music. In 2012, I wrote a cantata commemorating the Japanese earthquake of March 2011. It was recorded and premiered in Israel and re-presented in Moscow. I have yet another new CD, called *Trans Cultural Bonding*, featuring the Japanese cantata as well as another, called *Cantata for Living* (life philosophies), and the two Israeli pieces. Now I am working on a cello concerto based on interstellar space beyond our solar system. I still play organ every Sunday at historic St. James PE Church in Elmhurst, Queens (though not used for services/masses anymore, we have the oldest church building in the city of New York, dated 1732). My practice is still open, and I perform major eye surgery as well in my special area of oculoplastics, lacrimology and orbital surgery."

Bernard M. Abrams '59, BS '56ARTS shares: "I am still working full time (and then some) doing medical education for Dannemiller of San Antonio, Texas, and practicing neurology. One of my intriguing jobs is being the equivalent of mayor of my small but growing village in Missouri. It provides quite a challenge to account for public safety and the welfare of the citizens. Since this is 'tornado alley,' we have a responsibility to plan ahead and it takes a lot of time and considerable diplomacy to get it done. Regards to all my fellow classmates."

1960s

Philip Witorsch '62, BA '58ARTS is professor of medicine, pharmacology, and physiology at Georgetown University School of Medicine, where he is also medical director, occupational health program; medical director, environmental and occupational toxicology assess-



ment program; and course director of the medical student clinical pharmacology course. He is also an attending physician in the department

of medicine and director of the clinical pharmacology consulting service at Med-Star Georgetown University Hospital. Dr. Witorsch has been married to Joan Linda Pellman for almost 55 years; they have two children and three teenage grandchildren. Dr. and Mrs. Witorsch recently downsized from a home in Potomac, Maryland, and moved into a condominium in Rockville, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, DC. They are snowbirds who spend the winter months (December through March) in their condominium in Delray Beach, Florida. Dr. Witorsch has been known to say that if he never sees snow again, it will be too soon. Dr. Witorsch's professional interests include pulmonary medicine, environmental health and toxicology, causation analysis, occupational health, and clinical pharmacology, especially adverse drug reactions and interactions. He has published numerous papers in the scientific medical literature, as well as edited several books in his areas of expertise. Although he has cut back some, he still works virtually full time. An enthusiastic New York Yankees fan, Dr. Witorsch strongly roots against the Boston Red Sox and the Baltimore Orioles. He also roots for the Washington Nationals, except on those rare occasions when they play the Yankees.

Seymour Katz '64

was honored on June 12, 2013, by his college alma mater, the City College of New York (CCNY), for his outstanding promotion of scholarships for graduates of his high school alma mater, the Bronx High School of Science. The Bronx Science-CCNY Scholarship Project, which Dr. Katz chairs, provides



full scholarships to high-achieving Bronx Science graduates who attend City College. It is administered by the City College Fund, an independent fundraising organization that aids students who might not otherwise be able to afford going to college. Since its inception in 2005, the project has supported 86 students.

1980s

Solomon I. Hamburg '81, PhD

'78GSAS, '73ARTS was appointed to Cesca Therapeutics Inc. Clinical and Scientific Advisory Board (CSAB) serving as the chairman of the Hematopoietic Stem Cell Therapy (HSCT) and Bone Marrow Transplant Committees for the board. Cesca Therapeutics Inc. is an autologous cell-based regenerative medicine company. The CSAB will serve to help set strategic goals for the advancement of research toward the development and commercialization of autologous cellular therapies to improve patient care in the fields of hematology/oncology, cardiovascular disease, and orthopedics. The



CSAB will review evidence-based practices, identify training needs of network providers, identify reimbursement processes, and monitor

clinical guidelines that include cultural factors important in achieving optimum patient outcomes. The newly formed CSAB will consist of leading scientists, researchers, and clinicians drawn from the regenerative medicine field who have led landmark clinical research in hematology/oncology, cardiovascular disease, and orthopedic development. Dr. Hamburg is a partner at Tower Hematology Oncology Medical Group, a Cedars Sinai Medical Center company, and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in hematology, medical oncology and internal medicine. He currently serves as a clinical professor of medicine at the UCLA School of Medicine and as the CEO of the Tower Cancer Research Foundation.

Michael M. Ambrosino '82

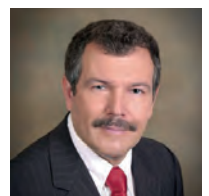
was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR) in April. Dr. Ambrosino is associate professor of radiology and associate dean of graduate medical education at our School. Induction as an ACR fellow is one of the highest honors the ACR can bestow on a radiologist, radiation oncologist, or medical physicist. ACR fellows demonstrate a history of service to the college, organized radiology, teaching, or research. Approximately 10 percent of ACR members achieve this distinction. Dr. Ambrosino is a member of the ACR, the New York State Radiological Society, the Radiological Society of North America, and the Society for Pediatric Radiology.

Timothy Orphanides '83

shares that after being in private practice as a gastroenterologist in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, in Bucks County, for 24 years, and, with both children in school in Washington, DC, "I moved to Winchester, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley, with my wife of 32 years, Diana. I work in Martinsburg, West Virginia; I am a member of University Healthcare Physicians; and I am an assistant professor of medicine at West Virginia School of Medicine. I do ERCPs and the usual GI procedures, get to interact with medical students rotating at the eastern division of the medical school, and enjoy my work and life."

Abel Torres, MD, HS Dermatology '85, JD, FAAD

has been elected president of the American Academy of Dermatology (Academy), the world's largest dermatologic society, representing more than 17,000 physicians specializing in the diagnosis and medical, surgical, and cosmetic treatment of skin, hair, and nail conditions. In addition, Dr. Torres will hold this same position for the American Academy of Dermatology Association. He



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will be installed as president-elect in March 2015 and will hold the office of president for one year beginning in March 2016.

Dr. Torres is a professor and chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Loma Linda University School of Medicine and an associate professor of public health at Loma Linda University. He is a member of the Academy's Board of Directors and treasurer for the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS).

Martin R. Pollak '88,

chief of nephrology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, is among 84 new members and 21 foreign associates elected to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). NAS fellows are chosen for distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. Dr. Pollak's research has identified the genes involved in the development of focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), a common form of renal injury that disproportionately strikes African Americans. His work has shown that two common coding sequence variants in the APOL1 gene confer both resistance to *trypanosome b. rhodesiense* infection (an African sleeping sickness agent) and a seven- to ten-fold increased susceptibility to FSGS and hypertension-associated kidney disease.



1990s

Andrew S. Dunn '92, MPH, FACP,

SFHM is the 2014-2015 chair-elect of the Board of Governors of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the nation's largest medical specialty organization. He also currently serves as governor for the New York Manhattan/Bronx chapter of the college. Dr. Dunn is a professor of medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and serves as the chief of the Division of Hospital Medicine for



their seven-hospital Health System. Dr. Dunn is lead editor of the textbook *Essentials of Hospital Medicine* and a senior fellow of the Society of Hospital Medicine.

Jedd D. Wolchok '94, PhD '93GSAS, MS '91GSAS

received the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) 38th annual AACR-Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Memorial Award on April 6. This award provides incentive to young investigators early in their careers, so it is stipulated that recipients be no older than 50 at the time the award is received. It was established in 1977 by the AACR and the Rosenthal Family Foundation to recognize research that has made, or promises to soon make, a notable contribution to improved clinical care in the field of cancer. Dr. Wolchok is the chief of Melanoma and Immunotherapeutics Service and associate director of the Ludwig Center for Cancer Immunotherapy at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

Harmony R. Reynolds '97, BS '93CAS

has been selected as the Saul J. Farber Assistant Professor of Medicine at our School. This endowed professorship, which has a term of three years, was established in 2011. Dr. Reynolds, assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiology, is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society and completed her internal medicine residency and cardiovascular disease fellowship training at NYU Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital Center. Dr. Reynolds is a nationally prominent clinician-investigator, with a primary focus on ischemic heart disease, particularly ischemic heart disease in the absence of angiographically obstructive coronary disease, ischemic heart disease among women, and stable ischemic heart disease. She was awarded a highly prestigious Doris Duke Charitable Foundation research grant. Dr. Reynolds has

served as site principal investigator on numerous NIH and industry-funded clinical trials, including the Occluded Artery Trial (OAT), the Trial to Assess Chelation Therapy (TACT), and the Variation in Recovery: Gender and Outcomes registry (VIRGO). She is currently associate director of the Clinical Coordinating Center for the NIH-funded ISCHEMIA trial. In addition to her independent research program, Dr. Reynolds serves as the associate director of the Cardiovascular Clinical Research Center, which provides support for many of the ongoing trials within the Division of Cardiology.

2000s

Julia B. Finkelstein '11 married Dr. James S. Rosoff on March 29 at Guastavino's in Manhattan, as announced in *The New York Times*. Dr. Finkelstein is a third-year urology resident at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. She graduated magna cum laude from Cornell. Dr. Rosoff is a urologist at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, Connecticut, and an assistant professor of urology at Yale, from which he graduated. He received a medical degree from Cornell. The couple met at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center in 2010, while Dr. Finkelstein was pursuing an elective rotation during her final year of medical school and Dr. Rosoff was a fifth-year resident, both in the urology department.



Tara Russell '13 was among 31 scholars selected for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program. Dr. Russell will begin her two-year fellowship, partially supported by the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the fall of 2015 at University of California, Los Angeles. This prestigious postresidency program will teach physicians to conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners, and policy-makers in order to take a leadership role in improving health and health care in the United States.

Passings

1940s

Raymond Sobel '41 on December 30, 2013, as reported by his family. Dr. Sobel completed his internship at Morristown City Hospital in New York City. His residency in psychiatry was at Grasslands Hospital in Valhalla, New York; Bellevue Hospital; and Hawthorne Cedar Knolls. His fellowship in child psychiatry was completed at the Jewish Board of Guardians in New York City. Dr. Sobel was a professor at Dartmouth Medical School and had a hospital appointment at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover, New Hampshire.

William P. Clark '44 on March 26 at the age of 92, as reported in *The Journal News*. Dr. Clark received a BS cum laude from the University of Notre Dame and served three years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps rising to the rank of captain. Dr. Clark practiced internal medicine for 36 years in Eastchester, New York. He was a past president of the Westchester County Medical Society. He served on the Board of Governors of Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, New York, and as vice speaker of the House of Delegates of the Medical Society of the State of New York. He was a delegate to the AMA and a member of the Westchester County Board of Health. He served on the board of directors of the Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company of New York, as well as on the board of directors of the Association for Mentally Ill Children of Westchester. After retiring, Dr. Clark moved to Connecticut. He subsequently served as a volunteer in the Indian Health Service on several reservations throughout the southwest. Dr. Clark is survived by six children and four grandchildren.

Jacob Dyckman '44, BA '39CAS, MS '41GSAS on May 31, 2013, at the age of 92, as reported by his daughter, Sharon Meller. Born in New York City, Dr. Dyckman enjoyed a long and distinguished career in medicine; he began as an intern and resident at

Lincoln Hospital in New York City, followed by residency in pathology at Mount Sinai Hospital. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institute and then served as captain AUS-MC, stationed at the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. In 1952, he became chief of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Miriam Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, and held an academic appointment in the Department of Pathology at Boston University School of Medicine. He was appointed assistant professor of pathology at Brown University in 1969 and became associate professor in 1971. He was clinical associate professor of medical technology at the University of Rhode Island. He directed the anatomic pathology service at the Miriam Hospital from 1970 to 1989 and was appointed senior staff pathologist in 1990. In 1972, he received a citation for "Outstanding Service to the Community in Practice and Teaching of Pathology, 1952-1972" from the Rhode Island Society of Pathologists. He became associate professor emeritus of pathology at Brown University in 1977. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, the New York Academy of Sciences, the New England Society of Pathologists, the International Academy of Pathology, the College of American Pathologists, and the American Medical Association. Throughout his career, Dr. Dyckman published numerous peer-reviewed articles regarding anatomic and clinical pathology and melanocyte biology and instructed many physicians, residents, and medical students. Dr. Dyckman is survived by his three children and seven grandchildren.

Daniel Liebowitz '46 on May 4, as reported by his nephew, Albert B. Knapp, MD, clinical professor of medicine (gastroenterology) at our School. Dr. Liebowitz completed his internship in medicine at Bellevue in the NYU division and followed with a residency at the

Cleveland Clinic. He joined the faculty of University of California, San Francisco, as a gastroenterologist in the early 1950s and moved to Stanford University in 1960 as professor of gastroenterology. He retired in 2000 to pursue his twin interests of writing and sculpting. Dr. Liebowitz authored a series of well-received books, including *The Last Expedition: Stanley's Mad Journey through the Congo*. The Daniel Liebowitz MD Student Essay prize will be established at the *Bellevue Literary Review* in his name. Contributions in his memory can be sent to the *Bellevue Literary Review*.

1950s

Robert Werman '52, '48ARTS in November 2005, as reported by his family. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Werman trained for three years in neurology at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City, with an additional two years as a neurologist and a psychiatrist in the U.S. Navy. He began postdoctoral work in the properties of single nerve cells and was appointed assistant professor of neurology at Columbia University Medical School. After a year's research in Cambridge, England, he was appointed research professor of psychiatry at Indiana University. He also served as a professor of anatomy and physiology at Indiana University. Dr. Werman moved to Israel in 1967 as professor of neurophysiology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and became the Arnold and Bess Zeldisch Ungerman Professor Emeritus of Neurobiology in 1998.

In the years 1964-1967, Dr. Werman led the team that discovered the first new central nervous system transmitter, a simple chemical called glycine, active as a short-term inhibitory transmitter in the spinal cord. This groundbreaking work opened the way to the discovery of a host of other chemical messengers in the central nervous system, particularly the brain.

Dr. Werman had more than 200 publications related to the nervous system and was the author of books on medical

research, self-help, the Gulf War, and Hebrew poetry. He was also a diplomate of the American Board of Neurology and Psychiatry. He served as president of the Israeli Physiological and Pharmacological Society from 1971-1974.

Robert J. Eisenberg '53,'49ARTS on February 11 at the age of 89, as reported by his classmate, Ira J. Laufer '53, BA '48CAS. Dr. Eisenberg completed his internship at Children's Hospital in San Francisco, California. He did his residency in pediatrics at Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, and Stanford University Hospital in San Francisco. His fellowship in cardiology was at Stanford University Hospital. He spent his career at Einstein and Montefiore Hospitals in Bronx, New York.

Stephen C. Finestone '56 on August 7, 2013, at age 81, as reported by his wife of 55 years, Eileen Finestone. Dr. Finestone practiced his specialty of anesthesia for over 40 years and served as chief of anesthesia at Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh for 32 years. He was also vice chairman of anesthesia at the University of Pittsburgh as well as medical director of the university's School of Anesthesia's program for nurses. Dr. Finestone completed his residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. He served as president of the Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiology and received its Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Finestone was always active in the community and served on many boards. In his free time, Dr. Finestone enjoyed boating on Pittsburgh's riv-



ers and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. His family life included numerous camping trips, skiing, and reunions at Tennessee lakes. Dr. Finestone enjoyed telling jokes and stories that were handed down from his late father and acquired from other sources. He was a loyal friend to many. In addition to his devoted wife, Dr. Finestone is survived by three sons and four grandchildren.

1960s

Arthur Zaks '64, '82WAG on April 26 at the age of 75, as reported in *The New York Times*. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he graduated from Stuyvesant High School and Brooklyn College, Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Zaks completed his internship at Lenox Hill Hospital and his residency in psychiatry at New York Medical College, Metropolitan Hospital Center. After becoming board certified in psychiatry with an interest in drug addiction therapy, he went on to establish South Brooklyn Medical Services. Dr. Zaks was a member of the U.S. Army Reserves from 1964-1970, where he held the rank of captain. Dr. Zaks loved to travel and teach and had a passion for history, politics, and the New York Jets. Dr. Zaks is survived by his loving wife, Mary L. Zaks, three children, and five grandchildren. Donations may be made in his memory to NYU School of Medicine Scholarship Fund.

1980s

Suzu S. Silverstein '83 on April 27 at the age of 54, as reported in *Daily Hampshire Gazette*. A beloved obstetrician, she delivered thousands of babies in the Connecticut and Pioneer Valleys. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and completed her residency at NYU. Dr. Silverstein practiced for many years with Hampshire OB/GYN in Northampton and for the last few years was on staff at Baystate Medical Center, where she dearly loved the medical residents she supervised. Dr. Silverstein had a great sense of humor and always had a joke ready to deliver. She made friends with many new mothers (and incurred the ire of their significant others) by prescribing rest and no housework or cooking for a month. She was an avid quilter and seamstress. She was fond of making baby quilts for newborn babies of friends. Baking



was a passion, especially cookies (which she would elaborately decorate) and small pastries. Her husband always had an easy gift with a new baking cookbook. She also had a collection of over 200 stuffed pigs. Dr. Silverstein loved travel, pictures, show tunes, and Motown. Everyone loved Dr. Silverstein. She was warm and funny and was dearly loved by her patients, friends, and family. She was a generous soul who gave of herself to those she cared about. She was particularly proud of her children. Dr. Silverstein is survived by her loving husband, James R. Osofsky, and her two daughters.

1990s

Eszter M. Boksay, MD, HS Internal Medicine '93, Fell Geriatric Medicine '95 on April 30 at the



age of 49, as reported by Steven B. Abramson, MD, HS Medicine '78. Dr. Boksay was clinical associate professor of medicine at our School and a member of the Division of Geriatrics. Born in Hungary, she was a graduate of Fordham University and Semmelweis University School of Medicine and was an attending physician at Tisch, Bellevue, Hospital for Joint Diseases, and Manhattan Veterans Administration Hospitals. On faculty for almost 23 years, Dr. Boksay was a wonderful mentor and teacher. She ran the geriatric fellowship and the Bellevue geriatric inpatient consult service until three years ago and also maintained a private practice. She was always a strong advocate for geriatric patients everywhere and will be greatly missed. Dr. Boksay did research on Alzheimer's disease and was a member of the American Medical Association, American Geriatric Society, and New York Medical Society. Dr. Boksay will be missed and remembered by her loving extended family, friends, and colleagues. Dr. Boksay is survived by her husband, Judge Scott Siller; two sons, Alexander and Nicholas; three siblings; and her father, Istvan J. E. Boksay, MD, clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry.



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*6 p.m., Smilow MultiPurpose
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21/Sunday

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Alumni Brunch
honoring Jonathan Woodson '79
*11 a.m., Boston Harbor Hotel,
Boston, Massachusetts*

OCTOBER 2014

25/Saturday

Northern California
Alumni Brunch
honoring Rachel D. Canning '98
and Soheil Motamed '98
*12 noon, The Fairmont,
San Francisco, California*

26/Sunday

Southern California Alumni Brunch
honoring Mark A. Mandel '64
*11 a.m., The Peninsula, Beverly Hills,
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18/Tuesday

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The Water Club, New York City

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New York, Battery Park,
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