

Dear Fellow Alumni:

This message marks my first as the new president of the Upstate Medical Alumni Association. As a 1983 graduate of the College of Medicine and a longtime Alumni Board member, it is my great pleasure and honor to lead our Alumni Association for the next two years.

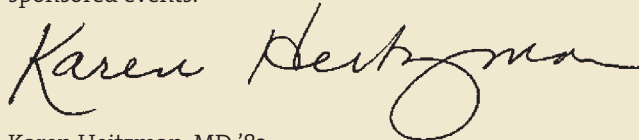
This is an exciting time at Upstate Medical University. This past November brought the announcement of a \$6-million gift for the Central New York Children's Hospital at University Hospital from B. Thomas Golisano; this past May, University Hospital received its Stroke Center designation from New York State; and at the beginning of next year, the new Setnor Academic Building will open adjacent to Weiskotten Hall. All of these developments continue to improve the quality of the College of Medicine and the experience of medical students here, as well as enhance your own Upstate Medical University degree.

Many initiatives are underway within the Alumni Association itself to ensure every resource is afforded to our alumni throughout the world. We are currently developing a four-year strategic plan that will establish key areas of focus. We look forward to sharing this plan, along with our progress, as new developments get underway.

The Alumni Association is also very proud of our tradition supporting medical students. Over the past decade, Upstate alumni gifts have provided an increasing number of scholarships, as well as other assistance such as white coats, stethoscopes, and copies of *Netter's Anatomy* for entering students. We thank you for your generous contributions in the past, and hope you will continue to support current students at a time when the cost of a medical education is at an all-time high.

This coming year promises many outstanding activities and events. I encourage each of you to join me and members of the association to stay connected and give back to the institution that has provided all of us with so many life and career options.

In closing, I'd like to thank Gregory Threatte, MD '73, for his outstanding leadership of the Alumni Association over the last two years. I look forward to serving you as president of the Alumni Association and hope to see many of you at future Alumni Association sponsored events.



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