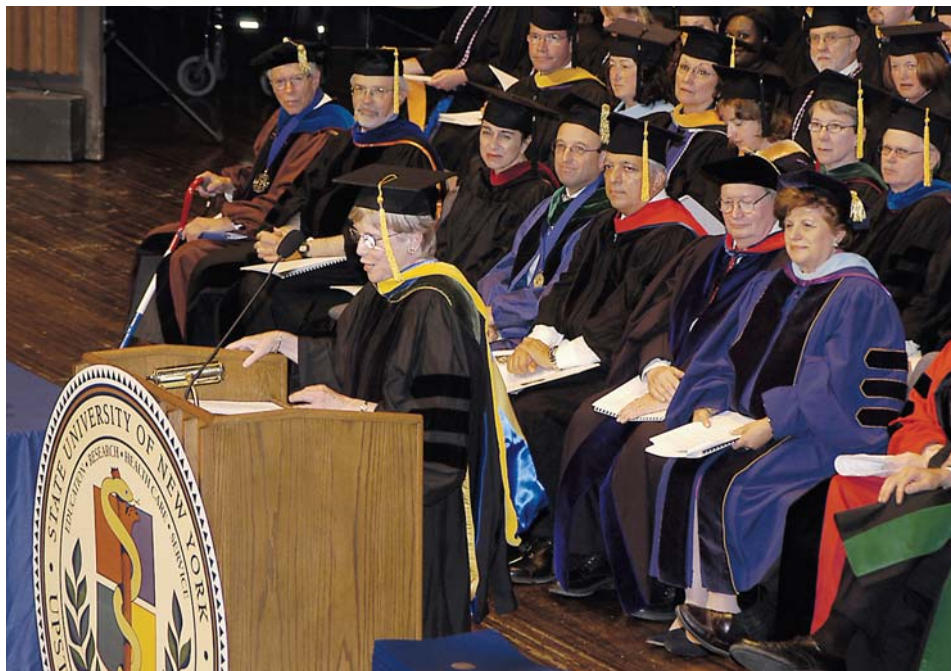


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It was a homecoming for Elizabeth R. McAnarney, MD '66, when she delivered words of wisdom and experience to 159 Upstate College of Medicine graduates on May 22. Nearly 40 years ago, Dr. McAnarney received her own medical degree from Upstate.

McAnarney, professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry and pediatrician-in-chief of the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong, challenged graduates to never lose their sense of service and idealism while working in the health profession.

McAnarney herself is recognized for developing community-based programs to improve the health and well-being of children, overseeing integrated medical care programs for children, and the mentoring and career development of academic physicians.



Elizabeth McAnarney, MD '66, was one of two honorary degree recipients. She challenged graduates to maintain their idealism as they pursue their medical careers.



Her scholarship focuses on adolescent pregnancy and adolescent childbearing. For more than 20 years, she and her colleagues have designed and evaluated intervention programs for pregnant adolescents including those related to adolescent nutrition and infant birth weight. She was instrumental in developing Pediatric Links with the Community, a program that encourages pediatric residents and medical students to spend time in community settings.

McAnarney was one of two honorary doctorate of science degree recipients from the State University Board of Trustees, along

with David A. Kessler, MD, JD, who served as commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

Kessler is dean and vice chancellor for medical affairs at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine. As commissioner of the FDA from 1990 to 1997, he accelerated the drug approval process for promising therapies for life-threat-

ening illnesses, including AIDS; improved the medical device approval process; instituted preventive controls for food safety; initiated nutrition labeling for food; established new safety regulations for the nation's blood supply; and developed the MEDWatch program for reporting adverse events and product problems.

Fittingly, Kessler advised Upstate's newly minted physicians to take on challenges even though they might at times seem impossible.

Forty-five percent of the graduating class will enter the primary care specialties of internal medicine (20 percent), family practice (eight percent), pediatrics (13 percent), obstetrics and gynecology (three percent) or a combined medicine/pediatrics program (one percent). Nearly half the class will complete residency programs in New York state.

