That feeling was underscored for me by a message sent by 50th anniversary reunion Vermont Medicine. This issue of $22 million in giving to the College of Medicine. None of the important work we do on weekend of memories and learning about the state of the College today.

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Vermont Medicine campus for medical reunion is always enjoyable, but I must say that this summer’s reunion seemed to me to hit people from across six decades made for a wonderful weekend of memories and learning about the state of the College today.

Reunion was the culmination of what was a truly successful year for the College in so many ways. Our Class of 2014 scored a perfect 100 percent success rate in the match for their residencies. Our researchers secured an impressive amount of funding in an increasingly competitive environment. And our faculty continue to refine and improve the education of our students; the latest evidence of this will be seen this fall in the new Lerner Classroom, where active learning by groups large and small will better prepare students for the clinical teams they join in clerkships.

This issue of Vermont Medicine showcases several of our students in their clerkships at our clinical affiliate in Danbury, Conn. Over the last few years, we have developed educative relationships with clinical sites across the eastern U.S. in order to offer our students access to the broadly diverse patient populations they need to become effective physicians.

Of course, our longest and primary clinical partnership is with our academic medical center partner. I’m pleased that, later this fall, the strength of that affiliation and shared mission will be recognized with the renaming of Fletcher Allen Health Care at the University of Vermont Medical Center, and the rechristening of Fletcher Allen Partners as the University of Vermont Health Network.

Finally, the greatest measure of our success this year has been the support we have received from the alumni and friends of the College. As this issue goes to press, the UVM Foundation has announced a record year in philanthropic support, including nearly $22 million in giving to the College of Medicine. None of the important work we do on this campus would succeed without this support, and we are deeply grateful for it.

Fletcher Allen Health Care to Change Name This Fall

Fletcher Allen Partners and The University of Vermont announced June 19 that Fletcher Allen Partners is changing its name to The University of Vermont Health Network, with the names of the affiliated hospital organizations also changing. Fletcher Allen Health Care will be renamed The University of Vermont Medical Center. Plattsburgh, N.Y.'s CVPH Medical Center will adopt the name “Camplain Valley Physicians Hospital” and will use that name together with “The University of Vermont Health Network” in all communications to express its participation in the Network. Barre, VT-based Central Vermont Medical Center and Elizabethtown (N.Y.) Community Hospital will use their names with “The University of Vermont Health Network” in the same manner to express their affiliation in all communications.

This change — planned to take effect this fall — aims to clearly signal to people in the region that the hospitals are part of an academic health network, aligned with one of the top ten academic centers in the country.

“This new name reflects our teamwork — today and for the months and years to come,” says John Brumsted, M.D., president and chief executive officer, Fletcher Allen Partners and Fletcher Allen Health Care.

Norotsky Appointed Physician Leader and Chair of Surgery

Longtime faculty member and College of Medicine alumnus Mitchell Norotsky, M.D.’99, interim chair of the Department of Surgery, was appointed health care service leader and chair of the Department of Surgery. Dean Rick Morin and Fletcher Allen President and CEO John R. Brumsted, M.D., announced the appointment in mid-July.

Norotsky is an associate professor of surgery who has served as interim chair of the department since March 2014. After receiving his medical degree he completed his residency in general surgery at the former Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, followed by a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Before joining the faculty at UVM/Fletcher Allen, in October 1997, he held a position on the medical staff at St. Vincent’s Medical Center in New York. He served as president of the Fletcher Allen Medical Staff and was associate vice president of operations for the UVM Medical Group from 2007 to 2011. He also served on the Board of Directors for Vermont Managed Care.

“Dr. Norotsky is an exemplary teacher of medical students and residents and we are grateful for his willingness to serve in this important role at our academic medical center,” says Morin. A national search for physician leader and chair will begin in approximately 18 months. Norotsky will serve until that search is completed.

Radiology Leadership Transition Announced

Dean Frederick Morin, M.D., and Fletcher Allen CEO John Brumsted, M.D., announced in mid-June that Steven Braff, M.D., was stepping down from his role as UVM chair of radiology and as leader of the Radiology Health Care Service at Fletcher Allen. Kristen DeSigtger, M.D., the John P. and Kathryn E. Tamps Green and Gold Professor and vice chair of radiology at UVM/Fletcher Allen, has agreed to serve as the department’s interim chair and physician leader.

Braff served as chair and physician leader of radiology since 2004. DeSigtger joined the UVM/Fletcher Allen faculty in 2001 as assistant professor and attending radiologist and was named vice chair in 2004 and promoted to full professor in 2013. Inducted as a fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR) in 2013, she has served as president of the Vermont Chapter of the ACR, serves on the MCR Council Steering Committee, and is co-founder of Imaging the World, a nonprofit organization that developed and uses a new sustainable model for ultrasound imaging, making basic life-saving diagnosis accessible in the poorest regions of the world. She holds a medical degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and completed a residency in diagnostic radiology and a body imaging fellowship at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Ohio.
In mid-May, Cynthia Forehand, Ph.D., professor of neurological sciences at the College of Medicine, was appointed dean of the University’s Graduate College. A member of the faculty since 1987, Forehand served for the past year as the Graduate College’s interim dean, and served as its associate dean from 2010 until 2013. UVM President Tom Sullivan and Provost David Rosowsky noted that Forehand has taken significant steps to improve and streamline policies and procedures related to graduate education and support in her role as interim dean. She has also been an advocate for overseeing interdisciplinary graduate programs and other student opportunities under the University’s new Incentive Based Budgeting model.

Forehand completed her Ph.D. in neurobiology at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis.

In June, Richard Galbraith, M.D., Ph.D., was appointed associate dean for research and professor of medicine at the College of Medicine. Galbraith, who joined the UVM/Fletcher Allen faculty in 1999 as professor of medicine, program director of the General Clinical Research Center, and associate dean for patient-oriented research, has served as director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science at UVM since 2007. In 2012, he was named associate dean for research at the College, and was officially appointed as the inaugural senior associate dean for research in February 2014. Galbraith received his M.D. and completed training as an internist at King’s College, London. He received a multidisciplinary Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology from the Medical University of South Carolina and served on its faculty prior to relocating to Rockefeller University in New York. There he served as the director of the General Clinical Research Center and Rockefeller University Hospital.

Richard Galbraith, M.D., Ph.D.

Cynthia Forehand, Ph.D.

Forehand was most recently senior associate dean for research and professor of medicine at the College of Medicine. Galbraith received his M.D. and completed training as an internist at King’s College, London. He received a multidisciplinary Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology from the Medical University of South Carolina and served on its faculty prior to relocating to Rockefeller University in New York. There he served as the director of the General Clinical Research Center and Rockefeller University Hospital.

Gallblith replaces John N. Evans, Ph.D., professor of molecular physiology and biophysics and former dean of the College of Medicine, who served as interim vice president for research since August 2013, and who retired June 30.

Russell Tracy, Ph.D., professor of pathology and biochemistry and director of the Laboratory for Clinical Biochemistry Research, has taken on the senior associate dean for research position on an interim basis. Tracy served as the inaugural senior associate dean for research from 2001 to 2009, when he stepped down to focus exclusively on his science. He currently serves as vice chair for research in the department of pathology, as director of translational technologies for the Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences, and as chair of the Faculty Strategic Planning Committee.

Gift Establishes Professorship and First Full-Tuition Scholarship

Virginia Donaldson, M.D. ’51 was a pioneer woman in medicine, and her groundbreaking contributions continue even after her 2013 death with her bequest to the College of Medicine that establishes the first full-tuition scholarship at the school, as well as a new professorship in her name.

Donaldson was one of only three female graduates in her medical school class. She went on to a distinguished career as a prolific and accomplished pediatric hematologist who was particularly known for her work in identifying a key, inherited deficiency involved in the cause of hereditary angioneurotic edema — a potentially fatal disease that causes swelling of the face and airways. At the time of her death she was professor emerita of pediatrics and medicine at the University of Rochester (N.Y.) School of Medicine. In 1981, she received the Distinguished Academic Achievement Award from the College of Medicine’s Medical Alumni Association [MMA], and in 2006 she was awarded the A. Bradley Soule Award, the MAA’s highest honor.

In the 1950s, Dr. Donaldson created an endowment at the College to promote the impact of the biological sciences on clinical medicine. Her bequest leaves $1.75 million to fund a full-tuition scholarship, and an additional amount to endow a professorship at the College.

Virginia Donaldson, M.D. ’51

Notables

Levine Appointed Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education

This March, Mark A. Levine, M.D., professor of medicine, was appointed associate dean for graduate medical education at the College and designated institutional official at Fletcher Allen Health Care. Levine has served as director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program since 1992 and is also associate chair for education in the Department of Medicine. He succeeds David Adams, M.D., professor and interim chair of anesthesiology. During his tenure at UVM/Fletcher Allen, Levine has played a leadership role in transforming the internal medicine residency into a curriculum-driven competency focused training institution, instituting a research component into residency, and creating a competency-based required Acting Internship in Medicine course for fourth-year medical students. In 2003, he was honored with the E.J. Amidon Award for Teaching Excellence in the Department of Medicine for the second time, and in 2003 was named Clinical Teacher of the Year and was also elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. A graduate of the University of Rochester [N.Y.] School of Medicine, Levine completed a residency in internal medicine at UVM Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, where he was chief resident from 1992 to 1993. Prior to joining the UVM/Fletcher Allen faculty in 1992, he was as an clinician-educator at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., and Thomas Jefferson Medical College.

Valise Forehand, Ph.D.

King Receives Clark Award

Associate Professor of Medicine Patricia King, M.D. ’96, Ph.D., received the John H. Clark M.D. Leadership Award at the Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meeting in Denver, Colo., in April. The award recognizes outstanding and exemplary leadership, commitment and contributions in advancing the public good at the state medical board level. King has been a member of the Vermont Medical Practice Board since 2003, and has served as chair of the board since 2010.

Reene Stapleton, M.D., Ph.D.

ATS Recognizes Stapleton’s Research

Renee Stapleton, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of medicine in the division of pulmonary and critical care medicine and a critical care specialist at Fletcher Allen Health Care, received the J. Alain Wright Award for Outstanding Science at the American Thoracic Society’s [ATS] annual meeting in San Diego, Calif., in May. The award recognizes Stapleton’s role as a leading researcher in clinical studies in the intensive care unit and her related publications in prominent national medical journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine.

Mark A. Levine, M.D.

New Change for Pathology Department

In late June, the University approved a request to change the name of the Department of Pathology at the College of Medicine to the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. The change was announced to the College community by department chair Debra G.B. Leonard, M.D., Ph.D. “We now have one name for our department across all our locations,” noted Leonard. “This name change was one of the steps planned for our strategic goal of moving toward one Department”.

Debra G.B. Leonard, M.D., Ph.D.
Looking Back
A GIVEN COMMITMENT

Fifty years ago this summer, the alumni of the College of Medicine, along with many community members from the Burlington area, were engaged in what was the largest fundraising effort in the state up to that time — the push to complete the Green Medical Complex. The booklet featured below was created to support that drive. An earlier campaign by alumni had produced enough funding to complete the first two links of the complex — the Medical Alumni Building and a portion of the northwest side of Given. From 1964 to 1966 an additional $6.7 million (nearly $50 million in today’s dollars) would be raised from individuals and foundations.

COllege NeWS

First Presented with Top Award in Pediatrics

The Federation of Pediatric Organizations (FOPO), during the Opening General Session of the Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting in Vancouver, Canada in May, presented Lewis R. First, M.D., M.S., F.A.A.P, professor and chair of pediatrics at the College of Medicine and chief of pediatrics at Vermont Children’s Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care, with the 2014 Joseph W. St. Geman, Jr. Leadership Award — considered the highest honor in the field of pediatrics.

FOPO, a coalition of the nation’s seven major pediatric organizations, recognizes one physician per year for broad and sustained contributions to pediatrics that have had or will have a major impact on child health. Most important, the award recognizes those individuals who have “created a future.” “Dr. First is the perfect recipient,” said Theodore Scrib, M.D., executive director of FOPO and professor of pediatrics, vice-chair for education and program director of the pediatric residency training program at Boston Children’s Hospital. “He is an outstanding educator and clinician, an influential national leader for educational policy and professional certification, editor of the highest impact pediatric peer-reviewed journal and one of the top-selling pediatric textbooks.”

Editor-in-chief of the journal Pediatrics since 2009 (the peer-reviewed journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics), First is currently in his second term as chair of the executive board of the National Board of Medical Examiners, also serving as chair of the Education Committee of the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, and is co-editor of the 22nd Edition of Rudolph’s Textbook of Pediatrics. In addition, for more than 17 years, he has offered medical and developmental advice to parents through his “First with Kids” weekly radio and television segments and Vermont community newspaper columns. First, who joined UVM/Fletcher Allen in 1994, is currently one of the longest-standing pediatric department chairs in the U.S.

Research Notebook

Garavan Study ID’s Predictors for Teen Binge-Drinking

In a study that appeared in the journal Nature in July, senior author Hugh Garavan, Ph.D., UVM associate professor of psychiatry and his fellow Neuroscientists reported on findings that indicated predicting teenage binge-drinking is possible. Their conclusion is the result of the largest longitudinal adolescent brain imaging study to date. First author on the study is Robert Wheelen, Ph.D., a former UVM postdoctoral fellow in psychiatry and current lecturer at University College Dublin. The researchers find that a number of factors — genetics, education, and about 40 different variables — can help scientists predict with about 70 percent accuracy which teens will become binge drinkers.

Greenblatt Study Provides Clearer Picture of Cancer Risk

Marc Greenblatt, M.D., associate professor of medicine, Fletcher Allen oncologist, and faculty member at the Vermont Cancer Center’s Familial Cancer Program, has co-led a collaborative global effort to interpret genetic data related to hereditary colon cancer. The team’s findings published in Nature Genetics, will both allow doctors to access publicly-available data to more effectively interpret risks and give patients a more accurate picture of familial risk for colon and other cancers. The team of researchers, working through the International Society for Gastrointestinal Hereditary Cancers, pooled the knowledge and collective data of more than 45 researchers and clinicians across the world.

Teuscher and Colleagues Identify Lyme Arthritis Susceptibility Gene

A genetic “hunt” began nearly a quarter century ago by UVM immunogeneticist Cory Teuscher, Ph.D., and University of Utah microbiologist Janis Weiss, Ph.D., has led to a “buried treasure” in the field of Lyme disease research: confirmation that a hygromorphic allele of the beta-glucuronidase gene (Gusbh) is independently responsible for more severe forms of Lyme arthritis in a mouse model. These findings were published in December in the online-first edition of the Journal of Clinical Investigation and are also featured in the January 2014 issue of JCI Impact. The researchers found that six different genetic regions were linked to disease severity, and through an iterative process of physical mapping using congenic mice, proceeded to identify the principal gene responsible for more severe arthritis in their model.

Pierce and Vaccine

Testing Center Launch First West Nile Virus Vaccine Trial

This summer, the Vaccine Testing Center at the University of Vermont is launching a phase one West Nile Virus vaccine trial led by UVM/Fletcher Allen infectious disease specialists Kristen Pierce, M.D., assistant professor of medicine, and Beth Kirkpatrick M.D., professor of medicine, which aims to determine effectiveness of the vaccine in the most vulnerable population — adults aged 50 to 65. The year-long study uses a National Institutes of Health-developed, live-attenuated WNV vaccine using recombinant DNA technology.

Budd Receives LRI Award

Ralph Budd, M.D., has received a 2014 Lupus Research Institute (LRI) Award to study a new potential avenue for treating inflammation in lupus. He is one of ten investigators from across the country to be recognized with one of these grants, which support “high-risk, high-reward” research that aims to transform lupus treatments and advance patient care.

Hugh Garavan, Ph.D.

Lewis R. First, M.D., M.S., F.A.A.P.

Marc Greenblatt, M.D.

Cory Teuscher, Ph.D.
RESIDENCY MATCHES FOR THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CLASS OF 2014

**ANESTHESIOLOGY**

- Brian Chow  Brigham & Women’s Hospital/Boston University Medical School
- Joseph Foley  University of Arizona
- David Ponce-Georgadis  Morehouse School of Medicine
- Ming Liang  SUNY Upstate Medical University

**Diagnostic Radiology**

- Carolin Burer  Oregon Health & Science University
- Aaron Massol  Rhode Island Hospital/Brigham and Women’s Hospital

**Emergency Medicine**

- Ashley Alyeeh  Yale-New Haven Hospital
- Laura Caldwell  University of Texas Medical Branch
- James Corbett-Detig  Brown University
- Eric Kalvoda  University of California San Diego
- Vincent Kan  University of Massachusetts Baystate Medical Center

**Family Medicine**

- Jocelyn Hu  University of Utah
- John Malek  Vermont College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Vanessa Patten  University of Vermont
- Mara Perns  University of Washington
- Autumn Pollock  University of Iowa

**General Surgery**

- Perry Bilotsis  University of Kentucky
- Adam Ackerman  University of Connecticut
- Francesca Brulee  Mayo Clinic
- Vanessa Franz  University of Wisconsin
- Chelsea Harris  University of California
- Kevin Kunzorja  University of Chicago

**Internal Medicine**

- Alison Alpert  University of California
- Irina Arshakova  University of Michigan
- Amanda Bostroos  University of Minnesota
- Benjamin Galli  University of Utah
- Anees Qadri  University of Washington
- Albert Emergy  University of Pennsylvania
- Hannah Fonte  University of Colorado
- Laura Frischer  University of California
- Kavita Manikanthan  University of California
- Justin Hume  University of Washington
- Rola Khedraki  University of Michigan
- Daniel Lopatinetz  University of California
- Ivan Nwomeh  University of Washington
- Jennifer Pera  University of California
- Laura Rabideau  University of Pennsylvania
- Jane Roberts  University of Vermont
- Katherine Sconner  University of Vermont
- Matthew Thomas  University of Vermont
- Benjamin Shaw  University of Vermont
- Bianca Tso  University of California

**Neurology**

- Larry Bodden  University of Wisconsin
- Milind Desai  University of California

**Obstetrics and Gynecology**

- Margaret Gordon  The Ohio State University
- Fahimeh Gedikli  University of Florida
- Alyson Guillet  University of California
- Jenna Panzetta  University of Pennsylvania
- Elizabeth Rickles  University of Chicago

**Pathology**

- Agnes Bada  University of Vermont
- John Daffert  University of Iowa
- Sara Higgins  University of Vermont
- Alison Krywanczyk  University of Vermont

**Pediatrics**

- Katherine Anderson  University of Vermont
- Leah Carr  University of Vermont
- Anne Coleman  University of Vermont
- Peter Cooch  University of Vermont
- Kathryn Coomacke  University of Vermont
- Karina Esposito  University of Vermont
- Daniel Edsberg  University of Vermont
- Kathy Gardner  University of Vermont
- Nazia Kabani  University of Vermont
- David Lam  University of Vermont
- Heather Latimer  University of Vermont
- Sarah Marsh  University of Vermont
- Bhana Murugappan  University of Vermont
- Matthew Saia  University of Vermont
- Sara Staples  University of Vermont
- Marowaal Almashwani  University of Vermont

**Psychiatry**

- George Varno  Rhode Island Hospital
- Corin Carpenter  Brown University
- Elizabeth Hupbert  University of Kentucky
- Molly Roun  University of Kentucky
- Ayaka Watanuki  University of Kentucky
- Nicole Berson  University of Kentucky

**Radiation Oncology**

- William Arnett  University of Pennsylvania
- Stansilas Lastrap  University of Pennsylvania

**Urology**

- Michael Lam  University of Vermont
- Zachary Kupin  University of Vermont

**Vascular Surgery**

- Gabriel Croul  Case Western Reserve University
- Michael Mohler  University of Cincinnati
- Katherine Farinacci  University of Pennsylvania

For video of the Match Day, see: uvm.edu/medicine/vtmedicine

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**PERFECTLY MATCHED**

100% of the Class of 2014 matched to one of their choices this year—a significant achievement in an increasingly competitive residency landscape.
New MPH Program Announced
A new Master of Public Health program, a collaborative graduate program between the College of Medicine, the Graduate College at UVM, and Continuing and Distance Education, was announced this spring. The new 42-credit online master’s degree program, the first graduate public health program in Vermont, was approved by the UVM Board of Trustees in February.

“UVM’s leadership in interdisciplinary and health care education, along with our close affiliation with Fletcher Allen Health Care, make the University a strong choice for public health students,” said Jan K. Carney, M.D., M.P.H., associate dean for public health at the College of Medicine and program director for public health graduate programs. “Our faculty have depth of knowledge and experience in public health, and this new graduate program offered online will appeal to a diverse cohort of public health students from around the globe — including medical and nursing students, researchers and health care professionals.” Graduate students accepted into the program, which starts this fall, can complete the degree requirements within two years as a full-time student, and five years as a part-time student. The program is designed for medical and graduate students, health professionals in all disciplines, public health professionals, researchers, and others who wish to increase their knowledge in public health.

Paradiso to Receive Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award
The UVM Medical Alumni Association’s Graduate Alumni Awards Committee has selected Peter R. Paradiso, Ph.D. ’77 to receive the 2014 UVM Medical Alumni Association’s Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award. This award is presented to alumni from the College of Medicine or graduate programs who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in basic, clinical or applied research, education, industry, public service/humanitarianism, and/or outstanding commitment to the College of Medicine community.

Dr. Paradiso recently retired as Vice President, new business and scientific affairs for Pfizer Vaccines, a Division of Pfizer. In this position, he was responsible for global vaccine research and development group and for all vaccines in development. He has worked in the field of vaccine development for the past 28 years. Dr. Paradiso has published broadly in the field of pediatric vaccines, especially in the areas of glycoconjugates, combination vaccines and respiratory viral vaccines. He has been involved in the development and global registration of many major vaccines.

Dr. Paradiso served as a member of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) and is currently a member of the Advisory Council on Immunization for New York State and a liaison member of the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. He has also served as an advisor to the WHO’s Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on vaccines and to the GAVI Task Force on Research and Development.

Prior to his graduate degree, he earned a B.S. in chemistry from St. Lawrence University. Dr. Paradiso will formally receive his award at a ceremony Oct. 2 in conjunction with the annual Graduate Student Research Day at the College.

Student Notes

Amanda Peel ’15 was first author on an article in the Journal of the American Heart Association this January that found that cardiorespiratory fitness was significantly lower in recently treated breast cancer patients, potentially making them more susceptible to cardiovascular risk. Among the study’s co-authors were Susan Lakoski, M.D., M.S., UVM assistant professor of medicine and director of the Cardiovascular Prevention Program for Cancer Patients, and Kim Dittus, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of medicine.

Boddien Receives USPSH Award
Just a few days before his graduation, Larry Bodden, M.D., from the Class of 2014 received this year’s Excellence in Public Health Award from the United States Public Health Service for his advocacy for the UVM Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative. The award was given to 50 medical students nationwide. Bodden begins a neurosurgery residency this summer at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics. He received the award at the UVM Tobacco Free Campus Steering Committee meeting on May 5.

Peel Coauthors Article
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2014–15 Schweitzer Fellows Announced
Eleven members of the College’s Class of 2015 have been named 2014-15 Fellows of the New Hampshire/Vermont Schweitzer Fellows Program. As Schweitzer Fellows, students usually work in teams of two, and work in partnership with community-based organizations to identify an unmet health need and then carry out a year-long, 200-hour service project designed to have a demonstrable impact on that need. The projects address not only clinical issues, but also the social determinants of health.

The 2014–15 Schweitzer Fellows “teams” are Lash Cigel and Matthew Sheav, Jia Xin “Jessica” Huang and Alejandro Velez; Mary Ledger and Laura Leonard; Christopher Mayhew and Carl Nunziato; Erin Pichiotino, Amy Schomer and Seyed “Sama” Shebah.
Though he is now a physician, beginning a demanding surgery residency this summer, ADAM ACKERMAN, M.D. ’14, had neither surgery nor science as a part of his professional repertoire less than a decade ago. A jazz and classical composer trained at Boston’s Berklee College of Music and New England Conservatory, Ackerman composed a special processional March which replaced the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance” at the start of the College of Medicine’s UVM 2014 Commencement Ceremony on May 18 in Ira Allen Chapel.

A total of 109 STUDENTS received medical degrees this year. The new doctors, who have headed into over 20 specialties (see the Match List on page 9), selected LEWIS FIRST, M.D., UVM professor and chair of pediatrics, Vermont Children’s Hospital chief, and editor-in-chief of the Journal Pediatrics, as their Commencement speaker.