Mark Your Calendar

February 15, Friday
Alumni reception at the meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Dallas

February 28, Thursday
Alumni Executive Committee meeting

March 8, Friday
Parents/Family Day for sophomore students

April 5, Friday
Alumni reception, with Dean Thomas Nasca '75 and Clara Callahan PD'82, Senior Associate Dean, Admissions and Student Life, Wilmington Country Club, Wilmington, DE

April 25, Thursday
Alumni Annual Business Meeting
Eakins Lounge, Jefferson Alumni Hall

Reunion Weekend 2002
June 7, Friday, alumni banquet
June 8, Saturday, clinic presentations, reunion parties

Live Coronary Brachytherapy Online on February 28

View live coronary brachytherapy for restenosis from Jefferson Hospital's Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory. Performing the procedure will be Jefferson interventional cardiologists Michael Savage '80 and David Fischman CD'91 and radiation oncologist Richard Valicenti MD. If you miss the live Webcast, we invite you to the archived version, available online after March 2.

For more information, call 215-955-0215 or click on www.JeffersonHospital.org/webcast
Building a Dynamic Multicultural Community at Jefferson

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At left, members of the Class of 2005 embark upon the first year of a challenging journey. At the Jefferson Medical College Opening Exercises and White Coat Ceremony, they received the coats which signify becoming a doctor. Thomas J. Nasca '75, Senior Vice President of Thomas Jefferson University and Dean, delivered the keynote address.

This year's entering class, numbering 223, hails from 32 states, Canada, Nepal and Nigeria. They range in age from 19 to 43, and attended 89 different undergraduate institutions, earning an average science GPA of 3.45 and an average MCAT score of 10. Photo by Med. Media Sem.

On the front cover, the face of the Class of 2004: Presidents of student organizations at Jefferson, Seth Hollander (Jewish Students Association), Khanh-Ha Nguyen (International Medicine Society), Margarita Scott (Latino Health Organization), Reza Alavi (Jefferson Persian Society), Akil Gordon (Student National Medical Association), Laurie Miller (Jefferson Christian Fellowship), Rupal Mehta (Jefferson Indian Society). Photo by Kelly & Massa.

On the back cover, the President's Club Dinner (see page 18). Photos by Robert Nem.
Throughout its history, Jefferson Medical College has emphasized the achievement of excellence in its education programs and clinical care. This legacy of excellence is most embodied in the innovations and accomplishments of our alumni in the 21st century.

As we embark on our journey through the new millennium, it is fitting, in this era of diversity, that we begin by acknowledging our alumni of color. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of our first African-American graduate, Algernon B. Jackson '1901, this issue highlights those minority pioneers who have contributed to Jefferson's distinguished heritage. Their accomplishments serve as a shining example to all of our students and physicians – past, present and future.

Thomas J. Nasca '75
Dean and Senior Vice President

Algeron Brashear Jackson ’1901:
A Pioneering Physician and First Identified African-American Graduate of Jefferson Medical College

The year 2001 marks the centennial of the graduation of Algernon Brashear Jackson, the pioneering physician identified as Jefferson's first African-American alumnus. As described in Thomas Jefferson University: A Chronological History and Alumni Directory 1824-1990, edited by Frederick B. Wagner Jr. '41 and J. Woodrow Savacool '38, Dr. Jackson was "well known as a speaker, writer and bibliophile with numerous publications in the field of public policy, Negro Affairs, and health education."

Dr. Jackson was born on May 21, 1878, in Princeton, Indiana, to Charles A. and Sarah L. Brashear Jackson. As chronicled in Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University: Legend & Lore, edited by Drs. Wagner and Savacool, Dr. Jackson "was a co-founder and advanced to Chief Surgeon and Superintendent of Mercy Hospital. He also was Assistant Surgeon in the Outpatient Department at the Philadelphia Polyclinic Hospital." The Philadelphia Polyclinic was an ancestor of Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia, according to the Graduate Hospital Internet website.

Dr. Jackson spent his career breaking many professional barriers and paving the way for future generations. An article attributed to the July 6, 1909, edition of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin noted that Dr. Jackson was "the only negro [sic] physician in the United States who is assistant surgeon in a hospital otherwise conducted entirely by White physicians," which likely referred to his position at Philadelphia Polyclinic.

The article also reported that Dr. Jackson was thought to be among "the most proficient surgeons of his race" and noted his membership in "the County Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Afro-American National Medical Association." The Philadelphia Colored Business Directory of 1913 characterized him as "one of the leading physicians of the city, and one of the leading surgeons of the race" and noted that he was the president of the Philadelphia branch of the National Negro Business League.

In 1917, Dr. Jackson was elected to Fellowship in the American College of Physicians and it is not unreasonable to believe that he many have been one of the first African-Americans to be so honored, according to Robert Sieczkiewicz, archivist of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine.

Mercy Hospital served members of the African-American community in Philadelphia. According to "The History of Mercy-Douglass Hospital" by Russell F. Minton MD [nephew of Henry McKee Minton '1906 – see accompanying article], which appeared in the May 1951 Journal of the National Medical Association, when Dr. Jackson left Mercy Hospital to teach at Howard University in Washington, DC, Dr. Minton '1906 succeeded Dr. Jackson as superintendent.

According to Clifford L. Muse Jr. PhD, archivist of Howard University, Dr. Jackson became Professor of Bacteriology and Public Health there in 1922, serving in that position through 1930. During 1922-25, he was also director of the University’s School of Public Health. From 1926 until 1928, he was Physician in Charge in addition to being a professor. From 1930 until his resignation on June 30, 1934, he was Professor of Bacteriology, Preventive Medicine and Public Health.

Dr. Jackson died at age 64, on October 22, 1942, in Washington, DC, according to his obituary in the November 21, 1942, issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. His obituary in the October 31, 1942, Philadelphia Tribune noted that his widow was a sister of prominent Philadelphia caterer William Newman.

At Jefferson, the Algernon B. Jackson Scholarship Program commemorates the legacy of this distinguished alumnus.
Henry McKee Minton '1906 was born in 1870 or 1871 (there appears to be conflicting information as to the year) in Columbia, South Carolina. He was educated in public schools in Washington, DC, at the Academy of Howard University, and at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, where “[h]e was an outstanding student, athlete, debater, editor, and was commencement orator for his class,” according to Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University: Legend & Lore.

Although he began studying law at the University of Pennsylvania, he transferred to the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy [now the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia], receiving his PhG degree in 1895, and was quite successful as the proprietor of the first black-owned pharmacy in Philadelphia, according to Legend & Lore, which also noted the following about Dr. Minton’s career:

“Joining the staff of Philadelphia’s first black hospital (Frederick Douglass) as a pharmacist, he also became interested in tuberculosis treatment, working at the Henry Phipps Institute from 1915 to 1946 ... he was a co-founder of Mercy Hospital [along with other physicians including Algernon B. Jackson ’1901 – see accompanying article], the second black hospital in Philadelphia, where he served as Superintendent and Director for 24 years during which time Mercy merged with Douglass to form Mercy-Douglass Hospital.

Dr. Minton was firmly committed to the cause of upgrading the training and status of black physicians who were denied hospital intern and practice privileges even after graduating from recognized medical schools. At Mercy-Douglass he was able to implement this principle to some degree.”

Dr. Minton, along with Dr. Jackson and other prominent African-American professionals of the time, founded Sigma Pi Phi, also known as the Bouêlé, a preeminent African-American fraternity, in Philadelphia in 1904, as described in the History of Sigma Pi Phi, First of the Negro-American Greek-Letter Fraternities, Fifth Anniversary Edition 1904-1954, by Charles H. Wesley.

Dr. Minton died on December 29, 1946. In 1961, according to the December 1961 JMC Alumni Bulletin, a portrait of him (pictured above) was presented to Mercy-Douglass Hospital. Displayed there until the Hospital closed, the portrait is now at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

The first century of Jefferson’s African-American alumni and their accomplishments will continue to be chronicled in future issues of the Bulletin.

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Toward a Dynamic Multicultural Community at Jefferson

The face of underrepresented minorities in medicine is rapidly changing. In 1970, the first Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) task force on minority medical education identified four racial and ethnic groups as then underrepresented in medicine: black, Mexican-American, Puerto Rican and American Indian. Formulated before the vast majority of today’s medical school applicants were born, that definition remains unchanged.

Given the shifting demography of the United States over the past three decades, the growing recognition of racial and health care disparities and increased national interest in eliminating them, and the revised federal guidelines governing the collection of racial and ethnic data, Thomas Jefferson University believed it was time for the AAMC to reexamine who is an underrepresented minority in 21st century America. In addition to guiding the association’s own diversity policies and initiatives, Jefferson’s definition of an underrepresented minority will be examined by member schools and teaching hospitals to formulate their admission policies, recruitment activities, and outreach programs and will likely be adopted by other organizations committed to redressing the unhealthy skew in the racial and ethnic makeup of America’s medical profession (adapted from Jordan J. Cohen MD, AAMC President, The AAMC Reporter, Volume 11, Number 4, January 2002).

To address the racial and ethnic makeup at Jefferson, a Diversity Task Force comprised of 50 students, faculty and administrators met in January of 2001 and proposed the establishment of an office for diversity. Thomas J. Nasca ’75, Senior Vice President of Thomas Jefferson University and Dean of Jefferson Medical College, created the Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs (ODAMA) on July 1, 2001, with the charge to develop a multifaceted multicultural initiative as its mission. To achieve its mission, one goal of the Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs is to increase communication among the various student groups on campus.

Jefferson medical students are, in fact, a diverse group, despite the small numbers of underrepresented minority students. The students are themselves actively addressing this topic, recognizing and promoting communication and understanding among groups. Moreover, several student societies are interested in addressing the diversity issue.

The Student Diversity Council, encompassing representatives of student groups whose purpose and/or activities contribute to and promote multiculturalism, held its initial meeting in November of 2001. Much to their
Dr. Christian Appointed Associate Dean for Diversity and Minority Affairs

Edward B. Christian PhD, who was named Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Special Programs at JMC in 1992, is now Associate Dean for Diversity and Minority Affairs. His areas of responsibility include the recruitment, admission and support programs for minority students, and building awareness of diversity among faculty and students.

His career has included human relations training, organizational consulting, social services, school counseling, mental health and psychotherapy, career development, adult education, group dynamics and cultural diversity training. He has devoted his energies to social issues in education. Chief among his interests is interdisciplinary research centering on the design and implementation of innovative courses, seminars and workshops that enhance verbal and nonverbal communication and sensitivity across disparate groups through experiential and/or visual methods.

Dr. Christian, who also is an instructor in psychiatry at Jefferson, received his PhD in group dynamics and organizational psychology from Temple University, his MSW in clinical and administrative social work from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, and his BA in clinical and social psychology from Lincoln University.

University Archives Honors First Century of African-American Alumni

To recognize the achievements of African-American alumni, University Archives will present “African-American Graduates of Jefferson Medical College: The First Hundred Years” during the Region VIII conference of the Student National Medical Association, which will be hosted by Jefferson’s SNMA chapter on January 12, 2002.

This exhibition is a tribute to Jefferson’s first generation of African-American graduates, including Algernon B. Jackson ’1901, John H. Miller ’1903, Henry M. Minton ’1906, Paul J. Taylor ’1906, Thomas S. Burwell ’1907, and Frederick M. Hopkins ’1909. Cora L. E. Christian ’71, an instructor in Family Medicine who is Jefferson’s first African-American alumna, and James H. Robinson MD, first Associate Dean for Minority Affairs, will also be recognized.

The exhibit, which is curated by University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian F. Michael Angelo, will chronicle the lives and times of Jefferson’s distinguished alumni and illuminate some of the challenges that they met.

Following the SNMA regional conference, the exhibit will be featured on campus at a location and time to be determined. Should you wish to share any photographs, documents, memorabilia, or other information that you believe might enhance this exhibit in the future, this would be greatly appreciated.

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Jefferson’s Chapter of the Student National Medical Association

The Student National Medical Association (SNMA), established in 1964 at Howard University and now a national organization with more than 60 chapters throughout the United States, addresses the needs and concerns of medical students of color. This organization facilitates the transition of minority medical students into the medical society while enabling students to serve the community and each other.

Jefferson’s chapter, which includes 42 members, is part of SNMA’s Region VIII and is hosting the organization’s regional conference on January 12, 2002. According to Glenda L.W. Davis ’04, treasurer of the Jefferson SNMA chapter, the chapter knew that hosting this year’s conference would be a monumental effort for less than a dozen individuals to achieve. “I hope that people will recognize the dedication of our members and that this will dispel the misconception that Jefferson is not a comfortable place for minorities,” she said.

Ms. Davis believes that SNMA provides the only forum through which specific minority goals are accomplished. “There are other, newer Jefferson groups that address minority issues, but SNMA is the place to go if you want to initiate something from a minority public health standpoint, for example,” she said. “The benefit of our small numbers is that we are free to brainstorm and tackle whatever we feel is appropriate.

Community service activities of the Jefferson chapter include conducting minority student interviews, a summer activities workshop, a clerkship workshop, a “second look” weekend, the Region VIII-SNMA Health Fair, and a violence prevention workshop in an inner-city middle school, which is continuing as a partnership to influence impressionable, minority youth. The chapter provides members with services such as tutoring programs, and open door opportunities for personal discussion.

“Family, social and financial factors play a huge role in the medical education of the minority student. Often, the only comfortable place to go for help is within SNMA,” Ms. Davis said. “The slightly higher failure rate of minorities at Jefferson may not seem significant, until you realize if three people fail, that may be half the minority population! We try very hard to support each other in this area, but due to the personal nature of this issue, our current strategy is to look to Jefferson to address our specific needs. Our hope is that the new Office of Diversity and Minority Affairs will greatly increase our ability to mobilize resources.”

According to Ms. Davis, the Jefferson chapter of SNMA is optimistic about the future and determined to serve students and the community to the utmost of its ability. Although it can be challenging to mobilize minority contacts and resources, Ms. Davis said that future plans include recruiting physicians and residents as contacts and mentors.

Some information in this article initially appeared in Jefferson’s Student Organization Directory.
"We are as fragile as those we care for," says Edward W. Kiggundu '96, who seems in many ways so very strong. Although these words come from a young physician, they only hint at the depth of understanding Kiggundu has, a depth of understanding mixed with a firm resolve and a positive attitude—characteristics that enabled him to leave his family in Uganda in order to pursue his life's dream of a medical career.

Kiggundu, a fellow in radiation oncology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, came to Jefferson Medical College from the Wistar Institute, where he was a member of Dr. Hilary Koprowski's research team. Koprowski, a world-famous virologist who helped to develop the rabies vaccine and who is now on the faculty at Jefferson, refers to Kiggundu as a "cherished colleague." Koprowski recalls that Kiggundu studied various aspects of gene expression and disease association of human T lymphotrophic viruses, type I and II, and generated high quality work and results. Koprowski also adds that Kiggundu is "an excellent communicator and person of good humor."

All of these qualities stand Kiggundu in good stead in his specialty. As he says, "Caring for oncology patients is like walking into your first day of anatomy. It's something you have to get used to. There is no formula, but part of it is to be realistic to the patient as well as to have an understanding about the patient. You have to understand what the patients are going through and that you are there to help them. They generally come in very well-informed, thanks to the Internet and widely available information."

Kiggundu welcomes this interaction with his patients and finds that one of his hobbies, art collecting, provides him with opportunities to relate to his patients in other ways. He particularly likes watercolors and is interested in the artwork that his patients, some of whom are artists, create. "I love colors," says Kiggundu, "and when I travel, which I like to do, I buy watercolors and things from all over the world." Richard R. Schmidt PhD, Professor and Vice Chair of the Anatomy Division in Jefferson's Department of Pathology, Anatomy, and Cell Biology, recalls that Kiggundu once brought him an African mask from a trip he had taken. "It continues to hang in our home to this day, and serves as a pleasant reminder of a truly wonderful individual," says Schmidt.

Keeping in touch with his Jefferson friends is high on Kiggundu's list of priorities. "My class is great, and my memories of Jefferson are great," says Kiggundu, who during medical school helped James Plumb '74, Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, establish a program that offered medical care and supplies to Kiggundu's native Uganda. Often the class spokesman during medical school, when, according to Karyl Andolina '96, one of his classmates, "he won all of our parents over on Parents Day," Kiggundu has returned to Jefferson to speak, most recently at his fifth reunion, where he spoke on vascular brachytherapy.

Vascular brachytherapy, also known as coronary artery radiation therapy, or CART, involves the use of radiation in a cardiac catheterization lab to help reduce in-stent restenosis, one of the major reasons for the lack of success in a large percentage of revascularization procedures, such as balloon angioplasty and stenting.

Some people grow into their roles as caring physicians over a period of time after graduation from medical school and completion of residency. And some people tip their hands right from the start. The latter certainly holds true for Edward Kiggundu. With a winning combination of compassion, intellect, humor, and kindness—he was born to this role.

Hie-Won L. Hann MD, Professor of Medicine (Hepatology) at Jefferson and Director of the Liver Disease Prevention Center, added to her list of honors with the "Proud Alumnus Award" given by the Seoul National University College of Medicine and its alumni association this past October. Seoul National is Korea's most prestigious medical school, and Dr. Hann was one of two females in a graduating class of 144 in 1961.

Dr. Hann also received the Ham-Choon Medical Science Award from the alumni association of Seoul National University College of Medicine, in recognition of lifelong scientific merit, in December. Ham-Choon is the name of the campus garden—a fine metaphor for flourishing graduates and flourishing faculty.
A major gift from Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton has launched the S. Grant Mulholland MD Urology Research and Education Endowment Fund, created last spring to honor Dr. Mulholland and support new initiatives in the Department of Urology at Thomas Jefferson University.

Mrs. Hamilton, longtime university trustee and chair of the successful Jefferson 2000 Fund capital campaign, has provided exceptional service and philanthropic leadership for many Jefferson projects, both university and hospital, during her tenure as a board member and as a dedicated friend of Jefferson. Her recent commitment to this fund is another demonstration of her loyalty and keen interest in helping vital programs to succeed.

Dr. Mulholland, the Nathan Lewis Hatfield Professor of Urology and Chairman of the Urology Department of Jefferson Medical College, has developed the department's programs and set its goals for over 20 years. His leadership has been instrumental in making it a world-class center for research, education and patient care with an international reputation for being one of the largest and most advanced of its kind.

“Attracting talented faculty and gifted students from around the world is key to our ongoing effort to maintain and advance our leadership position in the expanding field of urology,” says Dr. Mulholland. “This fund will allow us to extend our reach to both share our own expertise with others through research and teaching fellowships, and to benefit from the skill and knowledge of others in the field whom we can bring to Jefferson.”

Dr. Mulholland also hopes to interest more young future physicians in the practice of urology as a specialty. “By exposing these students to all aspects of the discipline, we can encourage them to choose it for their own practice,” he explains.

Expanding programs in the Urology Department have enabled physicians to transfer vital research into more effective treatments for patients with a wide range of urologic conditions.

Because Jefferson's ability to do this has increased dramatically over the last decade, Dr. Mulholland hopes that this new fund will create more opportunities to extend this capability, training more physicians, supporting promising research and allowing greater exchange of information.

In addition to Mrs. Hamilton's gift, the new fund is receiving excellent support from individual, corporate and foundation donors, and is continuing to grow. Further information is available by calling the Jefferson Development Office at 215-955-2435, or toll free at 1-877-JEFF GIFT (1-877-533-3443). Visit the Development Office website at www.tju.edu/jeffgiving/

Dr. Mulholland is being honored on January 31 with the presentation of his portrait to the university by his friends and colleagues.

The jewel of Thomas Jefferson University's art collection, The Gross Clinic, was featured in "Thomas Eakins: American Realist," this past fall at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Nearly 200 alumni and friends enjoyed "Your Private Evening with Eakins," a special viewing of this landmark exhibition, which was hosted by the Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College and the Women's Board of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. From left are event co-chairs Miriam Schwartz and Jean Haley along with event committee member Edna Shaw and Susan Silver, Women's Board President and wife of Stephen Silver '71, Assistant Professor of Surgery.

Eakins studied anatomy and attended clinics taught at JMC by Samuel D. Gross '1828, chair of surgery from 1856 to 1882. In 1875, Eakins approached the internationally celebrated surgeon to sit for a portrait. The artist depicted Dr. Gross in Jefferson's surgical amphitheater presiding over an operation while training his assistants and lecturing to the medical students. In 1878, the Alumni Association purchased The Gross Clinic for the medical college. It is now regarded as a masterpiece of American art.
Farber Family Foundation Gives $10 Million to Jefferson to Establish New Neurosciences Institute

The Farber Family Foundation has given $10 million to Thomas Jefferson University to establish a new neurosciences research institute, one of the largest gifts the university has ever received.

The new institute, to be named the Farber Institute for Neurosciences at Thomas Jefferson University, will be a multidisciplinary center initially focusing its efforts on basic and clinical research in Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neurodegenerative disorders. The institute’s researchers will continue to build on already-established Jefferson strengths in many of these fields, while establishing new and revitalized research programs in others. At the same time, the new institute will enable additional neurosciences faculty and postdoctoral fellows to be recruited to Jefferson. In the future, endowed chairs for two senior investigators in the neurosciences will be created.

Jack Farber, President of the Farber Family Foundation, has a distinguished history of service to Jefferson and to Philadelphia. Mr. Farber was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson University from January 1995 to June 2000. He has been a member of the university’s Board of Trustees since 1984. He is Chairman of the Board of CSS Industries Inc. of Philadelphia, a consumer products company publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange that is primarily engaged in design, manufacture and sale to mass-market retailers of seasonal social expression and educational products. It is recognized on the Forbes “200 Best Small Companies” list.

In addition, Mr. Farber sits on a number of local and national boards. He is a trustee of the Jefferson Health System, the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, Incorporated, and a former trustee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. He is a director of the Hunt Corporation, the American Jewish Committee, the American Interfaith Institute and Vice Chairman of the National Liberty Museum.

“We have a longstanding commitment to Jefferson,” says Mr. Farber. “Our family hopes that this new institute will help Jefferson to continue its outstanding research in the neurosciences and at the same time provide new opportunities to broaden and strengthen its programs.”

Mr. Farber and his wife Vickie have been touched personally by neurodegenerative diseases. Mrs. Farber’s father died from ALS; her mother has Alzheimer’s disease. Mr. and Mrs. Farber have given generously to Jefferson in the past. He established both the Farber Health Professions Scholars Program in the College of Health Professions, and the Farber Fellowship awarded annually since 1989 to a student in the Master of Science degree program in rehabilitative nursing, and created a Geriatric Fellowship in the Department of Family Medicine. Mrs. Farber is an active member of the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Women’s Board as well as the Board of Overseers of the ALS Chapter of Greater Philadelphia and a member of the Education Board of the National Liberty Museum.

“We greatly appreciate Jack Farber’s service to the university and the Jefferson community,” says Paul C. Brucker MD, President of Thomas Jefferson University. “We are grateful for the Farber Family Foundation’s gift and for their continuing support to advance new frontiers in medicine.”

“The Farber Institute, to be based in the newly created Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience, will in time become a powerful vehicle through which accomplishments in basic research will ultimately find their way to the bedside,” says Thomas Nasca ’75, Dean of Jefferson Medical College and Senior Vice President of Thomas Jefferson University.

“This new institute will buttress Jefferson neuroscientists’ efforts in a wide range of research fields and allow us to establish new and stronger areas of expertise,” says Elliott Mancall MD, Professor and Interim Chair of Neurology.

Alzheimer’s disease specialist Samuel E. Gandy III, MD, PhD has been named the first director of the Farber Institute for Neurosciences at Thomas Jefferson University, and Professor of Neurology.

Dr. Gandy has been senior research scientist at the Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research in Orangeburg, New York, where he directed a $3.7 million grant funded by the National Institute on Aging on an interdisciplinary approach to Alzheimer drug discovery. He also has $1 million in funding support from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to study the role of hormone deficiency in the onset of Alzheimer’s and the role of hormone replacement in delaying or preventing Alzheimer’s.

He has also served as professor of psychiatry at New York University Medical School and adjunct professor of Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience at the Rockefeller University. Dr. Gandy was also Director of Molecular Basis of Human Neurological Diseases at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, New York. His research interests include ALS, Parkinson’s disease, head trauma, and neuroimaging.
Dean Nasca’s Strategic Plan

by John J. Gartland S’44, Alumni Trustee

In a recent presentation to the Scientific Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, Dean Thomas J. Nasca ’75 made a “State of the Medical College” report in which he assessed the state of the medical college as he presently perceives it. He then followed with his “Strategic Plan” in support of his vision as to how he believes the medical college will be by the year 2024, the date of the 200th birthday of Jefferson Medical College. Dean Nasca envisions that, by the year 2024, Jefferson will be recognized as one of the 20 best medical schools in the country as well as, in his words, “a national destination of choice” for medical students, residents, graduate students, faculty and patients. Dean Nasca predicts that by the year 2024 Jefferson will be renowned for its continuing excellence in its students and graduates, for its excellence in faculty and patient care, for its excellence in basic and translational research, and for the loyalty of its faculty and alumni. The Dean then shared with the faculty members and Trustees in attendance the multiple changes and additions he believes required in the medical college over time to bring his vision of Jefferson in 2024 to fruition.

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By 1986, grant support for cancer research in the Division of Medical Oncology had grown to about one million dollars per year, a relatively
large amount of research funding for Jefferson at that time, but a relatively small amount when compared with the funding received by other comparable medical schools. Coinciding with the activities of the Division of Medical Oncology was the upgrading of organized cancer research in other areas such as gynecologic tumors, lung cancer, leukemia, and malignant melanoma. In 1984 the Division of Colorectal Surgery was established in the Department of Surgery with Gerald J. Marks ’49 as its first director. This Division established a Comprehensive Rectal Cancer Center using the knowledge and skills of a variety of basic science and clinical specialists. This multidisciplinary network of scientists and clinicians focused on the study and management of rectal cancer based on a program begun in 1975 using sphincter-preservation surgery following full-dose preoperative radiation therapy.

During the early 1980s, Dean Joseph S. Gonnella became convinced that not only to survive but also to flourish in an increasingly competitive health care and medical education environment, Jefferson had to add a significant and better organized research component to its existing education and clinical care programs in order become a stronger and a better balanced medical school. He believed that Jefferson needed, in addition to cancer clinical care programs, basic research scientists on campus who could discover the causes of cancer and other life threatening disorders, and who could initiate translational research efforts which could lead to better treatment for these life threatening diseases. Translational research is the effort to convert basic science discoveries into improved bedside patient care. This was the challenge Dean Gonnella presented to Jefferson and the Board of Trustees in the early 1980s. Ultimately persuaded by Dean Gonnella’s strong conviction about Jefferson’s future well being, the Board of Trustees agreed to support this challenge which stated that the base for Jefferson’s excellence be broadened by increasing the research faculty, the research effort, and the research space available for these additional faculty members at Jefferson. It is undeniably true that most human progress is generated by the vision and imagination of individual people. However, it is equally true that careful planning can make the environment into which these spurts of progress are delivered more receptive to new thinking. It was to this last point that this action by the Board of Trustees was directed in response to Dr. Gonnella’s challenge to them to increase Jefferson’s research faculty, research effort, and research space. The vitality of a university depends in part on its ability to respond to challenges and on its ability to foster and sustain a stimulating research and learning environment. Now at Jefferson, access to a world class medical library, excellent laboratory and clinical facilities, and superior research and clinical colleagues results in the infusion of new ideas, new energy and new creativity in many areas.

The ultimate success of this initiative to achieve a better balanced clinical, research and educational environment at Jefferson, as contained in Dean Gonnella’s challenge in the 1980s, can be measured in a number of ways. In 1980 only 20 percent of the Jefferson faculty was engaged in sponsored research while, by 1997, this number had climbed to over 50 percent, and Jefferson ranked 47th in total research funding of the 123 U.S. medical schools who get grant funds. As of June 2001, Jefferson’s total research income from private and government sources was in excess of 123 million dollars, and Jefferson ranked 45th of the 123 medical schools receiving grant funding. In 1995 Jefferson was designated as a National Cancer Institute Clinical Cancer Center, one of five in Pennsylvania and one of approximately 60 in the United States. In 2001, Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center, under its Director, Carlo Croce MD, was awarded a renewal of its National Cancer Institute funding and its designation as a NCI designated clinical cancer center. In citing the Kimmel Cancer Center’s exemplary programs in basic research and in translational research, among other programs mentioned in their report, the NCI reviewers awarded the Kimmel Cancer Center 22.3 million dollars in funding over the next five years, marking the first time the Kimmel Cancer Center has received financial support for the maximum five year period.

Coincident with the formation of the Kimmel Cancer Center was the establishment of a clinical component, now directed by Walter J. Curran MD, Professor and Chairman of Radiation Oncology and Director of the Bodine Center for Cancer Treatment. This clinical component now coordinates the translational and clinical cancer research efforts at Jefferson which, formerly, were fragmented and departmentally oriented. The Kimmel Cancer Center now is the cornerstone of the Jefferson Cancer Network, a consortium of 13 institutions dedicated to improving cancer care and clinical cancer research. The JCN established the Jefferson Oncology Group, a cooperative program to enhance clinical and translational cancer research, including clinical trials development. The Kimmel Cancer Center is a member of several regional cancer cooperative research groups as well, including the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group and the Gynecologic Oncology Group. The Kimmel Cancer Center conducts approximately 100 to 120 clinical trials each year aimed at the prevention and treatment of cancer. Most of these clinical trials focus on such cancers as brain and central nervous system, cervical, colorectal, head and neck, lung, melanoma, ovarian and prostate. The Kimmel Cancer Center also participates in a national breast cancer prevention program.

As impressive as Jefferson’s response to Dr. Gonnella’s challenge has been, some problems remain. Jefferson now needs additional basic and clinical scientists and additional space in which they can work and contribute. The big NIH grant awards at present are supporting clinical research, an area in which Jefferson is not particularly strong at the moment. Jefferson now needs to recruit more clinical scientists in order to push for more NIH clinical research grant awards in order to improve our national reputation, and to be able to transfer the findings of these new clinical scientists to improved patient care.

Jefferson’s strong and successful response to Dr. Gonnella’s challenge to improve the institution’s research capabilities clearly has been quite effective. Dr. Nasca’s new challenge to Jefferson, including the expansion of the educational facilities, also should be accepted with typical Jefferson resolve. All it will take to convert Dean Nasca’s vision of Jefferson in 2024 into reality is the support, encouragement, and assistance of the Board of Trustees, the administration, the faculty and the alumni. Dean Nasca’s vision of Jefferson Medical College in 2024 is a challenge everyone connected with Jefferson Medical College should applaud, cherish, support and try to bring to fruition. Increased philanthropic support from alumni and friends of Jefferson is essential for converting this vision into a reality. As the record shows, Jefferson has a history of responding to challenges.
Add the Jefferson Art Book to Your Collection

A unique addition to the annals of Jefferson history, “ADORN THE HALLS”: History of the Art Collection at Thomas Jefferson University, can be ordered from the Thomas Jefferson University bookstore. Written by Julie S. Berkowitz, the University Art Historian, the 725-page book was edited by Malcolm Clendenin, Editor of the Jefferson Alumni Bulletin.

The book has been hailed by numerous experts in both medicine and art, including Darrel Sewell, the McNeil Curator of American Art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, who writes that the “essays on The Gross Clinic and the other portraits of Samuel D. Gross are masterpieces ... a triumphant conclusion to what I know has been a lot of dedicated hard work.” Marc Micozzi MD, PhD, Executive Director of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, writes that “This remarkable volume makes an important contribution to the study of medical art and the state of medical culture in the U.S.” According to Kristen Froehlich of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, “This work is destined to become an invaluable resource for anyone interested in art history, medical history [or] Philadelphia history.”

The book describes the origins and development of the Jefferson collection, comprising paintings, sculptures, architecture, decorative arts, photographs, prints, drawings, and rare medical books. Following a survey of the collection as a whole, 10 chapters trace Jefferson's chronological history in the context of its portraits and other art works which collectively delineate the spirit of the institution. The final two chapters treat nonmedical art objects (such as landscapes) and European medicine and its practitioners.

The handsome volume contains black and white photographs of 429 art works (several with closeup details), and full color photographs of 28 objects. The hard cloth cover is stamped in gold, and the dust jacket features Thomas Eakins's The Gross Clinic. This monumental painting is discussed in its own chapter, preceded by a chapter treating Eakins as a scientist and his relationship with Jefferson Medical College.

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'36
J. Edward Berk of Laguna Hills, CA notes that "The Spirit of '36," a very special bottle of rye whiskey, is being held in trust for the last member of the Class of '36. Dr. Berk, an emeritus faculty member at UC-Irvine, explains, "I had at some early period of my life acquired a bottle of 100 proof bonded rye whiskey. Over all these years, I have husbanded the bottle, transporting it with my household goods whenever I moved. Now I have given it to the Class of '36, and it is being preserved by Jim Freeman '91 of Shippensburg, PA, the grandson of Al Freeman '36. Our last survivor, on receiving the bottle, can open it and drink a toast to all the members of the great Class of '36." But let's not hope that this happens anytime soon.

'46
Robert Nelson of Harrington Park, NJ is now working full time as President of the Meland Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides accurate and up to date information on medicine and health.

'49
The American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Administration and Practice Management is proud to announce Edward Saltzman as the first recipient of the Charles "Buzzy" Vanchiere Award. Dr. Saltzman has been Chairperson of the AAP's Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine, the Council on Pediatric Practice and the Council on Section Management where he initiated the Practice Management programs. He has spoken nationally on developing an optimum practice environment both for pediatricians and the children they serve. In 1996, the AAP recognized Dr. Saltzman and his work by awarding him the prestigious Clifford Grullee Award. Dr. Saltzman resides in Palm City, FL.

'52
Bruce Pech Jr., a retired Director of Regulatory Affairs at Lilly, is the Co-founder and Treasurer/Business Manager of the Fine Arts Society of Indianapolis. He is active in the education program for underprivileged children teaching appreciation of classical music.

'53
Stanley Schneider of Santa Monica, CA has gone from retired to semiretired and is now back at the anesthesiology department at Cedars Sinai Medical Center doing non-OR work.

'55
Joe Heaney of Cumberland, WI is now retired. The third of Joe's children to become a doctor, Kathleen Heaney '01, is a resident at the Mayo Clinic in psychiatry.

'56
George Kuzmishin of Naples, FL is enjoying retirement after 35 years of general surgery practice in the Akron, OH area. He is delighted to announce the addition of another physician to the family. His son John recently married Janet Harrison MD who is the daughter of Tony Harrison '64.

'58
D.M. Dill of Coronado, CA feels very fortunate to be doing what he loves: practicing family medicine including obstetrics, pediatrics and care of the entire family. "The small town life in the midst of a metropolitan area is full of gratification and fulfillment."

'63
Robert Gallo, Director of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute in Baltimore, was awarded the 2001 World Health Award in ceremonies held at the Imperial Hofburg Palace, Vienna, Austria. The award, recognizing "extraordinary scientific research which revolutionizes medicine," was presented by one-time Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. A discoverer of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, Dr. Gallo was honored for both the initial discovery of the virus in 1983 and for the development of the blood test, which for the first time made it possible to track the disease and begin work toward halting the spread of AIDS.

'64
Stan Trachtenberg of Teton Village, WY is now practicing radiology only part time in Jackson Hole. This gives him plenty of time to ski, fish, hike and look out his window at the beautiful scenery.

'65
Thomas Schneider of Palm Beach Gardens, FL is completing his 30th year of gastroenterology practice. "I'll always be grateful to Jefferson for the great education and clinical information the college gave me."

'67
Jim Hinkle of Atlanta, GA has started his semiretirement from his anesthesia partnership. "It's much nicer to practice than to manage."

Marc Shuman of San Francisco is the Program Director for the Prostate Cancer Research Program at UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center, and is currently organizing an outreach program for early diagnosis of prostate cancer in the Bay area for the African American community.

Matthew White of Gig Harbor, WA continues an active family practice and has been elected to the Pierce County Medical Society Board of Trustees.

'70
Phyllis Smoyer of Hockessin, DE was named "Professional of the Year" in October 2000 by Alliance for the Mentally Ill in DE. She is also a small group co-leader for the Doctor in Health and Illness course at Jefferson.

Calvin Weisberger of Santa Monica, CA is still the Regional Coordinating Chief for the Southern California Permanente Medical Group. He continues to mix practice, teaching and research.

'71
Harry Cramer of Pensacola, FL continues to practice interventional radiology full time at Sacred Heart Hospital.

David Hennessy and wife Anne of Sewickley, PA have been foster parents for the past several years. "It has been a blessing to care for eight little ones, most arriving with us at two days of age." David continues an active pediatric practice.
Jack M. Lesnow '31 died September 27, 2001. He lived in Rockville Centre, NY where he practiced urology. A Class Agent for the Class of 1931, he is survived by his wife Bertha.

Samuel S. Burden '35 died May 20, 2001. He practiced internal medicine specializing in allergies in Elkins Park and Jenkintown, PA. He was a charter member of the American College of Allergy and Immunology and was a past president of the Pennsylvania Allergy Society. He is survived by his wife Elaine, two daughters and a son.

Thurston G. Powell '39 died September 11, 2001. He had a general practice in Newton, MA and held a staff appointment at the Newton Wellesley Hospital. He is survived by his wife Margaret, two daughters and a son.

Manuel G. Carmona '41 died in July, 2001. He had a general surgery practice in Hollywood, FL and held staff appointments at Memorial and Doctors Hospitals, Hollywood, FL. He is survived by his wife Vera and three daughters.

Robert M. Packer Jr. '44 died October 14, 2001. He practiced in Abington, PA and served as Chief of Metabolic Services at Abington Hospital. He later relocated his practice to Waycross, GA. He served as President, Ware County (GA) Medical Society and was a volunteer and cofounder of Hospice Satilla in Waycross. He is survived by his wife Ann, son Robert and daughter Ann P. Guillot '74.

Jerome D. Shaffer S'44 died August 3, 2001. He practiced pediatrics in Oklahoma City, OK and served as Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, Oklahoma City. He held staff appointments at Baptist Medical Center, Children's Memorial Hospital, Deaconess Hospital, Mercy Health System, Presbyterian and St. Anthony Hospitals, Oklahoma City. He served as President, Oklahoma City Pediatric Society, 1958. He is survived by his wife Marcia, three sons and a daughter.

J. Richard Titus '50 died August 16, 2001. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Springfield, OH. He was a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American College of Surgeons. He is survived by his wife Anne, three daughters and a son.

Joseph R. Madura '52 died September 22, 2001. He was in general practice in Sharon, PA and held a staff appointment at Sharon General Hospital. He served for years as team physician for Farrell High School in Sharon and as physician at Shenango Campus, Pennsylvania State University. He is survived by his wife Ida Belle, a daughter and a son.

Joseph M. Winston '54 died August 14, 2001. He initially practiced radiology at Jeanes Hospital in Philadelphia and later became Chief of Radiology, St. Joseph's Hospital, Reading, PA where he also served as President of the Medical Staff and Chairman of the hospital's Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife Janet, one daughter and a son.

William P. Mackrell '57 died September 1, 2001. He was a family practitioner and maintained offices in Olyphant and Achbold, PA. He held a staff appointment at Fairview State Hospital, Waymont, PA. He also served as team physician for Valley View High School, Olyphant. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, four daughters and two sons.

Thomas R. Meloy '59 died June 24, 2001. He practiced emergency medicine in Huntingdon, PA.

Paul J. Hull '63 died August 13, 2001. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Boston. He was a Clinical Instructor in Obstetrics-Gynecology at Tufts University School of Medicine and held staff appointments at St. Margaret and St. Elizabeth Hospitals, Boston. He is survived by his wife Pamela, one daughter, and a son.

Barry A. Rofman '68 died September 27, 2001. He practiced family medicine and clinical pharmacology in Morrisville, PA. His son, Jake, is Jefferson 2003. We have no further information at press time.

John H. Bauer '69 died August 20, 2001. The recipient of Jefferson's Alumni Achievement Award in 1999, he specialized in nephrology. He was a noted teacher and researcher in the field of hypertension with over 120 scientific publications and 50 research grants. He was a tenured Professor of Nephrology at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine and Chief of Staff at Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia, MO. He was regarded world wide as a leader in hypertension research. He is survived by his wife Barbara, a son and a daughter.

Martin J. Durkin '69 died October 26, 2001. He practiced psychiatry in Norristown, PA. He held staff appointments at Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia and Holy Redeemer Hospital, Meadowbrook, PA. Fond of the sport of boxing, he served as a physician for the US boxing team for several years. He is survived by his wife Mary Jane, four daughters and a son.

Frank L. Redo '72 died September 2, 2001. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Salem, NJ. He was on staff at Memorial Hospital of Salem County where he also served as President of the Medical Staff. He served as President of the Salem County Medical Society in 1989. He is survived by his wife Bethany, a daughter and two stepsons.

Ronald Hoffman is Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Director of Otolaryngology and the Cochlear Implant Center at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City.

Peter Amadio of Rochester, MN has been at the Mayo Clinic for 18 years and is now President of the Minnesota Medical Association.

Vincent Pellegrini of Wyomissing, PA is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Philadelphia Area Reproductive Endocrine Society and was recently appointed Chief of Gynecology at Reading Hospital and Medical Center.

Angelo Agro, an otolaryngologist based in Haddonfield, is the 209th President of the Medical Society of New Jersey.

He has served as one of the society's delegates to the AMA, and is a member of Jefferson's volunteer faculty.

Larry Hurvitz and wife Kathi have moved into a 1917 historic home in Sarasota, FL. Larry's glaucoma subspecialty practice is busy.

Richard Bearoff of Wayne, PA is now the Medical Director for Concentra Medical Center, an
occupational health care management center in King of Prussia, PA.

'Donald Savage of Shavertown, PA has a busy ophthalmology practice which includes Thomas Sharkey '77. He is Chief of Ophthalmology at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes Barre and Medical Director at Kingston Surgery Center.

'77
Anthony Coletta of Penn Valley, PA was named Chief Executive Officer of the Renaissance Health Alliance, a joint venture company with Independent Blue Cross.

'Sean Stevenson of Shavertown, PA is now chief of the Family Practice Residency, Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals. In October he taught basic and advanced skin surgery techniques at the AAFP Scientific Assembly in Atlanta.

Noel Parent III of Virginia Beach, VA is still enjoying a very active vascular surgery group practice in Norfolk.

'Aaron Bleznak of State College, PA, a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology, was elected to a third consecutive term as Chief of Staff, Centre Community Hospital in State College. He is also President-elect, Central PA Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Paul Mansfield of Houston, TX is still at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center “enjoying family, work and life.”

Leo and Irene '83 Raisis of Wilmington, DE are enjoying their three children. Leo served for four years as Chief of Orthopaedics for Christiana Care Health System and is now President of the Medical Society of Delaware.

'84
Bob Meikle has settled in Waterford, CT where he works as a family doctor for the employees of the Mohegan Sun Casino.

'83
Harvey Madonick has moved with his family to Seaside Park, NJ where he continues practicing emergency medicine at two hospitals near the Jersey shore.

'86
Bob Robles of Orinda, CA is in a private hematology/oncology practice in Walnut Creek, CA.

'87
R. Michael Siatkowski of Oklahoma City and his wife Rhea are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Abigail Margaret on August 27, 2001.

'Sheldon Lin and family of Chatham, NJ greeted their third child, Julia, in March 2001. Sheldon is active with his foot and ankle practice at UMDNJ.

Andrew Markiewitz of Little Rock is Director of the Hand Section at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Deborah Wright of New Hope, PA and husband welcomed their first child, a daughter, on April 30, 2001.

'Donald Liu recently joined the faculty of the University of Chicago as Chief of Pediatric Surgery at the Pritzker School of Medicine and Surgeon-in-Chief for the University of Chicago Children's Hospital. Dr. Liu is an expert in pediatric minimally invasive surgery. His clinical interests include diabetes research, Crohn's disease and ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation). Before joining the University of Chicago, he was Chief of Pediatric Surgery at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine and Children's Hospital of New Orleans, where he was the founding Director of ECMO. Dr. Liu completed his internship and residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and received his fellowship training at the University of Michigan.

Gordon Manin of Chadds Ford, PA accepted the position of Regional Medical Director for Nova Care Occupational Health Services in July 2001.

'91
Karen Blankenburg-Bentley and husband Beau of Charlotte, NC announce the birth of their second daughter, Alexis Marie, on September 7, 2001. Karen is a partner with Cabarrus Emergency Medicine Associates in Concord, NC.

Robert Cabry of Thorofare, NJ left the Navy in 1997 with two navy commendation medals and a meritorious unit commendation. He and wife Kimberly have three children.

Pamela Tecce Johnson of Fallston, MD is currently working part time in the radiology department at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Alex and Rich Tate of Richmond, VA announce to their classmates that they have welcomed a new addition to their home. Catherine Alexandra was born May 3, 2001.

Steve Woratyla of Crofton, MD is practicing vascular surgery at Andrews Air Force Base.

'Brian Ziegler and Cynthia Halcin, after dating for eight years, four of which were spent in different states while pursuing residencies, were finally married in 1995. “Just to make sure marriage was right for us, we spent one additional year apart, incidentally finishing residencies in orthopaedics and dermatology. We finally reunited in 1996, lived in Connecticut to pursue a hand surgery fellowship, then moved to Florida in 1997 to start our practices. Courteney came in August '99 and after a brief hiatus, Matthew and Sierra were born in January 01. We all live
happily on Merritt Island with our dog Gio, who wakes us up faithfully every time the nearby space shuttle launches."

'92 Spyros Mezitis is an attending endocrinologist at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Lenox Hill Hospital. He was elected President of the Hellenic Medical Society of New York.

Jay Pillai of Augusta, GA is an Assistant Professor of Radiology in the Neuroradiology Section of the Medical College of Georgia.

William Sukovich is Director of Spine Surgery at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth. He, wife and four children live in Chesapeake, VA.


'94 Paula Lundgren and husband Tom DeMark announce the birth of their first child, Sophia Ann on July 9, 2001. Paula is a general surgeon in private practice in DuBois, PA.

'95 Melissa Myers of Freedom, NH has been enjoying a busy but very fulfilling practice as a rural community psychiatrist for Northern New Hampshire Mental Health and loves living in an old farmhouse in the New England mountains. "There’s plenty of room for guests if any Jeff colleagues need some R&R in a beautiful, peaceful place with lots of outdoor activities."

Steven Oberlender now resides in Allentown, PA having completed his residency and fellowship at Harvard Medical School and is now practicing dermatologic surgery.

Dan Tershak and Vivian Mao are both in private practice in Roanoke, VA. Dan is practicing general surgery and Vivian, otolaryngology. They have one son.

'96 Kristin DeSimone of Marlton, NJ is a faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine at Jeff. In September, she started a new position as an Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Career Counseling for JMC. She and her husband, Joe DeSimone ID’99, welcomed their second child Katie in July 2001. Brother Joey was born in January 2000.

Zacharia Isaac of Thorofare, NJ recently started his fellowship in interventional spine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. He also was awarded the Elkins Award, given annually to the highest scoring resident on the national PM&R boards.

Teresa Marlin of Devon, PA, who has a private obstetric and gynecologic practice at Lankenau and Paoli Hospitals, is enjoying teaching third year medical students as the student coordinator for the ob/gyn department at Lankenau Hospital.

'97 Ron Gazze of Pittsburgh is the Medical Director of the VA Community-Based Outpatient Center in Washington, PA.


'98 Jonathan Harris of Bayside, NY is completing a chief residency in internal medicine at Montefiore Medical Center-Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He has a newborn daughter, Rachel, who was born in August.

Leslie Loberant and Edwin King II of Mars, PA are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Maya on August 25, 2001. The proud grandparents Beth and Norman Loberant ’70 were in attendance.

'99 Alix Faust married David Paget-Brown on August 4, 2001. They live in Charlottesville, VA where Alix will do a pediatric pulmonary fellowship following her residency.

Francis Keeley Jr. U’96 at the ceremony in which he was inducted into the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. With him are his proud parents Dr. and Mrs. Francis Keeley IM’60. Frank Jr. lives with his wife and two daughters in Bristol, U.K.
Alumni Spotlight: Charles Stahl '56

Charles J. Stahl graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1956 and was the recipient of the Mosby Award for Scholastic Excellence. His Jefferson years coincided with the Korean War and many physicians during those years were called to serve either through the Berry Plan or the draft. Charles Stahl was commissioned as a Navy Ensign during his first year of medical school, he served on active Navy duty during vacation periods, and he stayed on active duty with the Navy for the next 23 years. He also became the first Navy pathologist to become board certified in the pathology subspecialty of forensic pathology. He credits the excellent courses at Jefferson in pathology and surgical pathology taught by Dr. Peter Herbut, as well as the course in laboratory medicine directed by John Hodges '39, as playing a major role in his decision to choose a career in pathology.

Charles Stahl spent the years 1957-1961 in a residency in anatomical and clinical pathology at Philadelphia's US Naval Hospital, becoming board certified in 1961. He then became the first resident selected for the new residency program in forensic pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC. In 1964 he became the first Navy pathologist to become board certified in this specialized field of pathology. He then was assigned to the United States Naval Hospital at Guam as Chief of Laboratory Services, and also served as Deputy Medical Examiner, Territory of Guam. He served successively as Chief of the Forensic Pathology Branch, as Chief of the Military Environmental Pathology Division, as Chief of the Forensic Sciences Division and, finally, as Chairman, Department of Forensic Sciences and member of the Scientific Advisory Board, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Dr. Stahl has authored 66 papers in his field of interest. He is a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. He has served as Vice President, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Medical Examiners. He is a past Editor of the Journal of Forensic Sciences and, in 1975, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences honored him for his professional and literary contributions in that post. Among his numerous awards are the Legion of Merit, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal with Star. In 1998 he was awarded the Milton Helpern Laureate Award for his devotion to the profession of forensic pathology, and for his numerous contributions to improving death investigations in the United States.

Prior to his 1980 retirement from active naval service as a Captain, Medical Corps, United States Navy, he served as Chairman, Department of Laboratory Medicine, National Naval Medical Center, and Professor of Pathology at the Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, MD. He also served as Medical Director, Medical Technology and Medical Laboratory Technician Schools, Naval Health Sciences Education Command. In addition, he held appointments as Professor of Pathology, Georgetown and George Washington University Medical School where he also directed the residency programs in forensic pathology. From 1992 to 1996 he served as Distinguished Scientist, American Registry of Pathology, and the Armed Forces Medical examiner for the Department of Defense at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, DC.

Not one to sit idly in retirement, Charles Stahl began a new career with the Veterans Administration and in public service. He was Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dayton, OH from 1986 to 1991. He also served as Chairman of the Clinical Executive Board and the Professional Standards Board at the medical center. In addition, he served as Assistant Dean for Veterans Affairs, and Professor of Pathology, Wright State School of Medicine, Dayton, OH. He also was a member of the Executive Resident Policy, Continuing Medical Education, and VA Management Advisory Committees of the medical school. He subsequently was selected as the Deputy Medical Inspector, Veterans Health Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Charles Stahl and his wife, Ellen, the parents of two daughters and a son, now live in Rockville, MD. Still busy, Dr. Stahl recently was appointed by the County Executive and County Council, Montgomery County, MD to a three year term as a member of the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board. He also serves as an advisor to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, VA, and is Chairman of a multidisciplinary forensic advisory committee. Jefferson congratulates Charles J. Stahl '56 on his distinguished professional career and thanks him for bringing honor and distinction to Jefferson Medical College.
Benjamin Bacharach ‘56 Receives the Cornerstone Award

Benjamin (Bud) Bacharach ‘56, Emeritus Professor of Surgery, was the recipient of the prestigious Cornerstone Award at the 2001 President’s Club Dinner held at the Springfield Country Club on November 2. More than 200 of Jefferson’s most generous and loyal benefactors attended this year’s annual event, hosted by Thomas Jefferson University President Paul C. Brucker MD and his wife, Joan, to acknowledge and thank major university and hospital donors for their support.

Dr. Brucker thanked all those in attendance for their outstanding generosity, saying, “Your gifts have helped get us where we are, and will continue to strengthen Jefferson. This philanthropy will be key to fulfilling our plans, which are ambitious and exciting.” Dr. Brucker noted that despite the challenges Jefferson faces today, “Our goals are attainable, even in these uncertain times. The future also offers opportunity, and Jefferson is ready to move forward, thanks to your partnership.”

Douglas J. MacMaster Jr., Esq., Chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees, presented the Cornerstone Award, Jefferson’s highest tribute, to Dr. Bacharach in recognition of his longtime service and philanthropy to Jefferson. Due to ill health, Dr. Bacharach was unable to attend the event and receive the award in person. It was accepted on his behalf by Stanton Smullens ’61, Dr. Bacharach’s longtime colleague and former surgical partner. Of Dr. Bacharach’s outstanding commitment to Jefferson, Mr. MacMaster said, “Bud, as he is known by everyone, has served our institution in so many ways. He is a staunch supporter and effective advocate who has tremendous faith in Jefferson and confidence in its future.”

Chairman of the President’s Club since 1972, Dr. Bacharach was Associate Dean for Alumni Relations, President of the JMC Alumni Association and — for nearly two decades — JMC’s Associate Dean for Admissions and Chairman of the Admissions Committee. He is the 2001 recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award presented by the JMC Alumni Association. Former Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Dr. Bacharach is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

The evening’s program included awards to other special donors. University trustee and Development Committee Chairman James W. Stratton announced the names of new Fellows of the President’s Club, who received gold-headed physicians’ canes symbolizing healing and acknowledging exceptional, enduring philanthropy to Jefferson. The new Fellows are: Henry Caruso and the Caruso Family Foundation; Joanna Griffith Gabel (widow of Reynolds Griffith ’18); the late Harold J. Hassel ’57; Murray I. Blackman, Trustee, the Kahn Charitable Foundation; Lorraine C. King REN’77; Jo Ann Klemmer (widow of Herbert Klemmer ’37); Mr. and Mrs. James E. Ksansnak; Dr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Leck; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Lustgarten; Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. McCairns ’76; Michael F. Rieders PhD’85; Stanton (’61) and SaraKay Smullens; Alfred P. Spivak ’54; Daniel M. Tabas; and Hubert K. Turley J’44.

Mr. Stratton also welcomed new members of the Winged Ox Society, who received pins to recognize their generous support of Jefferson in the last fiscal year. They are: Mrs. Gustave G. Amsterdam; Mrs. Wesley W. Bare (widow of Wesley W. Bare ’52); Nicholas J. Barna ’85; Dolores R. Ciglionecki; Alan and Myrna Cohen; Stephen A. Cozen Esq.; Mary Louise Foy Failla DN ’50; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Frankel; Mr. and Mrs. William Frankel; Abraham Freedman MD; Joanna Griffith Gabel; Ronald H. Hirokawa ’71; Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Jones; Herbert Kean OTO’60; F.M. Kirby; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Klein; Dr. and Mrs. Max M. Koppel ’57; Charles W. Korbonits ’46; Mr. and Mrs. Jay B. Korman; Patrick J. O’Connor Esq.; Susan Marie Rinkus; Jay K. Salwen ’63; Domenic J. Santulli Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip G. Steel; Robert L. Sussman ’71; Hubert K. Turley J’44; Albert H. Wilkinson Jr. ’52; John F. Wilson ’87; and John S. Wilson Sr.

On the back cover, photos from the dinner: Benjamin (Bud) Bacharach ‘56 was honored as the recipient of the 2001 Cornerstone Award. In the photo at top, gathered around a reproduction of Dr. Bacharach’s portrait, are Douglas J. MacMaster Jr., Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson University, University President Paul C. Brucker MD and Dr. and Mrs. Stanton Smullens ’61. Dr. Smullens accepted the award on Dr. Bacharach’s behalf.

Next row down, Dr. and Mrs. James W. Fox IV ’70; Dr. and Mrs. James J. Kelly ’39

Below, Marvin E. Jaffe ’60, Douglas J. MacMaster Jr., Esq. and Elmer H. Funk Jr. ’47; Dr. and Mrs. Ignatius S. Heneleski Jr. ’64

Dr. Brucker with Lorraine C. King REN’77; Mrs. Henry C. Stofman (GS’58) with Mr. and Mrs. H. Andrew Rose
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