



Samuel O. Thier, MD '60



John T. McCarthy, MD '69, and Jane Lowinger Falkenstein, MD '69

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1937

Albert E. Del Negro, of West Palm Beach, FL, is looking forward to his 75th Reunion.

1948

Donald N. Schwing, of Onekama, MI, is still working part time, assisting younger surgeons. He is enjoying life as a senior citizen.

1957

Arthur J. Florack, of Tega Cay, SC, has been retired for 10 years and spends much of his time volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Dr. Florack and Ellie have been married for 50 years and have four children and 14 grandchildren.

1958

Donn Brascho, of Cropwell, AL, was recognized by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine with honorary membership. The honor was for original clinical research Dr. Brascho performed while in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Brascho was the first physician to adapt ultrasound technology to localize tumors deep in the body for more accurate radiation treatment planning.

1959

Hamilton S. Dixon, of Rome, GA, is still working full-time with two offices and coaching the Berry College Viking crew team.

1960

Samuel O. Thier, of Chestnut Hill, MA, received the Academic Health Centers' Service Award at the Clinical Research Forum Awards Dinner on April 10. Dr. Thier is emeritus professor of medicine and health care policy at Harvard Medical School and former CEO of Partners HealthCare, Inc.

1963

Malcolm E. Levine, of Westbury, NY, has moved to a smaller northern residence and a larger southern residence (Palm Beach Gardens, Florida), where he and Margie are spending three months each winter and playing more golf. Dr. Levine continues to practice hematology/oncology but has given up his position as medical director of Jamaican Hospital Blood Bank after 37 years.

1964

Eugene D. George is enjoying retirement at Lake Anna, Virginia.

1965

Richard N. Snyder, of Los Angeles, CA, is finally fully retired after 38 years at Southern California Kaiser Permanente, so he has done his last post, last frozen, and last margin check. Saddened by the loss of two of his mentors, Dr. Jones and Dr. Prior, Dr. Snyder writes in the words of Chaucer, "gladly would they learn and gladly teach."

1969

John T. McCarthy and **Jane Lowinger Falkenstein**, both of New York, NY, were married on October 7, 2007, with the blessing of their children and Marta "Omi" Falkenstein, the mother of the late **David Falkenstein, MD '69**.

1971

Dominic Cappelleri, of Warwick, NY, is the recipient of this year's Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Cappelleri is chairman of the Patient Care Committee at St. Anthony Community Hospital and the award recognizes distinguished medical leaders who are held in high esteem by their peers for professional excellence and who demonstrate the highest standards of medical practice and ethics. A long-time Warwick internal medicine specialist, Cappelleri has been an attending physician at the hospital since 1976. He is a member of the Executive Committee and for several years, served as the hospital's Chief of Medicine. Cappelleri currently practices internal medicine in Warwick. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and is also certified in Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Cappelleri is a member of the American College of Physicians, the Medical Society of the State of New York and the Orange County Medical Society.

Lee P. Van Voris has recently moved to upstate South Carolina, where he has taken a position as chief of medical staff affairs and EMR physician adoption at Greenville Hospital System.

David B. Duggan, MD '79

Master and Commander

After nearly 16 years as chair of the Department of Medicine, David Duggan, MD '79, has a new office and a new set of challenges before him.

On July 1, Dr. Duggan became associate dean and associate vice president for Clinical Initiatives, a newly created position with responsibilities focusing on issues of quality and patient care. In this capacity, Duggan will serve as the chief quality officer for University Hospital and as liaison to the New York State Department of Health for Medicaid management.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to work on some clinical issues that I think are very important," he says, "and to work with people I've developed relationships with both at Upstate and throughout the region."

Duggan will also work with the Health Advancement Collaborative of Central New York, a nonprofit group formed to work on regional issues of medical quality and efficiency and the development of a health information interchange for Central New York that will begin with connecting the four major hospitals in Syracuse and several large practices.

Those are issues he understands well as Duggan is a true local. His father, John Joseph Duggan, MD 12/'43, was a clinical professor of medicine at Upstate. Duggan graduated from Jamesville-Dewitt High School and Hamilton College before attending Upstate. After training in Boston, he joined the Upstate faculty in 1985. He became interim chair of the Department of Medicine at 38 and chair at 40, one of the youngest department

chairs in the country. He and his wife, Lynn Cleary, MD, Upstate vice president for Academic Affairs, have three children: Abby is a junior at Johns Hopkins; Joe is a sophomore in high school; and Sam is a 5th grader.

Despite the new challenges, Duggan believes the role will give him slightly more time for his clinical practice of hematology/oncology, including the clinical trials in cancer he's long been involved with. And he'll continue his active role in organizational medicine, including leadership positions with the Onondaga County Medical Society, the American Joint Committee on Cancer, and most deeply, the American College of Physicians (ACP).

In May, in part due to his service and leadership with the organization, Duggan was elected a Master of the ACP. Mastership is bestowed upon a small group of highly distinguished physicians each year, selected from among ACP fellows, in recognition of significant accomplishments in medicine, holding positions of high honor, and outstanding service to the ACP. Duggan has served as both governor of the Upstate New York Region ACP and president of the New York State ACP.

He's in esteemed company. While the ACP has a membership of some 123,000 internists, less than 50 are elected to Mastership each year. Currently, there are eight Masters in the Upstate New York region and 38 across the state.

"The honor means a great deal to me," says Duggan. "It's a real recognition from people I respect."



David B. Duggan, MD '79



B. Dale Magee, MD '75, proudly displays our Upstate Medical University license plate frame with the plates that he had as president of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

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Steven J. Colwell, MD '95, with his wife, Kristen, and daughters, Caroline and Kendall.

1972

Douglas J. Blatz, of Saratoga, CA, writes his son, Brice, graduated from Chicago Medical on June 6. Dr. Blatz and Imi are very proud. Brice will start his residency at Grand Rapids Medical and Research Center and he hopes to take over his father's orthopedic practice which Blatz thinks is great.

1974

Robert A. Edelman, of Mill Neck, NY, writes he and Ellen are expecting their first grandchild.

1975

Richard F. Kasulke is still working in Geneva, NY. Dr. Kasulke's son, **Matthew Kasulke '10**, is a second-year medical student at Upstate; his son, Tom, is a Special Ops Medic (US Army) stationed in Okinawa; and his oldest son, Ben, is a cinematographer based in Seattle. Dr. Kasulke's wife, Sally, has retired after 33 years in pediatric physical therapy.

B. Dale Magee, has been living in Shrewsbury, MA, with his wife, Melanie since completing his residency in OB-GYN. He currently practices gynecology and has just finished a term as president of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He has one grown son, Ryan, who will be getting married this December.

1978

Bruce M. Leslie, of Newton, MA, wishes he could attend the 30th Reunion but will be presenting a paper at the annual American Society for Surgery of the Hand. He writes that after 30 years in Boston, he is still convinced that the Upstate education and training was the best.

1979

Nancy Tarbell, of Waban, MA, the C.C. Wang Professor of Radiation Oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), has been named Dean for Academic and Clinical Affairs at Harvard Medical School, effective July 28. Dr. Tarbell has been director of both the MGH Center for Faculty Development and the Partners Office for Women's Careers at MGH.

1980

Jean M. Weigert, of Simsbury, CT, has been inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR). Dr. Weigert is the director of Women's Imaging for Mandell & Blau, MD's PC, in New Britain, CT, and the director of Women's Imaging at the Hospital of Central Connecticut-Bradley Campus. She is a member of the Radiological Society of North America, the American Association for Women Radiologists, and a member at large of the Society for the Advancement of Women's Imaging.

1982

Arthur P. Vercillo, of Fayetteville, NY, writes his daughter, **Natalie Vercillo**, is a member of the Upstate Medical Class of 2011.

1984

Christopher F. Nicodemus, of Charlestown, MA, founded a new company Advanced Immune Therapeutics (www.AITRX.com).

1988

René Anderson-Cowell is married with two children, Victoria, 10, and Vernon, seven. Dr. Anderson-Cowell practices clinical allergy in Portland, Oregon.

1991

John LaBella, of Wexford PA, has been nominated as president elect of the medical staff at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC and **Christina LaBella** continues to work with the Western Pennsylvania Ob/Gyn Associates at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital. They are celebrating 20 years together in 2008.

1995

Steven J. Colwell, an anesthesiologist in Salisbury, NC, is currently vice-president of the medical staff at Rowan Regional Medical Center. He will be Chief of the Medical Staff in 2009. Dr. Colwell is enjoying life in North Carolina with his wife Kristen, and two daughters, Caroline, six, and Kendall, three.

Marie-Jeanne Desravines, MD '94

Healthcare Hero

Marie-Jeanne Desravines, MD '94, has been named a Healthcare Hero by *Oswego County Business* magazine.

Dr. Desravines, a family medicine physician at the Fulton Health Center in Fulton, New York, was nominated for the honor by Ellen Holst, director of the health division of Oswego County Opportunities (OCO).

"Desravines has tirelessly provided primary and hospital care for the past seven years to some of Oswego County's poorest patients," she says. "She insists on quality, comprehensive care for all."

In addition to providing primary care to the patients at the Fulton Health Center, Desravines provides primary and acute care to migrant farm workers who come to Oswego County and contiguous counties to plant, tend, and harvest crops grown locally.

She does this through evening clinics that are held either at the Fulton Health Center or at the many campsites throughout Oswego County.

"She has become well versed in healthcare issues that are unique to migrant farm workers or exacerbated by their working conditions," Holst says. "Desravines donates not only her time, but dollars to assist this population and other vulnerable populations in the area."

Desravines says some of the more common healthcare issues she confronts in the migrant population include high blood pressure, diabetes, and a slew of musculoskeletal problems, such as back issues.

"What they do is so labor intensive," says the New York City native. "It involves heavy lifting and bending over to pick crops."

Tending to the healthcare needs of migrant workers does differ from treating the average patient, Desravines says. "For some, it may be the only time we get to see them, so we fix as much as we can in one visit as possible."

Because the transient migrant population goes "wherever the migrant flow takes them," continuity of care can be problematic. Nonetheless, Desravines does see many of the same people year in and year out. "I have many patients who have been with me since I've been here," she says.

Desravines enjoys working with the migrant population, and says her patients are quite appreciative of receiving health care services after their work hours are over.

"I like the people and patients that I work with," she says. "Some of the patients can be trying, but it comes with the territory."

She is particularly frustrated by patients who have no intentions of wanting to help themselves.

"It takes a lot of work to get them to realize they are important, especially mothers, who tend to put everyone else ahead of them," she says.

"I tell them, 'You can't be there for your kids if you're not healthy.'"

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Marie-Jeanne Desravines, MD '94



Matthew W. Doust, MD '98, with his wife, Season, and their two sons.



Colleen Talt and Uchenna Acholonu, Jr., MD '03



Jeffrey Weaver, MD '08, and Toyin Showole Weaver, MD '08

1996

Timothy J.D. Gregory has moved to Savannah, Georgia and is enjoying the East Coast.

Brian Trezak now practices internal medicine with Village Internal Medicine in Fayetteville, NC, near the heart of our military outside of Fort Bragg. Dr. Trezak and his wife, Elizabeth, are expecting their second daughter in July 2008.

1998

Matthew W. Doust, of Scottsdale, AZ, and his wife, Season, announce the birth of their second son, Sage Kenneth Doust.

Laura Walsh and Dennis have two daughters, Maria, three and Sara, one. Dr. Walsh works part-time in Stafford, Virginia.

1999

Kenneth K. Cheng, of Webster, NY, writes that after an anesthesiology residency at Montefiore Medical Center, he finished a pediatric anesthesia fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Cheng currently works at the University of Rochester Medical Center as an anesthesiologist. Dr. Cheng and his wife, Michele, are expecting their first child.

2002

Rebecca L. Bagdonas is now a pediatric anesthesiology attending at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary following her fellowship at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital at Columbia Presbyterian. Dr. Bagdonas lives in New York City and will be getting married in 2009.

Samuel Bleuez, his wife, **Tanya Beckford '03**, and their two sons, Andrew and Matthew, have moved to Peachtree, GA. They are both joining private practices locally.

2003

Uchenna Acholonu, Jr., married Colleen Talt on May 27, 2007 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Glen Cove, NY, with a reception following at the Mansion at the Woodlands in Woodbury, NY. Many Upstate graduates attended the wedding including, **Anju Kuruvilla '03, Matthew Panzarella '03** and his wife, Laura, an Upstate College of Health Professions graduate, **Ann Thomas '03, Erica Weinstein '03** and **Mark Vaynkhadler '03**. Colleen and Uchenna began dating their first year at Upstate in 1999. Colleen graduated from Upstate in 2002 with a masters in Physical Therapy and also a Transitional Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2006. She is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a full time outpatient Physical Therapist with a specialization in the treatment of patients with amputations. Uchenna graduated from the College of Medicine in 2003 and completed his residency at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in 2007. He is currently an OBGYN attending at St. Luke's Roosevelt. They live in Forest Hills, NY.

2004

James K. Farry, of Ann Arbor, MI, will be ending his year as an attending at the University of Michigan and starting a nephrology fellowship at the New York Presbyterian-Cornell in New York City.

2008

Jeffrey Weaver and **Toyin Showole Weaver**, both of the Class of 2008, were married on April 12, in Aruba. They are beginning their residencies at Albany Medical Center for anesthesiology and family medicine, respectively.



Sixth-Annual Joseph C. Fischer, MD '79, Memorial Golf Tournament

Eleanor Fischer Quigley, scholarship recipient Christopher Jones, '09 and Kathy Fischer. This year's tournament raised more than \$10,000 towards the endowed scholarship fund.