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We had over 115 alumni from across six decades send notes through the Development Office. As alumni, you know the partnership the College of Medicine and our teaching hospital has always been strong, with the academic mission front and center. Now, this connection is reflected in the name of our institutions. It will be exciting to see our relationship continue to evolve.

Our affiliation with the greater UVM alumni community also continues to grow and thrive. In October, I attended a wonderful UVM Homecoming Weekend that featured, among many other things, the groundbreaking for a project to renovate the UVM Alumni House (the former Delta Psi House). An historic building located on Summit Street in Burlington, its restoration will give alumni returning to campus a welcoming space to relax, mingle, and catch up, whether they graduated five years ago, or 50 years ago. We look forward to hosting Medical Alumni Association meetings and other special events for medical students and alumni alike in this beautiful space. When it opens in October of 2015, I plan to be on hand to help cut the ribbon, and I hope to see some of you there as well.

Of course one of the highlights of the academic year is welcoming new students to the College of Medicine family. This year, alumni played a key role. When members of the Class of 2018 received their white coats at the College of Medicine's white coat ceremony in November 2014, each reached into their pocket to find a note of encouragement from a past graduate. We had over 115 alumni from across six decades send notes through the Development and Alumni Relations Office. It was a joy to see these students don the symbol of the College with such grace, and I’ve spoken to several students of all whom to express my gratitude to the connection to the alumni. Heart thanks to all of the alumni who participated — you continue to make us proud. Watch for more opportunities in the near future for you to get involved with students, including a new social media initiative around March Day in March!

**Alumna Recap: A Quarter-Century of Patients**

As a primary care physician for more than 25 years, Vermont native and Class of 1986 alumna Sally Ward Burbank, M.D., says she has seen “everything” in terms of her patient encounters. Based in Nashville, Tenn., Burbank recently published her first book — Patients I Will Never Forget (Dovercove Publishing) — which features a collection of humorous and inspiring true stories from her years of practicing internal medicine. The author of four other short stories published in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series, Burbank’s readers’ positive feedback led her to decide to continue writing patient stories for compiling into a book. She says she obtained consent from each living patient she featured and changed all patient names and distinguishing demographics to protect patient confidentiality and to comply with federal privacy laws.

Burbank credits the College of Medicine for providing her with top-notch primary care training. Some of the stories in her book recount her medical student experiences, such as dissecting a cadaver, learning physical exam skills, and her first attempts at drawing blood and starting IVs.

**Hall A | M.D. Class Notes**

If you have news to share, please contact your class agent or the Development & Alumni Relations office at medallumni.relations@uvm.edu or (802) 656-4014. If your email address has changed, please send it to medallumni.relations@uvm.edu. For complete list of class agents, please see page 72.
2015 CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION
WINTER-SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

20th Annual Vermont Perspectives in Anesthesia March 4–6, 2015 Stowe Mountain Lodge Stowe, VT

Vermont Blueprint for Health April 8, 2015 Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center Burlington, VT

Vermont GastroEnterology Conference April 14, 2015 The Essex Essex, VT

Northeastern Gastroenterology Oncology Symposium May 1–2, 2015 Hilton Hotel & Conference Center Burlington, VT

Child Psychiatry in Primary Care May 15, 2015 Hampton Inn, Colchester, VT

Family Medicine Review Course June 2–5, 2015 Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center South Burlington, VT

Vermont Summer Pediatric Seminar June 18–21, 2015 The Equinox Manchester, VT

Women’s Health Conference September 9–11, 2015 DoubleTree Hotel, Burlington, VT

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2015 YEAR IN REVIEW
1980s

HALL A | M.D. CLASS NOTES

Michèle Géron-Lajoie writes that he is “getting ready for a six-week trek in the Khumbu region in Nepal. Thankful that my work situation, a very flexible family medicine, obstetrics call group at a McGill residency training site, allows for such a foolish and inspiring endeavor at age 60? See you in 2018! I meet some of you on the streets of Burlington,”

Julie Park was included in Seattle Magazine’s Top Doctor List 2014

Mary Cusmano’s research was recently published showing that people with intact type AII have an increased risk for memory problems as they age.

Stephan Wielczynski joined the professional staff of I.A. Physician Group-Pulmonology at Lee Memorial Health System.

1990s

Deborah Davis founded an elite female rowing team called Dishook Performance Racing (CFR for short). Since its founding the team has won races at events across the country, including the San Diego Crew Classic, Diamond State Masters Regatta in Middleton, Del., and the U.S. Rowing’s Nationals. Maine Championships in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Karin Fridland is “enjoying being a part of OHSU and medical expansion working at the Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties in Oregon, where I am presently serving as medical director. Both boys are in high school! Jason’s business, Fairmaid LP, is growing nicely, expanding in Oregon and California.”

Linda Miller’s work in El Salvador was recently featured in Nevada’s Desert Companion magazine. Lisa also spoke in the article about her own breast cancer diagnosis and treatment this past year (she is now cancer-free).

Clifford Chapin is “remarried and living the good life in Disoart, Mezn., the lifelong home of our husband, Randy. Currently working exclusively ER in the local hospital and enjoying more non-work time than I’ve been able to take since the day I began my surgery clerkship at MMC. Up to approximately, 100 cows. Everyone eat Cabot cheese!”

Pramina Tudu is one of the two new at-large members of the UVM Medical Alumni Association Executive Committee.

2000s

Peter Manning was appointed chairman of the Maine Section of the American College of Otorhinolaryngologists.

Mark Mahbani joined La Pear Health Systems in Los Angeles, Calif.

Joan Nowell joined the medical staff of Owego Hospital and Port City Family Medicine in Owego, N.Y.

Hunter Moore received First Place, Clinical Investigation in the 37th annual Residents Trauma Papers Competition from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma (COT) for the paper titled “The Fibrinolytic Response to Trauma and Hemorrhagic Shock: Pathology of Physiologic.”

Claire Ankuda was one of 31 newly selected scholars for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar’s program. She will begin her fellowship at the University of Michigan in the fall of 2015. Through this prestigious post-residency program, Dr. Ankuda will learn to conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers in order to take a leadership role in improving health and health care in the U.S.

We may never know what object engaged these College of Medicine viewers so deeply, three or four decades ago. But it’s likely the four most prominent students may be recognized by themselves or their classmates. Who are they? Where are they standing — in the fourth floor anatomy lab, or possibly a classroom in the old Medical Alumni Building?

Send your answers to any or all of these questions to edward.neff@uvm.edu. We will include them in a future issue of Vermont Medicine. Extra credit to anyone who can identify the pointer-wielding instructor on the left!

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Rapt Attention
Class Directory

Class agents are dedicated alumni who volunteer their time to serve as the news and voice of their classmates at the College of Medicine, and who work to encourage support of the College each year. Agents help deliver information to their far-flung classmates about the ongoing work of the College, and at the same time help their medical alma mater keep abreast of the news and views of their classmates.

If you would like to learn more about serving as a class agent, contact Cristin Gilde at (802) 865-0803 or Cristin.Gilde@uvm.edu.

New Class of 2015 agents (left to right) Sarah Gardner, Charlie Hackett, and Emily Schloff.

Class of 1950 Class Agent Melvyn Wolk, M.D.

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Obituaries

John H. Wood, M.D. 23 years as chief of staff of the U.S. Army for 11 years, in Lancaster, Penn. He was 92. Dr. Wood was born in Wood County, Ohio, the son of a US Army Air Forces colonel and was the owner of a small family business in California. While living in the small town of Redding, Calif., he helped start the East Orange Performing Arts Academy. After graduating from medical school in 1943, he served in the Korean War and eventually was sent to stateside and eventually was sent to stateside and worked as an intern at the Davis Clinic in Muncie, Ind. From 1953 to 1987, he also served as chief of staff and chief of medicine at Central Michigan Community Hospital, and was the director of an adult fitness program at Central Michigan University. Dr. Wood attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he served as medical director of the center at LeMieux Memorial Health Center. In 1998, the Woods moved to Savannah Lakes Village, S.C. and then to Lancaster, Penn.

Robert John Jake, M.D. Dr. Jake died June 8, 2013, at the Veterans Home of California, Yountville. Born January 9, 1918, he attended the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1940. After serving as a Captain in the Navy during World War II, he returned to the University of California, Berkeley, where he received his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1943. Upon returning to the United States, he began a research career at the National Kidney Foundation in 1946. He served as a research fellow at the National Kidney Foundation in New York and New Orleans, and during his tenure, the National Kidney Foundation established a number of research programs, kidney disease detection programs and offered professional education seminars.

Edward Joseph Quinlan, M.D. Dr. Quinlan, age 83, died in Honolulu on May 17, 2014, after a 12-year battle against prostate cancer. Dr. Quinlan, a graduate of Dartmouth College and the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, was a research fellow at the Carney Hospital in Boston, Mass. He was also a clinical fellow in medicine at Boston University Medical School. He served as a captain in the United States Army Medical Corps and was chief of medicine at the Tactical Air Command’s England Air Force Base in Alexandria, La. A deeply devoted man of faith, Dr. Quinlan was a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Medical Association. He was also a member of the American Society for Experimental Biology.

Laurence Coffin, M.D. Dr. Coffin passed away unexpectedly Saturday, May 22, 2014. He was born July 16, 1957, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the son of a German engineer and executive who worked in the international communications industry. After graduating from medical school in 1979 in Argentina, Dr. Coffin spent two years at Oxford in the United Kingdom. He then returned to Argentina to work as an intern in medicine at the University of Buenos Aires. In 1984, Dr. Coffin returned to New York and the United States to complete a residency in cardiology in 1990. While attending medical school, he received academic and athletic scholarships to play tennis and basketball. Dr. Coffin was a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians and the American College of Cardiology. He was also a fellow with the American Society for Experimental Biology and a member of the American Heart Association. He was a member of the American Society for Experimental Biology and a fellow with the American Society for Experimental Biology and a member of the American Heart Association. He was a member of the American Society for Experimental Biology and a fellow with the American Society for Experimental Biology. He was a member of the American Society for Experimental Biology and a fellow with the American Society for Experimental Biology. He was a member of the American Society for Experimental Biology and a fellow with the American Society for Experimental Biology.