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Robert L. Barchi MD PhD
Is Named President of the University

Robert L. Barchi MD PhD, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, has been elected Thomas Jefferson University’s fourth President, Brian G. Harrison, Chair of the University’s Board of Trustees, announced in June.

Dr. Barchi will begin his tenure at Jefferson on September 1, 2004. He succeeds Paul C. Brucker MD, who announced his plans to retire in July 2003 after a distinguished tenure of 14 years.

“It gives me great pleasure to welcome Dr. Robert Barchi to Jefferson,” Mr. Harrison said. “He brings to the presidency an extraordinary blend of academic leadership experience and professional expertise that will help position the university for continued excellence. He will also help solidify the excellent relationships and affiliations we now have with Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and the Jefferson Health System.”

“I look forward to this exciting and challenging opportunity,” said Dr. Barchi. “Thomas Jefferson University is an outstanding institution with a long and illustrious history of leadership in education, research and clinical care. Jeff is highly respected both in the community and nationally among members of the various health professions. I’m eager to join the team of outstanding faculty, students, staff, alumni and trustees in shaping a strong future for Jefferson.”

Dr. Barchi became Provost at Penn in 1999, after having spent much of his academic career in the university’s School of Medicine. In addition to his clinical activities as a neurologist specializing in neuromuscular diseases, Dr. Barchi is also a dedicated teacher and a molecular neuroscientist with a strong history of discovery in ion channel research that has been supported by nearly 30 years of continuous NIH funding.

“Thomas Jefferson University has made an inspired choice in selecting Bob to lead its colleges forward,” said Dr. Judith Rodin, President of the University of Pennsylvania. “Throughout his more than 30-year career at Penn, he has been a brilliant researcher and clinician, passionate teacher and successful leader. He has been an outstanding provost, trusted advisor, and a good friend. I wish him well as he moves on to this new challenge.”

Dr. Barchi served as Vice Dean for Research in Penn’s School of Medicine from 1989 to 1991. In 1992, he established the Department of Neuroscience and became its first Chair. In 1995, while serving as Chairman of Neuroscience, he became Chair of the Department of Neurology. Between 1983 and 1996, Dr. Barchi served as Director of the Mahoney Institute of Neurological Sciences, an interdisciplinary, university-wide entity that he expanded to become the focus for Penn’s growth in neuroscience, encompassing the intellectual activities of more than 120 faculty members.

As provost, Dr. Barchi has served as Penn’s chief academic officer, bringing to the post a dynamic depth of experience as educator, administrator, clinician and scientist. Among the numerous challenges he has addressed are: assisting the president in working through the complex financial and management issues in the Health System; rebuilding the academic infrastructure of the provost’s office; reasserting the primacy of the academic mission in the direction of the
university; managing the issues and challenges of human research at the university; recruiting new leadership for 9 of the University's 12 schools as well as most of Penn's leadership at the vice provost level; and leading the university through a strategic planning process, a lengthy and complex task engaging a team of more than 200 faculty, students and staff members.

As provost, Dr. Barchi has also played a key role in developing Penn's annual budget and long term financial plan, and has been responsible for creating critical new academic strategic initiatives. His office has direct oversight for more than $700 million in annual research funding, as well as for Penn's 23,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students and 2,400 full time faculty.

Dr. Barchi represented Penn in the creation of BioAdvance, a regional consortium of academic institutions, business and government dedicated to spurring statewide job creation and retention in the life sciences. Today, he serves as Vice Chair of that organization's board. He is also a member of the board of Ben Franklin Technology Partnerships, a public entity designed to speed the translation of new discoveries in fundamental science and technology into commercial application.

A native of Philadelphia, Dr. Barchi received bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Georgetown University in Washington, DC, as well as a PhD in biochemistry and an MD degree, both from the University of Pennsylvania. He completed a residency in neurology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Board certified in neurology, he rose from Assistant Professor of Biochemistry to become the David Mahoney Professor of Neurological Sciences within a decade. In 2004, in recognition of his many contributions to research, education and training at Penn, Dr. Barchi was named the Fairhill Professor of Medicine, one of the oldest endowed chairs at the university.

Dr. Barchi has received numerous honors, including election to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his research accomplishments. He is the recipient of the Senior Investigator Achievement Award of the American Heart Association. He received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the School of Medicine, and the Lindback Award for Excellence in Teaching, also from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Barchi is a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Neurological Association, the College of Physicians and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has been elected to membership in the American Society of Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians, Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha.

A prolific author, Dr. Barchi's co-edited text Molecular and Genetic Basis of Neurological Disease is now in its third edition. He has contributed more than 150 articles to professional journals and edited volumes. He also serves on the editorial boards of numerous journals.

On the personal side, Dr. Barchi has been an avid sports enthusiast all his life. He played varsity lacrosse and football at Georgetown, and was captain of the football team in his senior year. He started rowing in high school at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia, and continues today to row a single scull on the Schuylkill River, where he has raced at the master's level for a number of years. He is also "a tennis addict." In addition, Dr. Barchi enjoys collecting antique clocks and watches from the 17th and 18th centuries. He repairs them, and even designs and constructs his own clocks, in the extensive machine shop in the basement of his home in Narberth, Pennsylvania. He resides in Narberth with his wife, Francis Harper Barchi, and his stepdaughter Millan, a junior at Friends Central School. Three other children are in college: Jonathan, a senior at MIT; Jennifer, a junior at Stanford; and stepson Faris, a freshman at Georgetown.

Barchi has long been interested in encouraging collaboration among different medical specialists, and one of his priorities is to "help Jefferson take advantage of the interdisciplinary opportunities it has on its campus." Barchi also said he will seek to build on Jefferson's long tradition of clinical excellence. "As interested as I am in research and technology transfer, it is very important to recognize that Jefferson has been known for the excellence of its clinical care and must continue to be known for that. One of my key areas of focus will be in training the best of tomorrow's clinicians."

"Thomas Jefferson University is an outstanding institution with a long and illustrious history," Barchi said. "I'm eager to join the team."

"In seeking Jefferson's next president, we identified a candidate who exemplified leadership, scholarship and administrative expertise," said Douglas J. MacMaster Jr. Esq., former Chair of the Jefferson Board, and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. "I am confident Dr. Barchi's credentials and philanthropic acumen will promote the university's growth while protecting its legacy."
The Importance of Mentors: David's Story

In the last issue of this wonderful magazine, I spoke of mentors, and their important role in the formation of the young physician. I spoke of the JeffHOPE Ball, where residents, faculty, and staff were honored for their mentorship and role modeling behaviors. They were mentors even when they thought “no one was looking.”

I began thinking about what draws such good people, these wonderful clinician scientists and staff, to the academic environment. Surely it is not the practice setting. Practicing in a teaching hospital and university environment is daunting, with competing needs, high overhead, the crush of the urban setting, and the special challenges of practicing in Philadelphia today. The trite answers relate to the “cutting edge” nature of care delivered in the university or teaching hospital environment. While that is true, most of our time is spent delivering the same care that is available in most hospitals or outpatient offices across the United States. The next set of answers relates to the desire to be among young people who will “force us to stay up-to-date.” While the university or teaching hospital may have, in the past, been the place where knowledge flows most freely, the current availability of information at our fingertips in the form of readily accessible knowledge bases of digested and synthesized information, as well as on-line journals with direct access to current research data, permits any environment to have a free flow of knowledge.

Thus, it must be something else. While there are many factors, and the reasons vary from faculty member to faculty member, I can concisely tell you what draws me to this environment.

It is the chance to learn from my students.

Perhaps a story about one of them will clarify my point for you.

David A. presented himself to my office on a cold February afternoon, seeking a residency position in internal medicine. A handsome young man, somewhat shy, he presented rather late in the interview season. He was very bright, with outstanding recommendations. However, all his letters were written as though he were going into otolaryngology. Of course, one of my early questions related to internal medicine as, perhaps, a back-up choice, to which he replied in the negative. He then told me his story.

David wished to follow in the footsteps of his father, a successful otolaryngologist in Cincinnati. His preparation complete, he applied in the fall. In October, he developed pain and a mass in his forearm, and ultimately was diagnosed with a sarcoma of a synovial sheath. As the initial surgical approach was wide excision and lymph node dissection, he was left without the prerequisite dexterity and upper extremity function needed to pursue his dream. After considerable study, he identified internal medicine as his career choice. When I asked him what the factors were that led him to that decision, he replied that he would have the most likelihood of helping people in need, and that he would be able to teach. You see, he was drawn to teaching, and had always wanted to be a faculty member in a university. He would find a way to accomplish this goal.

Many program directors avoided recruiting David, out of concerns that he needed to learn to use his non-dominant hand to write and to perform procedures (the tumor was in his dominant forearm), and that he would not primarily be motivated to a career in internal medicine. I saw something different, a young man with a burning desire to make a difference, and so I brought him into my program.

It was one of the best decisions of my career.

David struggled, at first, with the development of writing skills with his left hand. He resisted the use of dictation devices, opting to work through the difficulties, and ultimately developed legible handwriting with his left hand. Initially a concern of the faculty, he soon became a highly thought of intern, and then first year resident. He excelled at physical diagnosis and the care of the acutely ill, but was truly outstanding in his approach to the patient with chronic illness. He was drawn to the care of patients with terminal illness, and they to him. He was able to establish a therapeutic relationship with each patient, no matter how difficult the situation, with the grace and ease of a senior role model physician. All around him began to sense that there was something special in David.
At the end of his second year of training, we began to discuss his becoming a chief medical resident. He was excited by this opportunity, and the possibility of an academic career in a subspecialty of internal medicine. He had just met a wonderful young woman, and felt that his life was coming back together.

As fate would have it, he had a year follow-up appointment for his synovial sheath sarcoma shortly after this discussion. He returned from his home and came to me to deliver the news that the tumor had recurred in the axilla and the lung. He faced a difficult decision – to approach the lesions as systemic illness, or aggressively pursue a surgical approach to the axilla and lung, followed by chemotherapy. He chose the latter.

We had a long discussion of his therapeutic goals, and this evolved into a frank discussion of his life's aspirations. Rather than a despondent, angry person, he revealed himself to be a deeply committed and kind individual with a desire to help others in any way he was able. This would manifest itself throughout his life.

Over the next 6 months David was in and out of hospital, initially related to the chest surgery, and later due to complications of chemotherapy. Early in the spring, he came to me, desirous of an opportunity to restart his training. He was driven to re-enter the medical environment. His partner, Lisa, wished to be married, but David refused. He did not want to saddle her with the pain he thought he might have to endure, or to leave her a widow at a young age.

David was tested physically and psychologically, and received a clean bill of health. Lisa talked him into marriage (which he wanted, all along!) and a date was set. Two weeks before the ceremony and a month before re-entry into the clinical environment, David had a seizure. Metastatic disease was identified in his brain. We were all devastated, I perhaps as much as his family. Life had dealt a wonderful human being as bad a hand as any could imagine.

As had been the case after his initial recurrence, his spirits were outstanding. He was convinced that he could, indeed, serve others after his radiation therapy was completed. During that period of time, I counseled David and Lisa, and a new wedding date was set. As luck would have it, I left Pittsburgh, and returned to Jefferson at about that time.

Approximately 18 months later, I received a call that David had died. I went to Pittsburgh for the funeral, and was amazed at what I saw. David, unable to re-enter his residency, had decided to teach disadvantaged grade school students. They loved him, as did the parish priests, the nuns in the school, and the parents. He had touched the lives of hundreds of people, and had given of himself until the day he died. His funeral was a celebration of his life, not a mourning of his passing.

David touched me in numerous ways. He taught me to identify what is important, and to leave the unnecessary baggage behind. He lived the often quoted but infrequently achieved dictum carpe diem or “seize the day.” And he lived it for others, not himself. He had a burning desire to serve others, and he was able to find ways to live that service despite an illness that rendered his hopes and dreams for a life in medicine impossible. He lived his life filled with the quiet flame of persistent bravery that I call altruism, or that others call love for others, deep in his heart.

It is this purity of purpose, this selfless desire to serve, that lives to varying degrees in each of our students and residents. All you have to do is look, and it is there. It is a noble gift that they wish to give to humanity. It is a flame that we, as faculty, are warmed by each day. We draw sustenance from its brilliance, and we, in turn, have the opportunity to shape it, to mold it, and to assist these young physicians in expressing this virtue in their lives as physicians.

It is this privilege, this honor to assist these young people in their journey of service that draws me to the teaching environment. And I, like all reflective faculty, are grateful for that privilege.

You see, students like David are our mentors.

Thomas J. Nasca ‘75
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Dean, Jefferson Medical College
President, Jefferson University Physicians
STAYING PREPARED AGAINST BIOTERRORISM

Division of Infectious Diseases Confronts the Spectrum of Potential Epidemics

SARs, AIDS, Anthrax, Small Pox. These are frightening words in today’s news headlines, but for the virologists who work in Jefferson’s Center for Human Virology and Biodefense, they are all in a day’s work.

The Center for Human Virology was established as an outgrowth of Jefferson’s Division of Infectious Diseases in 1990. Since that time, there has been significant expansion of laboratories interested in retrovirology (the study of HIV). Heading up the important work of the center is Roger J. Pomerantz MD, Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology.

Dr. Pomerantz has been Chief of Infectious Diseases since 1990 and was selected to head the Center for Human Virology in 1994. In the aftermath of the terror attacks of September 11, the Center became the Center for Human Virology and Biodefense. The major research work of the center focuses on the study of HIV, small pox, and toxins like botulism and other bioterrorism agents.

In order to accommodate the biodefense research of the center, the Division of Environmental Medicine was merged with Infectious Diseases. According to Dr. Pomerantz, “We have 3 sections that go on here, organizationally. One section is clinical infectious disease; the second section is clinical environmental disease; the third section, which overlaps, is the research side of the Center for Human Virology and Biodefense.”

The center is interdepartmental, and the research teams of the Center for Human Virology and Biodefense represent scientists from various disciplines and departments such as virology, immunology, neurovirology, cell biology, microbiology and genetics. Dr. Pomerantz says, “What we did is bring all the virologists from around the university together into the center. Most are physically located here, so even though they stayed in their own departments, there was a way of having an interacting group within the center. They’re formally members of their own departments, but they talk to me on a daily basis. It was clear that virologists had more in common with each other than they may have with other members of their separate departments, which is why the center was set up.”

In the past few years, the media has increased its reporting on outbreaks such as SARs and Ebola, but according to Pomerantz, we are not actually living in an era of increased diseases. “What we’re seeing now with certain infections is a species-to-species jump in that the infection was in a nonhuman animal, and some mutation took place that allowed it to transfer to human populations, as with SARs and Civet cats, or HIV coming from chimpanzees, or Ebola, which is probably from chimpanzees and monkeys. Like influenza, which started in pigs and chickens, these diseases started as an infection in the animal,” he explained. “As people continue to cut down rain forests, as people move into areas where they were not before, as we have more contact with a changing environment, we will likely see these cross-species transfers. Every one of these ‘new’ diseases is just a cross species transfer. There is nothing new about them; they are just new in humans.”

By far, Pomerantz states, HIV remains the most dangerous infectious disease affecting the world. Numerous advances have been made in HIV therapy over the past decades, but it remains a grave problem in much of the developing world, such as sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Indian subcontinent. “HIV kills millions each year,” he said. “We have not seen in our lifetime a disease like this. SARs, Ebola, even changes in influenza pale in comparison to what HIV is still doing. HIV has gone lower on the radar screen in the developed world because of changes in therapy that have changed it into more of a chronic disease, but if you look at it in gross numbers, it is still the biggest infectious disease out there worldwide.”

Pomerantz began researching HIV/AIDS as a medical student in the early 1980s. At that time, a diagnosis of HIV was considered a death sentence. Since then, “there has been a real paradigm shift in AIDS because of new drugs like combination cocktails and highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) which has turned it into a chronic disease for many people,” he explained.

“Right now, if you get diagnosed with HIV and get treated well and take your medication, there is no reason to assume that it is going to kill you. There are actuarial survivals for people that are suggested to be out more than 30 years. There is indefinite survival.”

Pomerantz explained that the main hurdle in treating HIV today occurs when patients neglect to take their medication correctly because resistant viruses can develop. “If the drugs are taken intermittently,” he explained, “the virus will eventually grow resistant to the medications, and there will be mutations in the virus that allow it to grow. Our goals now are to make people have no detectable virus in their blood and, hopefully, have a fairly intact immune system to let them live on.”

He continued, “We have hundreds of patients like this now. In the eighties, virtually everybody who got HIV died and there was nothing you could do for them. In the past 20 years, HIV has changed as much as diabetes did before and after insulin was discovered. Before insulin was discovered in the 1920s, diabetes was a death sentence for many people. It is not a death sentence today. We still haven’t cured diabetes, but clearly with insulin, we prolong life for many decades. This is similar with HIV and the medications we have now. We haven’t cured it, but we’ve changed it into a chronic disease.”

Pomerantz noted that in the past year, the center has had 2 major successes in its HIV research. Dr. Hui Zhang and other researchers reported that a protein called CEM15 is a natural inhibitor of HIV. They also showed that an HIV-encoded protein called Vif counteracts
CEM15. It turns out CEM15 renders HIV essentially dead by altering newly made HIV DNA, causing mutations and preventing replication. “People have been working on this for 20 years. It’s now a new target for drug designs,” he stated.

“The second thing that’s been really helpful is more translational,” he continued. “In the last year we were the first to publish a true eradication protocol for HIV that was based on work done in the laboratories, and then on protocols here at Jefferson in the clinics and in our bone marrow transplant unit. What we found is that we were unsuccessful in eradicating HIV, but we were able to deplete the reservoirs lower than anyone has described in the world’s literature. That gives us some background to decide how to develop a new translational protocol, perhaps to be fully successful this time.”

In addition to HIV research, the center is active in studying bioterrorism agents. In 2002, the Department of Health and Human Services awarded Jefferson a $1.9 million grant to help establish Thomas Jefferson University Hospital as one of the major centers for biodefense in the country (see page 10). Dr. Pomerantz served as chair of the committee that developed a reaction plan in case of a bioterrorism attack in Philadelphia.

“We worked with the city and state in developing an emergency response,” he said. “Hopefully, we will never have to act on it, but we do have a plan for what we would do in the hospital, such as which patients would be triaged out, which surgeries would be canceled, how we would contain people who had small pox or another bioterrorism infection and where we would put immuno-suppressed patients so they wouldn’t get infected. We had to work out what we would do initially, and then what we would do after patients were stabilized in the emergency room.”

For most Americans, the threat of bioterrorism was hardly a worry before 9/11. Pomerantz stated that bioterrorism research did take place prior to 9/11, but it wasn’t taken very seriously, and the government didn’t heavily fund such research.

“Now we’ve seen that there are individuals who are willing to do anything, perhaps even re-release small pox into the world if they got their hands on it,” he said. “This has greatly reinvigorated the country on a local and national level for doing more research. We were studying the vaccinia virus, which is what gave us the small pox vaccine, even before 9/11, but after 9/11, it became a big deal. Now we’re deeply involved in pox research because all of a sudden, an eradicated virus like small pox is a worry. Right now it’s eradicated, but there’s a good chance that some terrorists would be willing to use it if they could. All of a sudden, something that we thought we’d never have to worry about again is a major concern.”

The Center for Virology and Biodefense is also studying, in Dr. Lance Simpson’s lab, other toxins such as botulinum, which could be used to contaminate water supplies. In addition, the center is looking into Ebola and SARs and how they might be used as bioterrorism agents if they were mutated and made more infectious.

Clearly, the research work of the center reflects our society and our changing times. Each decade brings a new set of priorities. Pomerantz remains cautiously optimistic in the face of a bioterrorism attack.

“I think the government is starting to do enough to ensure our safety,” he said. “The U.S. was really not prepared for the possibility of bioterrorism, so we’ve had to revamp and reinvigorate very quickly. As a country, we’re moving in the right direction, but we’re playing catch-up right now. In a few years, hopefully, will be where we want to be.” JMC
Hospital Develops Bioterrorism Training for Health Care Workforce with Grant from Health and Human Services

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital is one of 19 medical centers in the United States to receive a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide bioterrorism training and education for the nation’s health professions workforce.

This past year, Jefferson was awarded $968,102 for each of 2 years to support its Recognition to Recovery (R2R) continuing education program which will focus on training the health care workforce to address the medical consequences in the event of a catastrophe. As part of the R2R project, Jefferson Hospital will work in close collaboration with 3 key partners: Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, which like Jefferson is a member of the Jefferson Health System; the State of Pennsylvania Department of Health; and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Much of the content will be available online through the state Department of Health’s Learning Management System web site.

The grants are the first in HHS's Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum Development Program. "Our health care professionals need to be prepared for the special demands that a bioterrorism attack could make on them and on our health care system," HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said. "This new program is an important part of our broader efforts to prepare our public health system, develop effective medical countermeasures and stand ready to respond if bioterrorism should strike."

“Training programs such as Recognition to Recovery will help medical centers achieve the optimal response to patients injured in acts of terrorism and increase their chances of recovery,” said Edward H. Jasper ’80, R2R project director and co-chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. “The R2R curriculum will be all inclusive and will be presented as a continuum of care, which covers not only the initial response to the disaster but also hospital care management through to recovery.”

Thomas J. Lewis, President and CEO of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, said the hospital’s expectation is that the R2R education program will become “a standard among medical centers in Pennsylvania for bioterrorism continuing education.”

The R2R project also includes collaboration with the emergency response system and the public health system to eventually develop a national curriculum.

“We expect to involve more than 7,000 health care professionals, including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, allied health, dental, mental health, pharmacists, emergency medical services (EMS) and health care administration,” said Dr. Jasper, who is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Jefferson.

A 2-hour basic core course (Continuing Medical Education eligible) will be developed that will be applicable to all health care professionals. The course will include an overview of initial response, emergency department management (including decontamination and incident command) and hospital management of victims of the various terrorism agents: nuclear, chemical and biological. “This course would give the basic information that all health professionals should know in the event of a mass casualty event,” Dr. Jasper said.

It would also serve as the basis for developing a “Train the Trainer” curriculum into the R2R program to further expand the training to as many professionals as possible, he said.

The idea entails training targeted emergency medicine physicians in Pennsylvania to present this course as Grand Rounds presentations to a variety of health care providers.

“The premise here is that many health care providers, while interested in the topic of bioterrorism/disaster management, do not have such a program available at their hospital or do not have the time to seek out a distance learning course on this issue,” Dr. Jasper said.

In addition to the basic course, there will be courses that would be tailored to each of the medical specialties along with quick reference guides, downloadable fact sheets (PDA accessible), and links to web-based information.

The non-distance learning basic core curriculum and course content for each discipline will be piloted at Jefferson Hospital and Albert Einstein Medical Center during the first year with residents, faculty, emergency medical services staff, and other health care professionals.

Disaster drills are another key component of the R2R curriculum, Dr. Jasper said. The drills will prepare the learners to participate in a multidisciplinary terrorist response and will serve as a method to develop team collaboration/coordination to respond to terrorist events and other public health emergencies.

“We plan to conduct a large multi-agency drill in coordination with other state and local organizations in year one and year 2 of the program,” Dr. Jasper explained.
EXTRAORDINARY STUDENTS

Four Jefferson Students Win AOA Community Service Award

For the first time, Jefferson Medical College students have teamed up to win a 2004 AOA National Student Community Service Award.

JMC students have won their share of AOA fellowships before, but this is the first award in the category of Community Service, says Troy L. Thompson II MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, and faculty adviser to the Jefferson chapter of AOA, the National Medical Honor Society. The effort garnering the winning honor: the Refugee/Immigrant Health Outreach project (RIHO), put together by Ranu Dhillon ’06, David Michel ’06, Onya West ’07, and Jessica Young ’05. James D. Plumb ’74, Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, and Director of the Office to Advance Population Health, is faculty adviser to the project.

The hope is to make the project a permanent student activity, lasting well after its present team members graduate. RIHO’s goal is to empower and develop refugee and immigrant communities in Philadelphia through health outreach efforts addressing the linguistic, cultural, financial and systemic barriers preventing refugee and immigrant communities from receiving and pursuing adequate health care. By working directly with these communities, RIHO students hope to organize outreach events and establish an infrastructure for greater health awareness and access among community members. The project is currently being piloted in the Panjabi-American and Haitian-American communities of Philadelphia. JMC

Student Elected to International Refugee Post

Future physicians from around the world have elected 2 American medical students - one a member of the Jefferson Medical College Class of ’06 - as their leaders in the areas of refugees and peace. The students were elected at the 54th General Assembly Meeting of the International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA) in The Netherlands. Medical students from more than 54 countries elected Ranu Dhillon ’06, and Henry Lin, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine ’05, to the position of Director of Standing Committee on Refugees and Peace. An international nongovernmental organization for medical students interested in global health issues, IFMSA has more than one million members, representing 93 student organizations in 88 countries.

Mr. Dhillon is heavily involved in health development efforts. He hopes to continue organizing peace-building projects that aid and empower underdeveloped communities and underserved populations internationally and within the United States. Mr. Dhillon and Mr. Lin want to fortify the current activities of SCORP by forging stronger connections with other service organizations that have similar goals, and by increasing avenues of participation for medical students who seek more involvement. JMC
Maj. William Wong Jr. ’97 has had his share of brushes with death during his service as an army ophthalmologist in Baghdad. And it’s been very different from his practice back in the states: "A doc is a doc is a doc…At least that is how the Army thinks. After 6 years of specializing in eyeballs I find myself in Iraq assigned as an Armor Battalion Surgeon - a general medical officer on the front line taking care of soldiers, and whatever malady they may show up with. Each day brings new challenges, and I hope that I am able to handle them. Today has turned out to be another medically challenging day.

"I once again must delve into the depths of my memory and retrieve the bits and pieces of medical knowledge necessary to figure out why a soldier is running a fever, and has a swollen leg and hand that are full of fluid. Add to that the symptoms of pain with urination, fatigue, chills, wrist and knee pain, and now swelling of his calf down to his foot. What could it be? Deep vein thrombosis? An infectious disease? He has no reason to have either diagnosis. Since our simple aid station is just that, a simple aid station, we need to bring him downtown to the Combat Support Hospital (the CSH) in Baghdad's Green Zone for evaluation and treatment. Today. As we're trying to coordinate his evacuation, in walks a soldier with kidney stones that have yet to pass in the last 3 days. We start hydrating him again with IV fluid and shoot him up with morphine to ease the pain. I need to take him to the hospital as well.

"Out here in the desert, dehydration is common. Not only in summertime with 120 degree temperatures, but even during the winter with temperatures in the fifties. That's why one of our own medics has been nursing his own kidney stones for the last week. He's already had a history of 3 to 4 episodes in the past and required surgery to extract them. He needs to visit the urologist as well. Within a matter of an hour and a half, we have 3 soldiers that need evacuation to the CSH. But today is the birthday of an imam and a significant religious holiday. Due to the gathering of thousands of people at the mosque outside our gates, our base is closed and no convoys are allowed for the next few days. We place the call to have a Bird (a helicopter) sent out.

"We don our body armor, pack up and go. At the CSH, the whole day is spent getting tests and waiting for consults. Two of our guys end up being admitted overnight, and our medic is run through a CT scan, blood work, and X-rays. While awaiting test results, I run upstairs to check up on a Kurdish soldier we sent over last night almost dead with pneumonia. He is sitting in bed, doing much better and actually smiling. Late in the afternoon we have an answer. Our medic is referred for evacuation to Germany for further treatment, and possible surgery. It looks like we did the right thing this time."

Dr. Wong is now back in Kansas, at Irwin Army Community Hospital, Fort Riley, where is he is Chief of Ophthalmology.

Rachel Chastanet ’87, a member of the Naval Reserves, served in Iraq and Kuwait for 6 months in 2003. While there she earned a Marine Corps Martial Arts Gray Belt. Her 3 sons “think having a mom who carried a weapon and has combat boots is ‘way cool.’” Dr. Chastanet remains in the reserves as well as working as a hospitalist in Virginia.

An Accordion Brings Cheer on Afghan Deployment

Adapted from Stars and Stripes, April 2004

"There’s nothing more grating than hearing someone just learning to play the accordion,” admits Captain Lou Giangiulio ’99. But in the hands of a skilled player, "it makes people smile."

He should know. Giangiulio, a doctor with the 10th Mountain Division’s Forward Support Battalion hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan, has been playing his accordion around the base since just before Christmas.

He's a fixture at the base coffee bar’s Sunday-night open mike, talent shows and Christmas pageant. Hospital patients can frequently hear him playing in one of the small offices that borders the waiting area.

"I get a lot of ‘Does he do that often?’ ” said medic Spc. Jamie Jameson. "You kind of grow fond of it and tired of it at the same time. Actually, he's pretty good."
Jameson said Giangiulio takes requests from staff and patients, recently learning OutKast's "Hey Ya."

He's also been teaching Kandahar-based orthopaedic surgeon Dr. (Col.) Richard Gonzalez how to play. Memories from his childhood drew Gonzalez to the lessons. "In Puerto Rico, Christmas music is very special," he said. "Since I remembered how beautiful it sounded as a child, I (now) have an opportunity to go back and relive that type of music." Gonzalez said the instrument was most likely brought to Puerto Rico from early Spanish settlers.

The accordion has influenced the music of many European countries. "The Romanians really love it," said Giangiulio. A group of Romanian troops are also based at Kandahar airfield.

Giangiulio, whose family traces its roots to the Abruzzi region of south-central Italy, started learning how to play before high school. Dad, he said, listened to accordion music. Mom bought a used instrument at a garage sale in their Wayne, PA hometown, and Giangiulio and his older brother started taking lessons. "It's a neat instrument … like a piano you carry on your chest."

When Giangiulio entered high school, the accordion was 'un-cool' and lessons stopped until college. However, during a dinner at home attended by his college wrestling team, his mother brought out the accordion. "It rekindled that spark again," he said. "I've played it ever since."

After graduating from Jefferson, he took his residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. There he played accordion for the pediatrics department Christmas party. "I don't think there's any better instrument for caroling," the 6-year Army veteran said.

In 2002 Giangiulio was assigned to the pediatrics ward in West Point, NY. He deployed to Afghanistan – without his accordion – last June.

He volunteered to play organ for Sunday Catholic Mass, but realized he missed his accordion. He talked to some of the unit's Afghan translators to see if they could find an accordion in nearby Kandahar.

They couldn't, so he wrote to his wife, Laura, to see if she could buy a used one and send it to him. She found one, duct-taped together, and put it in the mail. It arrived just before Christmas.

"When it arrived it was one of my happiest days here," Giangiulio said. "I knew I'd have the time to rekindle the old songs and learn some new ones."

Giangiulio calls the accordion "the most versatile of any instrument."

"You can play polkas, waltzes and rock music," he said, sitting in a small office a few yards from the hospital's main desk.

The accordion's versatility comes from its complexity. "It's definitely an instrument for people who can walk and chew gum at the same time," he said. "There are so many things going on at once."

Giangiulio's right hand plays 41 black and white keys, similar in design and purpose to the 88 keys on a piano. His left hand controls 120 buttons, which are for bass notes and chords to keep the tempo.

There are also 3 buttons – called switchers – above the keys that change the accordion's sound to mimic other instruments. His accordion back home has 15 switches.

On top of this, a player must keep air going in and out of the accordion's bellows.

Even though there are similarities between the accordion and the piano, Giangiulio says, the accordion's definitely tougher. "Probably because you can't see your hands," he said. "With the piano you can always look at your hands. Not being able to see your hands takes some getting used to."

When Giangiulio returns to West Point later this year, he'll continue to pass on his accordion playing skills. Their 3-year-old daughter, Francesca, received a toy accordion as a Christmas gift from his parents. JMC.
A Grammy Winner Becomes a Scholarship Giver

David O. Johnson ’42 had a highly successful medical career that he gladly attributed to his Jefferson Medical College training. The C.F. Martin Company of Nazareth, PA and Johnson’s Grammy award-winning son, Eric Johnson, recently brought his father’s gratitude to Jefferson full circle with an especially meaningful gift. And therein lies a tale.

David Johnson, a kid from a poor family in Philadelphia, dropped out of high school to work for a railroad company during the Depression. In his twenties, he completed high school with honors and went to college. Johnson then attended Jefferson Medical College on a full Trustee scholarship. He often said, “Without Jefferson, what would I be?”

Joining the army after graduation and attaining the rank of major, he either performed or supervised the anesthetizing of 25,000 soldiers undergoing surgery during World War II. He decided to specialize in anesthesiology, at the time a very new field.

Dr. Johnson traveled the United States in search of a place to practice, finally settling in Austin, where he was the first board-certified anesthesiologist in the city. He later founded the Austin Anesthesiology Group, now comprised of 50 doctors. As an administrator of St. David’s Hospital, an antiquated facility built in the 1920s, he spearheaded both a revitalization of their facilities and the capital campaign to make it possible. Dr. Johnson was also instrumental in

Now the House Staff Lounge Is Really Up-to-Date

Thanks to a gift from the Alumni Association, Jefferson residents and fellows now have access to UpToDate, a clinical information resource, on a computer in their lounge in the Gibbon Building. UpToDate is designed to give physicians the most recent, practical information on a wide variety of clinical topics. The articles are written by physicians and go through a peer review process to make sure that the information and recommendations are accurate and reliable.

The Alumni Association purchased the subscription to UpToDate as part of an ongoing effort to improve the quality of life for the residents and fellows who will become Jefferson alumni when they have completed their postgraduate training. A small plaque on the computer indicates that the subscription is a gift to them from the Alumni Association.

The residents are enthusiastic about UpToDate, as their comments about it indicate: "We love it." "It’s a lifesaver." "We use it all the time." "It keeps us fresh."

The Alumni Association will continue to work with the Office of House Staff Affairs and the House Staff Association to identify other opportunities to assist our residents in the future.

In the House Staff Lounge, third-year residents in the Department of Medicine Kimberly L. Dulaney ’01, Lo-Ku Chiang MD, and Aparna K. Mukherjee MD. Dr. Dulaney is President of the House Staff Association.
Foundation Gifts
Bolster Outreach Projects

Two Jefferson outreach projects have received private foundation support that will allow them to better serve vulnerable members of the local community. The YES Shelter Outreach Program, directed by Patrick J. McManus FP’95, Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, received grants from the Goldsmith-Greenfield Foundation, the Huston Foundation and the Civic Foundation, Incorporated. These contributions help bring free, on-site health care services and counseling, which is provided by a team of Jefferson health care professionals and medical students, for homeless teens who seek refuge at the Youth Emergency Services (YES) Shelter in North Philadelphia. Through their work with YES residents, and guided by Dr. McManus and other participating faculty, future physicians who are students at Jefferson gain valuable experience addressing the needs and delivering essential health care to this population.

The Civic Foundation, whose vice president is Stephen Weinstein PhD, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Director of Substance Abuse Programs at Thomas Jefferson University, designated additional funds to support the mission of JeffHOPE, which also provides free health care services to homeless or otherwise at-risk members of the community. JeffHOPE is a student-founded and managed volunteer organization at Jefferson Medical College that provides a broad range of medical and social services at 5 Philadelphia-area clinics and shelters. Under the guidance of James Plumb MD’74 MPH, Clinical Associate Professor of Family Medicine, this outreach program also offers a valuable service-learning component to the medical education of participating students.

“These foundations are demonstrating their confidence in the work Jefferson does by providing valuable support for programs where there is a strong commitment to the needs of our Philadelphia community,” says Bobbi Cohen, Director of Foundation and Corporation Giving in the Jefferson Office of Institutional Advancement. “Strong and dedicated support from such caring Continued on page 18
How Jeffersonians Are Addressing the Challenges of Rural Medicine

Howard K. Rabinowitz MD, Professor of Family Medicine, is the author of Caring for the Country: Family Doctors in Small Rural Towns, just published by Springer-Verlag. It is the story of Jefferson’s Physician Shortage Area Program. For more than a quarter century, the PSAP has been one of the most successful programs in the country in increasing the supply and retention of rural physicians, as documented in the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of the American Medical Association. Too often, rural areas have been medically underserved because doctors have been concentrated in urban centers. Dr. Rabinowitz, director of the PSAP, tells its story through the professional and personal lives of 10 of its graduates.

Medical students have generally lacked role models in rural primary care, contributing to the shortage. Caring for the Country addresses the need for role models by profiling PSAP alumni who are now practicing rural family medicine: Jim Devlin ’85 of Brockway, PA; Mike Tatarko ’89 of Nanty Glo, PA; Viola Monaghan ’95 of Ovid, New York; Bill Thompson ’87 of Boswell, PA; Christine Dotterer ’79 of Selinsgrove, PA; Catherine O’Neil ’96 of Bloomsburg, PA; Thane Turner ’93 of Lock Haven, PA; Joe Nutz ’92 of Morehead City, North Carolina; Dave Baer ’79 of Bedford, PA; and Bernie Proy ’80 of Corry, PA.

Each of these Jefferson alumni has achieved his or her own personal dream of becoming a family doctor in a small town, at the same time meeting a real need to provide access to health care in their community. Taken together, their profiles—obtained through audiotaped personal interviews, and shadowing these physicians as they saw more than 100 patients in their offices and hospitals—provide a realistic picture of rural family practice at the beginning of the 21st century. The stories of why these doctors became rural family physicians complements 2 decades of quantitative outcomes research, putting a human face on the PSAP and its graduates, and providing a deeper and more personal understanding of why the program has been so successful.

Dr. Rabinowitz describes the rich and fulfilling relationships that these physicians have developed with their patients and their communities. At the heart of the book is a challenge to pre-med undergraduates, medical students, and family physicians to consider rural family practice.

The profiles candidly reveal the everyday reality of practicing family medicine in small towns. They cover the spectrum of social and professional issues that rural family doctors face, addressing such topics as the roles of medical schools and hospital systems, health care policy, rural obstetrics, and telemedicine. The concluding chapter outlines the future of this important field.

The Physician Shortage Area Program does seem to be generating further success: Bernie Proy’s son Vince is the first second-generation PSAP student at Jefferson, where he is currently enrolled in the PSAP program with the Class of ’07.

The book was supported by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

For more information, visit www.springeronline.com.

The second edition of the Atlas of Diagnostic Cytopathology by Barbara Atkinson ’74, Executive Dean and Vice Chancellor for Clinical Affairs at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, has garnered critical acclaim. Published by Saunders, the 900-page Atlas is the field’s standard sourcebook for aspiration and exfoliative cytology and its impact on the practice of anatomic pathology, with more than 1,700 full-color illustrations of cytopathology specimens, their histologic correlations, and the results of relevant ancillary studies. Each chapter discusses the challenges of a specimen site, describes the diagnostic criteria and differential diagnosis, and explains how the diagnosis is reached. Modern Pathology praises the book as “comprehensible enough for the cytologic novice, comprehensive enough for the seasoned pathologist. The organization of individual chapters is inspired.”

“I would like to heartily thank the many fellows, residents,
cytopathologists, cytotechnologists, and cytotechnology students with whom I have worked,” says Dean Atkinson. “They are the ones who really taught me cytopathology. To paraphrase a cliché, you learn best by being forced to explain why. You may think you know, but teaching is the final test. Interacting with smart, probing students, residents and fellows is the final test of knowledge and challenge to further development. I hope that the Atlas of Diagnostic Cytopathology succeeds in explaining some of those ‘whys.’”

Robert McCunney ’76 has completed the third edition of his textbook A Practical Approach to Occupational and Environmental Medicine (Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, 2003). Dr. McCunney practices medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and conducts research at MIT’s Department of Biological Engineering.

Thomas J. A. Lehman ’74 is the author of It’s Not Just Growing Pains: A Guide to Childhood Muscle, Bone and Joint Pain, Rheumatic Diseases, and the Latest Treatments, just released by Oxford Press. "The single greatest cause of poor outcome for children with arthritis," writes Dr. Lehman, "is a lack of awareness, on the part of both parents and physicians, that children do get arthritis." With this book—an easy to read guide rather than textbook—Dr. Lehman hopes to bring the necessary information to a broad cross section of the public. This will lead to prompter referral of children with conditions requiring specialized care in order to assure optimal results. Dr. Lehman is Chief of Pediatric Rheumatology at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, and a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Rick Spaide ’81 is one of 4 co-authors of Age-Related Macular Degeneration (published 2004 by Springer). AMD has become the most common cause of blindness, and with the population aging AMD will become an ever more prevalent cause of visual loss unless more effective modes of treatment are found. In this book, an expert panel of experienced clinicians and eminent basic scientists provide for an authoritative review on the pathogenesis, epidemiology and risk factors, diagnostic methods and imaging modalities for age-related macular degeneration. Many photographs and diagrams are included. More information is available at www.springeronline.com.

Dr. Spaide continues to give many guest lectures internationally, and has received numerous honors for his work, including recent recognition from the National Association for the Visually Handicapped.

Jonathan Sackner Bernstein ’87 is the author of Before It Happens to You: A Breakthrough Program for Reversing or Preventing Heart Disease, published in January by Da Capo. Focused on preventive cardiology for the lay public, the book defines a program that, according to Dr. Sackner Bernstein, "will cut the risk of myocardial infarctions, strokes, and premature deaths in half for the average middle aged American adult. Instead of trying to convince people to change their lifestyle, I review the scientific proof showing that medicines do a far better job at preventing heart attacks and strokes, and explain why and how people can work with their doctors to implement the plan." It his first book, and "the book tour is taking shape!

"As for my real life, my wife Audrey and I have 3 wonderful daughters; together we flee the suburbs for the City whenever we have the chance. After completing training in cardiology, I joined the faculty at Columbia University where I directed clinical research in the Heart Failure Center. This summer, I joined the faculty at North Shore University Hospital on Long Island, where I direct clinical research and the heart failure prevention and treatment program."

Turning to a nonmedical—but certainly biological and empathetic—field, Wilfreta Baugh ’79 is one of the individuals featured in The Philadelphia Flower Show: Celebrating 175 Years, by Adam Levine and Ray Rogers (published by HarperResource, 2003). Dr. Baugh first entered an arrangement in the Flower Show in 1974. It won not just a blue ribbon, but Best in Show. "With that, I was hooked!” she says. She has had an entry every year since then, even during her medical school and residency days. In recent years, she has exhibited with her daughter, Gabrielle Smith. Her granddaughter, Valentina, has begun exhibiting in smaller shows. Dr. Baugh’s style continues to be spare and deceptively simple. She has had her share of winners, but says that she tries to create designs that she feels good about, regardless of what the judges decide. "I tell people who are just starting out, 'Don't look for the blue ribbon. Just do what makes you happy.'"
The Alumni Bulletin will use this space to introduce readers to Jefferson’s junior faculty members (Instructor and Assistant Professor) who are doing and publishing significant basic, translational, or clinical research and are deserving of recognition. All whose stories will appear in this space were nominated for this recognition by their department chairperson.

**Chris T. Derk ’94** completed a medical residency at Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, PA, followed by a 1997-2003 tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force where he served as Chief of the Internal Medicine Clinic, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, FL. He completed a rheumatology fellowship at Jefferson, 2001-2003, where he won the Amgen Rheumatology Fellowship Award. He was an NIH postdoctoral fellow in molecular rheumatology and orthopaedic research in the Divion of Rheumatology, Jefferson Medical College, 2001-2003. At present, he is completing a K30 Clinical Research Pharmacology MS degree in Jefferson’s College of Graduate Studies. He is board certified in medicine and in rheumatology.

At present Dr. Chris Derk is an Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, at Jefferson. His primary research interest is connective tissue disorders, especially systemic sclerosis. To date, he has had 7 articles published in peer reviewed journals and 13 in non-peer reviewed journals, and has contributed chapters to 2 rheumatology textbooks. His research interests include models of pathogenesis and clinical outcome measures of systemic sclerosis. He recently published 2 articles describing a testable hypothesis toward a better understanding of the pathogenesis of systemic sclerosis.

Dr. Derk has examined potential side effects that can accompany the use of D-penicillamine and has advised other doctors on how to manage these side effects. At present he is involved with a description of the incidence of different malignancies affecting patients with systemic sclerosis as well as with the clinical outcomes of patients who develop systemic sclerosis after age 75. His future research plans include obtaining a better understanding of the pathogenesis of the vasculopathy that develops in patients with systemic sclerosis. He is looking forward to investigating how to modify this occurrence and, thus, help prevent poor clinical outcomes in these patients.

**Jay Goldberg MD**, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Penn State University, obtained his medical education at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine where he graduated in 1993 as Class President. His residency in obstetrics-gynecology was at the Magee-Womens Hospital of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, 1993-1997. From 2000 to 2004 he was an NIH K30 Fellow in Human Investigation at Jefferson Medical College while also earning an MS degree in pharmacology. He now is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Jefferson and is the Director of Jefferson’s newly established Fibroid Center. The center’s aims are to provide expert patient care to women with uterine fibroids, to educate residents and medical students about uterine fibroids, and to develop funded research projects focusing on uterine fibroids.

Uterine fibroids can be associated with infertility and pregnancy complications. Dr. Goldberg has lectured about the problems caused to women by uterine fibroids both in this country and abroad. He has concerns about the usefulness of episiotomy because he believes this particular surgical procedure can increase maternal morbidity without any real accompanying benefit to women. Along with a colleague he recently completed the Philadelphia Episiotomy Intervention Trial, a successful intervention study which decreased episiotomy rates at selected community hospitals through education and through requiring chart documentation of an episiotomy indication.

He presently is a member of Jefferson Medical College’s Admission Committee. In addition he has won 16 honors and awards for his scholarship to date. Eighteen of his articles have been published in peer reviewed journals up to this writing. Drs. Chris Derk and Jay Goldberg bring scholarship, vision, and imagination to their Jefferson faculty appointments and the Alumni Bulletin congratulates them on their accomplishments. JMC

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organizations helps our outreach programs to flourish, enhances the education of our students, and improves the quality of life for many vulnerable people in our city.”

**Roberts Gift Honors Jefferson Doctors and Mother’s Memory**

A gift from Aileen and Brian Roberts expresses the family’s appreciation for the care Mrs. Roberts’s mother, Margaret Detwiler, received from her Thomas Jefferson University physicians. The gift of $20,000 will fund resident medical education programs in the Departments of Medicine and Family Medicine at Jefferson Medical College.

Two plaques were dedicated to the doctors in these departments who treated Mrs. Detwiler before she passed away in 2002. In the Resident Conference Room in the Department of Medicine, the plaque reads: “In loving memory of Margaret Kennedy Detwiler and with thanks for the compassionate care provided by Anthony J. DiMarino MD, Reginald Ho MD, Gregory Kane MD.” The plaque now hanging in the waiting room of Family Medicine also honors Mrs. Detwiler’s memory as well as saying “thanks for the supportive care provided by James S. Studdiford MD.”

“This generosity is a great tribute to our Jefferson physicians as well as a boost to resident education, for which we are very grateful,” says Rush B. Smith, Associate Director of Major Gifts in the Jefferson Office of Institutional Advancement. “It underscores that Jefferson is a center of excellence for patient care and education, and that the care provided to Mrs. Roberts’s mother meant a great deal to her family.”

The plaques were dedicated in ceremonies at each site attended by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts; Donald Detwiler (Mrs. Detwiler’s widower); Thomas J. Nasca ’75, University Senior Vice President and Dean, JMC; Arthur M. Feldman MD PhD, Magee Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine; and Richard C. Wender FP’82, Alumni Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine.

IN MEMORIAM

Julius R. Pearson '32 died April 11, 2004. He was an internist, specializing in cardiology, with offices in Miami Beach, FL, from which he retired in 1967. He made his home on Longboat Key. He instituted the Pulmonary Clinic at Jackson Memorial Hospital and was instrumental in the establishment of Mount Sinai Hospital in Miami Beach. He is survived by his wife, Ursula.

Gilbert Alexander '33 died February 4, 2004. He was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He was Director of the Department of Radiology, St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh, and Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He is survived by his wife, Rosalind, and a son.

Norman J. Shevsky '39 died January 23, 2004. He practiced internal medicine and held staff appointments at Mt. Sinai and Jewish Hospitals, Philadelphia. He also held teaching appointments at both Hahnemann and Temple University Schools of Medicine. He is survived by his wife, Winifred, a son and a daughter.

Charles F. Appel '41 died February 9, 2004. He practiced internal medicine at the Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA, and was a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He is survived by his wife, Arlene, and a daughter.

James R. Duncan Jr. F'44 died February 18, 2004. He practiced surgery in Pittsburgh. He served as Chairman, Department of Surgery at both Columbia Hospital and Forbes Health System Hospital, Pittsburgh. He is survived by his wife, Edith, 2 daughters and a son.

James T. S. Wong F'44 died December 25, 2003. He was Chief of Obstetrics-Gynecology at both Queens Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center, Honolulu. He also served as Clinical Professor of Obstetrics-Gynecology at the University of Hawaii School of Medicine, Honolulu. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and a daughter.

Henry Pechstein '45 died March 9, 2004. He practiced psychiatry in Hempstead, NY. He was on staff at Nassau County Medical Center, East Meadow, NY, and Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, NY. He held an appointment as Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Stony Brook State University School of Medicine, Stony Brook, NY. He was a past President, Nassau District Branch, American Psychiatric Association. He is survived by his wife, Dorothea, 4 daughters and 2 sons. His brother George is Jefferson '48.

Frank J. Shannon Jr. '46 died December 3, 2003. He was a U.S. Army obstetrician-gynecologist. He attained the rank of Colonel and, at one time, was Commander of the Valley Forge General Army Hospital. After retirement, he went into medical administration in and around Dover, DE. He is survived by his wife, Jessie, and 3 sons.

Stephen E. Pascucci Sr. '48 died February 23, 2004. He practiced pediatrics in Scranton, PA. He held staff appointments at Mercy Hospital and Community Medical Center, Scranton. He is survived by his wife, Anne, a daughter and a son. Son Stephen E. Jr. is Jefferson '83.

Ricardo Rodriguez '48 died in October 2003 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He served as Professor of Medicine at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine.

Robert L. Michael '49 died July 8, 2003. He was a surgeon in Kokomo, IN. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

Henry J. Teufen '49 died April 21, 2004. He practiced radiology in Santa Barbara, CA. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and a daughter.

Martin Goldberg '50 died January 27, 2004. He was a psychiatrist, and served as Director of the Marriage Council of Philadelphia and the Division of Family Study, University of Pennsylvania. He was associated with the Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Christine, and his physician daughter Helen.

William B. Holman '50 died February 14, 2004. He served as Chief of Surgery, Fisher-Titus Memorial Hospital, Norwalk, OH. The Surgical Suite at Fisher-Titus Memorial Hospital was named the William B. Holman Surgical Suite in his honor. He is survived by 3 sons.

Harold J. Mann '51 died February 21, 2004. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology at Holy Redeemer Hospital, Meadowbrook, PA. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, a daughter and a son.

John E. Rawls '54 died November 6, 2003. He was a general practitioner in Inverness, MS, then in Ottumwa, IA, and finally in New York City. He is survived by 4 daughters.

Paul R. Weis '54 died October 11, 2003. He practiced internal medicine in Allentown, PA for over 40 years. He was on the staffs of Sacred Heart Hospital, Allentown and Muhlenberg Medical Center, Bethlehem, PA. He is survived by his wife, Mary, 3 daughters and 2 sons.

Bernard S. Yurick '55 died February 24, 2004. He did both diagnostic and therapeutic radiology at Olean General Hospital, Olean, NY. After retirement he and his wife moved to Hendersonville, NC. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, 2 daughters and 2 sons.

Donald L. Clark '58 died March 20, 2004. He served as an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. In 1977 he joined the executive staff at Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital, Browns Mills, NJ where he served as Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief of the Department of Anesthesiology. Author of numerous scientific publications, he is survived by his wife, Irma, 2 sons and a daughter.

Ernest M. Gordon '60 died January 22, 2004. He was on the surgical staffs of Nazareth Hospital, Frankford Hospital, and the Hospital of the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is survived by 3 daughters.

David Biddle '70 died March 18, 2004. He practiced neurology in Great Neck, NY. He is survived by his wife, Trisha.

Lawrence J. Howard '72 died January 4, 2004. He was a family practitioner in Scranton, PA. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, 3 sons and a daughter.

Marilee H. Frazer '78 died January 30, 2004. She was a forensic pathologist and served as Assistant Medical Examiner, Wayne County Medical Examiners Office, Detroit, MI. She is survived by her mother and a brother.

Ayn D. Siegel '84 died August 25, 2003. She practiced psychiatry for a time in Philadelphia, then relocated to Lewisburg, PA.

Susan J. Pak '99 died March 3, 2004. At the time of her death she was a surgical resident at the University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, VA. She is survived by her parents and a sister.

Postgraduate Alumni Richard K. Greenbank P'55 died March 9, 2004. He served as an Instructor in Psychiatry at Jefferson from 1954 to 1957. He practiced in Annapolis, MD. He is survived by his wife, Sondra.

Faculty Michael L. Simenhoff, Professor Emeritus of Medicine, died May 5, 2004. He initiated Jefferson’s teaching program in nephrology, and directed the Renal Division of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. In addition, he was a Co-Director of Jefferson's former Clinical Research Center. He retired in 1996.
**CLASS NOTES**

**Leonard Apt** of Los Angeles has created 2 important endowments at the UCLA School of Medicine, where he is Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology (active) and the founding Director of the Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology. First he had an endowment fund established at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute to create the Leonard Apt Fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology. Then he created something even more important: the Leonard Apt Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology. Dr. Apt is widely recognized as a pioneer of his subspecialty.

**Henry Seidenberg**, the former Dean of the Institute for Psychoanalysis of Chicago, continues an active practice of general psychiatry and psychoanalysis in the Windy City.

**53 Irvin Jacobs** is now living in Palm Springs, CA where he does locum tenens for 6 months of the year.

**54 50th Reunion October 23 Harris Lavine** of Point Richmond, CA is now retired and traveling, walking with friends, and sailing.

Donald Minter of Goshen, IN continues to provide general medical care part time at the nearby Oaklawn Psychiatric Hospital. His political career was launched last November by winning a city election. He began his city council service in January 2004 at the age of 75 and is looking forward to a challenging 4 years.

**55 Joseph Heaney** of Cumberland, WI is enjoying retirement after practicing psychiatry for 40 years. Daughter Kathleen '01 is carrying the torch as a psychiatry resident at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

William Lista of Drexel Hill, PA retired from the practice of medicine in 2003. He was associated with Roxborough Memorial Hospital, the internal medicine residency program at the Naval Hospital, and the cardiology residency program at MCP.

**56 Pierre LeRoy** of Newark, DE was selected for the John Liebeskind Award by the American Academy of Pain Management. This award recognizes a lifetime contribution to pain medicine, education and research.

Anthony Merlino of North Providence, RI has closed his longtime practice of orthopaedic surgery.

James Stone of Lexington, KY is now a semi-retired pathologist. He has taken up landscape painting.

Nicholas Spock of Shamokin, PA retired last year after 40 years of family practice. His hobbies include gardening, fishing, and hunting. He served on the Pennsylvania Game Commission as President.

William Clements of Devon, PA is teaching family practice residents at Bryn Mawr Hospital, and lecturing in geriatrics at Jefferson.

Malcolm Cowen of Bethlehem, PA is presently retired from the practice of forensic pathology. However, he is busy with church and community work and gardening.

Richard Eshbach and wife Lilian are still enjoying their retirement in Greece and hope the Athens Olympics will be a success in August.

Jay Kern of West Allenhurst, NJ continues to volunteer in a community clinic serving uninsured patients. He is auditing undergraduate courses at Princeton University twice a week.

**59 45th Reunion October 23 Leonard Greenberg** of Wyncote, PA retired from cardiology practice at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in June, but continues to teach house staff as well as teaching freshman medical students at Jefferson.

John Malcolm Jr. of Sunbury, PA continues to serve as Chairman of the Organized Medical Staff Section of the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

Charles McDowell of Richmond, VA, now retired from a private orthopaedic practice, is Chief of Upper Extremity Services at McGuire VA Hospital. He is teaching orthopaedic and plastic surgery residents and is Co-Principal Investigator on a 3-year NIH grant, the In Vivo Cartilage Regeneration Project.

David Green of Chicago greatly enjoys teaching hematology to sophomore students at Northwestern University but finds it to be quite a challenge. "I can now really appreciate the great course that the late John Hodges ’39 conducted."

Frank Rykiel of Marlton, NJ continues to practice internal medicine after being one of the founding fathers of Garden State Medical Hospital, presently Virtua Hospital. He is a past Chairman of its Department of Medicine.

Jerry Harrell, whose home base is St. Simons Island, GA, continues to work on a part time basis at the Lighthouse for Christ Eye Center in Mombasa, Kenya, located on the coast of the Indian Ocean.

David Subin continues to work full time in hand surgery and orthopaedics in San Diego.

Herbert Perlman has retired from a radiology practice in Carlisle, PA to the very different environment of Manhattan.

David Rosenthal of Ambler, PA, now retired, still attends conferences at Abington Memorial Hospital, volunteers at the HealthLink clinic for uninsured patients, and is a committee chair and board member at his synagogue. The rest of his time he spends with his extended family.

Joseph Sohalovski of Medford Lakes, NJ was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha in 2003 as a Jefferson alumnus, and is President Elect of NAMDRC, an organization that advocates for excellence in the delivery of pulmonary and critical care.

**64 40th Reunion October 23 Ignatius Hineleski** of Drexel Hill, PA is Chief of the Ophthalmology Section at Chester County and Paoli Memorial Hospitals, and active on the oculoplastic service at Wills Eye Hospital. Son Ignatius III ’92, who is in the same group practice, had twins last year: Ignatius IV and Victoria I.

Eli Meltzer has been Co-Director of the Allergy and Asthma Medical Group and Research Center in San Diego since the early seventies. During this time he has participated in numerous studies of respiratory diseases and been fortunate to lecture extensively. He has authored over 350 scientific publications. He is involved with professional societies including the the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, from which he received the Distinguished Clinician Award in 2002, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Milton Sands of Farmington, CT is thankful for a profession that gives him much satisfaction. He is Chief of Cardiology at the New Britain General Hospital and Professor of Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

Bruce Hopper of Devon, PA is practicing gynecology only 3 days a week, but is active in efforts to get physicians organized in order to respond to the forces of change in health care.

William Rogers of Annapolis, MD has just returned from Australia after a wonderful year working as a vascular surgery consultant at the Gold Coast Hospital in Queensland.

Thomas Schneider of Palm Beach Gardens, FL is still in a full time GI practice. "Still love patient care but hate what third party payers and lawyers are doing." He enjoys golfing and spending time with the 6-year-old triplet grandchildren.

Kens Smith and wife Mimi have moved to his old hometown of Smithport, PA. "Lots of snow and beautiful scenery."
PROFILE

F. Johnson Putney '34

F. Johnson Putney graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1934 with an interest in laryngology and bronchoesophagology. The modern laryngoscope had been invented in 1855 and interest in its usefulness for patients with foreign bodies in their air passages and for laryngeal tumors blossomed early at Jefferson as exemplified by the skills of such excellent Jefferson laryngologists as Chevalier Jackson in the 1920s and Louis H. Clerf a decade later. What later became known as Jefferson’s Department of Otolaryngology was not formally created until 1954. It was developed by a fusion of the former Departments of Laryngology (1904), Otology (1904), and Bronchoesophagology (1924). Now it has evolved further to become the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery.

F. Johnson Putney obtained his graduate medical education and board certification in otolaryngology by 1941. He served as a Lieutenant-Colonel and Chief, EENT Section, Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham, UT from 1942 to 1947. He then returned to Jefferson to begin his clinical career and to work closely with Dr. Clerf who served as department chairman from 1930 to 1954. Dr. Putney was highly regarded at Jefferson and was particularly noted for his clinical skills. He rose in the department to become Clinical Professor of Laryngology and Bronchoesophagology. Between 1938 and 1953 Drs. Putney and Clerf published 15 scientific articles together. All told, Dr. Putney published 107 articles and 10 book chapters, and served on 4 editorial boards.

F. Johnson Putney served as President of the American Bronchoesophagological Society in 1961, and as President of the American Laryngological Society in 1971. He was recruited to the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston in 1967 as Professor of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery and Vice Chairman of the Department, in which positions he served until 1982. He served as President of the South Carolina Ophthalmological and Otolaryngological Society in 1974-75. The Medical University of South Carolina established the F. Johnson Putney Endowed Lectureship in his honor in 1984. Jefferson salutes him for his distinguished professional career and for reflecting luster on Jefferson Medical College. JMC

Chief of Staff of Phoenix Memorial Hospital, is on the Executive Committee of the Arizona Society of Pathologists, volunteers as a laboratory accreditation inspector for the College of American Pathologists, and is an expert witness in medical/legal cases.

Halley Faust MPH of West Hartford, CT has been elected Treasurer-Secretary of the American College of Preventive Medicine. He is finishing his thesis for a graduate philosophy degree while teaching epidemiology at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. Halley congratulates classmate John Cohn for winning the 2003 Letter-Writer of the Year Award from the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting (CAMERA).

Stuart Kushner of East Brunswick, NJ is working on drug development in central nervous system therapeutics.
at Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development. His other recent areas of research have been in depression and behavioral/psychotic symptoms of dementia.

Ted Parris of Havertown, PA is practicing clinical and interventional cardiology at Hahnemann, Temple, and Jeanes Hospitals.

Dean Winslow of Redwood City, CA has returned to civilian life after spending most of 2003 deployed on active duty serving as an Air Force flight surgeon, supporting combat operations in Iraq. He began a new job as Associate Director of HIV Clinical Services at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and Co-Director of the Infectious Diseases Fellowship Training Program at Stanford University School of Medicine where he is a Clinical Professor.

77 Moiz Carim is in a private ophthalmology practice in Reading, PA.

Paul Weber of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA is enjoying "the mellow life of a 50-something baby boomer. Everyone surfs and snowboards and we probably eat far too many salads—boy, do I miss those Philly cheesesteaks!"

Richard Wolitz is a full time ophthalmologist at Kaiser Permanente in San Francisco.

Robert Woodhouse of Laguna Beach, CA was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Anaheim Memorial Hospital medical staff. He recently served as Vice Chief of Staff at the Fountain Valley Medical Center and was selected this year for an "Excellence in Health Care" award by KABC Channel 7 in Los Angeles.

78 Kimberly Best-Long of Chester Springs, PA became Psychiatry Residency Training Director at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia last year. "We have a wonderful group of residents." In her spare time she is active with the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society, writes poetry, and enjoys husband Frank and children Becky and Bill.

Bruce Nayowith of Great Barrington, MA is doing emergency medicine in a small town in the Berkshires.

Eric Werner is currently the Division Director of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He also serves as the Physician Advisor for Informatics at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters where his wife, Alice, is Director of the Clinical Laboratory. They live with their 3 children in Norfolk.

'79 25th Reunion October 23 Rich Bruhlman and Patricia McGuire are both on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh-St. Margaret Family Practice Residency Program. In October Rich and daughter Alyssa traveled to Kyrgyzstan on a medical relief trip with Physicians with Heart. Patty continues to work as a psychiatrist with an underserved population in Butler County.

J. David Cunningham of Goldsboro, NC is enjoying the family's relocation to eastern North Carolina. His oldest daughter Erin has been accepted into Jefferson's Class of '08.

David C lick of Novi, MI has been named Division Head, Department of Emergency Medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Fairlane.

Thomas Marshall of Chula Vista, CA recently returned from deployment to Kuwait where he served as commanding officer of a navy forward surgical unit deployed in support of the First Marine Expeditionary Force during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since his return, he has resumed his position as Assistant Chairman, Department of Surgery at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

William Nealon of Galveston, TX is Professor of Surgery and Radiology, and Director of the Section of Pancreatobiliary and Hepatic Surgery, and was recently named to the Leonard and Marie Rosoff Distinguished Professorship at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

'80 William Polacheck practices with the Orthopaedic Institute of Pennsylvania, a 17 person group in the Harrisburg area. He also serves as Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill.

82 Christine Gambur of Berwyn, PA has retired from her postion as Director of Obstetrical Anesthesia and Chief of Pain Management in a suburban Philadelphia hospital. She has co-founded the Writing Project, a literary cooperative, and is currently writing a book about successful women with unique careers in nature. Other writing endeavors include a children's book and poetry.

Robert Hinks of Camp Lejeune, NC served as officer-in-charge of a forward resuscitative surgery team in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars with the Marine Corps.

'83 Ellen Blair married Mike Pierce and lives in Raleigh, NC. She is looking forward to retiring next year after 20 years in uniform—first with the Navy, then with the Public Health Service.

Aaron Bleznak has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control Consortium and President of the Keystone Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He resides in State College, PA with wife Brenda and their 4 children.

Paul Mansfield of Houston was promoted to Professor of Surgical Oncology at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and is enjoying serving this year as Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Donald Zeller, after working as a family practice physician in Raleigh, NC for 15 years, has returned to Pennsylvania. He is currently working for the University of Pennsylvania at French Creek Family Medicine in Phoenixville.

'84 20th Reunion October 23 Steve Chen of Lancaster, PA was honored with the Teacher of the Year award from residents of Lancaster General Hospital—his second teaching award in 6 years.

Jonathan Datich has started a private practice pain management group called Advanced Pain Management Specialists in Fort Myers, FL. He is currently building a 15,000 square foot building to house his new office. He is married with 3 teenage daughters, and enjoys boating, golfing, and playing string quartets.

Terry Edwards of Pittsburgh works in the anesthesiology residency program at UPMC and serves as Chair for the Evaluation and Competence Committee. In her free time she likes to work out at the gym and do outdoor photography.

Andrew Escoll of Winchester, MA is still in the same family practice group in Tewksbury, a practice that he started in 1988 and that is now the largest in town. They are affiliated with Winchester Hospital. He is on the faculty at Tufts University School of Medicine and teaches in the Tufts family practice residency program.

Steven Katz of Melrose Park, PA is President-elect of the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is still Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton.

Robert Meikle of Waterford, CT is working at Mohenge Sun Wellness Center as a family physician. He is doing a lot of bike racing and has tickets to see the Olympics in Athens.

Joseph Montella of Philadelphia was recently named Medical Director of the Ob-Gyn Faculty Practice in the Department of Obstetrics-Gynecology at Jefferson. He was also elected Vice President of the American Urogynecologic Society.

Laurie Spence married pharmacist Dale Harrison this year. She is still in a private otolaryngology practice in Ukiah, CA where they live with 5 children in a blended family. In her spare time, she plays the saxophone in a jazz band.

'85 Gary Fishbein of Bala Cynwyd, PA joined Ortho Biotech Clinical Affairs as a Regional Medical Director. He oversees 3 company sponsored oncology trials and is their liaison to the nationwide Gynecologic Oncology Group.

Marlon Maus of Berkeley, CA writes, "After finishing an MPH at the School of Public Health in Berkeley, I have decided to pursue a Doctor of Public Health degree. That means at least 3 or 4 more years in the Bay Area! If anyone is planning a trip and would like to catch up, let me know."

86 Andy Bradbury of Blackfoot, ID is enjoying emergency medicine with a "hobby" as flight surgeon for the Idaho Army National Guard (Blackhawk and Apache helicopters). He and wife Becky "have launched 3 children into the world with 4 still to go."

Michael Grasso of Rye, NY is currently Chairman of the
Alumni Spotlight:

Joseph Giordano '67

Joseph M. Giordano graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1967, having served as President of the Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity. He was initially interested in a career in internal medicine but, he tells the Alumni Bulletin, a 6 week surgical rotation with Dr. Kenneth Fry changed his outlook completely. He states he was so impressed with Dr. Fry's excellence in patient care, his surgical skills, and his devotion to academic studies that the experience convinced that he, also, should seek a career in general surgery. After an internship at the Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT, he obtained his surgical resident education at George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC where he served as Chief Surgical Resident in 1972-73. He then was appointed to the surgical staff of George Washington University Medical Center as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery and has remained at this institution for his entire career.

Throughout his career at G.W. his major interest has been vascular surgery. He has been Director of the Clinical Vascular Laboratory at the hospital since 1977. He was a Research Associate in the Division of Surgery at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, DC, from 1973 to 1976. He was Chief, Department of Experimental Surgery at Walter Reed in 1975-76, and was a member of the center's peripheral vascular service. He was promoted to Professor of Surgery at George Washington University Medical Center in 1983 and, in 1991, became Chairman of the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Giordano served as Director of the Trauma Team at George Washington University Hospital from 1976 to 1988. It was in that position that he found himself in charge of the care given to then President Ronald Reagan when the president was wounded in an unsuccessful assassination attempt in Washington. Dr. Giordano directed the initial resuscitation procedures and set up the team that was in place when President Reagan and the other wounded persons were brought to George Washington University Medical Center for additional treatment. On the date of the 20th anniversary of the attempted Reagan assassination, he notes wryly, he found himself a guest on the Today Show, Good Morning America, Larry King Live, and Fox News.

His major surgical interest remains vascular disease. He has a particular interest in Takayasu's disease which is an unusual affliction of arteries that affects young female patients and he has published a fair number of articles dealing with this particular disease. His interest in it was aroused during the time he served as a consultant to the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Giordano is the author of 40 scientific papers in his field and 18 book chapters. He has given 39 scientific presentations both in this country and abroad.

Board certified in both surgery and general vascular surgery, he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the International Society for Cardiovascular Surgery, and the Association for Academic Surgery. He served as President of the Eastern Vascular Society in 1993 and as President of the Association for International Vascular Surgery in 1994. He also served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, George Washington University Medical Center, 1991-94.

Dr. Joseph M. Giordano, his wife Orfa, and 3 sons, Christopher M., Andrew P., and Michael J., live in Washington, DC. He reports to the Alumni Bulletin that he remembers his time at Jefferson with great fondness and has kept in touch with the changes for the better occurring at Jefferson over the years. He notes that Jefferson has become a major medical center which has made him very proud to be an alumnus. In turn, Jefferson congratulates Dr. Joseph M. Giordano on his career and thanks him for bringing distinction and honor to Jefferson Medical College.
A good time was had by all on the 10th annual February ski trip for alumni, faculty, and their families, hosted by Dean Thomas J. Nasca ’75 and Pauline Park ’82. The CME program was "What Every Doctor Should Know: A General Medical Update." This year’s venue was the Silver King Hotel in Park City, Utah. Mark your calendar for next February!

Darron Bacal is on the Executive Board of the Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians and is a member of the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group. He and his wife and their children, Benjamin and Emily, live in Orange, CT.

Rick Bailey moved to Russellville, KY and started a new Urgent Care Center in January.

Paul Kleidermacher is living in Miami Beach with his wife and 3 children, and has a private otolaryngology practice.

Christopher Olbrich of Pittsburgh as been named Chairman of the Department of Family Practice and Pediatrics at UPMC-St. Margaret Hospital. He is on the Credential Committee for the UPMC Health Plan and serves as a board member of the UPMC-St. Margaret Hospital PHO.

Helen Keffer Sava of Kapolei, HI welcomed Eric Damien in May 2003. Eric joins brothers Vincent and Christopher. Helen is now out of the army and is working part time at the Schofield Barracks Family Practice Clinic.

Kathy Clewell is a solo practitioner in internal medicine in northern San Diego County. She currently has a fee-for-service practice with no managed care. She and husband, Guy Sutton, have 2 children: Maxine, age 7 months, and Layne, 2 years.

Emery Kim of Harker Heights, TX and wife Evelyn are the proud parents of Loren Kelly Kim. She was born March 9, 2004.

Netra Thakur was married in June 2003 to Dr. Sanjay Jagannath. She left Jefferson’s Family Medicine Department, where she had been on the faculty for 5 years, and moved to Baltimore where she is currently in private practice.

Carl Charnetski of Shavertown, PA has been named Vice Chief of Staff at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Paula Lundgren and her husband, Tom DeMark, announce the birth of their second child, Vito Angelo, in December 2003. Paula is doing private practice in general surgery in DuBois, PA.

Mary Maniscalco Stephens is living in Kingsport, TN with husband Tom, a rural family physician. She is on the faculty at East Tennessee State University’s Kingsport Family Practice Residency, and completed an MPH at the University of North Carolina in 2002.

Jamie McElrath Schwartz is now living in Ashton, MD and is in a dual fellowship in pediatric anesthesia and pediatric critical care medicine. She received the Society for Education in
Second Annual Alumni CME Symposium October 22

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Events This Fall

August 6, Friday
Freshman Family Welcome, 8:00 – 9:00, Jefferson Alumni Hall, Eakins Lounge.

Jefferson Medical College Opening Exercises and White Coat Ceremony for entering students, 9:30 – 11:30, Scott Plaza. Alumni are urged to participate! The Alumni Association has donated the white coats which symbolize the rite of becoming a physician.

September 21, Tuesday, in New York
Alumni reception at the meeting of the American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

October 12, Tuesday, in New Orleans
Alumni reception at the meeting of the American College of Surgeons

October 18, Monday, in San Francisco
Alumni reception at the meeting of the American College of Emergency Physicians

October 24, Sunday, in Las Vegas
Alumni reception at the meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists

December 1, Wednesday
Career Day for sophomore/junior students, Jefferson Alumni Hall

January 19, 2005, Wednesday
Freshman Beef and Brew Social, Jefferson Alumni Hall

February 2005
CME and Ski Trip for alumni and faculty and their families

March 11, Friday
Parents’ Day for the sophomore class and their families

June 2, Thursday
Senior Party

June 3, Friday
Graduation for the Class of ‘05

October 7-8, 2005
Alumni Weekend

Alumni Weekend
October 22–23

October 22, Friday, CME program, on the Jefferson campus.
6:00 P.M., Alumni Banquet, The Union League of Philadelphia, featuring the presentation of the Alumni Achievement Award.

October 23, Saturday morning, at Jefferson: Clinic Presentations, Women’s Forum, Luncheon, Campus Tours.
Saturday evening, Reunion Parties:
J’44 at Jefferson Alumni Hall – Faculty Club
S’44 at Jefferson Alumni Hall – Eakins Lounge
Reunion classes from ’49 through ’99 will meet at the Park Hyatt Bellevue – Grand Ballroom.

Clinic Presenters on Saturday morning:
’49 George Voigt
’54 Andrew J. Zweifler
’59 Albert C. Price
’64 Joseph Lieberman
’69 Richard Insel
’74 to be announced
’79 John S. O’Brien II
’84 Michael A. Kane
’89 John M. Spandorfer
’94 Jamie McElrath Schwartz
’99 to be announced

Postgraduate Alumni: Clara Callahan PD’82

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William Harrer '62 Receives the Edward J. Ill Award

William V. Harrer '62 was presented with the Edward J. Ill Award in May, having been selected by his peers for this prize, which is named after the first President of the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey. At the ceremony dinner in Princeton, a fitting tribute was given to a very active Jeffersonian:

"Dr. William Valentine Harrer's professional and social spirit is dominated by loyalty and integrity: loyalty to the institutions he has attended and integrity in the practice of medicine.

"In 1970, he became Director of the Laboratories at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, a position he has held for 34 years. During his tenure, laboratory facilities were upgraded and maintained at a superior level of excellence. The lab offers state of the art services in automation and current testing, supporting tertiary care facilities such as renal dialysis, transplantation, and the intensive care nursery. The laboratory has successfully passed every state and national accreditation and inspection. A sickle cell testing program in the Camden Public Schools was an integral part of the lab's community outreach.

"Dr. Harrer has served in all offices of the medical staff, including President, and on numerous committees including Cancer, Long Range Planning, Professional Affairs, Credentials, and Continuing Medical Education. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees. He is privileged to have had 5 of his Jefferson Class of '62 classmates as colleagues at Lourdes: Drs. Barry Aikey, John Capelli, Courtney Malcarney, Joseph Sokolowski, and Stephen Vasso.

"Dr. Harrer's dedication to Jefferson Medical College since his graduation in 1962 has been constant. Upon completion of his pathology residency at the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Hospital, he became an Assistant Director to the Clinical Laboratories and an Assistant at Jefferson Medical College for 3 years. He was actively involved in teaching of residents, interns, and students. His service responsibilities included cytology, surgical pathology, and the postmortem service. His continued interest in teaching led to his eventual promotion to Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology, an academic title he still retains. During his time at Jefferson, he volunteered many hours supervising the cytology laboratory at Regina Mundi Priory in Devon, Pennsylvania. Dr. Harrer is active in the Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association, having served as its President, and is currently Chair of the Publication Committee. Two sons, his son-in-law, and his brother Daniel Harrer '67 are Jefferson graduates.

"His loyalty to his alma mater, St. Joseph's University, is manifested in his support of SJU ventures. As President of the SJU Medical Alumni, he fostered greater understanding of the university's role in medical education. As a dedicated Hawk basketball supporter, his claim to fame during his senior year was as "The Hawk" for one game!

"Dr. Harrer believes active participation in professional societies is a personal mandate. He has served in all offices of the Camden County Medical Society in the past 10 years. He is a society delegate to the Medical Society of New Jersey and a member of its Biomedical Ethics Committee. He was also President of the New Jersey Society of Pathologists. In this role, he represented the society at the House of Delegates of the College of American Pathologists and led the fight for "fee for service" for New Jersey pathologists in 1986. He was editor of the society's newsletter for many years. On the national level, he recently completed a 6-year term on the Board of Governors of the College of American Pathologists, sitting on the Executive, Political Action, and Constitution/Bylaws Committees.

"This was followed by his nomination by the College of American Pathologists as a delegate to the American Medical Association. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the delegation. As a College of American Pathologists member, Dr. Harrer participates in the internationally acclaimed College of American Pathologists Laboratory Inspection and Accreditation Program. He has personally been involved in conducting over 30 hospital inspections and accreditations. He has most recently served on the Ad Hoc Committee of the Federation of State Boards of Medical Examiners concerning the issue of scope of practice. Dr. Harrer is the immediate past President of the Board of Medical Examiners; his initial appointment was in 1996. Numerous initiatives have been addressed by the board which impact all physicians and their patients, such as malpractice concerns, office-based surgery, physician profiling, telemedicine, chelation therapy, and others. The state board has over 35,000 licensees.

"In addition to his faculty affiliation at Jefferson, Dr. Harrer is an Adjunct Professor in Pathology at Camden County College's School of Laboratory Technology. He is a Clinical Professor of Pathology at UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine. This facility has a very active and successful affiliation with Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center.

"Dr. Harrer has co-authored over 25 scientific publications and has presented over 50 national workshops in the area of effusion cytology.

"Dr. Harrer has resided in Haddonfield, New Jersey since 1970. He and his wife, Carole, are the parents of 4 children. William, husband of Maureen, is a hematologist/oncologist in Florida. Christopher, husband of Kathleen, is Director of Software Engineering for Alacritech, Incorporated of California. Michael, husband of Dawn, is an orthopaedic surgeon practicing at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center and Virtua Health System. Mary was an elementary education teacher. Her husband, James Purtill, is an orthopaedic surgeon at Jefferson. Dr. and Mrs. Harrer are immensely proud of their 11 grandchildren. In his spare time, Dr. Harrer enjoys fishing, particularly in the canyons off New Jersey, Mexico, and Key West."
Anesthesia-Katz International Traveling Fellowship in 2003 and just completed a month-long medical mission to Bugando Medical Center in Mwanza, Tanzania. There she taught didactic and practical skills in a nurse anesthetist school. She is married to Jeff Schwartz, owner of Greenskeeper Environmental, LLC. He accompanied her to Africa and also volunteered at Bugando.

**95 Joseph Coladonato** finished his fellowship in nephrology at Duke University Medical Center in 2002. While there, he published several articles. He is now practicing with Carolina Kidney Associates in Greensboro, NC.

Arthur Prine of Danville, CA and wife Randy moved to California 2 years ago and live in the East Bay area near San Francisco. "Still have the beard."

Yvonne Wong and husband Albert Wong MD announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Rose, on November 16, 2003. Her very proud big brother, Mason, is almost 3. Yvonne is currently a neonatologist at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, which has the only military neonatal intensive care unit in Europe.

**97 Carl Barsigian** of Scranton, PA has passed his hematology and medical oncology boards and is practicing in Dunmore.

Edward Duchowski of Gallipolis, OH is in a clinical practice of child and adolescent psychiatry at the Holzer Clinic.

Jennifer Thull-Freedman and husband Stephen have accepted positions in pediatric emergency medicine at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. They have received appointments as Assistant Professors of Pediatrics at the University of Toronto.

**98 Richard Lee** of Seattle was recently married on Orcas Island, WA. He will be finishing his urology residency in June and then heading to Boston Children’s for a 3 year fellowship in pediatric urologic surgery.

Paul Morrissey of Copenhagen, NY is a major in the Army Medical Corps and Chief of Mental Health Services at Fort Drum, NY, serving as a psychiatrist for the 10th Mountain Division.

A. Timothy Saloom is in a solo family practice in Mount Pleasant, PA.

**99 5th Reunion October 23**

Matthew Fagan of Perryville, MD completed an ob-gyn residency at Jefferson in June 2003, then began a fellowship in reconstructive pelvic surgery at Greater Baltimore Medical Center in Towson. He married Heather Bittner FP’03 in September 2002.

Elizabeth Louha of Philadelphia finished her ob-gyn residency at Jefferson in June 2003 as Co-Administrative Chief Resident. Then she has joined the faculty at Drexel University College of Medicine as a Clinical Instructor. She is involved in resident and student education at Hahnemann Hospital, while as a member of the faculty group practice she sees patients at satellite offices in West Philadelphia and Plymouth Meeting.

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**00 Michael Baumholtz** of Philadelphia is halfway through his fourth year of general surgery residency at York Hospital and is applying for a plastic surgery fellowship.

**01 Wendy Babbit** of Hummelstown, PA is completing her third year of an internal medicine residency at Hershey Medical Center and will start a fellowship in infectious disease at Hershey Medical Center.

John Birkenes is in his third year of a neurosurgery residency at Jefferson. He and wife Emily welcomed a daughter, Madeline Lyman, in May 2003.

Jennifer King and Matthew Craig of Charlottesville, VA welcomed their daughter, Mackenzie King Craig, into the world on November 27, 2003. All are doing well.

Victoria Waleby of Los Angeles married her longtime boyfriend, Todd Liebman, on October 12, 2003.

Amy Zalczman of Bala Cynwyd, PA married David Waldman in March. Amy and David met during her first year at Jefferson.

**Postgraduate Alumni**

Ramesh Vasuvali PD’65 of Kutch, India is involved in education on an honorary basis, being Vice President of Gandhiham Mairri Mandal, an organization which manages 8 schools, 4 nursery schools, a public library, and a student health club and yoga center. "Our schools were damaged severely in the earthquake in 2001, but have recovered well except for one, which is still being re-constructed."

Marc Peck R’68 of Linwood, NJ is the Chairman of the Department of Radiology at Atlantic City Medical Center, and CEO and President of Atlantic Medical Imaging.

Marion Brown OB/G’82 of Lewisburg, PA, after 25 years of private practice in obstetrics-gynecology, has retired and lives most of the year in South Carolina, very near Sullivan’s Island, where she enjoys walks on the beach, reading, hiking, and kayaking.

Charles Intzeno NM’86 of Philadelphia has been appointed Associate Editor of Radiology, a major journal.

Kelley Crozier PM’89 of Wyomissing, PA is currently the Chair of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center.

David Perkins IM’90 has a solo internal medicine private practice in Wayne, PA. He is on staff at Bryn Mawr, Lankenau, and Paoli Hospitals. He and wife Mimi and their son and daughter live near Valley Forge Park.

Glenn Dragon AN’95 of Voorhees, NJ was appointed Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology at Underwood-Memorial Hospital in Woodbury, NJ.

Sarah Fenton CD’95 of De Pere, WI and husband Randy have 2 daughters, Alyson and Meghan. They enjoy living in Wisconsin where Sarah is an interventional cardiologist.

Michael Steinberg IM’97 of Princeton, NJ is an Assistant Professor at UMMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Michael and his wife, Cristina, welcomed their second child, Lucas Vincent, in January 2004.

Timothy Rupp EM’98 is an Associate Director of the Emergency Medicine Residency Training Program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Guillermo Garcia-Manero HO’99 of Houston is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Leukemia at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. He and his wife now have 2 sons, Juan and Diego.

Migdalia Resto NPM’00 has moved back to Bethlehem, PA to take on a staff position as a neonatologist at 2 hospitals with level 2 and level 3 newborn intensive care nurseries. Gregory Boger OTO’01 and family are working and living in Orlando, FL. First child Maxwell Thomas was born in 2003.

Navdeep Loomba AN’02 is working in a community hospital in Wheeling, WV. He was appointed Vice Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology. "Wheeling is a small, beautiful town, just an hour from Pittsburgh—a nice place to raise a family."

Amy Folio Eschinger ID’02 is working part time as a hospital based infectious disease physician. Husband Eric GEH’03 started in private practice last July. They are living in Colts Neck, NJ.

Shirley Fung IM’02 of Philadelphia is completing an infectious disease fellowship at Drexel University College of Medicine and Hahnemann Hospital.

David Pitts PM’02 of Sykesville, MD is an attending physiatrist at the National Rehabilitation Hospital at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, MD. He and Barbara welcomed the arrival of baby Lauren on August 28, 2003.

Laurence Spitzer UCM’03 of Lafayette Hill, PA has joined the Department of Radiology at Montgomery Hospital in Norristown, PA.

**Faculty**

Robert Ailen MD, after 22 years at Jefferson, has moved to NYC where he is practicing at the Institute of Neurology and Neurosurgery and is the Director of Medical Neuro- oncology at Beth Israel Medical Center and St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital.

Huyda Arafat MD PhD of Bensalem, PA, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery, Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology, has established her new lab where she conducts research on pancreatic islets transplantation and diabetes. Dr. Arafat is committed to teaching medical students and surgery fellows. In addition to teaching in 2 courses in the medical school, she dedicates a big percentage of her time to teaching lab technical skills. Last summer, with 5 students in the lab, her poster on the role of osteopontin in diabetes won the Young Investigator’s Award from the Rachmiel Levine Symposium on Diabetes.

George Speath MD, Professor of Ophthalmology, notes, "We celebrated 40 years of fellowship training on the glaucoma service this fall with an exciting conference at which our fellows presented new and important information on the theme ‘Glaucoma: A World of Individuals.’ We concluded with a celebratory dinner at the Kimmel Center. An inspiring event!"
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California

University of California - Irvine Medical Center
Sanaz Khorrami (Internal Medicine)

St. Mary Medical Center - Long Beach
Melissa Kuo (Internal Medicine)

 Cedars-Sinai Medical Center - Los Angeles
Mina Oh (Internal Medicine)

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center - Los Angeles
Adam Frey (Psychiatry)

UCAL Medical Center - Los Angeles
Keith Bayan (Pediatrics)

University of California - Davis Medical Center - Sacramento
Jonathan Kei (Emergency Medicine)

Naval Medical Center - San Diego
James Rothschild (Surgery)

University of California - San Diego
Kelly Brenan (Pathology)
Mark Wang (Orthopaedics)

California Pacific Medical Center - San Francisco
Justin Mager (Internal Medicine)

University of California - San Francisco
Seth Hollander (Pediatrics)
Kara Odom (Family Practice)

University of California - San Francisco/East Bay
Elizabeth Cureton (Surgery)

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center - San Jose
David Ben-Aviv (Medicine - Preliminary)

Davis Grant Hospital - Travis AFB
Peter Pellegrino (Pediatrics)

Stanford University Programs
Seong Ra (Research)
Caroline Temmins (Pathology)
Daniel Wasserman (Surgery-Preliminary)

Colorado

University of Colorado School of Medicine - Denver
Keely Brown (Obstetrics/Gynecology)

Connecticut

Middlesex Hospital
Michael Barmach (Family Practice)

Hospital of Saint Raphael - New Haven
Christopher Voets (Medicine-Preliminary)

Yale-New Haven Hospital
Ann Maley (Pediatrics)
Alicia Romeo (Psychiatry)
Sara Rubin (Psychiatry)
Mark Simone (Medicine-Preliminary)

Delaware

Christiana Care Health System - Newark
Andrew Chen (Transitional)
Heather Glass (Medicine-Preliminary)
Christine Manley (Medicine-Pediatrics)
Brian McGillen (Internal Medicine)
Gene Myers (Internal Medicine)
Charles Roche III (Internal Medicine)
Jason Tu (Medicine-Preliminary)
Jessica Wei (Transitional)
Caroline Weston (Medicine-Pediatrics)

TJU/dupont Children's Hospital - Wilmington
Jennifer Benjamin (Pediatrics)
Michael Cellucci (Pediatrics)
Matthew Di Guglielmo (Pediatrics)
Dorothy Wavrek (Pediatrics)

District of Columbia

Children's National Medical Center
Alicia Au (Pediatrics)

Georgetown University Hospital
Joanna D'Elia (Surgery-Preliminary)

George Washington University
Julie Zlotnick Belcher (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
Arthur Nam (Surgery)

Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Susan George (Internal Medicine)

Florida

University of Florida Program-Shands Hospital - Gainesville
Steven Goldstein (Pathology)
Andra Greenberg (Internal Medicine)

Georgia

Emory University School of Medicine - Atlanta
Michelle Consolini (Internal Medicine)
Arlene Davis (Pediatrics)

Illinois

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital - Chicago
Chih-Pin Hsiung (Medicine-Preliminary)

McGaw Medical Center-Northwestern
University - Evanston
Michael Burke (Internal Medicine)

Scott Air Force Base
Bruce Gardner (Family Practice)

Louisiana

Tulane University School of Medicine
Hossein Dehghani (Internal Medicine)

Maryland

Franklin Square Hospital - Baltimore
Stephanie Tucker (Internal Medicine)

Johns Hopkins University Hospital - Baltimore
Ying Lum (Surgery)
Deba Sarma (Surgery-Preliminary)
David Sugerman (Emergency Medicine)

University of Maryland Medical Center - Baltimore
Jonathan Fenkel (Internal Medicine)
Angela Kopack (Internal Medicine)
Jeffrey Liu (Internal Medicine)
Shannon Shevock (Family Practice)

Massachusetts

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Boston
Riya Chacko (Internal Medicine)
Michael DeBusk (Surgery)

Boston University Medical Center
Andrew Brown (Surgery-Preliminary)
Zoe Brown (Surgery-Preliminary)
Ellen Cowen (Internal Medicine)
Mona Natwa (Surgery-Preliminary)

New England Medical Center - Boston
John Finley IV (Internal Medicine)
Tareck Nossuli (Internal Medicine)
Shwu Siew (Internal Medicine)

St. Elizabeth's Medical Center - Boston
Alexander Gerhart (Medicine-Preliminary)

Harvard Longwood/Mt. Auburn Hospital - Cambridge
Kevin McGuire (Psychiatry)
**University of Massachusetts Medical School - Worcester**
David Polan (Emergency Medicine)

**Massachusetts General Hospital - Worcester**
Miriam Post (Pathology)

**Michigan**
Univ. of Michigan Hospitals - Ann Arbor
John Gribar (Internal Medicine)
Robert Kennedy (Internal Medicine)

**Mississippi**
University Hospitals - Jackson
Jonathan Alтомar (Surgery)

**Missouri**
University of Missouri-Kansas City Programs
Cristina Cabrera (Surgery-Preliminary)
Tyler Muffly (Obstetrics/Gynecology)

Barnes-Jewish Hospital - St. Louis
Rachna Trivedi (Internal Medicine)

**New Hampshire**
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Coleman Dominiak (Internal Medicine)

**New Jersey**
Atlantic Health System
Jessica Stanley (Transitional)

UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson - Camden
Akil Gordon (Surgery)
Robert Malizia (Emergency Medicine)

Saint Barnabas Medical Center - Livingston
David Levi (Transitional)

Mammouth Medical Center - Long Branch
Kevin McDaid (Orthopaedics)

Morristown Memorial Hospital
Kimberley Jones-Finley (Emergency Medicine)
N. Joseph Talotta (Emergency Medicine)

Underwood Memorial Hospital - Woodbury
Heidi Dias Handler (Family Practice)

**New York**
Albany Medical Center Hospital
Benjamin Katz (Emergency Medicine)
Jessica Lawrence (Anesthesiology)

Jamaica Hospital Medical Center
Elka Cloke (Family Practice)

North Shore University Hospital - Manhasset
Elan Rosenthal (Medicine-Preliminary)

Einstein/Montefiore Medical Center
Rachel Mandel (Psychiatry)

Beth Israel Medical Center - New York City
Seetal Mewar (Internal Medicine)

Mt. Sinai Hospital - New York City
Sabitha Setty (Internal Medicine)

New York Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia - New York City
Daria Baron-Hall (Internal Medicine)

New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center - New York City
Tiffany Otto (Pediatrics)

New York University School of Medicine - New York City
Elliott Brill (Surgery)

St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital - New York City
Annie Luka (Emergency Medicine)

St. Vincent's Hospital - New York City
Gioiamaria Berna (Internal Medicine)
Robert Wasnick (Internal Medicine)

New York Hospital Queens
Sheila Barbarino (Transitional)

SUNY Upstate Medical University - Syracuse
Gregory Spana (Surgery-Preliminary)

**North Carolina**
Duke University Medical Center - Durham
Samuel Adams Jr. (Orthopaedics)
Michael Morris (Orthopaedics)

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center - Winston-Salem
Matthew Robbins (Surgery-Preliminary)

**Ohio**
University Hospital - Cincinnati
Alison Perkins (Medicine-Pediatrics)

University Hospitals of Cleveland
Elizabeth Abraham (Pediatrics)
Andrew Beaver (Surgery-Preliminary)
Sokun Ky Bhatti (Internal Medicine)

Sangeetha Nimmagadda (Internal Medicine)
Agam Rao (Internal Medicine)
Kenneth Remy (Medicine-Pediatrics)

Ohio State Univ. College of Dentistry - Columbus
Justin Young (DDS)

Wright State Univ. School of Medicine - Dayton
Ross Schumer (Orthopaedics)

**Pennsylvania**
Abington Memorial Hospital
Tara Kennedy (Surgery)
Jinn Liu (Family Practice)
Kelly O'Driscoll (Family Practice)

Altoona Family Physicians Residency
Matthew Ehling (Family Practice)
(degree conferred September 2003)

Bryn Maur Hospital
Jeannine Weimar-Fitzpatrick (Family Practice)

Lehigh Valley Hospital - Allentown
Leah Bernstein Jacobson (Internal Medicine)
Michael Jacobson (Internal Medicine)
Christian Subbio (Surgery-Preliminary)

Hershey Medical Center/Pennsylvania State University - Hershey
Robert McCauley (Medicine-Pediatrics)
Harper Price (Dermatology)

Pennsylvania State University
Sunny Park (Otolaryngology)

Lancaster General Hospital
Shelby Margut (Family Practice)

Latrobe Area Hospital
William Adair (Family Practice)

Albert Einstein Medical Center - Philadelphia
William Borda-Perry (Emergency Medicine)
Amy Fromal (Transitional)
Susan Master Gordon (Transitional)
Bien Lazatin Jr. (Emergency Medicine)
Priyanka Nath (Medicine-Pediatrics)
Jason Neustadter (Transitional)
Joshua Pahys (Orthopaedics)
Mansi Parikh (Medicine-Pediatrics)
Rebecca Seidel (Transitional)
Aida Tesfaye-Kedjela (Medicine-Preliminary)
Aran Toshav (Transitional)
HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS for the CLASS of '04

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Lea Cunningham (Pediatrics)
Sarah Miller Gawthrop (Pediatrics)
Margaret Scott (Pediatrics)
MaryAnn Snyder (Pediatrics)
Linda Widmer (Pediatrics)

Drexel University College of Medicine - Philadelphia
Nicholas Skiadas (Internal Medicine)

Drexel University/MCP Hahnemann - Philadelphia
Slavomir Bilinski (Emergency Medicine)
Susanne Prince (Emergency Medicine)
Stephen Ridge (Internal Medicine)
Christopher Skvarka (Dermatology)

Frankford Hospitals - Philadelphia
Steven Angerbauer (Transitional)
Pil Chung (Transitional)
Christine Obata (Transitional)
Kathleen Pangia (Transitional)

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia
Glenda Davis (Psychiatry)
Chad Garson (Emergency Medicine)
Michael Goldstein (Internal Medicine)
John Mitchell (Psychiatry)
Marnie Sambur Robinson (Surgery-Preliminary)

Pennsylvania Hospital - Philadelphia
Anand Dugar (Medicine-Preliminary)
Brian Kucer (Medicine-Preliminary)
Kelly McGuigan (Medicine-Preliminary)

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children - Philadelphia
Marion Abrams Kessler (Pediatrics)

Temple University Hospital - Philadelphia
Linda Chatille-Arnold (Emergency Medicine)
Michael Couturie (Internal Medicine)
Joseph Herdman (Internal Medicine)
Rupal Mehta (Surgery-Preliminary)
Stephen Olex (Internal Medicine)
Joshua Wallet (Surgery-Preliminary)

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital - Philadelphia
Joseph Alo (Surgery-Preliminary)
Luke Austin (Orthopaedics)
Raman Battish (Internal Medicine)
Kimberly Campbell (Internal Medicine)
Shannon Cothran (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
Genevieve Everett (Internal Medicine)
Taki Galanis (Internal Medicine)
Steven Galati (Internal Medicine)
Eric Hager (Surgery)
Marianne Hamel (Pathology)
Joanna Kipnes (Internal Medicine)
Wayne Lau (Emergency Medicine)
Kenneth Lavelle (Emergency Medicine)
Robert Linden (Surgery-Preliminary)
Joshua Lloyd (Internal Medicine)
Michael Manolas (Internal Medicine)
Mary Kate McCullen (Internal Medicine)
Anita Mehrota (Internal Medicine)
Neil Moudgill (Surgery)
Donna Mscisz (Internal Medicine)
Kate Murray (Family Practice)
Elena Nirenberg (Family Practice)
Michael Pahl (Research)
Mark-Rally Pe (Surgery-Preliminary)
Raymond Ropiak (Orthopaedics)
Vincent Savarese (Internal Medicine)
Rachel Schneider (Psychiatry)
Barry Simmons (Family Practice)
Erica Simon (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
Garig Vanderveldt (Emergency Medicine)
Tamara Welch (Family Practice)
Timothy Williams (Surgery)

University of Pennsylvania Hospital - Philadelphia
Charles Gawthrop (Otolaryngology)

Univ. of PA Health System-Presbyterian Hospital - Philadelphia
Kenneth Usuki (Transitional)

Mercy Hospital - Pittsburgh
Jessica Hutchinson (Transitional)
William Oleksak (Internal Medicine)
Brandon Repko (Transitional)

University of Pittsburgh
Venkat Chakkavarthi (Medicine-Preliminary) (degree conferred Nov. '03)
Jovin Lazatin (Medicine-Preliminary)
Richard Weyler (Medicine-Preliminary)
Michael Yaakovian (Medicine-Preliminary)

UPMC - Medical Education Program - Pittsburgh
Joel Gradowski (Pathology)

UPMC-St. Margaret Hospital - Pittsburgh
Michele Opalka (Family Practice)

Western Pennsylvania Hospital - Pittsburgh
Humza Ilyas (Transitional)
Sandep Krishnan (Transitional)
Christopher Ward (Transitional)

Washington Hospital
Laura Miller (Family Practice)

Lankenau Hospital - Wynnewood
Intizaz Chaudhry (Medicine-Preliminary)
Valerie Johnson Dechant (Medicine-Preliminary)
Ron Gefen (Medicine-Preliminary)
Daniel Nasr (Medicine-Preliminary)
Sandep Rathi (Medicine-Preliminary)
Joanne Tulin (Internal Medicine)

York Hospital
Angela Anantharaj (Internal Medicine)

Rhode Island
Brown University - Providence
Sheen Lim (Internal Medicine)

Texas
Baylor College of Medicine - Houston
Daniel Tulpin (Anesthesiology)

University of Texas Medical School - Houston
Emily Pavlik (Emergency Medicine)

Utah
McKay-Dee Hospital Center - Ogden
Christopher Bell (Family Practice)

Virginia
Naval Medical Center - Portsmouth
Jennifer Fticsar (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
Yoshihide Ishii (Transitional)
Jonathan Maher (Surgery)

Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems - Richmond
Elizabeth Naylor (Medicine-Primary)

Washington
University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals - Seattle
Graham Dresden (Family Practice)

Madigan Army Medical Center - Tacoma
Christopher Crowell (Emergency Medicine)

Wisconsin
Gundersen Lutheran Hospital - La Crosse
Michael Jefferies (Medicine-Preliminary)

Residency Deferred
Jeffrey Datto
Joan Flint
Frank Kim (Research)
Gonzalo E. Aponte '52 devoted his life to Jefferson. His planned gift benefits future generations and the Department he chaired.

In a few simple and direct words in his will, Gonzalo E. Aponte '52 strengthened the legacy he had begun years before as Chairman of Jefferson's Department of Pathology and Director of the Clinical Laboratories from 1967 until his tragic sudden death in 1979 at the age of 49. Dr. Aponte, the first Peter A. Herbut Professor of Pathology and a past President of Jefferson's Alumni Association, established a testamentary Charitable Remainder Trust, which benefited his mother after his death. When Mrs. Aponte died recently, the remaining principal of the trust was distributed to Jefferson Medical College to further the work of the Department of Pathology. Dr. Aponte cared deeply about Jefferson and its education mission. His estate gift will be applied to graduate education in the Department of Pathology in recognition of his desire, as expressed in his will, to “provide educational opportunities” in his field.

Dr. Aponte, a native of Puerto Rico, won many accolades during his tenure at Jefferson. The first Jeffersonian to receive the prestigious Markle Scholarship in Medical Science, Dr. Aponte also won the Lindback Award for distinguished teaching and was consistently given the honor of administering the Hippocratic Oath to each year's graduating class. Dr. Aponte, in whose honor the Gonzalo Enrique Aponte Endowed Professorship of Pathology was established, devoted his life to Jefferson, and his planned gift will benefit generations to come. Through this careful planning and foresight by an alumnus and faculty member, Dr. Aponte's heir, his alma mater and his department all benefited from his generosity.

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