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It has been exciting to see evidence of these very successful transitions. We have worked hard to engage young alumni, in particular through two new initiatives: The White Coat Note Project and the Match Challenge. Both have paid off — it has been gratifying to hear from alums all across the country who are connecting with current medical students, and sharing their memories, advice, and wisdom. And this year, thanks to six generous alumni celebrating their reunion year, and the generosity of more than 500 donors, the second annual Match Challenge was a great success, providing important financial support for student scholarships and services.

Many medical students have told us that they value this connection with our alumni community, and are themselves looking forward to joining this tradition of giving back. Reunion is a testament to these strong bonds, and it's always fun to see classmates reconnect in June.

Participating in Match Day and the College’s White Coat Ceremony has inspired me in a fresh perspective on the role I can play in supporting our students. The Class of 2016 will soon be heading out to residency programs across the country, and we couldn’t be more proud of their accomplishments. I am honored to have been able to serve the College, and I look forward to remaining engaged — I hope to lead the Match Day procession into the Hoehl Gallery playing the bagpipes for many years to come! And as a urologic surgeon since 1997, I’m now fully retired — I didn’t renew my license — and I’m enjoying life.”

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**A. BRADLEY SOULE AWARD**

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

**DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Presented to alumni who have graduated within the past 15 years in recognition of outstanding scientific or academic achievement.

**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.

**EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Presented to alumni who graduated within the past 5 years in recognition of their outstanding community service or College service and/or scientific or academic achievement.

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

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**2016 MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS**

**DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Kirsten A. Atkins, M.D.’96

Associate Professor, Pathology and Residency Program Director, University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, Virginia

A world-renowned pathologist, Dr. Atkins is associate professor of pathology and pathology residency program director at the University of Virginia. She is a co-author of a textbook on breast pathology, has published numerous peer-reviewed articles, and is conducting leading edge research on radiology and pathology correlations to aid in better triaging women with in determinate risk breast lesions for surgery or observation.

Lisa B. Bergersen, M.D.’96, M.P.H.

Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and Interventional Cardiologist at Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston, Mass.

Dr. Bergersen is an interventional pediatric cardiologist at Boston Children’s Hospital. She is a pioneer in her field, publishing over 40 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, with a particular focus on quality initiatives to improve the outcomes of interventional procedures in children.

Jeffrey J. Pomerance, M.D.’66, M.P.H.

Professor Emeritus in Pediatrics at UCLA School of Medicine and surgery, and medical student for induction into the AOA, twice by residents as Family Practice Residency Teacher of the Year, and by his peers as Vermont Family Physician of the Year. Dr. Saia has also helped to shape medical education at the College through his role as director of the Doctoring Skills course, and through serving on the steering committee for the Vermont Generalist Curriculum. He served in the U.S. Army as a Medical Officer (Captain) in Vietnam, receiving a bronze star and completing his service with the rank of Major. Dr. Saia is the second of three generations of UVM College of Medicine graduates (John L. Saia, M.D.’34; Kelley A. Saia, M.D.’01).

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Jeffrey J. Pomerance, M.D.’66, M.P.H.

Professor Emeritus in Pediatrics at UCLA

Dr. Pomerance has helped to shape the field of neonatology through his decades of work as a clinician, scholar and leader at institutions including Cedars Sinai Medical Center, where he served as director of the Division of Neonatology for 23 years, Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Maryland School of Medicine and The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He authored the seminal text, Interpreting Umbilical Cord Blood Gases: For Clinicians Caring for the Fetus or Newborn.

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**2017 NOMINATIONS...**

Do you know a class member deserving of recognition? Send in your nominations for the 2017 awards at: www.uvm.edu/medicine/alumni.
ROBERT LARNER M.D. ’42 STUDENT AWARD

Erin Pichiotino ’17
A Burlington, Vt., native, Erin Pichiotino received her undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont before graduating from the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice with a Master of Public Health degree. As a medical student she has been selected as an Albert Schweitzer Fellow, an American Medical Student Association Health Equity Scholar, and has served as a student representative on the UVM College of Medicine Medical Curriculum Committee.

EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Adam S. Kanter, M.D. ’01, M.P.H.
Chief, Division of Spine Surgery; Associate Professor of Neurosurgical Surgery; Director, Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery Program; Director, Neurosurgical Spine Fellowship, Department of Neurological Surgery, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Presbyterian, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dr. Kanter has garnered national recognition for his expertise in the field of neurological surgery. A sought-after speaker and author of more than 50 publications in peer-reviewed journals, he leads research projects that advance the field of minimally invasive spine surgery. His work with UPMC and industry supporters led to the development of an innovative retractor now being used around the globe that allows surgeons lateral access to the spine with minimal destruction.

Bobbi S. Pritt, M.D. ’01, M.Sc., D.T.M.H.
Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Division of Clinical Microbiology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., Director, Clinical Parasitology Laboratory.

Dr. Pritt has authored more than 90 publications in peer-reviewed journals, including recent publications in The New England Journal of Medicine and The Lancet Infectious Diseases, in which she and her team describe two new causes of human tick-borne disease. She has delivered over 100 national and international presentations and has received numerous speaker and teaching awards. Her special areas of interests include clinical parasitology, vector-borne disease, and trainee education.

Ann Murchison, M.D. ’01, M.P.H.
Oculoplastic and Orbital Surgeon, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Thomas Jefferson University and Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Penn.

A dedicated teacher and researcher, Dr. Murchison’s work reflects her passion for improving public health as it relates to eye disease. She is a founder of the International Scholar program at Wills Eye Hospital, is a founding member of Give Kids Sight Day, and is a member of the team who developed unique online and live-streaming ophthalmic educational activities at Wills.

AMTRAK Derailment, 1984

On the morning of October 5, 2015, a southbound AMTRAK passenger train derailed when it hit a rockslide that covered a portion of the track in Northfield, Vt. Seven people were injured when several cars were thrown from the track but, fortunately, no one was killed.

For many Vermonters, the accident recalled a day 31 years earlier when another Amtrak train derailed in Williston, Vt. on July 8, 1984 accident killed five people and injured 29 — all of whom were taken to the then Medical Center Hospital of Vermont (now UVM Medical Center) for treatment. The archive photos here show the derailment and the passengers arriving for treatment.

Were you a part of that day’s activities, either on the medical campus or in the field? If so, send your memories of that day to Edward.Neuert@uvm.edu and we will include them in a future issue of Vermont Medicine.
Obituaries

John James McCarthy, Jr.  M.D.
Dr. McCarthy died December 12, 2015, in Charlestown, Virginia. He graduated from the UVM College of Medicine in 1949, and went on to a career as a radiologist. He was a member of the American College of Radiology.

Martin Garrett, M.D.
Dr. Garrett died August 15, 2015, at the age of 88. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Garrett opened an office as a general practitioner in 1955, and later became a board-certified internist and geriatrician. He was an interest in private practice and gerontology for over fifty years.

At St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Connecticut, he served as chief of medicine for twenty years and director of medical education for twenty years. Dr. Garrett was instrumental in organizing the medical staff of the Jewish Home for Elderly in Fairfield, Conn., from its inception, where he worked closely with the medical staff and administrators, and was the medical director of the home for thirty years. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Arthur Jason Perelman, M.D.
Dr. Perelman died September 23, 2015, at the age of 77. Dr. Perelman grew up in New York, New York, and attended Tufts College and by cancer. Born in Claremont, New Hampshire, he attended Dartmouth Medical School, then served in the U.S. Army, first as a doctor and later as a member of the Medical Corps in Korea. He was in Vietnam he served as Medical Officer to the 8th Infantry Division, Airborne Brigade of the 1st Cavalry before becoming Chief of Medical Services. In 1970 he returned to the U.S. where he joined the faculty at University of Alabama (UAB) in the Division of Orthopedic Surgery. He performed his fellowship and residency training in orthopedic surgery in the state of Alabama. He began a fellowship training program at the university, and was promoted to full Professor of Surgery in 1982, remaining chief of the Hand Section until 1986. He was then retained as the chief of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee, a position he held for ten years before returning to Birmingham to join Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center until 2004. In 2006, after working with Orthopaedic Specialists of Alabama at Birmingham, he joined the medical faculty. He rejoined UAB, as chief of the Foot and Ankle Section of the medical practice. Dr. Green was awarded the title Professor Emeritus of the UAB School of Medicine in 2006. He served as president of the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, of the Clinical Orthopaedic Society, of the Mid America Orthopaedic Association, and of the Alabama Orthopaedic Society. He received the Osteopathic Orthopedic Surgeon Award of the Southern Orthopaedic Association, the Academic Achievement Award from the University of Vermont Medical Alumni Association, and the Howard F. Babbott, M.D. Award from the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. He was Editor in Chief of Microsurgery (1986–1996), and was also the Associate Editor for Orthopaedic Knowledge Online Journal. He authored four professional books, and also published The Medical College of Wisconsin: The Gould Years, where he described his ten years of chief of that department.

Douglas Green, M.D.
Dr. Green died in an avalanche while skiing in Big Cottonwood Canyon, Utah, on January 16, 2015. Born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 19, 1927, he attended Harvard University and received his medical degree from the UVM College of Medicine in 1951. He interned at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont and did his residency in Medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. Dr. Green completed a fellowship in body massage and became a chiropractor at the University of Utah, where he stayed on as a staff radiologist for seven years before moving to the University of Washington in 2007.

George L. Jennings, M.D.
Dr. Jennings died November 5, 2015, in Duluth, Minnesota, after a 28-month struggle with glioblastoma stage four brain cancer. He was 44. Born in Burlington, Calif., on November 7, 1974, Dr. Jennings graduated from the University of Utah School of Medicine in 1997. Following residency training in Urology, he also completed three years of internship training in the American College of Obstetrics in 1996. After residency and working at a practice in Oregon, Dr. Jennings worked with his father at St. Mary’s/ D’Aulair Clinic Health System in Hibbing, Minnesota.

Arthur Katch, M.D.
Dr. Katch died December 6, 2015, at the age of 76, after a long battle with advanced Parkinson’s Disease. Dr. Katch dedicated his life to helping and healing others through his work as a pulmonary physician at Danbury Hospital in Danbury, Conn., becoming the first board-certified pulmonologist in the area. He established the first center in Connecticut for study of sleep apnea and other sleep disorders.

John Gould, M.D.
Dr. Gould died September 25, 2015, after an eight-month illness. Born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., on May 10, 1939, he graduated from Middlebury College and received his M.D. from the UVM College of Medicine in 1964. After completing an internship in general surgery at Boston City Hospital, Dr. Gould joined the U.S. Army. During the five years of his two-year assignment he served as medical officer aboard the heavy guided missile cruiser, USS Canberra, which was deployed to waters off Vietnam. He served the Navy Commendation Medal for outstanding performance in the care of war casualties. Dr. Gould went on to a three-year residency in Urology at the General Medicine at the U.S. Army in 1966, graduated cum laude from Amherst College in 1959, and received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1965. He completed his graduate medical education at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Conn., and at the New England Medical Center in Boston. Mass. Following three years practicing internal medicine in Hartford, he served as assistant director of medical education at Hartford Hospital, beginning what would become a career-long focus on the role of teaching patient care. Dr. Babcock was appointed to the faculty of UAB in 1971, and assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1967. From 1971 to 1993 he was on the full-time faculty in the Department of Medicine and was director of medical education for eighteen years. He served as a role model, advisor to students and colleagues. Notorious for his keen sense of humor, his puns, and his astonishing collection of plain and multi-colored pants, he would stir his colleagues with his excellent learning skills, insightful questions, and deep commitment to students and colleagues. On the occasion of his retirement in 1996 and 1997. In 1964 he was appointed Chief of the Department of Medicine in 1993, the medical residences library was named and endowed in his honor.

John E. Mazuzan Jr., M.D.
Dr. Mazuzan passed away peacefully on March 23, 2016 at his home in Burlington, Vt. He was 87. He was born in Montpelier, Vt., and grew up in Northfield. He completed an accelerated undergraduate degree at Boston College before coming to the College of Medicine, graduating in 1954. After medical school, he trained from the University of Vermont College of Medicine’s magazine (which became Vermont Medicine in 2001) and served as the magazine’s editor for ten years. For decades he was a dedicated class agent along with his good friend John Tampa. M.D. ’54. Dr. Mazuzan received the UVM College of Medicine’s highest honor, in 1997. Dr. Mazuzan exemplified as both a clinician and administrator. He directed the anesthesia residency program and managed the daily operating room schedule during his tenure and was the first president of Anesthesia Associates of Burlington, a position he held from 1969 to 1971. He was appointed chair of the Section of Anesthesia and later chaired the Department of Anesthesiology. Under his leadership, the department grew by 30 percent, and he was the first president of the American Heart Association, the Vermont Board of Health, Vermont Physicians Council, and as president of the Vermont State Medical Society. Within the College of Medicine, Dr. Mazuzan served on the Medical Education Committee and served as assistant dean for Regional Medical Education. He was an active member on the Vermont Board of Health, the Vermont Board of Medical Practice, and the Board of the Hynan Thee, a group that includes many nurses, medical students, physicians-in-training, and community leaders.
Hope is the epitome of our profession, and now you get to be the Ambassadors of it. Vaclav Havel, former president of the Czech Republic, once said ‘Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Either we have hope or we don’t; it is a dimension of the soul... It is an ability to work for something because it is good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed.’

My soon-to-be-fellow alumni, you are about to enter a field rich with these moments, because you have on this day earned the trust inherent in that white coat you began to don as first year medical students. You will not only bear witness to amazing moments in people’s lives but, because of that trust, you will play an integral role. Those are moments that are critical to the people we serve and often define our professional lives. They drive us to want more of them — you’ve probably had some of these moments already. Well, there will be lots more if you stay focused, deliberate, and humble. There is no doubt that some moments will be very hard, and the moments when patients are getting better are like little gems. Let them wash over you and you will remain activists in the pursuit of good health, lifelong learners of the dynamic science and art of medicine. You will be change agents, and these moments can make you a better healer.”

— 2016 Medical Commencement speaker
Rochelle Dicker, M.D. ’95