

President's Corner



OMAR KHAN, M.D.'03
President
UVM Medical Alumni Association

I did not anticipate the start of my role as helping lead the Medical Alumni Association to be marked by a global pandemic. Dare I say things can only improve from here? I am reminded of my time in Vermont, through medical school, residency and beyond and how it was marked as much by unpredictability as anything else. As a first-year student, everything seems simultaneously scary and wonderful (as a first-year resident, more of the same). And as a Vermont resident, seeing a beautiful sunrise the same day as driving through a 12-inch snowstorm gives one a new perspective on uncertainty. I feel like that now, with the uncertainty amplified several times over, and I am sure many of you do too.

As we all navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope you also feel as I do the strength of our Larner College of Medicine family. Our medical education has prepared us for this moment. We are in this together.

In August, we welcome the newest class of medical students into our family. This year, the Medical Alumni Association has

partnered with Dean Page and Medical Student Education to provide each student a copy of *Make it Stick: The Science of Successful Learning*, a book that provides a sound introduction to the learning methods they'll be experiencing during their medical education. I'm eager to get to know members of the Class of 2024 through our White Coat note writing tradition, and I look forward to witnessing their transformation into the able and compassionate physicians the world needs right now.

Although Medical Reunion will look a little different this year, with a remote gathering in the works for the fall, I know it will be a fun-filled, joyous time of connection and celebration. We'll be celebrating our Medical Alumni Association award winners and get together online for talks and events. Most importantly, we will reflect on our time together in Vermont, plan for days yet to come, and appreciate the present more than ever.

I appreciate all of you, and all you do for your communities and for each other.

Omar Khan

University of Vermont Medical Alumni Association

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Do you remember when you received your first white coat? Do you recall the pride and excitement you felt on that day? Invest and inspire the newest members of the UVM Larner College of Medicine community with your gift and a special note of welcome and encouragement, which each student will discover in the pocket of their white coat this fall.

There's still time to sponsor a White Coat and support the Larner College of Medicine today!

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October 1-10

COME TOGETHER—ONLINE—
AT REUNION 2020!

For the safety and wellbeing of our whole community, UVM Medical Reunion is being transformed into an online celebration of you, the College's valued alumni, and the bond you share with your medical alma mater.

Since you can't at present come to the campus, the campus—and fellow classmates, and faculty friends—will come to you, with a full slate of activities:

*Medical Alumni Association Awards — 50th Reunion Celebration
Zoom Cocktail Hours — "State of the College" Address — Med Student Panel Discussion — Campus and Simulation Lab Virtual Tours — CME Opportunities*

PLUS

All registrants receive a full bag of College swag!

See more details and registration options at: go.uvm.edu/medreunion

Share your news or updated contact information at go.uvm.edu/infoupdate, or contact your class agent, or the Larner Development & Alumni Relations office at medalumni.relations@med.uvm.edu or (802) 656-4014.

1960s

REUNION 2020: 1965 + 1970

'65 **Jamie Jacobs** retired from active practice in 2007.

1970s

REUNION 2020: 1975 + 1980

'73 **Jim Betts** writes: "By the time you read this I'm hoping that the crest of the presence of COVID-19 will have long passed. This has been an unprecedented health threat. During the present time (March 25th) of composing this message to you, we are under a shelter-in-place throughout California, as I'm sure you are as well. During this mandate we are strictly following all safety protocols as my colleagues and I continue to provide medical-surgical care to our pediatric patients at UCSF Children's Hospital Oakland. Transitioning to our 'current summer-time' reading of this message: I encourage all of you to support our University with any donation you feel is possible. For those who attended our wonderful, seminal 50th undergraduate reunion last fall, and for me and the almost 40 percent of my College of Medicine Class of '73 who are also UVM 'double-degree graduates' and celebrated our 45th College of Medicine reunion in 2018, we saw that the campus has been truly 'transformed.' There are new buildings (academic, athletic-in-process, social, and residence halls), courses and curriculum. The overall 'look' of the campus is renewed and refreshing. Our new Alumni Center is in itself a magnificent transformation of our former Delta Psi fraternity house. I hope all of you can return to campus whenever possible. I wish you and your families good health and fulfillment in your lives and hope to see you all again in the not too distant future. Warmest regards, Jim '69, M.D.'73"

1980s

REUNION 2020: 1985 + 1990

'89 UVM Professor of Medicine **Mary Cushman** received the Gender Equity Outstanding Achievement in Medicine and Science Award at the inaugural Larner College of Medicine Celebration of Gender Equity.

1990s

REUNION 2020: 1995 + 2000

'90 **Stephen Leffler** was featured in a cover story in the May 27, 2020 issue of *Seven Days*, the Vermont weekly, that talked about his leadership of the UVM Medical Center during the COVID-19 crisis.

'92 **Anders Gustaf Aulen Holm** was recently elected a Top Doctor in Otolaryngology for 2020 by *New Hampshire* magazine. Dr. Holm is an Otolaryngologist with Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, N.H.

2000s

REUNION 2020: 2005 + 2010

'00 **David Lisle**, associate professor of orthopaedics and rehabilitation at UVM, was accepted as a fellow of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine (AMSSM). This designation is awarded to those that have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to lifelong learning, and the advancement of the profession of sports medicine in service to the AMSSM and leadership to the community.

'06 **Mattie Towle** says: "My practice has changed dramatically since the COVID-19 pandemic took off. I am a family physician at a large multi-specialty group in Bend, Ore., called Summit Medical Group-Oregon, Bend Memorial Clinic. I have had a patient I sent to the hospital with acute hypoxia who is recovering after an ICU stay from COVID-19. I don't think the situation has peaked here yet. I am conducting most of my visits online, which is helpful but has its limitations. A lot of care is being deferred currently, but can't be deferred indefinitely. Our IT team really rose to the challenge and got us set up for Virtual Visits very quickly. I have been outpatient based for eight years now, and I did register to do emergency credentialing at the hospital next door in the event they need more help."

2010s

REUNION 2020: 2015

'11 **Margaret Holmes** contributed a first-person story to *Bethesda Magazine*, titled "Coronavirus Chronicles: Born in the time of the coronavirus." She wrote about the birth of her first child, Olivia, while she and her husband, Phillip Lam, M.D.'11, worked as physicians during the pandemic. Read more: <https://bethesdamagazine.com/bethesda-beat/coronavirus-chronicles-born-in-the-time-of-the-coronavirus/>

'12 **William Timbers** has been named interim chief medical officer for Northern Inyo Healthcare District in Bishop, Calif. He has been a member of the NIHD medical staff as an emergency medicine physician since 2015. In addition to serving the community in the NIHD Emergency Department, he also co-owns and operates Eastern Sierra Emergency Physicians.

'13 **Katherine Areson** writes: "Chester Areson, M.D.'13, and I are living in Williston and just welcomed our third child, Jacqueline, last October. Chester is working up at Northwest Medical Center in Primary Care and I'm working with Maitri Healthcare for Women in OB/GYN. It is fun to be doing deliveries at UVM Medical Center, where I first decided to go into OB/GYN!"

SUBMIT CLASS NOTES ONLINE

The UVM Alumni Association now offers an easy-to-use online form to submit class notes. You can also browse class notes by year, school or college, or note type.

Submit your class note and read more from classmates: go.uvm.edu/medclassnotes



Jasmine Robinson, M.D.'20

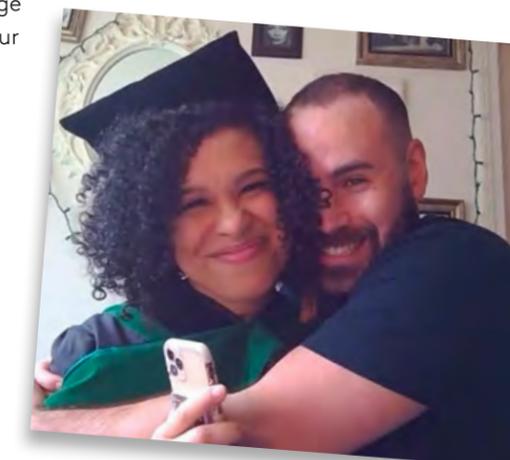
A Note of Thanks

In this ongoing series, Vermont Medicine shares a note of thanks from a student for the support they've received from alumni. **Jasmine Robinson, M.D.'20** gives thanks for scholarship support in her letter:

Dear Alumni,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart and express how appreciative I am of your generous gift. As a single parent in medical school, I have always been concerned about my projected student loans, and how to pay them off before my daughter goes to college (she's currently six). Your generosity has helped to ease some of those pressures, and both my daughter and I are extremely grateful!

All my love,
Jasmine Robinson
future OB/GYN



To support students like Jasmine, visit go.uvm.edu/givemed

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Oct. 2, 2020
VIRTUAL STREAMING (only)

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NEW DATES!
October 5-7, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Burlington, Vt.

WILDERNESS MEDICINE CONFERENCE
NEW DATE!
October 8, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Burlington, Vt.

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October 23, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton
Portland, Maine

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
Oct. 23-24, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton
Portland, Maine

UVM MEDICAL CENTER CARDIOVASCULAR/VASCULAR FORUM
NEW DATE!
December 7, 2020
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Burlington, Vt.

ANY ON-CAMPUS EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS. VIRTUAL OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MOST CONFERENCES.



The Medical Alumni Association Awards are presented every year at the Celebration of Achievements Ceremony at Reunion. The Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award will be presented at the Dean's Celebration of Research Excellence.

2020 MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Awards

Full biographies of the awardees can be found at med.uvm.edu/alumni



DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Presented to alumni in recognition of outstanding scientific or academic achievement.



John F. Beamis, Jr., M.D.'70
Emeritus Chair of the Division of Internal Medicine and Emeritus Chair of the Department of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, Burlington, Mass.



Deborah Cook, M.D.'90
Professor, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, UVM Larner College of Medicine; Director of Dermatopathology and the Dermatopathology Fellowship Program, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, UVM Medical Center



Jeffrey Lawson, M.D.'90
President and CEO, Humacyte Incorporated, Professor of Surgery and Director, Vascular Surgery Research Laboratory, Department of Surgery and Division of Vascular Surgery and Professor of Pathology, Department of Pathology, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C.



Andrew Parent, M.D.'70
Retired Professor and Chairman Emeritus, Department of Neurosurgery, The University of Mississippi School of Medicine



SERVICE TO MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY AWARD

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



Diana Barnard, M.D.'90
Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, UVM Larner College of Medicine and Division of Palliative Medicine, University of Vermont Health Network-Porter Medical Center



Vito Imbasciani, M.D.'85
Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs; Urologic surgeon, Department of Urology, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center



DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE ALUMNI AWARD

Presented to an alumnus/a from the UVM Larner College of Medicine's Ph.D. or M.S. programs who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in basic, clinical or applied research; education; industry; public service/humanitarianism; and/or outstanding commitment to the Larner College of Medicine community.



Marilyn Cipolla, Ph.D.'97
Professor, Department of Neurological Sciences, UVM Larner College of Medicine

2021 Nominations

Do you know a class member deserving of recognition? Send in your nominations for the 2021 awards to: med.uvm.edu/alumni



A. BRADLEY SOULE AWARD

Presented to an alumnus/a whose loyalty and dedication to the Larner College of Medicine most emulate those qualities as found in its first recipient, A. Bradley Soule, M.D.'28.



Frederick Mandell, M.D.'64
Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School; Senior Associate in Medicine, Children's Hospital, Boston

When a pre-medical student asked Dr. Mandell what it meant to be a doctor, he said: "To be a doctor, in the true sense of the word, is to use that almost mystical combination of science and a kind heart to make decisions; to give ear to the voice

of the patient and to respond to those who call out to us. That is what gives doctors the thumping heart to believe in what they have to do. This was the signature of my medical school and the roll of the drums that set me off."

Although Dr. Mandell entered medical school wanting to be a surgeon, he left as a pediatrician with guidance from his mentor, Dr. Jerry Lucey. While serving as a pediatric resident at Children's Hospital, Boston, Dr. Mandell found his passion in serving the underserved, caring for children of Boston's Romani community. Dr. Mandell was invited to join the medical staff at Children's Hospital, Boston, and received an appointment at Harvard Medical School. He founded the Massachusetts Center for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and became vice chair of the National SIDS Foundation. Dr. Mandell served on the American Academy of Pediatrics and Indian Health Service research teams investigating possible causes for the high rate of SIDS on Native American reservations. In honor of his commitment to the health needs of the Tribal Nations, and his over 20 years of work with the Lakota Sioux, Dr. Mandell was presented their highest award, the Eagle Feather, at the Kicking Bear PowWow.

His continued interest in native peoples led him to work with the Chacahpoya Indians and the Huaorani people in the Amazon, as well as with Project Hope to build a Children's Hospital in Pudong, China. The Boston Chasidic Community honored him with their Award for Humanitarian Service. In addition, he continues to provide pediatric care at a rural clinic in Nicaragua.

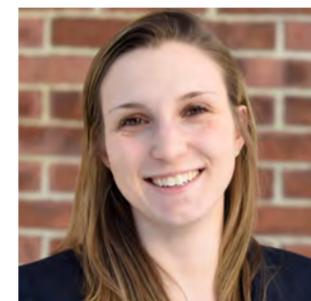
A past president of the Alumni Executive Committee, Dr. Mandell has received UVM's Lifetime Achievement Award and the Larner College of Medicine Service to Medicine and Community Award. Harvard Medical School awarded him the Dean's Lifetime Achievement Award. In his hometown, he was the recipient of their Native Son Award. Dr. Mandell has authored numerous scientific papers, served as editor of *Pediatric Alert*, and published three works of historic fiction.

Says Dr. Mandell: "Over the years I have learned more than I have given. The medicine men I have met have influenced my life in their wisdom and their understanding of disease and cures. Their poignant message transcends culture, "Every person you touch has a soul."



ROBERT LARNER, M.D.'42 STUDENT AWARD

Presented to a current student(s) for his or her outstanding leadership and loyalty to the College and one who embodies Dr. Larner's



Sidney Hilker
UVM Larner College of Medicine, Class of 2021

dedication to not only supporting his medical alma mater, but to inspiring others to do so as well.



EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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



T. Mike Hsieh, M.D.'05
Director of Male Fertility and Men's Health Center; Assistant Professor of Surgery, Department of Urology, UC San Diego Health System



Heidi Schumacher, M.D.'10
Assistant Superintendent, Health and Wellness, Washington, D.C. Office of the State Superintendent of Education



UVM'S HEALTHCARE HEROES ARE 'DARN TOUGH'

UVM Health Network employees on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic now have a supply of Darn Tough socks to keep them comfortable through long days on their feet thanks to a generous gift from the Vermont company.

In April, the Northfield-based company donated 5,000 pairs of socks to the UVM Medical Center and other UVM Health Network affiliates including Porter Medical Center and Central Vermont Medical Center.

The donation highlights the giving spirit of Vermonters and the deep respect healthcare professionals enjoy in the community.

"Darn Tough is a great Vermont story and we think this is a wonderful way to make a connection between a company like Darn Tough and a place like the UVM Health Network," says **Kevin MacAteer**, chief development officer for academic health sciences at the UVM Medical Center Foundation. "So thank you, Darn Tough. We really appreciate it. Our health care heroes are 'Darn Tough,' and we love having your socks."



SUPPORTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

When she was growing up, UVM Professor of Neurological Sciences **Diane Jaworski, Ph.D.**, remembers her parents bringing her to volunteer at a soup kitchen, one of many ways they encouraged their daughter to give back. Her father, Witold "Victor"

Jaworski, a Polish displaced person who immigrated to the U.S. after World War II, and her mother, Jane (nee Czyzewski), who was born in the U.S. to Polish immigrants and wanted to be a nurse, but could not afford university, always stressed the importance of education and service to others. They would tell their children: "You may not have what you want, but you have what you need. Many don't have what they need. We need to help them."

This generosity of spirit inspired Jaworski to create a new fund at the Larner College of Medicine, named for her parents, the first specifically for the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI). In addition to supporting ODEI-specific initiatives, the fund allows ODEI leaders to allocate dollars to a variety of student groups engaged in advocacy.

In her 25-plus years at UVM, Jaworski has been at the front lines of diversity and equity work: She serves as an advisor to the American Medical Women's Association and the Social Justice Coalition (SJC) and is a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. The medical students she mentors—particularly the student-led SJC, a group that has worked with faculty to weave teaching about social justice into the curriculum—inspire her to stay engaged.

"I see the wonderful work the SJC is doing with the health disparities curriculum," she says. "I want to support those efforts."

Give now to the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:
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Vito Imbasciani,
Ph.D., M.D.'85

MENTORING THE NEXT GENERATION

Adam Ross '22 keeps a piece of paper tacked to the wall above his desk. It's a brief note from **Vito Imbasciani, Ph.D., M.D.'85**, that Ross discovered tucked in the pocket of the white coat he received as a first-year Larner College of Medicine student in September of 2018. For the last few years, Imbasciani and other Larner alumni have delighted in writing notes to the College's newest medical students, to be discovered during the white coat ceremony.

"I appreciated that someone was willing to reach out as an alum—someone who might be able to help guide me," Ross says. As it turned out, the two had much to bond over, starting with the fact that Imbasciani—who practices urology with the Southern California Permanente Medical Group—lives in Los Angeles. Ross is a native of the city. In addition, Ross, who hopes to engage in policy work, has been interested to learn about that aspect of Imbasciani's current position as secretary for the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Even more significantly, Imbasciani's long-time support of underserved populations resonated with Ross.

"I'm one of the few men of color in my class, and his work to increase diversity in classes has been inspirational," says Ross, adding that he hopes to incorporate community outreach in his own practice. He says having "Uncle Vito" as mentor has been "eye-opening and frame-shifting."

Imbasciani's munificence grew in part out of his experience as a 28-year officer in the U.S. Army Medical Corps; he completed four tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and was forced to keep his sexuality hidden. In 2014 at Larner, Imbasciani and his husband, George DiSalvo, founded their eponymous endowed LGBTQ lecture series to address disparities in healthcare delivery within that community; it was the first of its kind in the nation. More recently, Imbasciani and DiSalvo established an endowment to increase diversity at the Larner College of Medicine.

Of his philanthropy, Imbasciani says, "I do it out of a sense of gratitude, to pay back. The best way of doing that is to give opportunities to people just starting their career in medicine. I do it by mentoring, and by trying to reduce their financial burden, so they can become more effective more quickly when they graduate."

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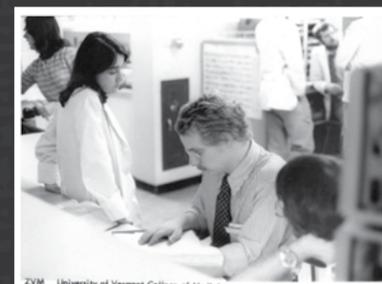


Group Focus

Something very interesting is going on here, even if those of us decades later cannot tell what's down on the table in front of these medical students of long ago. Hopefully one or more of these people will break their concentration and tell us all what exactly was going on in this classroom, when and where it happened, and who were their classmates and their instructor.

Send your thoughts to erin.post@med.uvm.edu and we'll include them in the next issue of *Vermont Medicine*.

FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE



◀ The consensus on the Spring 2020 photo is that the very tired looking woman leaning against the counter is Mary Maloney, M.D.'77. Facing away from the camera is likely the late Jane Wolf, M.D.'77. The mustachioed gentleman is the subject of some debate: he could be Mark Rolerson from the Class of 1978, or Dr. David Frantz, or then-intern Peter McElfresh. Mary Maloney ID's him as "David Miller, if memory serves me well. I was on my medicine AI, and we were admitting late at night. He was reviewing the old records, and I was trying to stay awake." Howard Nadworny '78, noted that Mary Maloney "was also an amazing goalie for the women's intramural hockey team. My recollection is that she was never scored on."

In addition to Drs. Maloney and Nadworny, thanks to Allan Freedman '77, Susan Snyder '77, George Boccia '73, Delia Manjoney '77, and Michael Hermans '78 for their contributions.

'52 William A. Eddy

Dr. Eddy, age 94, of Framingham, Mass., died March 31, 2020. Born in Hartford, Conn., he was a radiologist who worked at Framingham Union (Metro West) Hospital, Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester, and in private practice. Dr. Eddy received his undergraduate and medical degrees from UVM. He served as a radar specialist in the Navy during World War II. Dr. Eddy loved his work and practiced medicine until the age of 86. He was known for his astute radiologic diagnostics, honesty and integrity.

'53 Richard Charles Wolff

Dr. Wolff died February 27, 2020. Born 21 January 21, 1924, in Caldwell, N.J., he enlisted in the U.S. Army in December of 1941. He was activated at New York University as a meteorology student in 1943 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He was stationed at Douglas Army Airbase as a meteorologist before moving to the 1333 Air Force Base Unit in Chabua, India. Although mustered out from active duty in 1946, he remained as a reserve officer in the Army Air Corps.

After graduating from UVM with his medical degree, Dr. Wolff completed an internship at Syracuse University Hospital and an anesthesiology residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP). While there, Dr. Wolff activated in the Air Force and was promoted to captain. He spent one year teaching at HUP before transferring to the Clark Field Hospital in the Philippines, where he served as chief of anesthesiology.

In 1960, he became chief of anesthesiology at MacDill Air Force Base, training with NASA in support of the Astronaut Recovery Program. With every astronaut flight on Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions, a team composed of a surgeon, an anesthesiologist and a surgical corpsman was stationed on U.S. Navy ships in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to recover the returning astronauts and perform any emergency medical procedure indicated.

In 1961, Dr. Wolff was sent to Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Hospital to develop and command the new Aerospace Clinical Research Laboratory, and he came to San Antonio with the Mercury 7 astronauts. He transferred to Foreign Technology

at Brooks Air Force Base as chief analyst from 1965 to 1968. After serving as dispensary commander at Kirtland Air Force Base, he moved to Teheran, Iran to serve as ARMISH MAAG Hospital Commander from 1969 to 1971. He also served as chief of hospital services at Mather Air Force Base.

Retiring as full colonel in 1972, he joined the teaching staff at UTHSCSAT, and was a consultant in anesthesiology at Audie Murphy VA and Kerrville VA hospitals. He initiated utilization review and quality assurance programs at all three hospitals. He was Board Certified in Quality Assurance and Utilization Review in 1977. Dr. Wolff also started the anesthesia department at NE Baptist Hospital.

'55 Albert A. Romano

Dr. Romano died December 17, 2019. Born October 11, 1927, he served in the U.S. Navy as a hospital corpsman from 1945 to 1947. After receiving his medical degree from UVM, he completed his internship in Beverly, Mass., and moved to Agawam, Mass., to build his family medicine practice. After 60 years in private practice, he retired at 87 years of age.

'60 Robert Clifton Parker

Dr. Parker died May 15, 2020, at his home in Indiana at the age of 86. Born and raised in Vermont, he received his medical degree from UVM and served as a captain in the Army Reserve. Dr. Parker spent three years stationed in Tehran, Iran, after medical school as a pediatrician and general medical officer with the United States Army Reserve, ARMISH-MAAG, from 1963 to 1965. He was a practicing pediatrician in upstate New York and then Morrisville, Vt. Dr. Parker earned his master's degree in public health from the University of Minnesota in 1981 and transitioned to hospital administration, first at Copley Hospital in Morrisville and then the Rutland Regional Medical Center in Rutland. He assumed the position of senior vice president for medical affairs at the Indiana Regional Medical Center. He also acted as interim president and CEO for a period before retiring in 2000. As the only pediatrician in Morrisville, he focused on providing care to the community, sometimes accepting cords of wood as payment. As a

hospital administrator, Dr. Parker focused on access to quality healthcare. He was proudest of his work with the Indiana Regional Medical Center establishing facilities in rural areas that lacked care options. He continued to serve in the community and volunteered with the Red Cross—as a member of the board of directors of the Red Cross of Indiana County and deploying to assist during hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

'61 Donald Skinner Bicknell

Dr. Bicknell died March 2, 2020. Born August 16, 1935, he received his medical degree in 1961 and interned at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, N.Y., before entering the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He returned to Vermont in 1964 and set up his medical practice in Vergennes in the family home on Main Street. When his son, Tim, joined his practice in 1995, another son, Peter, built a new office on North Street. This became Little City Family Practice. In 50 years of practicing medicine in Vergennes, Dr. Bicknell grew the office from a solo practitioner to over 20 staff. He mentored countless medical students and residents. Dr. Bicknell continued to make house calls and meet patients at the office on weekends until the end of his career at the age of 77.

In 1979, Dr. Bicknell enlisted in the Vermont Army National Guard and served as Commander, Medical Company, 186 Forward Support Battalion. In 1995, he retired as a full colonel and state surgeon, having received the Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

His professional awards and achievements include co-authoring a *New England Journal of Medicine* article on tularemia published in 1968. In 2004, he was the recipient of the UVM Larner College of Medicine's Co-Family Medicine Doctor of the Year; in 2006, he received the Service to Medicine and Community Award from the UVM Larner College of Medicine; and in 2016 was a recipient of the State Community Service Legislative Recognition.

'65 Mazzini Bueno

Dr. Bueno, known as "Nini" in Brazil and "Max" in the U.S., was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on August 23, 1937. He died on February 20, 2020, at the age of 83. In 1956,

he immigrated to the United States to continue his education at UVM, receiving his undergraduate degree in 1960 and his medical degree in 1965. Dr. Bueno was an intern at the Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, R.I. He became a U.S. citizen in 1962 and was a Vietnam veteran, serving as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna, Tenn., from 1966 to 1968.

Upon completing his military service, he became a radiology resident at Dartmouth Medical School, and attended a fellowship program at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Dr. Bueno completed his residency in 1971 and was board certified in radiology in 1972. He specialized in diagnostic radiology.

In 1971, Dr. Bueno joined Valley Radiologist Professional Association in Charlestown, N.H. From 1971 to 1992, he worked as a radiologist at several hospitals in New Hampshire and Vermont, including Valley Regional Hospital, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Alice Peek Day Hospital and New London Hospital. For many years, he served as a member of the board of Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Valley Regional Hospital. In April 1974, he co-founded one of the first mammography programs in Northern New England at Valley Regional Hospital.

Dr. Bueno continued to practice as a radiologist at Hillcrest Hospital in Pittsfield, Mass., from 1993 to 1997, then at Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge, Mass., until December 2007, when he retired. In 2009, Dr. Bueno returned to Rio de Janeiro where he resided until 2014, when he returned to New Hampshire. Since 2019 and until his death, Max resided at the Historic Homes of Runnemed in Windsor, Vt.

'65 Marlene Ann Aldo-Benson

Dr. Benson died November 24, 2019, at the age of 80. She graduated from medical school *summa cum laude* and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary medical society. Dr. Benson helped to found the rheumatology division at the Indiana University Medical Center. She was respected and beloved by patients and colleagues alike as a talented physician, teacher, and internationally recognized biomedical researcher.

'74 Jeffrey Adrian Schumacher

Dr. Schumacher died at home in Morrisville, Vt., on May 26, 2020, at the age of 71. Born January 4, 1949, in Yonkers, N.Y., he was raised in Burlington, Vt. After graduating from Yale University in 1970, he returned to his home state to enroll in medical school at UVM. There, he met his wife and classmate, Cajsja Nordstrom. He was able to experience all three of his children—Erika Schumacher, M.D.'08, Heidi Schumacher, M.D.'10 and Ryan Schumacher, D.O.—join their parents as physicians. Dr. Schumacher practiced pediatric medicine in Albany for 33 years, after he and Cajsja completed their pediatric residency training at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Dr. Jeff, beloved by his patients and parents, was passionate about the health of all children. He lent his time and energy to a number of boards and committees in the capital region of New York State, with the goal of promoting the health and safety of children. Contributions may be made in Dr. Schumacher's honor to the Schumacher Family Endowed Fund in Pediatrics, established to support UVM pediatric faculty and trainees in continuing to lead the development of best practices in pediatric care and teaching.

Donations may be made online at go.uvm.edu/schumacher or via check (memo-line: Schumacher Family Endowed Fund in Pediatrics) to the UVM Foundation, 411 Main St., Burlington, VT, 05401.

'90 James P. Bradley

Dr. Bradley died March 27, 2020 at the age of 57. Born August 10, 1962, he graduated from the U.S. Army Military Academy with honors in 1985. He was so proud of attending West Point that he wore his entire dress uniform to his medical school interviews. He earned his medical degree in 1990 as well as the additional honor of being the first doctor in Bradley family history. Dr. Bradley completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowships in pulmonary disease and critical care medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center in Fort Sam Houston, Tex. He achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Dr. Bradley spent seven years as an Army physician practicing at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Tex., where he

served as medical director to the respiratory therapy department and the Sleep Disorders Center. He served as assistant chief to the department of medicine and the pulmonary/critical care department, and he was on the Department of Medicine Medical Education Committee. Dr. Bradley relocated to Las Cruces, N.M., where he added sleep medicine to his triple board certification in internal medicine, pulmonology, and critical care. He opened three successful sleep labs, worked at Memorial Medical Center as the director of the respiratory therapy department, and continued his practice in pulmonology and critical care.

In 2013, Dr. Bradley was instrumental in the creation of Lovelace Medical Group in Albuquerque. He was the director of the Lovelace Sleep Center, sleep medicine department, emergency department, and radiology laboratory at Lovelace Westside Hospital. He earned the title of "Provider of the Year" for two years in a row from the city of Albuquerque. As a pulmonary and critical care intensivist, he was selected for the chief of staff position. He took great pride in his role as the director of hospice and often took his children along with him to visit his most beloved patients, a fine example of his empathy, compassion, and kind-hearted nature. Most recently, he helped Lovelace achieve the Best for Quality 2019 Ardent Services Award and was the ICU physician in charge of treatment for isolated COVID-19 patients. Dr. Bradley was a member of the American College of Physicians, the American College of Chest Physicians, and the American Thoracic Society. He has received numerous honors for his work, including a nomination for White House physician by the Pulmonary/Critical Care consultant to the Surgeon General.

'10 Melinda (Mindy) Cherie Myzak

Dr. Myzak died May 15, 2020. Born on July 12, 1979 in Portland, Ore., she obtained a B.A. from Scripps College in 2001, followed by a Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology from Oregon State University in 2005. She was recognized as a graduate fellow at the Linus Pauling Institute, published extensively, and was awarded several young

investigator awards for her impactful research. Most notably, she discovered a novel mechanism for the cancer chemoprotective effects of sulforaphane. In 2010, she graduated from UVM with a medical degree and completed her internal medicine residency at Oregon Health & Science University. When not in the laboratory or the hospital, Dr. Myzak could often be found leading study sessions for her medical school colleagues. Following a fellowship in oncology at Johns Hopkins University in 2016, she completed an advanced fellowship with the Mayo Clinic in 2017. She further pursued work researching cancer medications and treatment at AbbVie in Chicago and San Francisco. Dr. Myzak had a lifelong passion for the fight against cancer, spurred by the passing of her grandmother in her youth. She was dedicated to her patients, who she considered family, while at the same time working hard to translate new scientific discoveries into patient care.

George "Ted" Winfield

Ted Winfield died on Monday, March 23 after contracting COVID-19. A graduate of Haverford College with an M.P.H. from the University of California at Berkeley, he was for many years, beginning in the 1990s, associate dean for finance at UVM's College of Medicine. He was looked upon as a consummate administrator who played a key role in supporting the expansion of the College's research and educational facilities and curricular reforms, among other accomplishments.

Ted went on to serve the University as vice president for budget and resource management, and was later called out of retirement to help form and temporarily lead the Academic Health Sciences unit of the UVM Foundation and UVM Medical Center Foundation. Commenting on his passing, Dean Rick Page said: "The good work that Ted did for this College, the University, and the wider community will continue to be felt long into the future, and I know I speak for so many in our community when I extend our deepest condolences to Ted's family."



'22 Collins Oguejiofor

The Larner College of Medicine community was shaken by the sudden and unexpected death of Collins Kodilinye Oguejiofor, a member of the medical class of 2022, on June 22, 2020. Collins died in Norwalk, Conn., where he was preparing to begin his clinical clerkships at the Larner branch campus at NuVance Health. He was 29 years old.

Collins graduated from I.H. Kempner High School in Sugar Land, Texas in 2010. He later attended the University of Texas at Austin and graduated in 2014 with a degree in mathematics.

Collins is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Chinyere Oguejiofor; siblings, Kenneth (and his wife, Courtney), Ike, Vivian, and Amy Oguejiofor; grandmother, Josephine Ochiagha; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

"We know we speak for the entire community when we extend our deepest condolences to Collins' family," said Dean Rick Page and Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education Christa Zehle in a June 23 message to Larner students, faculty and staff. "Our sincere thoughts of care and sympathy also go out to his classmates, friends, faculty and staff who knew and worked with him, both in Vermont and in Connecticut."

A memorial service was held July 11, 2020 in Issaquah, Washington, to commemorate Collins' life, and a physically-distanced memorial vigil was held outdoors at UVM on July 14.

To honor the memory of Collins and in lieu of flowers, the Oguejiofor family requests that donations be made to support Larner diversity scholarships at: go.uvm.edu/collins



June 5, 2020

1:10 P.M. – 1:18:46 P.M.

Staff and students at the University of Vermont Medical Center and the Larner College of Medicine, masked and spaced 6 feet apart, silently take a knee for eight minutes and 46 seconds on June 5, 2020, in support of #WhiteCoatsForBlackLives. The brief vigil—marking the amount of time George Floyd was held down by police—was part of a national call to action by medical students focused on police brutality and systemic racism.

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8 Commencement 2020

The College welcomed the new physicians of the Class of 2020 in a totally new way: through the most extensive live online commencement ceremony held at a medical school during the pandemic.



10 The Pandemic

Faculty, staff, students and alumni are rising to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic through leading edge research, compassionate patient care, and innovative community outreach.



24 Good Incentives

Anne Dougherty, M.D., and Sarah Heil, Ph.D., along with a team of Ugandan colleagues, adapted an intervention used in Vermont to understand how women in Nakaseke, Uganda, might reduce unintended pregnancies.

