On Thursday, March 13th, Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), Delta Chapter of New York held their 81st Annual Installation Dinner at The Water Club and inducted 26 new members from the Class of 2003. Others installed were Andrew B. Dancis ’78 and David S. Guzick ’79 as Alumni Members, Dr. Roberta M. Goldring as a Faculty Member, and Isaac S. Herschkopf ’75 received the Clinical Voluntary Faculty Award.

Steven R. Goldstein ’75 did a terrific job chairing our Medical Alumni Weekend. Current students hosted a 40-minute walking tour through the School and Bellevue to kick off our “Nostalgia Tours” on Friday, April 25th. The next morning, Robert J. Soberman ’46, Associate Dean for Postgraduate Programs, assembled an outstanding CME Program called “Translational Initiatives: Brain, Memory, Teaching.” During the General Session, Lee M.E. Morin ’81, Ph.D. ’82, a NASA Astronaut, served as Guest Speaker and gave us an “up close and personal look” at his trip last year on the Space Shuttle Atlantis to the International Space Station. Fritz Francois ’97 was honored as the recipient of The Julia Zelmanovich Young Alumni Award and our faculty members were presented with 25, 35 and 50 year Service Achievement Awards. Dean Robert M. Glickman presented The Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Basic Science to Michel C. Nussenzweig, M.D., Ph.D. ’82, Fairchild Professor of Immunology, The Rockefeller University; in Clinical Science to Stanley G. Schultz ’56, Fondren Family Chair in Cellular Signaling and Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Integrative Biology and Pharmacology, University of Texas Medical School at Houston; and in Health Science to Lee B. Reichman ’64, Professor of Medicine, Preventive Medicine and Community Health and Executive Director of the New Jersey Medical School National Tuberculosis Center. Finally, we were most honored to name three remarkable individuals Honorary Members of our Alumni Association: Rodolfo Llinas, M.D., Ph.D., Thomas and Suzanne Murphy Professor of Neuroscience and Chairman of the Department of Physiology and Neuroscience; David D. Sabatini, M.D., Ph.D., Frederick L. Ehrman Professor of Cell Biology and Chairman of the Department of Cell Biology; and, John Sexton, J.D., Ph.D., President of New York University. Later that evening, we were ecstatic to greet a record-breaking number of over 450 alumni and their guests for dinner at a black-tie reunion celebration at the Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park, where they were able to catch up with old friends and enjoy a dance or two to the music of Lester Lanin.

On Thursday, May 15, 2003, Dean Robert M. Glickman administered the Hippocratic Oath to our latest generation of NYU physicians at the 171st Commencement Exercises of New York University in Washington Square Park. That afternoon, in her remarks at our Graduation Ceremony in Carnegie Hall, the President of the Class of 2003, Annemarie Erin Fogerty, shared her recollections when the World Trade Center fell victim to terrorist attack on September 11th. “Faced with the worst, we gave our best and we found the best in one another. We heard our chiefs when they told us, ‘this is what we train for’ and we responded. Members of the Class of 2003 staffed every triage center in the city, volunteered in the medical examiner’s office, helped grieving families file missing persons reports and supported each other.

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Have you heard?

1940s

Selwyn Z. Freed ’43M retired in 1998 and is actively involved in several organizations including Doctors Without Borders, Physicians for a National Health Program and International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War. H. Sherwood Lawrence ’43M and his wife, Dorothea, live in New York City. He retired from his positions as Professor of Medicine, Head of Infectious Diseases and Co-Director of the Medical Service at NYU School of Medicine. Faculty member, Dr. Homer Smith, made such an impression on Irving L. Schwartz ’43M that he devoted a journal article to him, Homer Smith: An eclectic mentor, (published in Kidney International, Vol. 49 (1996), (pp. 1530 – 1533). As one of his many accomplishments, Dr. Schwartz was appointed Associate of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research and Senior Scientist at the Brookhaven National Laboratory. Irene Shapiro ’43D is living in New York City and still practicing general medicine. Sheldon Cohen ’43D continues to wear two hats at the National Institute of Health in the positions of Scientific Advisor at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease and Visiting Scholar at the History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine. In the functions of the latter he works at home turning out manuscripts for journal and book publications on subjects in the history of allergy, asthma and immunology. J.J. Kirschenfeld ’43D is Professor Emeritus of Medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. He practiced medicine for 60 years before retiring at the age of 80.

Leon Morgenstern ’43D and his wife, Laurie, have one son, one grandchild, two horses, six llamas, two dogs, 10 ducks, 12 chickens, and one cat! His career highlight was becoming Director of the Center of Health Care Ethics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA in 1995. Murray Weiner ’43D and his wife, Barbara, live in Cincinnati, OH. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Dr. Weiner authored over 250 scientific publications, and published five books for the layman, including a recent philosophic volume, Why Can’t Dogs do Calculus? Arthur Ancowitz ’48 has had a private practice in Manhattan for over 30 years. On a personal note, he has performed at the Metropolitan Opera and is an eleven time New York City Marathon runner (twice with his three children). In addition, he is the author of two successful books on stroke and stroke prevention. David V. Becker ’48 is Professor of Radiology.

Our first issue of DIALOGUES was dedicated to medical student, faculty and alumni reflections and responses to the World Trade Center tragedy. We are now beginning to gather material for DIALOGUES II. This issue will focus on bridging the gap between the profession and personal life and values.

We invite you to participate in this project, either through commentary on the student’s reflections or through reflections of your own. Consider submitting essays, poetry, photography and artwork.

Please confirm your willingness to participate by emailing your response directly to the Master Scholars program at masterscholars@med.nyu.edu or to alumni@med.nyu.edu.

Take this opportunity to share your reflections about these issues, which have such an important impact upon medicine, humanism and professionalism.

Let us know what you’re up to. Email us at: alumni@med.nyu.edu
and Medicine at Weill-Cornell University Medical College. He has been president of the American Thyroid Association and, in recognition of his work with patients, has been cited in the last three editions of the “Best Physicians in the United States.”

Anthony L. Britis ’48 continues an active practice in Neurosurgery with an office in Bronxville, NY including a busy surgical schedule involving spinal surgeries. Dr. Britis regularly attends annual conferences of both the American Association and the Congress of Neurosurgeons and he holds education awards from these associations. Dr. Britis mentions Dr. John Mulolland ’25 (deceased) as his most memorable faculty member. “He was an exceptionally competent surgeon and teacher; most affable and articulate.”

H. Louis Chodosh ’48 and his wife live in Verona, NJ. They have two children. Some of his career highlights include: his position as Medical Staff President at Paterson General Hospital in 1973, receiving a Medical Society of New Jersey Golden Merit Award and a New Jersey State Senate and Assembly Proclamation commemorating 50 years of service in medicine. Bruce F. Rothmann ’48 retired in 2002 as Director of Medicine Outreach at the Children’s Hospital Medical Center of Akron (Ohio). He is involved in many activities including the Cleveland Orchestra Board, the March of Dimes and the National Inventors Foundation. Joseph Shechtman ’48 lives with his wife, Beverly, in Pleasantville, NY. He was honored by the American Psychiatric Association and the Westchester County Psychiatric Division for his contributions to Psychiatry. He was also honored as a 50 year Life Fellow from the American Academy of Psychoanalysis. Dr. Shechtman points out, however, that his greatest accomplishment and the best thing that ever happened to him was his marriage to his wife. For 35 years, Byron G. Sherman ’48 worked in anesthesiology at Morristown Memorial Hospital in New Jersey. He and his wife, Gail, now live in Manchester Center, Vermont. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Irwin K. Stone ’48 reports that, over the years, he has traveled to many places including Australia, Peru, Afghanistan and Ecuador. Dr. Stone fondly recalls Dr. Isadore Greenwald for his “encouragement and consideration during the early months of my training” in medical school.

1950s

Ira J. Gelb ’51 is starting a new medical school in Tallahassee, FL. Harold J. Berman ’53 is still practicing (half-time) dermatology. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, gardening and traveling. He and his wife, Barbara reside in Washington, D.C.

Abraham Bernstein ’53 lives in New Britain, CT. He has had the “same wonderful wife (Estelle) for 51 years.” They have three children with graduate degrees and eight “above average” grandchildren. Dr. Bernstein has been in private practice as an internist/primary care provider for 45 years. He is still working, although no longer fulltime. Robert Feulner ’53 and his wife, Mary, have five children and 10 grandchildren! Dr. Feulner recalls faculty member, Dr. Rosa Lee Nemir, because “she made it possible.”

Harber ’53 and his wife, Rosalyn, live in New York City. They have two sons and two grandchildren. Dr. Harber is a retired professor and chairman of dermatology at Columbia-Presbyterian. He also holds the title of Professor Emeritus in Dermatology and Public Health at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Julius Korein ’53 is Professor Emeritus of Neurology at NYU School of Medicine. He has completed extensive research on sensory feedback therapy, brain death and consciousness.

Lila S. Kramer ’53 lives in Palo Alto, California. She has two children and four grandchildren and enjoys ceramics and organic gardening. Throughout her career, she has been involved in Jungian analysis. David T. Nash ’53 reports that he has been part of the research team of almost every cholesterol drug sold in the U.S. He is still actively working and enjoys tennis, opera, reading and theater in his spare time. Howard N. Rosenthal ’53 and his wife, Marjorie, have three children and six grandchildren. Dr. and Mrs. Rosenthal live in San Mateo, CA. His career highlights include: a rotating internship and OB/GYN residency at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, MD (1953 – 1999), a private practice in OB/GYN for 16 years and GYN for 14 years (1959 – 1989), and a position as Medical Director for Planned Parenthood (1989 – 1999). Judith S. Schachter ’53

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and her husband, Joseph Schachter ’52, live in New York City. She retired in 2000 and is now on the board of Weston United, a Harlem-based Transitional Living Organization. Her most memorable faculty member was H. Sherwood Lawrence ’43M. He interviewed her for admission and asked what she’d do if she got a ‘C’ in medical school! Howard F. Taswell ’53 retired from the Mayo Clinic in 1993 and was awarded a Bush Foundation Medical Fellowship to train at the University of Chicago Medical School, Department of Psychiatry and the Chicago Center for Family Health. Dr. Taswell writes “I will never forget my first day on a Bellevue ward in the second year course in physical diagnosis. Dr. Joseph Brumlik led a small group of us to an empty bed. Dr. Brumlik taught us how a differential diagnosis could be developed through careful observation of the patient’s environment even when the patient wasn’t present. He also taught us by example the importance of humility, kindness, patience and respect for the patient and the patient’s family. I have tried ever since to live up to his example.” Jerome Lowenstein ’57 will receive the Wholeness of Life Award from the Healthcare Chaplaincy in November 2003. Bernard M. Rosof ’57 was named Chairman Emeritus of the American College of Physicians (ACP). Gerald A. Gellin ’58 and his wife, Lucille, live in San Francisco, CA. They have two children and two grandchildren. Since 1986, Dr. Gellin has served as Clinical Professor of the Department of Dermatology at the University of California, San Francisco. Edward Hanin ’58 has retired from practice and is involved on the Patron Committee of the Metropolitan Opera. “Solid and honest” is how he describes Marvin Stern ’39 (deceased), his most memorable faculty member. Walter Jacobowitz ’58 retired in 2000 and is now enjoying his grandchildren and traveling. His favorite faculty member, Dr. Saul Krugman, “turned a rash into a comprehensible thing.” One of his most unforgettable moments in med school was when Dr. Joseph Pick “looked me straight in the eye and said, ‘I wonder if it is worth my time to teach you!’”

Kenneth C. Nieberg ’58 and his wife, Roberta K. Nieberg ’61, live in Los Angeles, CA. They currently work together as pathologists and have no immediate plans to retire. “We are having too much fun.” Dr. Nieberg credits Dr. Marvin Kuschner for instilling in him a life-long love of pathology. Henry S. Singman ’58 has been married to his wife, Grace, for over 47 years! They have three children and six grandchildren and like to travel as much as possible. Harry Spiera ’58 and his wife, Marilyn, live in New York City. They have three children and eight grandchildren. Recalling his days as a student here, Dr. Spiera comments, “two of the most exciting years of my life were the first two years of medical school.” Stan Zeitz ’58 has been retired for two years after over thirty years of teaching and practicing medicine. He enjoys sailing, winemaking and doing yard work in his leisure time.

1960s

Peter W. Carmel ’60 was elected to the AMA Board of Trustees. United Hospice of Rockland (UHR) announced that medical director, George R. Cox ’61, has been certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine by The American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Sanford Schneider ’63 spent his career in academic child neurology, as professor and chief, at both Loma Linda University School of Medicine and the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. He is delighted by the number of NYU graduates who have entered academic child neurology. “As this is rather a small branch of neurology, first granting board certification in 1968, it is interesting to note, not only the significant number, but also the significant impact of these NYU graduates.”

Walter Williamson ’64 was married to Dr. Karen Zier on April 27, 2003, as reported by The New York Times. Dr. Williamson is a principal and founder of Williamson & Williamson, a New York law firm. Steven Wolfson ’63 is married and living with his wife, Susan, in Westhaven, CT. He lists as some of his greatest accomplishments: “I am still in love with the same woman, watching our children mature, celebrating our 43rd anniversary, founding a group practice that has just celebrated its 25th anniversary.” He described his best medical school memory as, “Depressed by the volume of learning thrown at us in the first year, I was slouching down a corridor when Dean Sheehan noticed me, pulled me into his office and responded to my feelings of inadequacy by reassuring me that ‘everything important will be repeated at least six times before you leave’. It worked.” David Acker ’68 is currently Chief of Obstetrics at Brigham & Women’s Hospital in Boston. He has completed the Boston and New York City Marathons and is hoping to run the NYC Marathon again for his 60th birthday. David A. Ingis ’68 has had a private practice in gastroenterology for 29 years. He is a co-founder of Burlington County Internal Medicine Associates, a 12 member group in New Jersey. From 1996 – 2000, he was a trustee of the Medical Society of New Jersey and he is currently a state delegate to the American Medical Association.


1970s

Barry S. Coller ’70 became a Master of the ACP at its annual meeting in San Diego, CA on April 3, 2003. In addition, Dr. Coller was honored by the Biotechnology Study Center at their annual awards symposium on April 8, 2003. He was recognized as a pioneer of the uses of monoclonal antibodies in clinical medicine. The Biotechnology Achievement Awards recognize the role of pure science.
The Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Eighty-First Annual Installation Reception and Dinner  


2. From left to right: Dr. Margaret Karpatkin and her husband Simon Karpatkin ‘58, Mrs. Eileen Dancis and her husband, Alumni Member inductee, Andrew B. Dancis ‘78.

3. From left to right: Lisa Wirtshafter, David Robbins, Edward Chang and his guest, Alice Cheng, Gretchen DeGross and Mark Prasarn.

4. Veronica M. Catanese ’79 presents David S. Guzick ’79 with an Alumni Member Induction certificate to AOA.

5. Dr. Steven B. Abramson presents Dr. Roberta M. Goldring with a Faculty Member AOA induction certificate.

6. Mariano J. Rey ’76 (center) poses for a photo with Clinical Voluntary Faculty honoree, Isaac S. Herschkopf ’75 and AOA Councillor, Dr. Steven B. Abramson.

National Match Day
Thursday, March 20, 2003, NYU School of Medicine

1. Relief and excitement are shared with a hug.

2. Class of 2003, the official Survivors of Match Day.

3. Chukwuemeka Etufugh and Jeanine Daly “match” smiles.

4. Mark Prasarn and Iakovos Koutras.

5. And the envelope goes to...
6. “Look closely,” say Class President, Annemarie Fogerty and Alumni Association President, Elayne K. Mustalish ’66, “and you will notice the eyes are really photos of Vice Dean Richard I. Levin ‘74!”

7. From every angle, Match Day is exciting.

8. Mark Johnson, Oren Tepper, and AnkhNu UasKhem celebrate their matches.


10. Benedicto Cortez, Jr. and Kathleen Angkustsiri share the excitement of Match Day.


13. From left to right: Dr. Mahvash Rafii, her daughter, Roxanne Abitbol, Mark Burstein, Rachel Marcus, and her friend.

ACP-ASIM Reception

Friday, April 4, 2003, San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, San Diego, California

1. From left to right: Zubin Bamboat ’04, Seth Lessner ’04, Dr. Anthony J. Grieco ’63, ’60A, Kevin Wang ’04, Samir Thadani ’04, Daniel Weitz ’04, and Saleem Waraich ’04.

2. Enjoying the reception: Mrs. April Furst, her husband, Howard Furst ’93, Natalie Levy, and NYU Downtown Hospital Faculty member, Thomas Tsang.
NYU School of Medicine Reunion Dinner Dance

Saturday, April 26, 2003, The Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park

1. The Class of 1963 celebrates their 40th reunion.
2. Jordan D. Tobin ’63 and his wife, Jeanne.
3. Alumni Association President, Elayne K. Mustalish ’66 and her husband Anthony C. Mustalish ’66 don NYU School of Medicine Reunion hats.
4. Mrs. Ronni Fink and her husband, Simon D. Fink ’68.
5. From left to right: Student Council President, John Fahimi, his guest, Michelle Skolnick, Jaclyn Halpern and her guest, Craig Bonder.
6. Mrs. Georgia Bertcher celebrates with her husband, Robert W. Bertcher ’48, on his 55th Class Reunion!
7. Harold John Berman ’53 and his wife, Barbara point out his photo in the 1953 Medical Violet.
Medical Alumni Weekend

April 25 – 27, 2003, NYU School of Medicine

1. Dean Glickman presents Stanley G. Schultz ’56 with The Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Clinical Science.

2. Lee B. Reichman ’64 is presented with the Solomon A. Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Health Science.

3. Dean Glickman presents Michel C. Nussenzweig ’82 with the Solomon A. Berson Medical Achievement in Basic Science.

4. Harold S. Marcus ’58 stops along the “Nostalgia Tour” to chat with an old “friend.”

5. Alumni Association President Elayne K. Mustalish ’66 presents the Past-President Gavel to Richard I. Levin ’74.

6. Young Alumni President Tracy L. Breen ’97 presents Fritz Francois, ’97, WSC ’93 with the Julia Zelmanovich Young Alumni Award.

7. The Class of 1921 – 1936, Helen I. Heiman ’36, Harry Blum ’21, Andrew Franks ’32 and Jean Pakter Bachman ’34.

8. Lee M.E. Morin, M.D. ’81, Ph.D. ’82 and Associate Dean, Anthony J. Grieco ’63, ’60A.

9. Displaying their golden stethoscopes, Honorary Alumni Members, John Sexton, J.D., Ph.D., David D. Sabatini, M.D., Ph.D., and Rodolfo Llinas, M.D., Ph.D.

10. Dean Glickman presents Mitchell H. Charap ’77 with a 25-Year Faculty Service award.

11. Dean Robert M. Glickman presents Kenneth Eng ’67 with a 25-Year Faculty Service award.
The Class of 2003 Reception and Dinner Dance

Tuesday, May 13, 2003, The Essex House

1. The singer of the band got everyone up on their feet and ready to dance!

2. Clockwise from bottom left: Michelle Alonso-Basanta, Dimitris Placantonakis, Milo Vassallo and Arlene Kohler, Director of the M.D., Ph.D and Honors Program.

3. The dip: Jeannine Daly and her guest, Andrew Gillette.

4. Lurmag Orta González and Michelene Rivas.


7. Dean Robert M. Glickman raises his glass for a toast to the Class of 2003.


10. From left to right: Robert M. Glickman, Dean, Mariano J. Rey, ’76 Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Annemarie Erin Fogerty, Class President, and Ross Liebman, Class Vice-President.

11. Drinks for everyone! From left to right: Laurel Minzer, David Levine, Joshua Cohen ’04 and guest, Andrew Shulman.
1. Kara Jursak grins from ear to ear after receiving her diploma.
2. Sarah Leavitt’s son shares in his mother’s accomplishment.
3. Priya Kumar caught in the excitement of the day.
4. And the prize for happiest graduate goes to...Marc Labat!
5. From left to right: Veronica M. Catanese ’79, Mariano J. Rey ’76, Class President, Annemarie Fogerty, Elayne K. Mustalish ’66 and Dean Robert M. Glickman.
7. Keynote speaker: Harold E. Varmus, M.D.
8. Flowers and a diploma are enough to make Helen Ding smile.
9. Nadia Ahmad and her son enjoy the spotlight.
10. Michelle Alonso-Basanta (center) recites The Declaration of Geneva with her fellow classmates.
11. My three sons? Pretty close. Dean Glickman poses for a photo with graduate David Matalon, his son, two brothers Daniel Matalon ’99, Albert Matalon ’95 and father, Robert Matalon ’64.
in the development of pharmaceuticals, and particularly honor those scientists whose work has led to major advances at the bedside. In addition to his career as a physician, Mark H. Podwal ’70 is an acclaimed artist. He has touched the lives of children and adults with his award-winning books and illustrations. Over the past 30 years, he has written nine books and illustrated 18 by other authors. Dr. Podwal’s illustrations have won numerous honors, including a National Jewish Book Award for his work in Francine Prose’s You Never Know: A Legend of the Lamed-vavniks (1998). In June he received an honorary degree from Hebrew College in Newton Centre, MA. He also received a Doctor of Humane Letters - Honoris-Causa award. Dr. Podwal currently serves on the NYU faculty as Clinical Associate Professor of Dermatology. Clifford Elson ’73 and his wife, Marilyn, have three sons, Toby Lee (28), Steven (26) and Michael (23). As a career highlight, Dr. Elson mentions his 25 years of personalized direct patient care. When asked who his most memorable faculty member was, Dr. Elson responds with, “On my first day of internal medicine clerkship (3rd year), a faculty member (I can’t remember who) put the ‘3A’s of Medicine’ on a blackboard: 1-Availability, 2-Affability, 3-Ability, in that order. We all laughed, but as the years have gone by, I realize that his advice was extremely wise...I hope the present students are still taught these 3A’s, and the fact that if you don’t have the first two, your patients won’t stay around long enough to see if you have #3!” Jacob L. Heller ’73 received a MHA degree from the University of Washington School of Public Health. Mary Newburger ’73 and her husband, John, live in Palm Desert, CA. She retired in October 2001 and moved to Palm Desert. The couple also has a house in the Sierras in a tiny village called Bear Valley. Dr. Newburger recalls that faculty member Dr. Frank Spencer memorized all the students’ names before even meeting them! Philippa Newfield ’73 and her husband live in San Francisco, CA. She has two sons, a step-son and two grandchildren. Dr. Newfield is an attending anesthesiologist at California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco. She also holds the position of Assistant Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology and Neurosurgery at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Newfield was formerly President of the Society for Neuroanesthesia and Critical Care. Dr. Louis Slattery was the professor she remembers most from her days as a medical student. “He was wonderful to patients, a role model for medical students. I quote him to this day.” James A. Pollowitz ’73 has an allergy/immunology practice in Scarsdale, New York. He has two children, Jennifer and Jonathan. He and his wife, Deborah, reside in Ardsley, New York. Elliot Schildkrout ’73 and his wife, Barbara Schildkrout ’74 live in Chestnut Hill, MA. They have a son (24) and a daughter (21). Dr. Schildkrout and his wife did their residencies in Boston. He continued on in academic psychiatry at Tufts for a decade, but eventually devoted himself to psychoanalysis, teaching, and a full time private practice. He then became a training and supervisory analyst at the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute where he, among other roles, is a teacher. Without question, Dr. Schildkrout’s most memorable faculty member is Dr. Eric Kandel ’56. “He had a gifted way of explaining complex science as a kind of treasure hunt for the truth that made it all seem so wonderfully logical and clear.” Barry Sussman ’73 lives in New Jersey with his wife, Barbara, and three children, Jonathan, Rachel and Steven. He has served as President of the Medical Staff at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center and was also President of the Vascular Society of New Jersey. Jim Tetrud ’73 has worked as a clinician treating Parkinson’s disease at The Parkinson’s Institute. He has shared in the discovery of MPTP, a toxin that induces Parkinsonism. He lives with his wife and three children in California. Stephen G. Rice ’74 (M.D., Ph.D.) resides in Manalapan, NJ with his wife, Hilary. Dr. Rice practices pediatrics and sports medicine in his position as Program Director at the Jersey Shore Medical Center. Dr. Rice also holds the title of Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. In the November 2001 issue of New Jersey Magazine, Dr. Rice was named a “Top Doctor in New Jersey” in Sports Medicine. Marc Cohen ’77 was named director of the division of Cardiology for the Heart Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. Dr. Cohen and his family reside in Livingston, New Jersey. Naresh Trehan (Res. ’77) was highlighted in The New York Times on May 18, 2003, in the International section. In the article entitled, “Indian Heart Surgeon Took Talents Home,” Dr. Trehan (who trained under his idol, Dr. Frank Spencer at NYU School of Medicine) is described as an innovator. Founder of The Escorts Heart Institute and Research Center in New Delhi, India, Dr. Trehan performs robotic surgery. Escorts is only the second place in Asia, after Japan, to perform robotic surgery. It has done 50 robotic surgeries since December, moving cautiously because the procedure is costly and the technology still evolving. The procedure reduces trauma to the body but is challenging to perform. Escorts has done about 10,000 beating heart surgeries, including 4,000 last year alone, putting it in the top tier worldwide for this procedure. In addition to being a busy physician, Richard A. Balter ’78, also keeps busy as a drummer in a physician rock and roll band “Alternative Medicine,” a member of a men’s softball league and as a coach for the Special Olympics. He and his wife, Dr. Lynette J. Horowitz, have two children, Ian and Vanessa. Benjamin K. Chu ’78 became a Master of the ACP at its annual meeting in San Diego, CA on April 3, 2003. Marilyn Green Larach ’78 is Senior Research Associate at The North American Malignant Hyperthermia Registry. Dr. Larach lives in Owing Mills, MD where she is a full time caregiver and cheerleader for her husband who suffered a massive stroke at the age of 49. When asked who her most memorable faculty member was, Dr. Larach recalls, “Dr. Winkler, an internist’s internist—He taught me to be a physician!” Irwin B. Bruckner ’79 and his wife, Laura Bruckner ’79, live in Sherman Oaks, CA. Dr. Bruckner practices pediatrics in Encino, CA. He and his wife are hosts for the Alumni Hospitality Program.

1980s

Thomas Mulligan ’80 is Professor of Internal Medicine and Chief of Geriatrics and Extended Care at McGuire VA
Dr. Acquista '81 authored a book called The Survival Guide, What to do in a Biological, Chemical or Nuclear Emergency. He is the co-author of a book on adult congenital heart disease entitled Congenital Heart Disease in the Adult, which was published by McGraw Hill in 2002. Angelo J. Acquista '81 is currently Director of the Schneeweiss Adult Congenital Heart Disease Center at New York Presbyterian Hospital and Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is the co-author of a book on adult congenital heart disease entitled Congenital Heart Disease in the Adult, which was published by McGraw Hill in 2002.

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cine, cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology. He has three children (ages 11–16) and lives with his wife, Lisa, in Potomac, Maryland. He thanks NYU School of Medicine for the “great education” and looks to Saul Farber ’42 as a role model, calling him “what every internist wishes to become.” Nancy Sanders ’83 is part of an OB/GYN practice in Washington, D.C. Dr. Lila Nachtigall, one of her favorite faculty members, inspired Dr. Sanders to go into this field. Ellen Steinberg ’83 (see more below) is currently an associate professor of anesthesiology and obstetrics and gynecology at SUNY Stony Brook. This was her first job straight from residency and she is quite settled in. She is the director of obstetric anesthesia and has more recently been promoted to residency program director. Jay Steinberg ’83 and his wife, Ellen Steinberg ’83 live in Huntington, NY. They have four children, Alex (17), Ezra (15), Jonathan (12) and Rina (7). Career highlights include his position as attending gastroenterologist at Huntington Hospital in Huntington, NY and past president of the Huntington Medical Group. While in school, Dr. Steinberg’s favorite faculty members were Dr. Bruce Bogart and Dr. Frank Spencer. Joan C. Wojak ’83 is living in Lafayette, LA. She is the co-author of a leading book on interventional neuroradiology, author of numerous papers and a frequent speaker at meetings. Dr. Wojak is Medical Director of Interventional Radiology, Neurosciences, Orthopedics and Rehab for Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette. Dr. Wojak has several horses and has shown them at the National Horse Show this year. Susan Murin ’86 specializes in internal medicine, pulmonary and critical care in Sacramento, CA. She and her husband, Daniel, live in Davis, CA. Katherine A. Blenko ’87 and her husband, Dr. Joseph Belanoff, live in Woodside, CA. Dr. Blenko’s specialty is OB/GYN. She and her husband have agreed to be hosts as part of the Alumni Hospitality Program. Mordecai Dicker ’88 helped to initiate the colon cancer screening program at NYU. He and his wife, Nicole, live in Great Neck, New York with their children, Isabel, Natalie, Emanuel and Simeon. He names Dr. Bruce Bogart as a favorite faculty member, calling him “just a great teacher and a nice person.” Melanie Grossman ’88 specializes in laser dermatology. She is currently living in New York City. Russell D. Robbins ’88 is Chief Medical Officer at Symmetry Health Data Systems, Inc. He and his wife, Valerie, have two sons (12 and 7) and a dog, Leslie Touger ’88 and her husband, Jonathan Krakoff ’89, reside in Scottsdale, AZ. The couple agreed to be hosts as part of the Alumni Hospitality Program. Alejandro Badia ’89 co-founded a center dedicated to surgery of the hand and upper extremity in Miami, FL. This regional referral center for trauma and elective hand disorders is very active in teaching as well. Despite no faculty appointment, the four founders train fellows from around the world in hand surgery. Dr. Badia started an arthroscopy laboratory where they train on cadavers doing small joint arthroscopic techniques. He is active in lecturing at international hand meetings and has built up a practice for patients from Latin America needing more complex procedures than they can have at home. This is in a high-tech setting where they have one of the first digital x-ray networks in the country, two fully-equipped OR’s running nearly around the clock, and a multimedia/computer case collection that would be the envy of any academic department. “We have pushed technology to its limit and would like to share our advances.” Douglas H. Barlow ’89 is being appointed Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the new medical school that will open next year at Florida Atlantic University. The name of the school is not yet determined. On a personal note, Dr. Barlow was ranked #1 in the nation again in squash! Doreen Addrizzo-Harris ’89 was recently appointed as Section Chief of Pulmonary at Tisch Hospital. Dr. Addrizzo-Harris is a former Chief Resident and Pulmonary Fellow who has been deeply involved in the pulmonary division as program director; she is actively involved as a clinical investigator as well, and will help integrate the clinical research programs and trials in the pulmonary division. William Wertheim ’89 is now the Suffolk County representative to the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians, in addition to being the Residency Program Director in the Department of Internal Medicine at SUNY Stonybrook.

1990s

Raphael S.F. Longobardi ’90 is working at the NYU Hospital for Joint Disease in the Sports Medicine and Athletic Injuries Department. He specializes in reconstructive surgery of the shoulder and knee. Krista M. Amendola ’91 and her husband, Eric Dummel, live in San Francisco, CA. Dr. Amendola practices pediatrics in Fremont, CA. Deidre Alexander ’93 and her husband and daughter live in San Francisco, CA. Dr. Alexander completed her internship in internal medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital. She went on to do her residency in dermatology at New York Hospital-Cornell University. Dr. Alexander worked at the SoHo Skin and Laser Center in New York City for 2 years before moving to San Francisco to be with her husband. She now works at the Dermatology Associates of Berkeley in Berkeley, CA. She credits Arthur Zitrin ’45 with giving her the strength and courage to pursue a career in medicine. Dr. Alexander still maintains close relationships with many of her NYU classmates. David Erani ’93, his wife and four children live in Larchmont, NY. He is currently Chief of Endocrinology and Metabolism at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. Peter L. Fine ’93 is an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at New Jersey Medical School. He is married to Lauren G. Leong ’91 and they have two children, Max and Jessica. Howard Furst ’93 and his wife, April, and two children live in Port Washington, NY. Dr. Furst mentions working at NYU in internal medicine and his position as Senior Chief Resident among some of his career highlights. He credits Drs. Mitchell Charap ’77 and David Goldfarb with “shaping my path towards medicine and nephrology.” Nancy R. Gade ’93 recently made partnership at Wilton Medical Associates, P.C. in Wilton, Connecticut. She lives in Stamford with her husband, James R. Curto, and their son, Jimmy. Eric Gandras ’93 and his wife, Roberta, had their first children (twin boys) on December 13, 2002. From 1994 – 1998, Dr. Gandras was
Chief Resident in the Diagnostic Radiology department of New York Presbyterian/ Memorial Sloan Kettering. From 1998 – 1999, he became an Interventional Radiology Fellow at the same institution. Currently, he is an Interventional Radiologist at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn. David Hecht ’93 lives in Scottsdale, Arizona with his wife, Jennifer, and their one-year old son Caleb. In his spare time, he enjoys flying (he is a private pilot) and golf. Jeffrey Heit ’93 recalls Dr. Bruce Bogart as a memorable faculty member. He writes “We’re still using Dr. Bogart’s love for anatomy in our daily practice.” Danielle Ofris’s ’93 (M.D., Ph. D.) book Singular Intimacies, Becoming a Doctor at Bellevue, was published by Beacon Press on April 18, 2003. Dr. Ofris is an attending physician in the medical clinic at Bellevue, with an academic appointment at NYU. She is the co-founder and editor-in-chief of the Bellevue Literary Review, and her essays have been published in over a dozen literary and medical journals; one chapter of Singular Intimacies was selected by Stephen Jay Gould for the Best American Essays of 2002 and received the Missouri Review Editor’s Prize for Nonfiction. She is also associate chief editor of the award-winning textbook The Bellevue Guide to Outpatient Medicine. Dina E. Weiss-Linfoot ’93, lives with her husband (Scott), son (Noah Solomon), and dog (Taylor) in St. James, NY. Dr. Weiss-Linfoot became a full partner in her Ob/Gyn practice in January 2002. Dr. Weiss-Linfoot fondly remembers spending an enjoyable summer working and teaching anatomy with Dr. Bruce Bogart. Dr. Weiss-Linfoot enjoys her experiences as a mentor to a Cornell University undergraduate “extern” each January. The student spends time with her in her office to see what life is like in the day-to-day practice of medicine. Alyson G. Yashar ’93 is engaged to be married to James Goldfarb this August. Dr. Yashar opened an ophthalmology practice in Woodcliff Lake, NJ in October of 2002. The practice provides specialty and general ophthalmology: David R. Chen ’94 lives in Mountain View, CA. He is currently practicing Neurology in San Jose, CA. Alan T. Kawaguchi ’94 is a clinical instructor at UC Davis Medical School in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Stockton, CA. Armin M. Tehrany ’94 an endoscopic surgeon, recently opened an office on the Upper East Side in New York City. To contact him via email: armin@tehrany.com Jedd D. Wolchok ’94 (M.D., Ph.D.) was recently awarded the Damon Runyon-Lilly Clinical Investigator Award. He is married to Karen Popkin, M.A., MT-BC, a music therapist in the Department of Therapeutic Recreation, Creative Arts Therapies and Child Life at NYU Medical Center. Jonathan A. Levis’s ’95 (Res. ’98) is Asst. Vice President/Chief Medical Informatics Officer of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation. Patricia R. Jorquera ’96 is working at Brookfield Pediatrics in Brookfield, CT. Stephanie Anne Fish ’97 was married on November 30, 2002 as reported in The New York Times. Dr. Fish is an endocrinologist at the University of Pennsylvania hospital in Philadelphia. Daniel Polatsch ’97 was married on April 5, 2003 to Betsy Lauren Mann, as reported in The New York Times. Dr. Polatsch is an orthopedic surgeon currently completing a Harvard fellowship in hand and upper-extremity surgery in Boston. In March 2001, Amanda Falick Ascher ’98 volunteered in El Salvador on a post-earthquake relief mission. From August 2001 through June 2002, she and her husband Craig lived and volunteered in Central America and then traveled throughout South America, the Pacific and Asia. Dr. Ascher cites Dr. David Goldfarb as a great mentor and her most memorable faculty member. She writes “…who else could get that excited about the kidney?!...” David C. Ferris ’98 is finishing up his Infectious Diseases fellowship at Columbia-Presbyterian next year in July of 2004. For six months, from July through January, he will be out of the country working on a research project in Durban, South Africa. When he returns, his goal is to find an academic, clinician/teacher position in New York City caring for HIV-infected patients in the clinic setting, teaching both in the clinic and on the wards, and becoming involved in clinical research with the AIDS Clinical Trials Unit. Aliya Hasan ’98 is finishing an internal medicine residency and is going to start a GI fellowship at the University of Colorado in Denver. Beth Schwartz ’98 and her husband, Moshe, live in Pittsburgh, PA. They have two children, Elyana (3) and Daniella (4 months). Dr. Schwartz is a self-described, “doctor by day...mother by night.” She fondly recalls faculty member, Dr. Mel Rosenfeld, who helped her put life in perspective. Danielle Simon Lewis ’98 graduated from an internal medicine residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in 2001. She spent one year working as an academic hospitalist there and is now part of an internal medicine group practice in Charlottesville, Virginia. Dr. Lewis and her husband, Christopher, are expecting their first child in August 2003. MaryBeth Parisi ’98 recently started working in a dermatology practice in Middletown, NY and received news that she passed the board certification in dermatology. She and her husband live in Middletown, NY. Mariam Rubbani ’98 lives with her husband, Mohammad Ashraf, and son, Zain, in Delaware. She writes “Something that I am always thankful for is the uniqueness of the experience the students get at Bellevue. It’s like no other hospital that I’ve come across. Bellevue taught me to take full responsibility for my patients and never compromise my care. And, of course, I have to mention the Bellevue Diner-cheap but delicious!” Diana Y. Yoon ’98 is living with her husband and newborn child in Manhattan Beach, CA. She is currently in specialty training and an advanced research program at UCLA, acquiring a Ph.D. in molecular and cellular pathology from the UCLA graduate program. She is also in her PGY5 of the UCLA general surgery program.

2000s

Diana Aschettino-Manevitz ’01 works at Montefiore Children’s Hospital in Pediatrics. She married David Manevitz, D.O. and they are expecting their first baby in September. Kim Myruth Nichols ’02 was married to Christopher Cabanillas on December 28, 2002.

PASSINGS

L. Herbert Skluth ’36 of Norwalk, CT, died on April 8, 2003 as reported by The New York Times. Daniel Luger ’37 died.
on May 23, 2003 as reported in The New York Times. Dr. Luger died in Florida after a long illness. Formerly a resident of Westchester, Dr. Luger was Clinical Professor of Surgery at Mt. Sinai Medical Center. Emanuel M. Papper ’38, founding chairman of the department of anesthesiology at Columbia University, died on December 3, 2002 in Miami, as reported in The New York Times. Dr. Papper was Dean Emeritus of the University of Miami School of Medicine. Charles S. Poole ’38 died peacefully on his 90th birthday on November 25, 2002 as reported by The New York Times. Dr. Poole was a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Norman Spitzer ’38 died on April 25, 2003 as reported in The New York Times. For over 50 years as an internist he was devoted to the care of his patients. Irving Abelow ’39 passed away April 5, 2003 as reported by his son. During his half-century of practice in obstetrics and gynecology, Dr. Abelow delivered over 5,000 babies. In the late 50’s early 60’s he was an important voice in helping establish the then-radical Lamaze method of natural childbirth in the U.S. He was Associate Clinical Professor at NYU School of Medicine. He also attended and consulted at Beth Israel Hospital in New York. Dr. Abelow was deeply devoted to, and respectful of, his patients. His patients were devoted to him, and many saw him as a friend, confidante, and father figure. He is survived by his wife, Phoebe, and as a friend, confidante, and father figure.

Dr. Stern was an outstanding clinician, gifted teacher, and devoted member of the NYU community. He graduated from NYU School of Medicine in 1939 and began his career here as an Assistant in Psychiatry in 1947. He was appointed Assistant Professor of Psychiatry in 1948 and was appointed Professor of Psychiatry in 1962. In 1979, Dr. Stern was appointed the Menas S. Gregory Professor of Psychiatry. He was a member of a number of professional societies, including the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychosomatic Association, the NY Academy of Medicine, and the Harvey Society. He received many honors and awards, including membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and Alpha Omega Alpha. He served as President of the NYU School of Medicine Alumni Association from 1979 to 1980. He was renowned as a “medical detective” for his astute insights into diagnostic challenges, and furthered the professional growth and development of innumerable medical students, residents and colleagues, as he was a distinguished and inspirational educator. He retired from the faculty in 1995 and was appointed Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry. In recognition of his many years of service to the institution and his patients, NYU School of Medicine established the Marvin Stern Lectureship and the Marvin Stern Professorship. Dr. Stern is survived by his wife, Libby, a graduate of the Bellevue School of nursing, and their three children, all of whom are graduates of the NYU School of Medicine. James C. Cope ’41 of Ft. Myers, FL, passed away on February 6, 2003, as reported by his daughter. Dorothy K. Long ’41, John C. Long, Jr. ’41, Robert B. Connolly ’43D, Miriam Altechek, wife of Albert Altechek ’49, died on May 4, 2003 as reported in The New York Times. Barbara Wilson ’49 died March 2003, as reported by her classmate, Dr. Gloria Rudisch. Vincent J. Freda ’52. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Freda led the research team that developed Rhogam, the antibody that enables women with Rh-negative blood to deliver healthy Rh-positive babies. Dr. Freda’s passing was reported in The New York Times.

Ephraim Glassman ’56, Dr. Glassman was former Professor of Medicine and Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at NYU School of Medicine. Dr. Glassman’s passing was reported by The New York Times.

Vincent G. Vinci ’57 passed away in October 2002 as reported in The New York Times. Dr. Vinci worked for American Cyanamid Company in New Jersey from 1982 to 1999, when he retired. Robert F. Goldberger ’58, a professor emeritus of biochemistry and molecular biophysics and former provost of Columbia University, died on April 5, 2003 as reported in The New York Times. As Columbia’s provost in the 1980’s, Dr. Goldberger was a central figure in the university’s efforts to involve its biomedical research in the corporate sector. He helped establish the science and technology development office and the Audubon Research Park, an incubator for small biotech companies that the university operates. Dr. Goldberger was married to Marianne Goldberger ’58. Charles L. Witte ’60, husband of Marlys H. Witte ’60, died on March 2003 as reported by Dr. Howard Shapiro ’55. Juandine Densen-Gerber ’63 died on May 11, 2003 as reported in The New York Times. Dr. Densen-Gerber was a lawyer and psychiatrist who founded the drug treatment program Odyssey House. Odyssey House was one of the earlier drug-free therapeutic communities that helped addicts recover. She was a leading advocate of such programs, which involved group residence and group therapy, as opposed to methadone–maintenance programs. A 1979 profile in New York magazine quoted Mayor Edward I. Koch as saying that she was “one of those seminal forces, original, a go-getter.” He said there were “few people who can claim as many accomplishments.” Richard D. Robbins ’67, a colo-rectal surgeon, died on May 31, 2003, as reported by The New York Times. Dr. Robbins retired from his practice at Lenox Hill Hospital in 1998 to return to an earlier passion, writing. He published over 70 short stories and was nominated for a PushCart Prize among others.
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