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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is hard to articulate all that has happened over the last few months. Here in Hanover we made swift changes and accommodations as we braced for the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early spring. The pandemic exposed our ability to continue good work in the face of uncertainty and rapid change. It forced us to think about technology, especially the ways in which we use it to connect and engage with people. We did our best to support students as Match Day and Class Day were adjusted to virtual programs, clinical rotations were delayed or canceled, and people became confined to their homes. I am grateful for the way so many of you answered the call to write notes of encouragement to our 4th year students, sent congratulatory messages as Class Day approached, and shared your expertise and knowledge through virtual programing.

Just as we began to normalize our “new normal”, our nation was rocked by the ongoing violence against Black Americans. The widespread social unrest and protests impacted our students, our alumni, and our communities in different ways. I am proud of the work our students, alumni, and the Upper Valley community have done, and will continue to do, in response to these injustices. As we continue the conversation around racism and navigate through this pandemic, one thing that has been echoed time and time again is that we are all in this together.

In that same spirit, I look forward to working with our Alumni Council—and invite you to join us—as we look to identify meaningful ways to engage in the conversation, establish programs, and create support for our students who come from underrepresented populations in medicine.

In this issue we introduce our new Alumni Council president John Houde MED’92 through a Q&A, you will see how alumni answered the call to showcase their expertise through virtual programing, and lastly, we celebrate alumnae who are bringing innovations to medicine and supporting the Geisel School of Medicine through philanthropy.

While I hope you enjoy reading this issue, I want to close out my letter by saying thank you for your hard work, resiliency, and dedication as you have navigated through the challenges 2020 has presented thus far.

Amanda Bassett
Director, Alumni Relations
WHEN PETER KILMARX D’83 MED’90 LED A VIRTUAL SEMINAR THIS PAST SPRING AS PART OF OUR COVID-19 WEBINAR SERIES, he told the audience, “I was asked for my slides a week ago and I think I literally laughed out loud and said whatever I prepared last week will be totally different by next week. Things change day-by-day.”

I feel similarly now, writing in June a column you won’t see until summer has passed. In the last four months, a pandemic turned our lives upside down and a spate of violence against people of color sparked a long-overdue racial reckoning. What might the next three months bring? I can’t tell the future, but I can tell you our plans as of this moment: our intent to welcome students back to campus for the fall term with appropriate physical distancing, and our promise to address the issues of racial discrimination that exists in our own community.

Like the rest of Dartmouth, we acted quickly in March to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 among our students, faculty, and staff. Within two weeks, curricula shifted to online, 3rd- and 4th-years moved out of clinical environments, and we all relocated our offices into our homes. A number of Geisel researchers pivoted to focus their work on SARS-CoV-2 testing, treatments, vaccines, patient outcomes, and public health. Alumni like Kilmarx graciously shared their expertise as webinar leaders (for more on that see p. 5).

As you read this, our students are settling into the Upper Valley or on-site of their clerkships and electives. To maintain safe physical-distancing, courses exceeding 20 students are convening virtually while smaller groups are meeting in person. Research program operations are returning to near-full capacity.

While we continue to adapt to the pandemic, we’ll also be confronting racism and discrimination on our campus and in healthcare. Thanks to the brave and honest feedback of our students and alumni, we recognize that these problems exist in our medical school and we are committed to ending them, once and for all. We’ve implemented a number of steps to begin this process, including mandatory bias training for faculty and staff; special training for MD students to advance discussions around racism; instituting conduits for reporting of improper behavior in the clinical learning environment that ensure no reprisal or retaliation; and enhancing diverse faculty and staff recruitment and retention. Our students are revitalizing the Geisel chapter of White Coats 4 Black Lives, a national student-led organization with a mission of dismantling racism in medicine and promoting the health, well-being, and self-determination of people of color. And our Alumni Relations Office is developing programming that supports our students of color and underrepresented minorities in medicine—I thank those of you who have already stepped forward to assist with this.

It’s our goal to make Geisel a national leader in racial fairness, equity, and justice in all of our missions of science and education. It won’t happen overnight. But working toward this vision as a priority from this point forward, day-by-day, I have no doubt we can achieve it.
SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS OF COLOR

It can be a difficult decision to come to Geisel as a student of color. When choosing a medical school, underrepresented minority (URM) students tend to consider how likely the community is to accept and support them. Geisel is in one of the most remote and homogenous areas of the country, with a local population that is 94% white. Most URM students hail from urban or suburban areas with very different cultures, social activities, and, of course, weather. This can make for an even harder transition during a process that is already tough on anyone. It is imperative that we have other URM students, faculty, and staff to rely on during challenging times.

I have focused a huge share of my extracurricular work on diversity, equity, and inclusion because of my firsthand knowledge of the unique burdens that URM students can face. This may include “stereotype threat”—the feeling that as representatives of our whole racial or ethnic group, any failure on our part would confirm people’s negative opinions; and a “minority tax”—the added responsibility of educating our educators or being spokespersons for our racial or ethnic group while non-URM students are free to focus on more personally enriching endeavors.

I work closely with other students, faculty, and staff to help address these disparities and mitigate these situations, and I think that there are several things that Geisel already does very well to support its URM students. There are many opportunities to do the health equity work that many of us are passionate about through programs like Urban Health Scholars and the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship. There are also affinity groups like Black Students at Geisel that help us build a sense of community and replenish our energy through social activities. However, one of the areas in which Geisel continues to struggle is the recruitment and retention of URM faculty and staff. Because of this, our URM students often find it hard to build the same professional connections as non-URM students, particularly surrounding mentorship and networking.

One of the things that makes me extremely proud to be a Black student at Geisel is the knowledge that the first Black person to receive a medical degree in America, Samuel Ford McGill, MD, graduated from Dartmouth in 1839. As a Geisel community, I would like us to consider how we might honor and remember McGill and other URM alumni who have made the world a better place. We can carry on their legacy through our commitment and service to the school and through our generosity.

Our Alumni Relations team, led by Amanda Bassett, is working on several new initiatives to create greater community, support, and networking opportunities for URM students and alumni. In addition, Amanda and her colleagues are in the process of identifying how philanthropy can accelerate efforts around diversity, equity, and inclusion at Geisel.

Together, we can create a healthy, nurturing learning environment for URM students. We have a long way to go, but with the support of the Geisel alumni community, I know we can get there.

Chad Lewis

CHAD LEWIS ’21, MPH
Kristin Pisacano Casale D’89, MED’94 does something a little different for her three centenarian patients: When she books appointments for their glaucoma checks, she builds in an extra 15 minutes to be sure she has time to chat with them.

“I love talking to my patients. It’s my favorite part of the job,” says Casale, an ophthalmologist in White Plains, New York. “The practice of treating the whole patient—not just the disease—was ingrained in my psyche at Dartmouth Medical School. Especially in ophthalmology it could be so easy to just look at the eyes and know what’s wrong. But Dartmouth fostered the whole-patient approach.”

The daughter of an ophthalmologist, Casale didn’t always know that she wanted to be a doctor, let alone the second ophthalmologist in the family. But by the time she graduated from Dartmouth College, she explains, “Nothing sounded better than being a doctor. My father loved ophthalmology, and I’d grown up seeing how much he enjoyed his job.”

She’d applied to other medical schools besides Dartmouth’s. “I loved Dartmouth College and the Upper Valley so much, though, that I couldn’t imagine a better place to go to med school.” After her medical internship at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Boston, Casale was trained as a resident at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital in New York City, and completed a prestigious fellowship in laser eye surgery at the Zaldivar Institute in Argentina. From 1996 to 2005, Casale worked at New York Eye Surgery Center before going into private practice with Dartmouth friend Tara Sweeney D’89, MED’93.

Recognizing the Places That Form Us

In honor of her recent 25th medical school reunion, Casale made a generous gift to the General Scholarship Fund at Geisel. She’s been a longtime supporter of both Dartmouth’s medical school and the College.

“I’ve been fortunate, and it’s important to pay that forward,” says Casale. “I’d hate for someone to not achieve their dream because they couldn’t afford to. Some of the students most in need of financial support will go on to be the best doctors.”

She also gives of her time—volunteering on reunion committees, serving on Geisel’s Alumni Council, writing white coat notes to welcome incoming medical students, and interviewing applicants. “Staying engaged is fun! It’s all about connection,” notes Casale. She recognizes that people are pulled in lots of different directions with requests for their time or money, but that there’s always room to give a little bit—like the 15 minutes she builds in to her appointments with her oldest patients. “For me, donating to Geisel is a no-brainer. It’s our duty to give back to the places that form us, and, along with Dartmouth College, Dartmouth’s medical school made me who I am; it’s a place I want to see thrive; and it’s an educational experience I want to share with others.”

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SCIENCE, POLICY, AND HOPE

In the spring of 2020, five Dartmouth medical alumni led a series of virtual seminars to share their insights and responses to COVID-19. Experts in their fields, they demonstrated that history, technology, research, public policy, and patient care all have played important parts in the fight against the pandemic. Watch the recorded webinars at any time on the Geisel YouTube channel, youtube.com/user/GeiselMedDartmouth/videos.

COVID-19 INSIGHTS FROM AN EPIDEMICS-RESPONDER

Daniel Lucey D’77, MED’81, MPH, is a Senior Scholar at Georgetown University. Lucey has been responding to epidemics, pan-epidemics, and pandemics since 2003, including SARS, avian flu, MERS, and Ebola. He is the originator and a co-organizer of the exhibit “Outbreak: Epidemics in a Connected World” (open 2018-2021) at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. In the early days of America’s response to COVID-19, Lucey discussed what was known about the pandemic, lessons learned from previous epidemics, and what he expected in the months ahead.

“Usually when I go overseas to outbreaks I like to go in the beginning, as soon as I can possibly get there. It’s very rewarding to be able to work with international colleagues who may be from a different culture but you have this common effort working together to try to help people survive and recover and you have the common enemy which is the pathogen, virus, or bacteria.”

HEALTH DISPARITIES, COVID-19, AND HOW DATA SCIENCE CAN HELP

Irene Dankwa-Mullan MED’97, MPH, is deputy chief health officer and chief health equity officer at IBM Corporation and IBM Watson Health. Prior to joining IBM, Dankwa-Mullan served at the National Institutes of Health—first as director of the Office of Innovation and Program Coordination and then as deputy director for the Division of Scientific Programs within the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. She currently serves on the Geisel Board of Advisors.

The COVID-19 pandemic is revealing the depths of health inequity in the U.S. and abroad. Dankwa-Mullan explained how advanced analytical technology can help lessen the impact of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable populations.

“Preliminary COVID-19 data shows that members of socially disadvantaged, deprived communities globally are disproportionately more likely to get COVID-19 infection, experience more severe disease, and have higher death-to-population ratios. ... Data science can help identify barriers and challenges to social distancing; identify unique risk factors, patterns, indicators that increase health and social vulnerability; and identify hotspots for early response and intervention.”
BIOTECH-ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Dale Chappell MED’99, MBA, is chief scientific officer at Humanigen, a biopharmaceutical company developing a portfolio of next-generation cell and gene therapies for the treatment of cancers. Previously, Chappell was a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellow at the National Cancer Institute, where he studied tumor immunology.

Chappell discussed how his company received FDA approval to test their lead cancer immunotherapy as a potential treatment for COVID-19. The drug is now in Phase III clinical trials at DHMC and other academic hospitals across the U.S.

“We’ve been developing a therapeutic drug called lenzilumab, positioning it as a therapy for cytokine storm. Cytokine storm is an overwhelming immune reaction that occurs in two fairly new cancer therapies. Then in late February, data out of China suggested that patients with COVID-19 were suffering from cytokine storm as well. Since we were already thinking about cytokine storm and patients with COVID-19 were experiencing cytokine storm, we decided to pivot into that therapeutic area.”

WHAT’S NEEDED TO REOPEN SAFELY

Peter Kilmarx D’83, MED’90 is deputy director of the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health and previously served in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 21 years. He was named a Health Hero by CDC for his work in the fight against Ebola in 2014-15.

Kilmarx shared his perspective on the latest information related to COVID-19 infection rates, antibody testing, vaccine development, and what’s needed from a scientific perspective to safely reopen the U.S.

“One idea that I’ve been championing is to have a COVID-19 Response Corps. This is a dual economic and health crisis. We’ve got millions of people unemployed, and we’ve got a massive response workforce that’s needed. We’d be giving people jobs and providing a response to the pandemic.”

FROM THE FRONTLINES OF COVID-19: LESSONS IN TEAMWORK AND INNOVATION

Tenagne Haile-Mariam D’83, MED’88 is an emergency medicine physician at George Washington University Hospital and United Medical Center in Washington, D.C. For more on Haile-Mariam, read the profile on p. 12.

Haile-Mariam, along with two colleagues, discussed the strengths and weaknesses of their urban healthcare system and how they are innovating to overcome challenges and meet evolving needs.

“It came as no surprise to us that there was racial disparity in COVID because we see it in absolutely every other disease state. There are root causes—we have to really look at our general socioeconomic historical construct in order to understand disease. Disease just doesn’t happen without the human element. And the human element doesn’t happen without the socioeconomic historical construct.”
Q. WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO RUN FOR ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT?

I’ve been on the Alumni Council for 14 years and watching each president guide with enthusiasm and commitment to Dartmouth’s medical school has been inspirational. I want to continue the incredible work that our previous Alumni Council presidents have brought to the role. Most recently, Vin Pellegrini D’77, MED’79 used his presidency to initiate alumni specialty career panels that increased student and alumni interaction. Our nation is at a crossroads in healthcare and Dartmouth medical school graduates are desperately needed to help shape the future of healthcare delivery. Connections between current Geisel students and alumni—and strong ties with our young alumni—will facilitate the entry of Dartmouth-educated clinicians and scientists into a world that badly needs them.

Q. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ALUMNI TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

My mother, Charlotte Houde Quimby, was a major influence on my decision to go into medicine. She was an incredible caregiver and patient advocate and role model. She was a Certified Nurse Midwife who help to found the midwifery program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock in 1983 with Jack Dodds, MD. I did disappoint her though, when I chose orthopaedics over OB-GYN.

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John Houde, MD, is an orthopaedic surgeon at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, N.H. A member of the Alumni Council since 2006, Houde has served as class agent and reunion gift chair for the Class of 1992’s 15th, 20th, and 25th reunions.
I’ve worked at small community hospitals for my entire career so I understand the joys and the challenges of community practice. I’d like to reach out to our many alumni who are delivering amazing care in community settings and shine a light on their work, and I’d also like to invite them to share with the Alumni Council the issues that are important to them.

Q. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ALUMNI TO STAY ENGAGED WITH THEIR ALMA MATER?

Engagement is a reflection of our appreciation for the phenomenal medical education we received at Dartmouth’s medical school. I feel privileged and fortunate to have matriculated there. The professors and attendings loved teaching and interacting. Their doors were always open and no question was ever deemed insignificant. We were treated with dignity and respect and we in turn were expected to treat our patients and each other with dignity and respect.

Over the past few years there has been a push for “patient-centered care.” I think previous generations of Dartmouth Medical School professors would be scratching their heads over this term because they taught us from the very start that all of medicine is patient-centered care! If we as alumni want to ensure that this ethos prevails for all future graduates than we must remain actively engaged.

Q. WHAT MAKES GEISEL STUDENTS—AND A DARTMOUTH MEDICAL EDUCATION—SO SPECIAL?

Prior to applying to medical school I had the terrific fortune of connecting with Dartmouth Medical School students. They were effusive in describing their experiences. They were smart, kind, committed, and loved being able to attend medical school in a place as beautiful as the Upper Valley. I was hooked. I didn't want to even look at another school. Being accepted to Dartmouth was one of the great moments of my life. On that day a dream was fulfilled—but my time at medical school surpassed every dream and expectation. My classmates were as smart, kind, and committed as the ones that I had met as a prospective student and they became my lifelong friends. Faculty were incredibly knowledgeable, enthusiastic, friendly, and accessible.

I have never lost that first feeling of what an incredible privilege it was to attend medical school at Dartmouth! I truly believe that all physicians should be trained with the same level of individual attention, from the highest caliber faculty, with a constant focus on developing compassionate and empathic doctors. I couldn’t have been better prepared for my life’s work.

Q. CAN YOU SHARE SOME SPECIAL MEMORIES OR ANECDOTES OF YOUR TIME AT DARTMOUTH MEDICAL SCHOOL?

There are so many! On our very first day, Joe O’Donnell MED’71, then the dean of students, stood up and tried to calm our anxiety by saying, “You know what they call the person who finishes last in their med school class? Doctor!”

I always sat in the very back of every class. Elmer Pfefferkorn taught infectious disease in Kellogg Auditorium. At the beginning of each class, Pfeff would write the plan for the day on the blackboard. After two sessions he came up to me and asked me my name. He then had me sit in a specific spot and said, “Please sit here every day.” For the rest of the term, he wrote on the top of the blackboard, “Please do not sit behind the Houde Line!”

Q. WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT?

While our nation and its communities have been rocked by COVID-19 and social injustices this year, it is imperative that as the leader of the Alumni Council I hold myself, the school, and our incredible network of alumni accountable in supporting and engaging all of our young alumni, especially those who come from backgrounds that are underrepresented in medicine. I want to hear their voices, their concerns, and their desires for the future of Geisel and represent them fully.

I am eager to serve our alumni body in this role and I encourage all alumni who are interested in working with the council to please reach out to me at Geisel.Alumni.Relations@Dartmouth.edu.
RECOGNIZING 2020’S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Each year, the Geisel School of Medicine Alumni Awards recognizes and honors alumni for service to the school and celebrates the achievements of graduates who have distinguished themselves in their field. Due to COVID-19, our in-person award ceremony has been postponed until a future date when it is safe to celebrate our honorees.

The below summaries do not fully convey the breadth of each honoree’s accomplishments and distinctions but provide a brief glimpse of each honoree’s contributions to medicine, science, and the medical school.

FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

Edward S. Horton D’54, MED’55

Dr. Edward S. Horton devoted his 55-year career to the investigation, treatment, and prevention of diabetes. His early studies on obesity in rats and humans defined for the first time the cause-and-effect relationship between obesity and insulin resistance, and his later research demonstrated that weight reduction, diet, and exercise could significantly improve outcomes for patients with prediabetes or diabetes. Throughout his career, Dr. Horton has taught and mentored generations of students, residents, and postdoctoral fellows, attained a number of leadership positions, lectured around the world, and authored or co-authored over 600 publications.

Jean M. Sanger PhD’68

Dr. Jean M. Sanger has made significant contributions in the field of cell biology and has provided an extraordinary service to the scientific community through her support and mentoring of students interested in the sciences. One of the leading experts in the cell biology of the cytoskeleton, Dr. Sanger has used the latest advances in imaging technology to study the dynamics of the cytoskeleton in living cells and examine the mechanism by which myofibrils, the basic units of muscle fibers, form in striated muscle cells. Her work has also furthered our understanding of how infectious bacteria—such as Listeria that move inside cells, and pathogenic E. coli that move on the outside surfaces of cells—spread to neighboring cells.

Stephen J. Galli MED’70

Dr. Stephen Galli is a world-renowned expert on mast cells and basophils and well-known for his accomplishments as a researcher, teacher, and administrative leader. His research focuses on the roles that mast cells and basophils play in allergic and other immunological or inflammatory responses, with particular interest in the roles of these cells in anaphylaxis, food allergies, and asthma. By studying immune cells, Dr. Galli has broadened scientific understanding of the mechanisms underlying allergic responses on a cellular and molecular level. His research also has led to the discovery that mast cells help to maintain homeostasis and promote survival, by reducing the toxicity of various snake, Gila monster, scorpion, and honeybee venoms.
Rear Admiral Anne Schuchat MED’89

Dr. Anne Schuchat is a leading voice in America’s response to COVID-19. She’s played key roles in many Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) emergency responses, including the 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza response, the 2003 SARS outbreak in Beijing, and the 2001 bioterrorist anthrax response. Globally, she has worked on meningitis, pneumonia, and Ebola vaccine trials in West Africa, and conducted surveillance and prevention projects in South Africa. In 2018, Dr. Schuchat retired from the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) at the rank of rear admiral.

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Oglesby H. Young MED’75

Dr. Oglesby Young’s dedication to teaching is well-recognized. He has received numerous Excellence in Teaching Awards from Dartmouth and in 1999 he was the faculty alumnus elected to Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) at Dartmouth Medical School. He received the AOA Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award in 2001 and, in 2002, he was given the APGO Excellence in Teaching Award, a national award from the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetricians. In 2015, Dr. Young was the first recipient of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology’s Annual Clerkship Award for Outstanding Contribution to Geisel Student Learning, an award that is now named in his honor. Dr. Young was also one of the first three recipients of Geisel’s Annual Lifetime Educator Award. He has also been a dedicated volunteer writing white coat notes for incoming students, representing his class on the Alumni Council and serving a term as Alumni Council president.

Geisel School of Medicine Alumni Council Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2021 Alumni Awards.

Alumni award winners are recognized for their achievements in the fields of medicine, science, or for loyalty and service to the medical school.

Learn more about the Alumni Awards program and submit your nominations. Call 603-653-0726 or visit www.GeiselAlumni.org/AlumniAwards.

Deadline for nominations: 10/15/2020
As COVID-19 spread across the globe, Tenagne Haile-Mariam started preparing for its arrival in Washington, D.C. An emergency medicine physician at George Washington University Hospital (GW) and United Medical Center, Haile-Mariam knew it was going to take innovation to meet the challenges ahead.

“Ramping up telemedicine was our immediate need,” says Haile-Mariam, who’s an assistant professor of emergency medicine and a faculty member in the Section of Innovative Practice and Telehealth at George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. “Telehealth is the medium in the time of COVID.”

Haile-Mariam and the Innovative Practice group developed notes to help the entire GW medical enterprise—from primary care and emergency physicians to specialists—become quickly comfortable conducting telehealth visits. Telemedicine enabled clinicians to triage patients who might have COVID-19, to provide care for other patients in the safety of their own homes, and to ration supplies of personal protective equipment.

“The ways we practice medicine, the places in which we practice medicine—it’s all had to change,” Haile-Mariam says. In addition to promoting the use of telehealth, the Innovative Practice group also recommended erecting tents outside the hospital for COVID-19 testing and trained emergency medical technicians to go into high-risk communities, such as nursing homes, to administer the coronavirus test.

When Washington’s 911 system became inundated with calls from people concerned about the virus, Haile-Mariam assisted in the recruitment of GW medical students to answer the phones and refer the callers, when needed, to a telehealth visit.

“Especially now, it’s important for medical students to realize that they’ll be in many situations in which they’re a step removed, but they can always be part of a solution,” says Haile-Mariam. “The differences you can make in another person’s life aren’t constrained by locale.”

For Haile-Mariam, this sense of connection is more important than ever. She thinks about it in terms of telemedicine, which is “an opportunity, but will never replace the relevance of human touch.” And, in the midst of a global pandemic, she thinks about it on a larger scale.

“We can’t divorce what we do at the bedside from changes that are occurring around the globe,” she says. “How we interact with other human beings and with a living, breathing planet should be taught at the beginning of the medical school curriculum.”

And she credits her undergraduate and medical school alma mater for serving as a strong example of global citizenship. “The beauty of Dartmouth is that it’s in rural New Hampshire, but the reach of the institution—what it gives to and what it receives from the entire world—is exemplary.”

“The differences you can make in another person’s life aren’t constrained by locale.”
KATRINA MITCHELL MED’06
Being of Service as a Physician

When Katrina Mitchell was a surgical resident at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, she kept a slip of paper in her white coat pocket. On it, she had written her favorite quotations from the 2006 commencement address given by former Surgeon General Antonia Novello, MD, to Dartmouth Medical School graduates.

“I hope you are not just preparing for a job. I hope you are not just planning a career. I hope each and every one of you has a calling—a humanitarian calling. I know that you will do well. Your faculty has seen to that. But I pray that you will also do good.”

Mitchell has taken this message to heart in all that she does. Her residency included three years conducting research in Tanzania, where the plight of underserved women led her to her calling as a breast surgeon.

“A lot of those women didn’t have access to care, and they presented with late-stage breast cancer,” she says. “Breast surgery blends public health, women’s health, surgery, and oncology care, so it’s a very multifaceted specialty.”

After returning from Africa, Mitchell completed a breast surgical oncology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Today, her practice focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of benign and malignant breast disease. Following the birth of her son, Mitchell developed a special interest in treating women who receive a breast cancer diagnosis while breastfeeding, as well as caring for breast cancer survivors who wish to breastfeed after chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation. She’s currently a consultant on a study examining whether breast milk could demonstrate predisposition to breast cancer, and she recently created a breastfeeding medicine course for other breast surgeons.

Though her patients arrive with very specific physical conditions, Mitchell never loses sight of the bigger picture—that patients often face other hardships in addition to their illnesses. “They could have lost their job, or they could be struggling with a personal relationship. ... People aren’t just their disease or diagnosis. We need to take care of the whole person.”

This mindset, she says, was at the core of all she learned while at Dartmouth: “I loved that Dartmouth focused on public health, caring for the patient holistically, and being of service as a physician. That model formed the foundation for the rest of the way I practiced surgery.”

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SHAWNMARIE MAYRAND-CHUNG PHD’98
A Scientist’s Path to Social Welfare

At each step of her career as a scientist, lawyer, health policy advisor, executive director, consultant, coach, and global human rights advocate, Shawnmarie Mayrand-Chung has seized every opportunity to help improve people’s lives. Most recently, she added another title to her résumé—founder and CEO of her own international nonprofit.

While Mayrand-Chung has always had a passion for promoting social welfare, her desire to make a difference through philanthropy was fully realized in 2018, when she accepted the position of deputy director for International Bridges to Justice (IBJ). There, she worked to prevent the use of torture as an investigative tool during criminal prosecution.

“I realized then that I had even more to contribute in the philanthropic space,” she says. “That’s when I created The Alignment Initiative. We look for opportunities to align individuals and organizations that are already doing nonprofit or philanthropic work, and we help them enhance the impact of what they’re doing by connecting them with other like-minded efforts.”

Mayrand-Chung built The Alignment Initiative (TAI) upon three core pillars: Technology, Health and Humanity, and Environment. The organization’s mission is to develop a world in which all basic human needs are met through the innovative alignment of those pillars, with cooperation and collaboration at its core. One of the many projects TAI is poised to launch is the Future World Leaders Academy which, through courses, workshops, and camps, engages young adults who are interested in philanthropy and challenges them to consider what is needed to make long-lasting, positive change in the world.

Her path from PhD student in biochemistry to founder of her own nonprofit began after she graduated from Dartmouth and landed in New York City, where she served as a scientific advisor for one of the premier patent law firms in the country. After earning her law degree, she left private practice to pursue opportunities to more directly improve public health: first as a director for the Biomarker Consortium at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), then as a director for Strategic Partnerships and Intellectual Property at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In 2011, she relocated to Switzerland and worked for a Fortune 500 company for three years before accepting the pivotal position at IBJ.

All along, Mayrand-Chung has been guided by the skills she developed and honed during her scientific training at Dartmouth, and by her understanding that the greatest successes come through collaboration. Now, she brings that power of partnerships to TAI, with its mission to help organizations identify and implement new ways to work together to address the world’s social problems more efficiently and with greater impact.

“I love that I can touch so many lives, and I feel like I’m uniquely poised to make a huge impact at so many different levels,” she says. “Dartmouth was the inspiration that led me to where I am today. For everything I gave to Dartmouth, it gave me five times more in return.”

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As of May 24, 2020 there are three surviving members, Lou Pernokas (myself), Norman Sussman, and Eliot Sweet, all in our 90’s.

On May 24, I enjoyed a telephone conversation with Norm Sussman. He sounded great! He currently resides at a retirement community in New York and his apartment overlooks a “beautiful section” of the Hudson River. In February, he spent a week and his 93rd birthday in a hospital with a high temperature and pneumonia. He plans to be tested soon for an antibody for the novel coronavirus. It took a month to regain his normal state which is great. His wife Charlotte has frailties, but are both mobile.

Yours truly and my lady moved to Stephenville, Texas, 13 years ago and still live in our own home and have a “visiting angel” to help with our general needs. I have “motor neuropathy” which requires me to use a motorized wheel chair because of complete leg weakness. My mind is still great so am still able to write checks, etc.

I am sorry not to have been able to contact Eliot as his phone is disconnected and no longer have an address for him.

My loss of physical capabilities has brought “memories” to the fore, such as pride in accomplishments in maturing, an outstanding practice in vascular surgery, my teaching of students, interns, residents and a young surgeon partner who followed me, and hours spent in the daily practice of surgery.

I wore a uniform during parts of three wars and saw all the combat one needs to see during my tour in Korea with the marine corps, but we loved our country. My best to all.

—Lou Pernokas

1952

Taz and Jerry Block are home in Tenafly, N.J. Jerry is proud of his granddaughter, who has been accepted to medical school in Zurich, Switzerland, out of high school. The course there is one year shorter than our seven years.

Linda and Al Carpenter are confined to their self-sufficient retirement community in Hingham, Mass. The swimming pool is closed, but they have plenty of room for long walks. And Al can still carve wooden turtles for his grandchildren.

Don Clark was gazing out the window at an ice storm when I called but was looking forward to being able to tend to his flower garden soon. He gets lots of visits from Holly and Leslie.

Giles Hamlin still goes on long hikes with his dog, Stan (named for Stan Van Den Noort). Since Stan weighs over 75 pounds, he is in command. Son Tod and daughter Liz are looking forward to another DMS’52 reunion.

Kay and Jack Hyland are also hopeful that we can have another “Now or Never” get-together. My next anatomy class begins June 1. I assume that will mean online teaching over Zoom.

To close, in the words of Lou Pernokas, the DMS’48 class secretary, “A couple of us have what I would call ‘octogenarian frailties,’ but that won’t be brought up at this writing.” Well, Lou, we are all no longer octogenarians!

—Jim Cavanagh
1953

I am very sorry to report that Arn Muller passed away on April 29. He began his career with 10 years of service in the Air Force and then entered private practice in Pennsylvania. In 1973, he was recruited to establish the Department of Emergency Medicine at Hershey Medical Center. He was active nationally in establishing emergency medicine as an official specialty (and was president of the American College of Emergency Physicians in 1982-83). In 1979, he was appointed Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Health and served in that role for eight years. In 1987, he became chief of staff of the VA Medical Center in Lebanon, Pa., retiring in 2003. And in addition to all of that, Arn was our class secretary for 33 years—from 1985 to 2018. He is survived by his wife, Anne; five children; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. I expect that some of us may have been unaware of his many accomplishments. Arn was a classmate who will be long remembered and much missed.

And here is news from several other classmates:

Ben Stein: Ben’s wife, Bonita, passed away in April, I am sorry to report, after a long battle with lung cancer. Bonita was a vibrant and classy lady who readily made friends with those who were fortunate to enjoy the pleasure of her company. She was a devoted wife of 33 years. This past fall, Ray Jankowich and I (Bob Millhouse) and my adult kids were most fortunate to spend Homecoming weekend with Ben and Bonita.

There were a lot of laughs, good memories, and unsolicited “coaching” from the stands to lead Dartmouth to a football victory. Ben has been fortunate to have his and Bonita’s son, Charlie, at home with him during the COVID crisis. Charlie is an administrator at Sloan-Kettering in New York, currently assigned to work from home. Ben has two daughters from his first marriage of 28 years; he also lost that classy lady to a long illness. Texas and California claim Ray Jankowich is doing fine. He is alert, current on all world problems, always a pleasure to converse with on the phone, and an avid reader. He recommended a book to me that was excellent and due to the length and depth of the material could be a reading assignment from a strict English teacher for a wayward student. It is titled The Admirals and is enjoyable, educational, and historical—good for filling a few days during the current lockdown (or lockup) for seniors. There is much to be learned and enjoyed in this book. Ray and Karen have a son who is a pulmonologist involved in caring for COVID patients.

Ray Alexanian is still active, contributing his time and knowledge at lymphoma meetings at MD Anderson. He is also an avid bridge player. His discipline for exercise (swimming) and other activities is probably a lot more than the rest of us even think about. He and Lois are in good health but not traveling as much as they previously did. A daughter lives in Singapore. Ray was featured in a great article by our Dartmouth College classmate Bill Montgomery in the “Class Crier.” (Bill’s dedication in bringing us the news about our undergraduate classmates so impressed Ben and me that we both reached out to Bill to let him know how much his time and effort are appreciated.) It is always a pleasure to talk with Ray, and after our conversation I believe it is okay to share a class fact: that he is the youngest member of our DMS Class of 1953. To me, that deserves huge applause. He has not yet even reached the ripe old age of 89. I am impressed!

Sumner Moulton, according to my “reporter,” Ben Stein, recently had a surprise 90th birthday party and is doing well. Apparently not wanting to be left out of the ailments common to our stage of life, he is having a couple of minor problems with sensory peripheral neuropathy. I am sure that married life, the Maine environment, and retirement will make that seem tolerable. I best recall your red suspenders from a past reunion, Sumner. They have to be a trademark for your laid-back and always-friendly demeanor. Like the rest of us, Sumner enjoys reading.

Erik Gundersen is still a part of the Gundersen Clinic in Wisconsin. He recently was contacted by my ace reporter, Ben Stein, who advises that Erik is doing well and is active, in good shape, happily married, and enjoying life. He stated that the incidence of COVID-19 has not been particularly bad in their area. I believe—and hope I am correct—that the Gundersen Clinic has been involved in some innovations in the management of the virus. I will be excited to learn about the work done there.

As for me, Bob Millhouse, my family has been strict in isolating Beverly and me from the Southern California viral onslaught. Bev had a partial knee replacement in November, with an avulsion fracture of her tibial plate three weeks later, requiring a full knee replacement in early March. Being at home has therefore not been a problem. Life is good. My health is good, although I need to follow my cardiac pattern due to some irregularities, so I have a Reveal LINQ system implanted near my sternum in subcutaneous tissue. It records my heartbeat 24/7—much better than a Holter monitor. I love to read, have a great wife, five healthy kids, six grandkids (one who’s a paramedic in Colorado and one who’s a hospitalist in Palo Alto and has recently spent time on the COVID ward).

We have lost three-quarters of our med school class; many of those have missed so much of life that we have been able to enjoy—so remember to count your blessings, to be thankful for our opportunities and challenges, and to be ever mindful of the needs of others. Be safe!

—Bob Millhouse

1955

The Syverts weekend last fall, on October 18-19, began with a Friday night introductory dinner with the six Syvertsen Scholars and a number of committee and faculty members. That was followed by the Saturday morning interviews and then the selection of the Syvertsen Fellow. DMS’55 committee members present were Ben Gilson, chair; Ed Horton; and Ross McIntyre. Don Brief...
and I were absent; more about that below. From the group of outstanding Scholars, the Fellow elected by the committee was John Damianos ’20. High among his many interests and accomplishments is a strong background in screening for and preventing and treating alcohol and illicit drug addiction. He is planning on an internal medicine residency.

The Syvertsen Fund is in robust good health—or was before the COVID-19 market swoon and the likely recession to follow: it stood at $3,388,202, with $16,281 distributed to the Scholars and Fellow and $146,532 available for general scholarships. Satisfaction with the latter is evidenced by enthusiastic thank-you notes from many students to the members of the committee.

My absence from the meeting was due to a conflict: Gretchen and I were on a Dartmouth-sponsored trip to France. We spent a few days in Paris, followed by a riverboat trip along the winding Seine to Normandy, with stops along the way. Of particular interest to artist-gardener Gretchen was a visit to Giverny to see Monet’s famed gardens and home. Omaha Beach remains a very popular tourist attraction; the impressive D-Day museum, with its many displays, including a German command bunker, assures that the incredible feats of that day will never be forgotten. How the Rangers managed to scale the cliffs and beat back the Germans was unbelievable, but it came with heavy cost: Omaha is also known as “Bloody Beach.” We arrived at the American cemetery just as the flag was being lowered and “Taps” was being played. Over 9,000 marble crosses and Stars of David are a striking and touching measure of that cost.

Other impressive stops on the way back to Paris were the cathedral at Rouen and the palace and gardens at Versailles. The palace in particular is testimony to the overwhelming excesses and self-aggrandizement of Louis XIV. My sense of revulsion did not seem to be shared by the huge crowd of adoring tourists, most of whom were French.

Our friends Dick Perkins D’57, TU’58, and his wife, Cynthia, were on the same trip; they were motivated to join us in part to celebrate their wedding anniversary and their honeymoon in Paris. We had also shared with them previous Dartmouth trips to Ireland and Barcelona, equally well done, with quality leaders and educational programs.

I got a call from Don Brief in early March. Several months earlier, he had experienced unexplained weight loss. A workup revealed Stage IV pancreatic cancer with liver metastases, and he wanted some of his old friends and classmates to know, so I helped get them in touch. He has been through several courses of chemotherapy and is now in an immunotherapy program. Ironically, Don joins a group of DMS’55s who have come down with an affliction in their own specialty: at one time, he had done more Whipple procedures for pancreatic cancer than anyone else in New Jersey. Don had a long, successful, and productive surgical career that began with his residency in Boston at Harvard’s Peter Bent Brigham. When he finished there, the renowned surgeon Francis Moore tried to persuade him to stay on the Brigham staff and Harvard faculty, but Don had other plans. His long career at Newark Beth Israel in New Jersey was interrupted only by military service, including a tour in Vietnam, where Don was a real-life Alan Alda in a MASH unit.

Immunotherapy has had some remarkable successes. We sincerely hope Don becomes one of the success stories, as do his family, many friends, and grateful patients. When I talked with him again in early May, the therapy appeared to be working, as he was feeling much better.

Finally, just a reminder that our medical school reunion originally slated for this fall has been rescheduled due to the pandemic for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. If you’re able to come then, you’ll have a chance to see members of the Class of 1956 as well as of our class.

—John Moran

As I write this column, our classmates and their families are sheltering in place in an attempt to avoid and wait out the COVID-19 pandemic in which we are enveloped, while also trying to avoid the many anxieties this threat engenders. I know each member of the class sends their best wishes for the good health and safety of his classmates. We also express our sorrow and extend our deepest condolences to the family of Jim Wiggin over their father’s recent death.

John Stanley writes that he and Manel are well and remain active with home projects while making
every effort to avoid contact with others due to the current scourge. John has a large collection of violins and is contemplating playing each of them intensively, with the aspiration of improving his technical skills and expertise. Good luck!

Phil Mossman and his family are also well. Phil is beginning the work required to edit a new book, tentatively titled *Copper Money of Pre-Federal Connecticut (1785–88)*. Knowing the amount of energy it takes to compose, write, and edit any text, this project is certainly an acknowledgment of Phil’s expertise in early American currency. As an antidote to worrying about our current environmental insults, he is looking forward to spring and the opportunity to mow his lawn.

Since we are all more or less confined at this point, it is a good time to compose and send me a note (at aroot3@jhu.edu) with comments about your status and that of your family and with your ideas, opinions, or comments on the current political situation, world-threatening events, complaints, advice to future generations of physicians (and anyone else)—anything and everything is valued and solicited. If you wish to be nominated for a Geisel-DMS Alumni Award, designed to recognize DMS alumni for their service and/or career achievements (and we all deserve this recognition), please send me a copy of your curriculum vitae and a few appropriately supportive comments and I will be happy to submit the nomination.

Finally, just a reminder that we have a reunion scheduled for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. I do hope we’ll have a good turnout; you might keep in mind that the 2020 fall reunions have been postponed till next year (due to the pandemic), so we’ll have an opportunity to see members of the Class of 1955 as well as of our own class.

—Allen Root

1957

Tom Kuhns and I are planning to retire at the end of 2020 after our many wonderful decades of practice together. We may be the “Last of the Mohicans” from our era at DC, DMS, and HMS. It has been a wonderful run during the golden years of medicine, and we are truly grateful for our unique association and friendship.

Last fall, my DMS roommate, Dave Klein, told me about his recent severe health issues, which he bore with amazing equanimity. Unfortunately, despite excellent medical care in Montana, he passed away in February. A few years ago, he had stopped teaching physician assistants, a pursuit which he had enjoyed immensely. He read voraciously and had interesting discussions with Tom Kuhns about astrophysics, quantum mechanics, and other arcana. Our deepest condolences go out to Dave’s family; a full obit will soon be in our D’56 “WWW” newsletter, as well as on the DMS website at www.geiselalumni.org/obituaries.

Our long-lost classmate John Wanamaker has passed away. It is sad news, since John had finally responded this past year to my many entreaties for news.

And yet another sad note: Peter Teal passed away this past February.

We will surely miss these treasured classmates.

Now on to the rest of the news:

**Kev Ryan** logs in: “Here we are, all at this advanced age, and life continues to be packed with things to do, decisions to make, and events to enjoy. Currently, we are concentrating on two things: the elections and the COVID-19 pandemic. Elections frequently boil down to ‘the lesser of two evils.’ All of our favorites in the Democratic primary have dropped out. We voted for Biden at the end but only after a fun family-wide Skype conference call the night before election day to discuss strategy. The COVID-19 situation has us busy, even though we have no cases in Santa Barbara yet. I happen to be president of our resident association. Along with our administration, we have taken a number of mitigation steps that cause some loss of services and freedom of movement, but our population of 400 folks has been very cooperative. If we do this right, we might flatten the curve of sick people in the community and allow the health care system to cope. We are somewhat concerned about our granddaughter, Lindsay, who is a nurse at Evergreen Hospital in Seattle, currently the epicenter of the epidemic. She works in the NICU but, still, there must be bugs in the air. All the best to classmates facing the same challenges that we do.”

From **Fred Chang**: “The Chang story has not been so good. Last November, Jan and I were playing golf with our daughter and son-in-law when she unexpectedly suffered a stroke on the course. Her recovery has been slow, and after three months of skilled nursing rehab she finally returned home several weeks ago. It has been amazing what they have taught her to do, but I am with her most of the time. Just like Howie, I am okay, but not as strong as before. I have not played golf in over three months but hope to start again after the weather improves and things get more settled at home.

“I was saddened to learn about **Dave Klein** and **John Wanamaker**. John was a good friend in college and DMS but dropped off the earth after leaving Hanover. Dave and I stayed in touch after med school. I sent one of my residents to join his practice. Jan and I enjoyed meeting with Dave and Kitch at surgical meetings and on ski trips to Sun Valley. Dave was a great skier and knew Sun Valley like the back of his hand. He could always find the best ski runs on any particular day.”

Fred also mentioned **Peter Teal**’s passing, noting that “he was one of the co-founders of the Western Trauma Association, and we met at many fun places like Vail, Steamboat Springs, Park City, Jackson Hole, etc.”

**Larry Seymour** writes: “Not a thing new or different, except we canceled a trip out to Sacramento via Seattle later this month to avoid crowds. Seems prudent. Oh, yes, three grandchildren are getting married, and the one that got married a year ago is pregnant and due with our first great-grandchild. That’s a landmark of sorts. “Joan and I continue to do well, or as well as being in the middle eighties can be. My most visible problem is essential tremor and trying to find out what to do when the side effects of the medicine I take for it are intolerable.”

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**Peter Teal** passed away this past February.
Deep brain stimulation—really?

“We have had a good year, including a cruise through the Panama Canal with a son, a daughter, and their spouses. Our daughter Lynn, who was on the cruise along with her husband, Jim Lockhart, has two stepdaughters and a daughter and a son; the oldest daughter got married this summer, daughter #2 (Jenny) got engaged at Thanksgiving, and daughter #3 (Erin) got engaged four days ago. We are as happy as can be with all three matches. Son Ian, a junior at St. Olaf College, is close to bilingual in Spanish but is about to head off for a semester abroad in . . . Scotland. The Lockhart family has a strong Scots heritage, I think.

“Our oldest son, John, has a son, Lawrence, who graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin this year and is pursuing emergency medicine at Tampa General Hospital. We hear he spends extra hours at the hospital so he can improve at procedures like intubation, etc. He is concerned that he won’t learn all he needs to know in the three-year residency. As we all realize, the learning process is lifelong.

“We moved to a senior residence at the end of June. It’s similar to what Kevin has described, I think. Lots of planned events, more than we can be involved in. Lots of friendly people. Joan has been the beneficiary of a knee replacement, hip replacement, and aortic valve replacement—three of the miracles of modern medicine. So we keep going. I keep playing golf, when weather permits, trying to keep my game more or less where it’s at.

“We were saddened to hear of Jan Chang’s stroke. Nothing quite prepares one for the eighties and what looms over the next day. I’m glad that Jan’s speech was largely preserved—that’s a major positive. I hope she will get home soon.

“We hope next year will bring some happiness for you both.”

From Joe Gonnella: “I appreciate what you are doing for our class! And I regret that I haven’t attended our reunions because of my schedule. I continue to work, since I enjoy it. Our latest analysis of the Jefferson-Penn State accelerated program will be published in Academic Medicine in the near future. I promise to send you a reprint. A good friend from Japan has made a generous donation to Jefferson. As a result, our center is now called the Asano-Gonnella Center for Research in Medical Education and Health Care. I hope to see you in Philadelphia in the near future.”

Howie Green checks in: “I am saddened to hear about Dave Klein and John Wanamaker. Dave was my roommate, as was Al. Al, thanks for keeping us up to date. I am okay but don’t have the energy I used to have. My best to all of you.”

Ray Austin Writes: “So sorry about Dave and John. Haven’t seen either one since graduation. I remember good things about each of them.

“Lorrie and I are still trucking along. Lots of issues which do not need repeating. The coronavirus pandemic is upon us, and being elderly makes us even more aware. We live in an assisted living facility, where they write great protocols but are ill prepared to deal with what’s coming at us. Not enough trained people (who know sterile technique) to do the job.

“Through my fault, I’ve lost touch with Fred Chang. We were very sorry to hear of Jan’s stroke and slow rehab. Good people! Stay well and keep up the good work. God bless.”

Ken Hermann writes: “The loss of two of our DMS’57 classmates is sad news to all of us. Dave and John will be fondly remembered. As with others in our group, age is taking a toll on Sally and me also. My memory is slipping away, my strength and stamina are decreasing, and my balance is getting pretty bad. Other than that, I keep on taking one step forward at a time. Sally is suffering from increasing dementia and is wheelchair-bound due to her spinal stenosis. We are awaiting space in an assisted-living program here in Atlanta. Until then, we are depending on visiting caregivers to make our days somewhat enjoyable. The threat of COVID-19 is growing—but I think the hysteria over it outweighs the level of risk: compare it to potential pandemic influenza. Keep well.”

Gerry Finkel writes: “The loss of Dave and John is very sad. The house at 48 College Street is now down to three survivors: Al, Howie, and me. Dave was a very good friend, one whom I admired greatly, and although I did not see him except at reunions, I regarded him highly. Along with Hank, I will not stop mourning for our lost classmates.

“As for me, I am now fully retired. They gave me the title of ‘emeritus’ and stopped sending me a paycheck. I am still playing the piano, although arthritis limits my abilities. I have written a book of poetry, now under revision and expansion, which I will publish some time this year. I have the usual assortment of age-related declines, too boring to list, but none yet enough to put me out of commission. I’m also working on a philosophical text, the title of which remains undetermined, but the subtitle is The World According to Gerry. Oy vey—it keeps me going. Betsy is remarkably well and takes care of me. Best of everything to all of you.”

Bill Hansen writes: “Thanks for your reminder. Earlier today I tried to find your original note, but it’s lost in the mist somewhere. Mostly, I am very sorry to learn of the deaths of Dave Klein, John Wanamaker, and Peter Teal.

“I remember each of them vividly, especially Dave, of course, since we were roommates during our first year at DMS, but John and Peter also were both people I liked and admired a great deal.

“I think you knew that a little more than two years ago, Janet and I moved to Kendal at Ithaca, a retirement community that includes a life-care center (nursing home). It was a move we needed to make, but it’s a mixed bag and we’re still adjusting to it. So far there’s no sign we’ll need the life-care center, but it’s there if and when we do need it. We’re both in reasonable health for our ages, helped along with multiple pills, radiation for me for a lymphoma, various surgical procedures, and so forth. We haven’t traveled much except for twice-yearly trips to the Adirondacks and twice-yearly visits to our youngest son and his family, who live in the Dallas, Texas, area. Our middle son, Greg, lives just about 20 miles away, so we are in frequent contact with him. Janet is still very active with her music. I spend a lot of time with our two dogs. Three seasons...
a year, I do a bit of gardening. Otherwise, I dabble in very amateur photography and graphic art (pastels mostly). Best wishes to you and the rest of the DMS crew.”

Don Dillon reports: “I am reasonably well. My communication skills, never very good, are suffering and I keep to myself more. Mary T. and I still socialize and travel together. But we have not done much traveling. We both have walking difficulties, she from Parkinsonism and me from multiple motor and sensory neuropathies in both lower extremities. You’ll recall that I do not have an L5 vertebra (due to MRSA osteomyelitis 12 years ago) and instead have two 12-inch rods and screws. The rods keep a titanium L5 prosthesis in place.

“Our last big trip, a couple summers ago, was three weeks in Italy on a self-planned itinerary that included five cities, from Milan to Rome. We started in Milan so we could see southern Switzerland, Lake Como, and Bellagio and also included Genoa, Bologna, and Florence. Bologna is home to one of the oldest university medical schools, and there we experienced the 17th-century amphitheater for anatomy teaching at the first medical school, Anatomical Theatre of the Archiginnasio. Otherwise, we get to Florida and Phoenix for short stays. In October, we will try a European river cruise, including Prague—long on the bucket list; we will see how our walking goes.

“Nice of you to contact all us classmates. We are a withering bunch—no surprise there. I add my condolences to the families of the classmates we have lost. I’d like to see the rest of us get together somewhere—probably at a hotel rather than for a cruise, although all of us who were on the cruise you arranged several years ago have positive memories of the experience. But it’s disappointing to hear of all the infectious issues occurring recently on cruises, so I think we are better off in a hotel. Dr. Fauci’s prediction that 200,000 could die from COVID-19 is unbelievable and so sad.

“I am not one who thinks ‘the ship of state’ is in good hands. I look forward to a change. I do not think ‘the swamp was drained.’ “Fortunately, my big family is still prosperous and healthy. We number more than 30 people when we all get together. It’s gratifying that I have lived to see two great-grandchildren, but depressing that my wife, Pat, the mother of our seven children, died going on four decades ago. It has been difficult for me to completely rationalize that. The family has been strong and successful in spite of that early loss.

“You did not invite these narratives to hear the gloomy, so I apologize. But we are at a time when we all look back and see the good and not so good, if any. Our time at Dartmouth, with our medical school brothers and our learned faculty, led by Dean Rolf Syvertsen, was a ‘good to great’ experience for all of us. For those of us remaining, it would be nice to gather one more time ‘by the fire’ and talk it all over.”

“I am delighted to share this excellent response to my queries for news from our treasured brothers. I do hope that we may reunite again in the future, as several of you have suggested.

“I pray that we all weather this disastrous epidemic successfully, and that once again the sun will shine brightly in our future. Regards and good health to all.

—Alan Friedman

1958

In a previous column, I wrote of the bonding that occurred among the 24 of us during our two years together at DMS. And in the last issue, I shared the particularly interesting odysseys of Paul Raslavicus and Jim Tankersley—Paul before coming to Dartmouth and Jim after our graduation.

In this issue, it’s my pleasure to share updates from several classmates who responded to my request for news with word about what they’ve been up to:

Tom Watt: After leaving the Southwest and finishing medical school and his residency in dermatology, Tom practiced in the Midwest. As you may recall, some of us joined the ensign program when we were at Dartmouth so that we could be paid for our senior year in medical school. We then owed the Navy three years instead of two. Tom was turned down for this program because “his eyes were too bad.” But soon after he started his practice in the Midwest, the Navy said they needed nearsighted dermatologists, and he was drafted. When he left the Navy, Tom decided to become a Maine-iac (or whatever they called people who decide to become residents of Maine!). Tom has lived in Maine ever since and had a very successful career as a dermatologist. After the death of his first wife, Meta, Tom remarried, very happily; his second wife’s name is Sally.

Bill Gallagher: I have spoken briefly with Bill about his career as a dermatologist, also in Maine, but he was not as happy as Tom was in his career. The last time I spoke with Bill, he was still involved in a lawsuit against the group that had employed him. I don’t know whether this has ended, but I know we certainly wish Bill all the best.

Arnie Mulder: Since completing his training, Arnie has spent his life in Southern California. He’s lived for many years in Pasadena and practiced cardiac surgery there. He is no longer practicing but has continued to teach regularly at USC. Arnie and Gretl have a second home in Santa Barbara, and he enjoys spending a large part of his time there as well. He sees Bob Vogel frequently when Bob comes to Southern California to visit his son. Arnie also says that a while ago he saw Kevin Ryan DMS’57 and other local Dartmouth alums.

Bob Vogel: Bob elected to stay in the Northeast because he felt that the schools there would be better for his sons, but after they were grown he moved to Florida, where he has been since, doing gastroenterology.

Nick Tschetter: Nick, who apparently goes by Paul now, writes that his retirement has not turned out to be what he had hoped. He developed macular degeneration and has been legally blind for the past five years. He recently wrote to me and said, “I read a lot of audio books and do Great Courses. I have reread some great books, one of which was 1984. So much of that book
is exactly what is happening today. I enjoy reading about the history of medicine and genetics and about cancer, and I spend several hours every day doing this. I am writing a book about my experiences during 49 years being a pediatrician. We thoroughly enjoy our 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren! I spent 15 years on the board of Brent’s Place, which provides housing for families who live outside of Denver and have children who are getting bone marrow transplants or chemotherapy. Recently, I started spending time on the infusion floor at the children’s hospital, talking with the families. I have mild Parkinson’s disease and spend three days a week working out, because cycling is very helpful for Parkinsonism. If any of you ever come to Denver, be sure to contact us. Our phone number is 303-740-8004. I would love to hear from any of you.”

I haven’t heard from Dick Lindseth, Erv Philippus, or Maury Tannenbaum. I hope that this column will galvanize them into sending in something about their lives.

—Mel Britton

1959

Bob Keller was the only member of the class of 1959 to answer my call for updates. It was great to hear from him and I hope to hear from more of you for the next issue.

Bob wrote, “Until the recent onset of COVID-19, there were few changes in our lives. At the moment, Maine is less severely impacted by the pandemic than many parts of the country, but that will likely change.

“I remain in good health, though I am seeing a gradual decrease in strength and endurance. I am still playing tennis regularly (that is, until recently) and remain active with various indoor and outdoor odd jobs. Also, lots of reading, including an effort to follow the changing trends in the world of orthopaedics. Marie’s post-stroke status remains stable, and she is as active as she can be. My four daughters and their families are doing well, and at this point they are in good health. One of them had been living in Florence, Italy, for quite a while, but fortunately she decided to move back to the States last November—very lucky for her!

“I hope that Ralph Miller will be able to present this year’s Career Achievement Award to Ed Horton ’55, though the coronavirus may disrupt that event. Last year’s ceremony honoring Tom Aaberg and Al Gazzaniga was great.

“I hope the other remaining members of our class write in and that you are doing well.” Thank you for your contribution Bob, I too hope the DMS class of 1959 are all doing well. Please send in your updates so we can know how you are faring.

—Thomas Aaberg

1960

Several of our classmates are still very busy.

Congratulations to Stu Hanson, who has published a memoir called Do No Harm. It is a series of stories, some of which have been published in Minnesota Medicine. One of the chapters, “An Unexpected Reunion,” was published in the Geisel Alumni News & Notes. Both paperback and e-book editions will be available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble in early summer. He has two other books in the works as well. Into Harm’s Way: A Physician’s Experience with United States Wars from 1941-1969 is through its first edit, and he hopes to have it finished in 2020. The third book in the planned trilogy, to be called Reducing Harm: Fifty Years of Tobacco Control from a Minnesota Perspective, is now being researched and is slated to be published in 2021.

Bob Liberman reported how the coronavirus has hit LA and especially how it has affected his daughter, who is a DMS graduate (from the Dartmouth-Brown Program) and who directs the ER at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Bob is also busy writing another book, Recovery from Schizophrenia, which will be published by Oxford University Press.

Haig Kazazian reports that Lilli and he had a once-in-a-lifetime experience this past December, when they attended Nobel Week and the awards ceremony in Stockholm. He had been a mentor of Gregg Semenza at Hopkins from 1986 to 1994. Gregg received the Nobel for isolating a protein called hypoxia-inducible factor 1 (HIF-1), which responds to low oxygen in humans by turning on about 4,000 genes. Haig has mentored many young scientists in the field of genetics.
It’s great to hear all these stories. I hope the world will settle down soon and that we can gather in Hanover and share our stories in person.

So do make note that our medical school reunion originally slated for this fall has been rescheduled due to the pandemic for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. If you’re able to come then, it will offer an opportunity to see members of the Class of 1961 as well as of our class.

—Barry Smith

1961

In these perplexing, troubled times, it is certainly nice to get in some pleasant news, so here goes:

Just before the bad tidings really rolled in, Linda and I had the pleasure of spending warm and positive times with several dear DMS and DC friends. First, we joined Durham, N.H.-based Virginia and Dick Petrie for a few days at their lovely Waterville Valley get-away condo on the weekend of February 15-16, 2020. The get-together included a delicious dinner prepared by Virginia. I’ve included a couple of photos from our gatherings, to include all the present parties into the photos a little photoshopping was done; wouldn’t want anyone to think Marty and myself weren’t present in those pictures.

Then, on our annual trip to Southern California, Linda and I were hosted by Debby and Marty Weiss at their lovely home in Flintridge. We had the pleasure of getting together not only with them but also with our D’60 classmate Joe Mandel and his wife, Jean, and with a mutual friend, Dr. Roberta Williams. Debby prepared a wonderful repast, and it was a delightful evening.

Marty writes: “Firstly, Debby and I hope that all the families of DMS’61 are well and stay that way in this challenging time. It may be particularly difficult for Joe Okimoto in Washington State and Don Caress in Florida, and I’m sure that our hearts go out to them in particular. One of the ID people at our medical school commented that here, there seem to be several different strains of COVID-19, with variable virulence, which may account for differences in mortality in different areas. At any rate, I’m sure that we are all exercising due caution until this scourge resolves. On another point, Tay Weinman and I have enjoyed hosting Sol and Linda for the past five years, and I know that we’d be happy to do the same for any or all of you. We (the Weinmans and Weisses) were delighted to host Wendy and Conner Moore and their family a number of years ago; that sort of started the thought of getting together with members of our small cadre. So please let us know when you’re in the area to see if we can do this more often. Best regards for good health, Marty and Debby.”

It was also great to hear from Joe Okimoto, another West Coaster (and a former Boston apartment-mate, with Jerry Bart, back in our HMS days):

“Dear fellow DMS’61s, I guess it takes a pandemic for me to crawl out from beneath my rock! My wife, Jeanie, and I have lived on Vashon Island, a 20-minute ferry ride from Seattle, for the past 15 years. This is built in social-distancing, but we have two positive cases of COVID-19 on the island (which has a total population of 10,000), so we are still vulnerable to the virus. We are following the lockdown policy of the state and have so far remained healthy. We are fortunate that we don’t have the density of people that exists in Seattle proper. But we are still waiting for the other shoe to drop; what form that will take, we don’t know.

“We had a pleasant visit with Christine and Don Bartlett here on Vashon Island in 2016. During the visit, we discovered that Don’s aunt, Dr. Agnes Bartlett, served as a physician during WWII at the Poston concentration camp in Arizona, where my family and I were imprisoned from 1942 to 1945. Interestingly, Dr. Bartlett took care of my mother, who sustained a second-degree burn from boiling water at the concentration camp. This was documented in my mother’s camp records, which I was able to acquire from the U.S. National Archives. Don was very generous in sharing with me letters his
Aunt wrote during that time. I’m currently reading these letters with great interest! Don has also donated copies of these letters to Japanese American historical organizations to help preserve the history of that time. So, we send our greetings to DMS’61. Take care, be well, and stay safe! Cheers, Joe.”

What a history of adversity! I believe Joe’s brother was born in that camp. He went on to attend Princeton. During our Dartmouth days, I had the pleasure of meeting Joe’s family in California. May all we show the same courage and fortitude in dealing with our hard times today as they managed to do in those dark days of the 1940s.

Finally, just a reminder that we have a reunion scheduled for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. I do hope we’ll have a good turnout; you might keep in mind that the 2020 fall reunions have been postponed till next year (due to the pandemic), so we’ll have an opportunity to see members of the Class of 1960 as well as of our own class.

Be safe and be well.

—Sol Rockenmacher

As of May 1, 2020, the spring meeting of the DMS Alumni Council was to take place in May—online. Travel is way down and Zoom meetings are way up. The next DMS Alumni Council meeting is in the fall. Hopefully that one will be in Hanover and not via Zoom.

Joan and Doug Zipes were hunkered down in their Florida home as of mid-April, waiting for the COVID-19 pandemic to subside. At some future time they’ll return to their Indiana place—the question is when.

Doug’s latest book, Bear’s Promise, deals with tasers and their lethality. It’s a captivating read, with characters that really caught my interest. I couldn’t put it down and finished it in one day. This is his fourth novel, and he’s also written a memoir, Damn the Naysayers. Doug and Joan went on a trip to Antarctica in late February 2020, enjoying all the sights and especially the cute penguins.

Alan Larimer remains in central Ohio, working hard on his rural home, largely by himself. His two dogs provide protection from anyone who would encroach on his turf. Alan and I had planned a trip together to two Eastern European countries, but the pandemic led to the trip being canceled. Maybe later in 2020 or 2021. As usual, Alan recommended interesting movies and books.

Shelly and I went on a group trip to Morocco in March 2020. When we returned on March 19, we both tested positive for the coronavirus, as did 13 others in our group of 21. We were quite sick (thankfully, no respiratory symptoms), but by early April we were back to normal. The trip itself was interesting, but I’m not sure the illness price we paid made it worthwhile overall.

Be safe and be well.

—Sol Rockenmacher

I’m writing from a very quiet Upper Valley area (Norwich), where people and institutions have accommodated very seriously to the admonition to hunker down. The College and medical school are functionally closed; the hospital is gearing up for an inevitable onslaught; neighbors are forming community support groups; and we’re all attempting to make some sense out of and adjust to this rapidly evolving situation. I hope you and your families are safe and have found ways to cope and thrive during these difficult and challenging times.

Part of my coping consists of the recognition that social distancing is incorrect terminology—it should be physical distancing. So I use electronics to stay connected; use the telephone; write letters; and hail my neighbors from at least six feet away!

Thank you to the 17 (out of 27 living) DMS’63 classmates who responded to my email requests for some news with which to fill this column. But what about Dan Clark, Frank DeGiacomo, Pat Dowling, Bruce Feldman, Rusty Hays, Pat McLaughlin, Don Miller, John Schwarzell, and Tony Wolfe. I do hope you’re well.

From Roy Abbanat: “Still kicking around. Health issues for all of us, I suppose (mine include a nephrectomy for cancer). We plan to sell our wonderful home in the mountains and move to

May all we do be for the common good, especially pandemic relief!

—Ted Tapper
a 55-and-over community to be closer to medical care and amenities, for easier living. Enjoying every day that we’re allowed.”

**Jack Babson:** “As I write this, I am traveling to Arches National Park in a tented RV with Annie Laurie; my twin sister, Juli Carter, and my dog, Turbo. I am an amateur geologist and Arches is one of my favorite national parks.”

**Roger Christian:** “I am in my fifth year of retirement but still go to the hospital or Dana-Farber several times a month for rounds. There, I randomly see former colleagues with whom I have meaningful conversations. Otherwise, a lot of free time is spent working in the yard and getting rid of ‘things’ we have accumulated over the last 42 years living in one house. Saengerfest Men’s Chorus rehearsals one night a week and several local concerts each year, plus a trip to Madrid and Barcelona last spring for cathedral concerts, are other activities. In town, I sing in my church choir and am on the board of health, the Westwood Community Chest, and Hale Reservation Conservation Task Force. My three children and six grands are still very involved with two YMCA camps, Becket and Chimney Corners, where I continue on an advisory committee. Anne and I continue on an advisory committee.”

**Bill Couser:** Bill didn’t want me to include this, but as his former roommate I have certain privileges. Bill has been announced as the 2020 winner of the Jean Hamburger Award from the International Society of Nephrology (ISN). Jean Hamburger of Paris is considered the founding father of academic nephrology and research leading to excellence in renal patient care in Europe. The Hamburger Award is for worldwide career achievement in nephrology, particularly in research with clinical applications. The award also recognizes Bill’s many contributions to advancing nephrology in developing countries through the ISN, from 2001 to 2013, including society leadership as well as his direction of outreach programs in clinical education, fellow training, research funding, and sister center programs. The award is presented every two years and would have been presented to Bill at the ISN World Congress of Nephrology in Abu Dhabi in March, but the conference was canceled because of the coronavirus epidemic. Bill was also the recipient of the 2018 John Peters award from the American Society of Nephrology, for career excellence in research, patient care, and education in nephrology. Bill and Adrienne live just outside of Seattle—they’re in the early epicenter of coronavirus cases.

**Ken Danielson:** I didn’t really hear back from Ken but I see him each fall when he and Karin come from their beautiful home in Peacham, Vt., to Norwich for dinner at my place with Adrienne Cox and Bill Couser, Anne and Roger Christian, and, often, Eleanor and Gene Lariviere.

**Ken DeHaven:** Jean and Ken came east in October to celebrate with some orthopaedic buddies up in Burlington, and we enjoyed an evening at the Hanover Inn over dinner. He and Jean made a successful move from Ohio to Westminster, Colo., near Boulder, to be near their granddaughter. Ken is holding his own in battling dementia (we ex-footballers worry).

**George Gewirtz:** “I finally retired from medical practice in May 2018. I have been very happy to have the time to study classical and jazz piano, travel, read, play tennis, and enjoy spending time with family and friends. By the way, one of my granddaughters is waiting to hear about admission to Dartmouth. Janice sends her love.”

**Russ Hardy:** “I keep busy traveling and serving on various boards, including the board for Appollo’s Fire, a Cleveland-based baroque orchestra.” (Take a look at their website: apollosfire.org.)

**Paul Johnson:** “Joan and I are fine, just aware that crossing the 80-year threshold is imminent. Our life is full and we are grateful for family and friends. We see Catherine and Dennis Niewoehner, who live near us in Edina, Minn. We also got together with Dave “Bags” Bergman and his wife, Gretchen, in San Diego during our month there recently. Dave was D’62 and DMS’64. Peace to all.”

**Barry Levine:** “I (Ellen) am writing for Barry. He is not a big emailer. We are fine. Barry is glad to be retired. We just returned from a three-week cruise from San Francisco to Santiago, Chile. We were in Mexico, Central America, Ecuador, and Peru.”

**Dennis Niewoehner:** “Good to hear from you. I retired in August 2018. Thank you for keeping us posted on the class.” Come on, Dennis—you can do better than that!

**Michael Norman:** I didn’t hear from Mike this time but related the goings-on in the Norman family in my last column. I hope he and Judy are handling their medical challenges.

**Frank Pauli:** “Bonnie and I did an around-the-world cruise, leaving San Francisco on January 5, 2019, for 132 days, ending on the Thames, docking next to the Cutty Sark in Greenwich, and flying home from London. The trip celebrated Bonnie’s and my 50th wedding anniversary—we were married on August 10, 1968! We currently divide our time between homes in Ann Arbor; Sonoma County, Calif.; and the Wailea Ekahi beachfront in South Maui, Hawaii. It depends on the weather! We’re healthy unless the virus gets us. Still associated with the University of Michigan. We have two kids and one granddaughter—all okay.”

**Alan Rozycki:** You’ve all heard enough about me—and I need to keep this column under my word limit!

**Ralph Rydell:** “I can report that I am retired from neurologic surgery. I do some consultative neurosurgery and some medical-legal consultations but limit that to one or two days a week. I do this because of the large body of evidence that social and intellectual activities are important in slowing the aging process. I also continue running 5.5 miles a day (but ever more slowly) for the same reason. Otherwise, Kathy and I are in adequate health and continue the usual community and family activities.”

**Alan Weinberg:** “Ireen and I have managed to stay fairly
1964

News from our class is sparse, but I did hear from John Federico, who represented us at the recent reunion. John went to the reunion weekend last September thinking of our wonderful 50th, but he says there were no others there from either our class or the class that preceded us. He brought as a guest Dr. Miguel Marin-Padilla, with whom he had worked on a project during the summer of 1964. John included a picture of himself with Dr. Marin-Padilla.

His note made me think of our upcoming 60th. Stay safe during this pandemic so you can attend that event. Best wishes to all.

—Rich Edelson

1966

These comments were collected during the March-April COVID-19 period, so I asked our classmates what had been their experiences with the “virus society.”

John Looney said they were “going to hide out at the farm, where the Appalachian Spring is beautiful” and watch “the wild turkeys with love on their minds.”

Meanwhile, Dave Zamierowski was “hunkered down in Kansas,” where their governor was the first to close the schools. He was proud of having been appointed to the board of the Wound Healing Society Foundation, in effect recognizing his many years of work in wound care and medical device contributions; he now has more than 180 patents! He is an adjunct at the KU Medical Center.

Sue and Sandy Hight had been in Morocco for a month when the pandemic news hit and were able to escape earlier than planned to a two-week quarantine at home. While in Morocco, they traveled widely (including to the geographic extremes of seashores, deserts, and mountains), rode camels (“uncomfortably”), saw historic cities, enjoyed good foods, and stayed in both tents and B&Bs. Their tour also took them to Spain, Malaga, and Granada, where they saw the Alhambra castle.

Still doing genetic hematologic research, John Zaia has been working from home, since the City of Hope Medical Center is on tight security. His long experience has given him the opportunity to work with colleagues at Johns Hopkins on immunoglobulins from convalescent corona patients, work that had been successfully accomplished in China and also recently in the U.S.

Phyllis and John Kattwinkel also hunkered down, John being particularly concerned about his corona risk due to the bold therapies for his prostate cancer several years ago. He is still at work at UVa, now conducting a trial of assisted ventilation for preterm infants at risk of cerebral hemorrhage. He reflects that this work “would have brought a smile to Marsh Tenney’s face.”

A lengthy personal and social history came from Mike Ascher. In 2018, their grandson developed rhabdomyosarcoma of the ear canal. They arranged for him to be on a complex treatment protocol at St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis, which involved many months of chemotherapy and proton beam radiation, during which time Mike and Britt stayed in Memphis. Grandson and mom then returned home (to Singapore!), and have done very well despite the early spread of corona there. And as if all that were not enough, another daughter and her family were able to return home from Costa Rica at the last opportunity.

Deane Mosher’s experience in Madison, Wisc., was similar to that of many—including me—with the many kids in their quiet neighborhood making chalk-art and everyone easily keeping social distance by walking in the streets. The COVID-19 events have brought back to him his

1965

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—Editor

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experience with the Hong Kong flu epidemic during his first year of residency in 1968-69. On the pulmonary service, Deane caught the flu from a patient but recovered during a short break. At its worst, the hospital was in crisis mode, with the ICUs fully occupied. Many severely ill patients were triaged for transfers to the ICU, using protocols set up by another junior resident.

Rich Miller is “always amazed to hear about all the incredible things our classmates have done.” He is also happy to be retired and is “refurbishing my vegetable garden and tending many fruit trees.” He gives his excess citrus to neighbors, though “we don’t see much of anyone outside.” Like all of us, he stays home more (in Santa Barbara, Calif.) and plays bridge online, but is also with family up north in San Francisco and in Virginia. Optimistic, he advises: “The sun will come out tomorrow.”

Spencer Borden confides that “it has been a very difficult time for my grandchildren.” His oldest was All America in Division 3 baseball last year, hitting .467. This year, baseball and even graduation were canceled, and his grandson’s chance to play in the minor leagues has vanished. Spence had been involved with winter training in Florida while the Harvard and Radcliffe crews prepared for the Henley Regatta. Since this training was also canceled, the seniors feel their rowing careers have been lost.

As for us, Cheryl and John Davenport, we have been able to easily walk in our local neighborhood and made our own masks out of old t-shirts. We were fortunate to have canceled an April hiking trip to Nevada a month before its planned start. Now we use Zoom for social meetings and church services and FaceTime to connect with the kids and grandkids in California, Maryland, and nearby in Minnesota—who are, happily, all doing very well. All these activities and situations are additional retirement benefits.

Finally, just a reminder that we have a reunion scheduled for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. I do hope we’ll have a good turnout; you might keep in mind that the 2020 fall reunions have been postponed till next year (due to the pandemic), so we’ll have an opportunity to see members of the Class of 1965 as well as of our own class.

—John Davenport
nine U.S. and two international trips, so I just barely beat him out this year (with nine and three). There were also the usual trips to see children and grandchildren—all of whom are thriving—and visits from same and friends. In July 2019, the core leadership team of the NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Network, of which John is a member, received an NIH Director’s Award. Speaking of which, John alerted me to a temporary hiring mechanism by the federal government via the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA). You can be hired at the NIH, FDA, CDC, etc., if 1) you are working even part-time for a nonfederal agency or approved nonprofit, 2) an individual in a federal agency has a project that would benefit from your expertise, 3) they have the money to pay you, and 4) your current organization is willing to assign you to the federal position temporarily (say, for six to 12 months). Details for the NIH are at [https://hr.nih.gov/workforce/ipa](https://hr.nih.gov/workforce/ipa), or email John at John-Mulvihill@ouhsc.edu.

John is also working on an obit for Kurt Benirschke, who passed away in September 2018; he would appreciate input from others like us who enjoyed KB’s guidance and encouragement. KB sponsored my “year out” in pathology after we graduated from DMS in 1967 and set me on the road to a fulfilling career in pathology that kept my father happy. A very nice obituary was published in the San Diego Union Tribune on September 13, 2018.

Right before my deadline, COVID-19 gave me another excuse to check up on y’all and yielded a couple more notes:

Matt Liang was sequestered at home in Maine, spending a lot of time washing his hands. He admired an op-ed on in the Boston Globe on March 24, on how patients can be cared for safely at home and how to deal with the coming surge of patients needing ICU care.

John Buckner thinks that the Robertson ventilator should receive the gadget-of-the-year award. He and his family are in good health and hoping to keep it that way.

Rich Donn weighed in again (from Westchester County, New York), as follows: “Living in the epicenter has its moments of excitement and terror. I am practicing the art of exhaling only and intend to last it out till our 55th reunion.” He also spotted an obituary for John Freeman in the Aspen Times, dated November 17, 2019.

Dave Bush echoed the frustrations mentioned above about the difficulty keeping up with DMS classmates. Apparently, the College Class of ’65 has a quarterly online meeting that Dave thinks would serve as a good model for the medical school.

In addition to professional travel (to inspect medical laboratories for the CAP), Shirley and I took two other international trips last year (to Greece and South America), plus the usual trips to visit children and grandchildren. All is well, and I am enjoying retirement and emeritus status at the medical school. Shirley is impatient with being home all the time and can’t wait for the schools to open again. To each their own!

—Frank Sharkey

1969

Greetings, classmates. The 13 DMS’69s who attended our 50th reunion last fall are still basking in those wonderful memories. We have all been staying in touch during this period of self-isolation—sharing humorous stories, coping strategies, and ways to remain productive. If you would like to join our networking group (which we call “From the Bunker”), send your email address to me at rixwp@comcast.net.

Stay well.

—Bill Rix

1970

Just a reminder that the Class of 1970 reunion originally slated for this fall has been rescheduled due to the pandemic for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19—offering “70s a chance to also see members of the Class of 1971.

—Editor
class notes

classmates, please send me your email address at joseph.odonnell@dartmouth.edu.

The first piece of news starts out not so good but gets better. Charlie Webb contacted me from Hawaii (where the coronavirus hadn’t hit hard yet) to say that Bob “Rab” Cross was in Spaulding Rehab Hospital in Boston. Rab is another one of us who is flunking retirement. He is still working at the Northampton, Mass., VA and is doing great things with his expertise in ergonomics. But he was on his way to work early one morning when an approaching car crossed the center line and hit his car head-on. He suffered multiple fractures and was emergently transferred to Mass General. He is now making progress at Spaulding, with the recovery from his fractured pelvis slow but steady. By the time this is published, I hope he’ll be home. I can tell you that he hasn’t lost his laugh or good humor and that he would love to hear from any of you.

One of the good parts of the pandemic is that it has stimulated me and others to connect with old friends who meant so much. Mike Dempsey called me from eastern Long Island, where his hospital was being inundated with COVID-19 patients, due to the virus being brought out by travelers from NYC. Mike has partially embraced retirement. He sold his internal medicine practice and graduated from his administrative roles at the hospital, but he is still working with his old practice on a part-time basis.

Douglas Everett has retired from the U.S. Air Force, the University of Alabama Birmingham Medical School, the VA, and his role as a civilian U.S. Army physician. He, too, says he has failed retirement, as he’s still working as an ER physician in rural Alabama and Fargo, N.D. When he’s not working, he does triathlons, road races, and skis and plays the French horn in the Huntsville, Ala., community band.

It was great to hear on the email chain from Marty Kaplan, who finished his MD at UCSF with Rab Cross, Charlie Webb, and Rick Glogau (making it “DMS-West”). He’s had an interesting journey. Not finding his calling in medicine, he went to law school after a two-year stint in the Public Health Service. But at the Public Health Service Hospital in Boston, he fell in love with his wife, who was there doing an optometry rotation. After law school, he had a most enjoyable and successful career in the pharmaceutical industry in drug regulatory affairs. He spent the last 37 years in Ridgefield, Conn.

Importantly, he says that he has maintained a great friendship with Vicki and Bill Falk over all these years.

Another classmate who wrote was Gary “Home Run” Hansen. (In a prior issue, I raved about his nature photos—see photo on page 34. If you aren’t already on his list, get on it! See below for his contact info.) Gary’s journey after DMS took him to Penn, where he did IM and nephrology and Dee graduated from medical school and completed her pediatric residency. Finding the Southeast to their liking, they chose to settle in Tallahassee, Fla., and started North Florida Nephrology Associates. The next 40 years in clinical practice were rewarding, certainly, but were also a lot of hard work. “On reflection,” Gary wrote, “I see myself as having been always in motion: morning hospital rounds to office consults to a dialysis unit to transplant clinic to another dialysis unit—and then a late-night trip to the ER to dialyze an overdose. Hectic at times, but I always felt I was where I was meant to be. I am sure many of you have similar reflections on your careers. After 40 years in practice, living (almost) on the Gulf of Mexico, Dee and I decided to move to western Colorado, 18 months ago. We are in Carbondale, just down the valley from Aspen. We love it! I must confess, I do nothing but play, every day. We

Joe Lynch was chosen by the American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) to deliver the 2020 CHEST Edward C. Rosenow III, M.D., Master FCCP/Master Teacher Endowed Honor Lecture. This award honors a senior physician-educator who “has excelled in working with unusual lung cases, mentoring and improving physician communication with patients.” Joe will be giving the Rosenow Lecture at the ACCP’s annual meeting on October 19, 2020.
ski all winter, and I mountain-bike and fly-fish all summer. My wildlife photography gives me much joy. Dee and I volunteer with the National Forest Service in the summer, to help the rangers patrol the hiking trails in the Aspen area—a great gig. Best to every-one. Anyone in our area, give us a holler; we’d love to get together (850-566-3034, gphansenmd@gmail.com).

Another respondent was Ray Hutchinson. He shared the following: “After Dartmouth and HMS, I completed pediatric and pediatric hematology-oncology training at Tufts and the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, respectively. From CHOP, I headed to the University of Michigan, where I have been on faculty since 1978, most recently serving as associate dean for regulatory affairs at the Medical School for the past 13 years. U-M is truly a great university—for a large institution, it conducts its intellectual pursuits impressively, while holding itself to high ethical standards! My career in oncol-ogy centered on clinical trials in acute leukemia and Hodgkin’s lymphoma conducted through the Children’s Cancer Group, now the Children’s Oncology Group. As of January 1, 2020, I’m officially retired from U-M, except that I still have 25 percent effort to assist with the transition to my successor in the dean’s office role.

“So, all this makes me feel pretty old, but I’m still alive and kicking. Love to fly-fish, in both fresh- and saltwater. I’m learning the guitar and getting back into conversational French. And hoping to get back to Hanover and Dartmouth, which I, too, view as having been an incredible place and starting point for my career.”

Ray and his wife, Sally, still live in Chelsea, Mich., and have a second home in Bradenton, Fla., where he was working remotely at the time he wrote.

Another classmate who responded was Ron Fischer. (I still remember opening a magazine in Phoenix a few years ago and seeing a great picture of Ron, as one of the top physicians in that region). Here’s some of what he said: “I do hope lots of people return to beautiful Hanover and revisit how we all started our careers. I went a few years back but few came—let’s change that this time!

“So, since I left Hanover . . . I had met Lory, the love of my life, the week before starting at DMS. We married a year later and lived in an idyllic house atop Thetford Hill.

“We left Hanover for Boston and HMS (it was a tough transition), and I decided on pediatrics. A low draft number and strong antiwar feelings led to my joining the Indian Health Service, and I was sent after a peds internship to San Carlos, Ariz. (an Apache reservation), to work in a small hospital and community clinic. We stayed three years, and it was magical; we fell in love with the Southwest. We then headed to Denver for peds residency and a developmental/behavioral peds fellowship. After I finished my training, I accepted a job in academic pediatrics at the University of Arizona Family Practice Program. While we loved Tucson, I found academics did not suit me well, so we moved to Phoenix, where I was involved in a residency program and started child development and child abuse evaluation programs. But I grew disenchanted and started a solo practice in North Scottsdale 33 years ago. It took off, and I’ve never looked back. It’s now the largest in the area (18 docs and two offices) and won Top Doc for over 20 years.

“I took a turn on the medical staff leadership at our local community hospital (300 beds), helped to build a solid peds program, and was elected president of the medical staff. I found I liked medical leadership, and I seemed to be good at it. I got involved in a project to improve the patient experience at the hospital, and it led to my current interest in end-of-life care and planning for a meaningful and comfortable dying and death by helping get a medical aid-in-dying law passed in Arizona.

“For the last five years or so, I’ve been spending increased amounts of time in the summer in southern Maine, where we co-owned a house. There, I play on the water (kayak and sail) and at doubles tennis. I’ve decreased my work gradually and am stopping in early May. Lots of things keep me busy, and I’m looking forward to new adventures. I hike with Kirk Aleck, a geneticist at Phoenix Children’s, in the mountains, where I’ll be a steward in the fall.

“When I look back on our DMS experience, I realize it really set the tone for my career. I would love to see everyone and compare notes and recall some of the old stories. I wonder if we can still muster jungle ball.”

And this came from Peter Lawrence (whom I had the pleasure to present with one of DMS’s Career Achievement Awards two years ago): “Regarding the evolution of our lives, Karen (whom I was dating on and off during our two years at DMS) and I got married just before moving to Boston for the last two years of med school. I struggled with deciding on a specialty, but through great mentors made the decision to do surgery and then vascular surgery, so we moved to Columbia-Presbyterian in 1973 and spent six years there—I training in surgery and Karen getting her PhD in English lit. We actually looked at moving back to Hanover, which seemed very comfortable after training, and got to spend some time with Art Naitove when looking at the job market, but they didn’t have a job at that time for Karen, so we moved to Salt Lake City, where several of my surgery mentors had worked—a wonderful place to spend 20 years, even for us non-Mormons.

“Our two boys were raised in Utah, and then we moved to California for jobs, and that is where I have remained. Karen went from being the dean of humanities at UC Irvine for 10 years to being the president of Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., so there was a lot of commuting. I moved from a dean’s office job at UCI up the road to UCLA, where I still work. Karen moved back to LA to retire two years ago, but then was recruited to her current job as the president of the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, so we have lived in Pasadena/San Marino for the past year and a half. What a great place to live, among 200 acres of botanical gardens.

“I hope that we have a reunion
in Hanover for our 50th and that as many of us as possible are in shape to travel and enjoy each other. In the meantime, if you get to LA or Pasadena, please contact us and we’ll give you a golf cart tour of the Huntington—an amazing place; we pinch ourselves every day at being so fortunate to live here, even with the COVID pandemic.

And finally, I want to brag about one of my dearest friends, who would probably be embarrassed to have me shouting out about his most recent honors. Joe Lynch is at UCLA with Peter, after a long and successful run in Michigan. His latest kudos are that in May 2018, at the Annual Meeting of the American Thoracic Society, Joe was presented with the California Thoracic Society’s Outstanding Clinician Award, in recognition of “his distinguished career in the clinical care of patients with pulmonary disease and significant contributions to the American Thoracic Society nationally and locally.”

After years of missing the deadlines to get our ’71 column in the newsletter, I’d love to hear from all of you to celebrate our almost half-century in medicine. Our class has great people who have done some great things, so please write! Also, one more reminder that we have our 50th reunion coming up next year—on September 17-19, 2021—so please plan to come! As an added incentive, keep in mind that the 2020 fall reunions have been postponed till next year (due to the pandemic), so we’ll have an opportunity to see members of the Class of 1970 as well as of our own class!

—Joe O’Donnell

1972

The 1972 column includes news from the two-year Class of ’72 and the three-year Class of ’72-3.

Present COVID-19 circumstances notwithstanding (what would Elmer Pfefferkorn be explaining to us?), it has been, as always, such a pleasure to have some news arriving from members of our class.

Fred Chang reports that he has been happily established at the University of Michigan (UM) for 33 years now! His practice (now cut back to 80 percent FTE) has narrowed from general surgical oncology to focus on breast and melanoma cases. Still, because of COVID-19, he has now been redeployed to assist in covering general surgery emergencies. He most of all enjoys his lab, which focuses on tumor immunology research. One of his sons lives less than an hour away, while his other son is right nearby at UM as a PhD neuroscience researcher.

Dave Taylor, in Bozeman, Mont., is now working (remotely!) as a consultant for companies seeking to develop vaccines or immunotherapies for COVID-19. He is also a member of a consortium of infectious disease physicians working with the Montana State Health Department on COVID-19 matters related public health policy.

Chris Hallowell reports that he had a severe bicycle accident in 2014. Though now retired, he remains very active physically with skiing, biking, and extensive hiking. He and Cindall enjoy their four grandchildren and their three children, two of whom happen to live in Bozeman, so Chris and Cindall visit them there several times a year—and can thus visit Dave Taylor as well!

Some weeks ago, I sent Jim Grillo a picture of a zookeeper hugging a baby leopard, as it reminded me of that famous 1972 picture of Jim hugging his Strasenburgh Hall bobcat! Jim, now retired from his second career in veterinary medicine, is living in New Hampshire but confides that he misses the exotic friends and patients for whom he provided care at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans.

Lucy Tompkins reports on what it has been like to be the hospital epidemiologist for Stanford Hospital and Clinics. Stanford Health Care’s virology lab was the first facility to get FDA clearance to test patients with the now widely used real-time SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test. Lucy tentatively predicts that we might still be wearing masks outside our homes not only for the short term but perhaps even when we have our 50th reunion (!) and that by then good hand hygiene (thank you, Semmelweis!) will finally have become embedded in everyone’s routine.

Bob Arnot reports having competed in the Winter World Master Games (WWMG) in Innsbruck, Austria, back in January and then having returned to Vermont to face the challenges and pleasures of homeschooling his 7-year-old and reporting for COVID duty. In this regard, he now works with the medical team at MGH to extract and then communicate widely about their most recent important clinical COVID-19 care lessons (a good example is at https://vimeo.com/412579221).

Prior to having to shelter in place in Palo Alto, Rich Mamelok took his annual January trip with his son—this year they visited both Berlin and Paris! In Paris, they were fortunate to see the special exhibit at the Louvre marking the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci. As can be seen in the picture, they also enjoyed French haute cuisine in a most elegant gastronomical setting.

From Chapel Hill, N.C., comes some news from Mike Sharp. After many years in an academic pediatric practice, Mike has moved on to working in holistic medicine—including acupuncture and functional and lifestyle medicine—to help patients who have chronic problems that do not respond to more common medical approaches but who nonetheless need support and assistance.

As for me, Eric Brenner, I continue to teach the fall infectious disease epidemiology class at the University of South Carolina’s school of public health and this spring have been called back to provide part-time assistance to our state Department of Health with epidemiological aspects of its response to COVID-19, including work with data collection, analysis, and (of all things?) future projections!

Finally, from Vermont comes the news that Dan Wing has become a community resource and consultant for those distancing at home who wish to make sourdough bread! Further, just the other day he and Dina spotted along a local road a rare western-states warbler (which must have flown left rather than right back in Wyoming?). This “birdie matter” in fact brought back to Dan the legendary trip made by Mike Sharp, Steve Fahey, and...
Michael Hull to bird-watch on Plum Island, where, back in their medical student years, they spent a special day observing warblers and other feathered friends. It was a nice reminder that our class stories, bonds, and fond memories go back so many years and to so many special, shared moments!

So, voilà! And remember, it’s surely not too soon for us to start thinking about our big 50th coming up in 2022!

—Eric Brenner

1973

The 1973 column includes news from the two-year Class of ’73 and the three-year Class of ’73-4.

Dear ’73s and ’73-4s: Greetings to all. I hope that this column finds you experiencing some semblance of normality in your daily life. Here in Rochester, COVID-19 has touched us rather lightly in terms of numbers of hospitalized and ICU cases, but very dramatically in terms of shutting down routine clinical care and our clinical research operations. During the last two weeks of March and most of April, I essentially had a trial run of retirement: my wife gave me a grade of D. While I enjoyed the daily walks with my wife and the time to read recreationally, I missed the daily challenges of our research activities and clinical practice. As I write this in late May, we are resuming some of our routine clinical research activity, but I’m still working from home three days a week. I am very thankful that Minnesota has been spared the worst of the pandemic (so far!), but I am worried about its impact on clinical trials research in Alzheimer’s disease, and all other non-COVID-19 diseases, for that matter.

I asked Rob Smith how these times have affected his infectious disease practice. He wrote: “On the heels of semireirement (i.e., no beeper, no inpatient work) and a month doing medical volunteer work in rural Tanzania, I am now carrying a beeper again from the sidelines to assist my Maine Medical Center ID colleagues as we deal with COVID-19 in Maine. Setting priorities for investigational agents and clinical trials echoes our past efforts in the early days of HIV, but this time over days, not months. As the cases wind down a bit, I look forward to getting my derailed tick-borne disease research projects back on track, and to seeing patients in person in addition to over Zoom. Circling back to my recent opportunity to work with physicians in Tanzania, I am reminded how connected in our common goals we in medicine are, whether we’re improvising in a rural African clinic with limited diagnostic and treatment options, or dealing with a new disease for which none of us yet has the answers. We have so much more to do!”

I would love to hear from more of you about your experiences in this new world order.

—David Knopman

1975 & ’76

Hello from the Valley of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. I hope that the rest of the class is doing well.

My husband, Paul, and I have four relatives with the coronavi-rus—our son and his girlfriend in Crested Butte, which was an early hot spot in Colorado; a godson who traveled to New Orleans; and Paul’s 80-year-old brother in upstate New York (he survived). I have spent my time reading about all things COVID, making face masks, and doing outreach to local elderly and hospice clients. Sometimes I feel a bit guilty about not being in the fray and have offered myself up for contact tracing. Divesting of stuff is therapeutic, along with daily walks, playing with the cat, playing cribbage, and taking a course on Etruscan art. Here are some reports from other members of the class:

Freddy Fu at the U of Pittsburgh collaborated on an article in The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery titled “Orthopaedic Systems Response to and Return From the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Lew Warshauer wrote: “Jan and I are retired and hunkered down at our home in Florida. We are lucky to have each other. Our community is taking the pandemic very seriously. We feel badly for anyone (and especially the vulnerable elderly population) that has to face this pandemic alone. Our hearts go out to the millions who have lost their jobs, businesses, and economic futures that they have all worked so hard for. We are thankful for the health care workers on the front lines working tirelessly to keep us well. Hopefully we will have learned many lessons and have developed significant new therapeutics by the time we come out the other side. We don’t foresee a return to normal for us until a proven vaccine is in place. Until then, we will be mostly staying at home.

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We look forward to a time when we can hug our grandchildren and loved ones once again. Until then, FaceTime will have to do. My best to all.”

Chad Finer wrote: “Susan and I have lived on a hill farm in Norwich for 40 years now, so physical/social distancing is not the challenge for us that it is in urban areas. Our daughter, granddaughter, and son-in-law—all New Yorkers—‘refueed’ up here in mid-March, and after a two-week self-quarantine they now live with us and share everything. It’s wonderful for us. Another son came back to the Upper Valley two years ago, and now from White River visits us all from afar. Two other sons are in New York (Brooklyn) and DC, where they work from home, and we FaceTime with them.

“I retired several years ago—I am 74 now—and have some guilt feelings about not contributing medically. However, over the last four years I’ve done a lot of area music recordings (my admiration for the Lomax duo is showing), which I now post on listservs for those who are sequestered at home, for them to enjoy. It has been received well.

“So Susan and I are doing okay. I try to cope with my concerns about this pandemic and how it is affecting all our kids; sometimes I do better than other times. What really gets me is how our criminal leadership has failed us in so many ways. It is infuriating—but that’s a topic for another time, I guess. Be well, everyone, and be safe.”

Eric Ahlskog wrote: “I am doing well and still working full-time. Full-time at Mayo is now slowly opening up. I missed the work in the clinic and am happy to be back.”

And Sam Gladstone shared some news, too. I am passing his message along as he wrote it—it’s so Sam-style: “no more role 4 me as a physician except 2 help family & friends. i am blessed in this sequestered time to live in nature with my wonderful wife joyce & middle son josh who is in the industrial engineering masters program at u mass. my oldest son pete & his wife & 2 children live nearby & i still get 2 c them. i'm busy with meditation, yoga, pilates, walking, hiking, bike riding, & pruning & am soon 2 b vegetable gardening again which i did 4 the 1st time the summer after my 1st year at dms.”

We certainly have an interesting class!

Finally, just a reminder that we have a reunion scheduled for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19—when we’ll have an opportunity to see members of the Classes of both ’75 and ’76.

—Linda Coffin

1978

So much has changed since the last column. In a matter of weeks, the nation and world have gone from full speed ahead to a crawl. I was planning a 50th college reunion among other things, no less.

I stopped going to the hospital about six years ago and stopped office practice about two years prior to another total hip repair. Thanks to propofol and regional anesthesia, I was home the next day and thankfully recovered well enough not to miss my next rotation doing pulmonary consults at Gaylord Hospital, a major rehabilitation center here in Connecticut, as many of you may know. I do about 17 weeks a year. I have been doing that for about 10 years, since they added an LTAC (long-term acute care) wing, which requires daily specialty support for the hospitalists who have primary responsibility for the patients there. My daily census is about 30 patients, none hopefully acute, although it is a sick enough population (some still on ventilators and several tracheostomized or on noninvasive support) that the group needs daily visits.

With the pandemic filling up local hospitals, non-COVID patients have come through faster, so I’ve just finished two weeks
with a census over 45. The state published data today noting that over 100 nursing facilities in this small state have at least one case. Since I rotated off on Sunday, two patients (with whom I did not have any contact) have tested positive; they probably acquired the infection after their admission here, so you never know from what direction the danger is coming. Downtown, at Yale New Haven, any patients 65 and older were moved off the clinical services three weeks ago.

Otherwise, I am sheltered in place, though I fortunately live where it is easy to get out daily for fresh air and R&R. I hope all is well with my classmates and that all of you are playing it safe.

—Peter Rogol

1980

It’s hard to believe, but this year marks the 40th anniversary of our graduation from DMS! Sadly, due to the pandemic, we won’t get to hold our 40th reunion this fall after all, because all the 2020 reunions have been postponed until next fall—on September 17-19, 2021. I hope you will plan to come back to Hanover then! The weekend will allow us to celebrate some of the most significant years of our lives, rekindle friendships, and fondly recall the fun, crazy, even absurd times we all enjoyed at DMS. Make sure, as you plan your travel, to carve out time to revisit your favorite haunts, be dazzled by the changes (especially the new hospital), visit with students, and reminisce. In addition, we’ll have a chance to see members of the Class of 1981 as well as of our class. The organizing committee will be planning a wonderful weekend of events for us to socialize, partake of medical education, get an update on the medical school, and discuss the challenges we all faced in the COVID era.

We all were saddened to learn about the passing of Chris Nice’s wife, Susan Harper MD’84, who served as assistant dean for medical education and was Geisel’s residency adviser for nearly 30 years. Susan’s passing has left a huge void in the lives of Chris and his family, as well as at Dartmouth. Her passion, dedication, and unwavering support for family, friends, faculty, students, and Dartmouth were profound and indelible. I know we all send our condolences to Chris and his children and wish them strength as they move forward.

I know some classmates have retired, while others continue to practice, but we all have had to adapt to the new age of COVID: working from home and via telemedicine and social distancing. Having trained in internal medicine, infectious diseases, and clinical pharmacology in New York, with a focus on antiviral chemotherapy, I witnessed firsthand the emergence, identification, and early treatment of HIV. Watching the emergence of the myriad presentations of COVID in NYC, the epicenter of the disease in this country, has been daunting but educational. I never stop learning.

Erika Thost offers several courses to support health and wellness, particularly men’s health. She wrote, “How are you doing in this scary—and exciting—new world of COVID? I know this is a crazy time. You’re likely feeling stress and confusion. My thoughts have been with you: What do you need from me at this time of COVID? See the support I offer at https://dreyka.arist.co/courses.”

I hope more classmates will reach out and share updates about themselves and their families. We are at the age when we are celebrating great milestones in our lives, such as graduations, weddings, grandchildren, travel, and new hobbies. Please share your updates—and include a photo or two for me to include in the next column.

I will start by sharing that my youngest son got married last December, in Palm Beach, and my middle child, a son, is being married this September in California. I am blessed with two new daughters-in-law who are simply amazing. And right now I am blessed to have my eldest daughter visiting from NYC. We are all safe and healthy, and I hope all of you and your extended families are, too. Stay safe, stay strong, stay healthy.

I hope to see you in September 2021 at our 40th reunion.

—Celine Stahl

1981

Dan Lucey here. I’m happy to have joined forces with Mark Lena to help bring you the news from our classmates. In this issue, we have updates from two class-
mates who haven’t shared any news in some time.

First up is Anne Griffin, who writes: “I am writing this in late April. I’m still on home isolation, having come down with the COVID illness. I certainly hope by the time this issue is in print that the pandemic will have quieted! For a more general catch-up, I am still living in NYC with my husband and, at the moment, my 23-year-old college-graduated daughter. I’ve been practicing psychiatry now for over 30 years and continue to find it extremely gratifying, though I’m trying to ease up on how much I’m working. I continue to sing with a chorus, the Oratorio Society of New York, which brings me a lot of joy. Though I’m a city dweller, I spend any free time I can enjoying the great outdoors, with regular running and some great summer hiking adventures. I think the love of nature instilled in me during my time in the Upper Valley has only grown stronger over the years!”

And next up is Sharon Booth: “Hi to all ’81s! I retired in the fall of 2018 from my primary care practice in central California, after 30-plus years. It was a wonderful career, which gave me rewarding relationships with my patients, many of them over a span of 20 years. My husband and I moved to Sisters, Ore., and I’m looking forward to the next phase of my life. I’d love to dedicate my energy to environmental causes. Sisters is surrounded by national forest and is a mecca for hikers, fishing enthusiasts, and skiers. The views of the Cascades are spectacular. Also, there are many opportunities for arts and science events. There is something here for all outdoors-lovers, so please call if you’d like to visit!” Sharon included her contact info: 559-779-1903 and sbooth174@yahoo.com.

Finally, just a reminder that we have a reunion scheduled for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. I do hope we’ll have a good turnout; you might keep in mind that the 2020 fall reunions have been postponed till next year (due to the pandemic), so we’ll have an opportunity to see members of the Class of 1980 as well as of our own class.

—Dan Lucey and Mark Lena
to the coronavirus pandemic. This is an unprecedented medical crisis and not one that I feel we were prepared for, despite all our years of education and medical practice. Still, I feel we are all stepping up to the plate and doing the things we need to do to keep our patients and families safe. I must say, it’s nice to be a bit older and not have to attend to the homeschooling of children on top of all the other issues. At this time, we still don’t even know how bad it will get, but I am confident that people are realizing how serious this is and are taking steps to flatten the curve!

Personally, my son recently married his fiancée in a very small family wedding. She is from China, and we are happy that her parents have remained safe during the pandemic. My daughter is an APRN and is currently quarantined with her children due to a potential exposure at work. My mother’s nursing home is on lockdown, so we haven’t seen her in six weeks, but we are still all healthy.

Now for some word of other classmates (I still look forward to hearing from more of you!):

This news is from Timothy Wu: “I figure I should update you every 35 years or so, so here goes. I live in the greater Boston area and am happily semiretired after 30 years of working as a pulmonologist/intensivist at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mass.

“I continue to teach Tufts Medical School students, both on campus and in the clinic. I always get a great kick out of their enthusiasm and idealism. I am the outgoing president of our state pulmonary society but am going out with a whimper, as our annual meeting will likely be canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. Betty and I are almost empty-nesters, as only our youngest son, Brandon, who is getting his master’s at Boston College, is at home. Our middle son, Matthew, is a pharmacist/IT hybrid working at the Faulkner Hospital in Boston, and our eldest son, Greg, just finished a critical care fellowship at the Brigham and is starting a new position as an ED doc/intensivist at Albany Medical Center. We have been blessed with both good health and good fortune. I missed the last reunion but hope to make the next one!”

Also, Cathy Paige let me know that she has recently retired from Penn State Health, Hershey Medical Center, where she was an anesthesiologist. She had a fulfilling and enjoyable career and misses her colleagues and residents but is enjoying getting a full night’s sleep! She has been traveling, but her plan to walk coast to coast in England has been postponed due to the pandemic. She is keeping busy quilting, doing photography, and, more recently, painting. She learned to paint watercolors in Barcelona, Spain, and landscape oils in Tuscany, Italy. She also now rides a motorcycle and owns a Ducati that she is carefully becoming accustomed to riding. She will return to work if the pandemic response needs her, but she is enjoying retirement at the moment.

Finally, word came in that David Whitehouse has been named medical director of AbleTo, a provider of virtual behavioral health services headquartered in NYC. I’ll have more about his new role in the next issue.

So that’s all for now. I hope you all are staying safe and well.  
—Pat Edwards

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**1984**

Hello to all members of the Class of 1984! As I construct this column, I hope and pray that all of you and your families have been healthy and secure during this difficult time of the COVID pandemic. Certainly this has dramatically impacted everyone in some way, not sparing either those of us who are helping meet the health care needs of our patients, or our family members. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have suffered from or succumbed to this disease.

On a brighter note, what a terrific 35th reunion we had this past September! It was so wonderful to see everyone who was able to make it and catch up on each other’s lives. The alumni office did a great job organizing the events, and I think everyone had a wonderful time. The turnout was good, as many of our classmates were able to attend all or some of the functions. I was particularly happy that Peter Burke was able to attend the picnic on the final day!

Word has come from a couple of our classmates since the reunion. Chris LaRocca retired from his family medicine practice as of March 31, 2020. He plans to continue working full-time, developing a family medicine residency at Cheshire Hospital in Keene, N.H. Chris will still do a half-day of acute care to keep his clinical skills fresh and will also continue with his teaching and admissions.
work at Geisel. Congratulations, Chris, on a distinguished career spanning over three decades!

A note and photo came in from Dennis Costakos, updating us on his life and career. He continues to practice neonatology in the Mayo Clinic system but was able to take time out to travel to New Orleans to present a paper at the American Federation for Medical Research. His co-author and co-researcher was Mengyi Zha ’16. Note in the photo that they are all dressed in green while enjoying dinner at Muriel’s. Dennis and his wife, Anne, have a daughter, Chloe, who is living in NYC and working there in public health. The family had planned a trip to London in March that was canceled due to the pandemic.

Lastly, I would like to again express our sympathy to the Geisel community and to the family of our classmate Susan Harper on her passing. Prior to stepping down in 2018, Susan served as assistant dean for medical education; she had been Geisel’s residency adviser for nearly 30 years, helping guide more than 1,500 Dartmouth medical students through the often-stressful process of transitioning from medical school to residency. Susan often remarked that she had the best job in the medical school administration because she got to work so closely with the students. Her legacy of thoughtfulness, caring, and dedication to education will live on through her impact on all of the students whose lives she touched.

Until we meet again, please send me your stories, your updates, and your photos as you are able to. Stay well; as the next couple of years play out, I’m sure more and more of us will join the ranks of the retired. Write to me and tell me what it is like and how you are enjoying the next phase of life!

—Dave Curran

1985

Hi to the DMS Class of 1985!

I received this note from Jeff Cross a few months ago: “After my time at Dartmouth and Brown, I did a general surgery residency at Brown, finished up at the University of Colorado, and then completed a fellowship in thoracic surgery in Liverpool, England. I am currently a general and general noncardiac thoracic surgeon in Denver; I have been doing this since 1995. I treat most surgical conditions of the chest as well as the foregut (reflux, etc.). After a bad bout of plantar fasciitis a few years ago, I thought it might be time to hang it up. However, I transitioned to robotic assisted surgery and am now excited to see postop recovery improvements in my patients. Moreover, I personally feel better than I did before, when I had to stand all day at the OR table.

“I have been married 20-plus years, and the fog of raising two sons is lifting, as one son is in college and the other is finishing up high school. My wife, Mary Beth; one of my sons, Joe; and I participated in a medical mission to Peru last March. My other son, Sky, could not participate, as he was in college without the same break time. We are the three pictured on the right of the adjacent photo. I did mostly medical and nonsurgical care there. We did enjoy a few meals eating cuy
(guinea pig), a national favorite. Over the course of the week, we had fun and came back even more thankful for the health care in this country and the many blessings we have.

“I occasionally have the opportunity to check in with Brad Pickett when he visits Denver from Albuquerque. He is an ENT surgeon there. Would love to meet up with other classmates, especially John Williams, my roommate when we were in Providence, R.I. We share Christmas cards, but I have not seen him in years.

“I try to follow the recommendations of the book Younger Next Year and fully appreciate the simple gift of health that we currently enjoy. I am aware it won’t be that way forever.”

As for me, Laurie Draughon, I retired from both my private home-visit practice and my hospitalist job last September and moved to Scottsdale, Ariz. I have active medical licenses in both California and Arizona now but I am still working on my newly built house. I’m not sure if I will go back to active practice or do volunteer work. My mother (age 95) and my daughter and her family moved to Arizona before me. My son is a software architect, so he still feels he needs to stay in Silicon Valley for the time being.

Finally, just a reminder that our medical school reunion originally slated for this fall has been rescheduled due to the pandemic for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. If you're able to come then, it will offer an opportunity to see members of the Class of 1986 as well as of our class.

Please email me with updates in the meantime. I would like to keep our column active. —Laurie Draughon

1986

Just a reminder that the Class of 1986 has its 35th reunion scheduled for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. And since the 2020 fall reunions have been postponed until next year (due to the pandemic), ‘86s will also have a chance to reunite with the Class of 1985.

—Editor

1987

This is no doubt a difficult time for all of us, as we face so many unknowns. I did receive a few updates from classmates:

Joyce Harrison, working at the Center for Child and Family Traumatic Stress in Baltimore, co-developed a powerful platform that is now being leveraged during the COVID-19 pandemic. It employs tele-education technology to help health care professionals better serve their patients and families. In Maryland and West Virginia, where specialty pediatric services are limited. This innovative, passionate approach has positively impacted underserved communities and has improved health and care for thousands.

Joyce, along with one of her colleagues, was also selected as the recipient of Johns Hopkins Medicine’s 2020 Institute for Excellence in Education (IEE) Educational Innovation Award for the creation of the KKI-NECT program, a workforce multiplier that seeks to increase the ability of primary care physicians to care for children with developmental and behavioral problems. The award “recognizes an individual or, in the rare case, a two-person team, for having developed a resource that directly improves medical or biomedical education.”

Excellent work, Joyce, and congratulations on your well-deserved award!

Rebecca Broderick and her husband, Stuart, were able to complete a month-long trip to South America to commemorate his retirement this past January. They enjoyed lots of good wine and wonderful hiking. Rebecca is still working in her breast imaging practice, but it has been limited to diagnostics, MRIs, biopsies, and surgery patients for the short term.

Their daughter is a first-year dental student at the University of Colorado. All of her lab work has been postponed until the summer, and she will hopefully still be able to finish her DDS degree in four years. She is on the left in the dental photo.

Steve Genereaux, along with his wife, Jamie, is still living in Ryegate, Vt., with a house full of his three college-age “kids” and two of their significant others. When not at his busy family medicine practice in Wells River, he is tending to his llamas, horses, lambs, and chickens and finding new paths up nearby mountains.

Finally, a brief bit of news came in via a news release, Marshal Denkinger was recently hired as the chief medical information and innovation officer at Orlando Health in Florida. He was previously the chief medical informatics officer at Centura Health in

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class notes

Colorado Springs.
Stay well.
—Harper Randall

1988
Here in the midst of the pandemic, Fran still has me quarantined and says her guidelines for my return to normal home life are much more stringent than the CDC. She’s happy not to hear me snoring, and I’m afraid I may never make it back into the bedroom. On the upside, I have re-arranged all of the junk drawers in the kitchen. I hope you and your families are all safe, happy, and healthy during these challenging times.

This past weekend I watched the virtual Class Day ceremonies for this year’s graduating medical school class at Dartmouth. Sad that it was not in person, but still filled with joy, hope, and enthusiasm, much as our own celebration 32 short years ago. In these uncertain days and months, there is great comfort in shared experiences and lasting friendships. As always, please call me or write with any news that you’d like to share with your DMS classmates. Otherwise, Fran will just have me clean out the garage again.

—Aris Damianos

1990 & ‘91
Just a reminder that the Class of 1990’s 30th reunion originally slated for this fall has been rescheduled due to the pandemic for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. This offers a chance for ‘90s to see members of the Class of ’91 as well as their own classmates. This should make for an even more memorable reunion. Watch your mail and e-mail in the coming months for additional reunion details.

—Editor

1992
I hope all of you are healthy and well and weathering the recent challenges unscathed. When I wrote that sentence in mid-March, as I started to put this column together, that didn’t seem like an absurd statement. Now, as April begins and I get ready to send in all your news, I realize that it’s likely that we’ll all be affected somehow. So given the fast pace of change in this crisis, I feel like I should add the disclaimer that I have no idea what the news below will look like by the time this issue goes to print. I so appreciate the incredible colleagues and friends with whom I work, and I’m sure many of you feel similarly. I am also so grateful for our classmates—some of whom I’ve highlighted below—who are truly on the front lines. I hope we all stay safe and healthy so that we can continue to do what DMS prepared us so well for—caring for our patients and our communities. Thank you all for what you are doing and have done. So now on to some updates to lift your spirits:

I was delighted to hear from an intrepid classmate who just returned from Saudi Arabia, thankfully healthy. Mike Verneris says, “Not sure I have much to report. Life is good. I’ve been super busy lately. I just got back from Saudi Arabia, where I was invited to give a few talks and visit their peds BMT program. Our hosts were great, and it was a wonderful experience. After we gave our talks, we convinced our hosts to take us deep into the desert. Being in the desert in a jacket and tie is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I’m attaching this Pink Floyd-type picture. It wasn’t really on my bucket list, but it was definitely fun!”

Steve Gunther is a shoulder specialist in lovely Charlottesville, Va., and spends his spare time keeping up with twin 13-year-old boys—not sure which is harder :-).

Closer to home (my home, that is), Michelle L’Heureux is coming up on her second anniversary as director of primary care at Massachusetts General Hospital. Though we’ve not crossed paths, I am grateful for the work she is doing to manage the many primary care practices at MGH.

Steve Gunther is a shoulder specialist in lovely Charlottesville, Va., and spends his spare time keeping up with twin 13-year-old boys—not sure which is harder :-).

Amy Jane Cadieux is also in charge! And, always the dedicated professional, she wrote from her
call room: “I’m on call, missing my daughter’s birthday to deliver babies who will share her birthday. We are well, living through system-wide hospital changes after our hospital was purchased 18 months ago and still adjusting to corporate micromanagement after our practice was purchased by a larger group. It all sounded good at the time: insert eye-rolling emoji. Hah! Maneuvering so many concentric circles of sociology is exhausting! My group secured a federal grant to allow us to deliver patients without insurance, mostly undocumented folks, and it has been amazing. Who would think at my age I’d be learning another language?! I am now quite proficient at vaginal Spanish and can muddle my way through an office OB visit, a delivery, and postpartum rounds. I am enjoying this new patient population so much; I was getting a little burnt out, and it brought a wonderful new energy into our practice, even if I don’t get a chance to contribute regularly. Love to all! XOXO AJ.”

Another “boss” is Brent Forester, who is chief of the Center of Excellence in Geriatric Psychiatry and director of the Geriatric Psychiatry Research Program at McLean Hospital. In addition to taking care of his team and incredibly vulnerable patients, he also has a full house, with his college-age kids—Rylan and Sasha—now home for online school.

In keeping with my theme of classmates who lead, Chris Colwell visited here in Boston, bringing his niece, Olivia, and son, Peter, on a whirlwind college tour. It was great catching up and hearing about his life as chief of emergency medicine at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and as father of three kids (one of whom is in college already!). He told me that he sees Tonya Chaffee’s office frequently but doesn’t see her in person. And he hears a lot about Andy Auerbach though has yet to cross paths with him. Andy, send news! If you want to check out Chris’s pandemic news, here’s a link: dartgo.org/covidchris

And in the epicenter of everything is Mike Phillips, who as the chief epidemiologist for NYU Langone Health System was recently quoted in the NY Times regarding coronavirus management in New York City. If you want to read Mike’s advice, check this out: dartgo.org/covidmike (scroll down to the “Preventing Respiratory Illness” heading). Very glad to know that he is at the helm!

Just as I gave Mike credit for being at the epicenter, as I was writing this, Peter Woodson sent news from Naples, Italy, saying, “I have bad news! I must rescind my offer of a free room for visitors to Coronado! The Navy has moved me, and I am now living in Naples, Italy. Once COVID-19 stops controlling my life and making the world crazy, I can offer a free room in the heart of Napoli. I have a four-bedroom apartment in Vomero, the shopping and dining area! I should be here until 2023, so plenty of time for visitors. Hope all are well and healthy. Ciao!”

Peter, I know I speak for all of us when I say stay safe during these uncertain and scary times.

I know that so many of us will face tremendous challenges over the coming months, and hope that everyone stays safe and well!

—Anna Vouros

As I sit writing this, the coronavirus continues to spread through our
I feel as if a tornado is spinning toward me, and I’m not sure at this moment if it will strike my world or not. I can already see the debris caused by damage to the worlds of others. I’m at home in Vermont, sequestered with my husband and my two no-longer-teen-aged boys. Isaac is taking the loss of his senior spring at Wesleyan in stride as he works 24/7 on his thesis and wonders about canceling his plans to travel this summer in favor of starting his job with Apple a few months earlier than anticipated. Joseph is working hard to stay on California time so he can continue to “attend” his evening courses at USC.

My small integrative practice has dwindled to a trickle of telehealth visits, and my one day per week working at the White River Junction VA has generated hours of COVID preparations. I am reminded of my role on the Federal Emergency Response Team. Despite the chaos and uncertainty, the sap continues to run, the hens continue to lay, and the tulips and daffodils are tentatively pushing their leaves into the world.

Back in October, before the world turned inside out but after my last column, I received an update from Ray Bleday, who reported that he was continuing to work as an orthopod in Panama City Beach, Fla. He noted that his community was still recovering from Hurricane Michael. His kids were all doing well: JJ (Vanderbilt) was drafted by the Marlins, Adam (Penn) is a pitching coach for the Orioles, Jenn (who was born at DHMC) is now an ARNP, and Amy is a college freshman.

In response to my recent plea for updates, Jen Brokaw let me know that Allen Fry continues to do breast imaging, primarily at Cal Pacific Medical Center. After 20 years, he is starting to cut back on his hours to spend more time reading, traveling, and playing golf. Jen has left a quiet consulting job; just before the coronavirus outbreak started to take hold, she became the supervising physician for the San Francisco Fire Department.

Chris May celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary with Barb in Bora Bora. He notes that his proudest accomplishment is that both of his children are out of college, debt-free, and self-supporting (that reminds me of my own father’s elation when both my brother and I were “off the Walker payroll!”). Saul Weiner wrote in to say that his latest book, On Becoming a Healer: The Journey from Patient Care to Caring about your Patients, was to be published in April 2020 by Johns Hopkins University Press. His signature block caught my interest, and in a private communication he informed me that he is working for the Center for Innovation for Complex Chronic Healthcare, a VA research center. Most of his research has focused on studying the role of patients’ lives in care planning. His first book, Listening for What Matters: Avoiding Contextual Errors in Health Care, outlines that work.

Brian Boxer Wachler’s update may be best if I let him speak for himself: “Help! Selina and I are drowning in my twin girls’ volleyball activities. We have become our kids’ personal, unpaid, underappreciated Uber drivers. Then they ask us for money. So it’s really costing to drive them. And heaven forbid we try to change the music to something we like. We’ll hear from the backseat the heavy breathing of Darth Vader, ‘‘Change it back to Ed Sheeran!’’ You’ve heard of the ‘Tiger Mom’—the Asian mother who forces her kids to achieve success. I want to become the ‘Anti-Tiger Mom’ and say, ‘You quit all your activities right now! Daddy’s tired. Can’t you just switch to playing Fortnite in your bedroom instead?’” Kidding aside, team sports are great for kids, and girls in particular. Even though their volleyball can be a pain in our asses, we know it’s good for them. At least that’s what we keep telling ourselves.”

It was good to hear from many of you with your thoughts about the response to the pandemic in its early weeks. I hope that by the time you read this, the COVID-19 situation is behind us and you and your families have moved through the pandemic with your health preserved and minimal economic hardship. Please keep me posted about yourselves and your families.

—Robyn Jacobs

Just a reminder that the Class of 1995 reunion originally slated for this fall has been rescheduled due to the pandemic for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19—offering ’95s a chance to also see members of the Class of ’96.

—Editor

A news release brought word that
Brian Sites has been named editor-in-chief of *Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine*. His plans for the journal, said the release, “include increasing its focus on population health and social policy. ‘Research investigations that are powered to explore outcomes such as functional status, quality of life, cancer survival, death, cognitive decline, sustained opioid use, health-care resource utilization, escalation of care, and development of chronic pain are in immediate need,’ he said. Expanded social media efforts and statistical analyses also play a role in his future vision.” Brian has practiced at DHMC since 2002, and he is also a professor of anesthesiology and of orthopaedics and associate dean for continuing medical education at Geisel.

In addition, a reminder that the Class of ’96 has a reunion scheduled for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. The 2020 fall reunions have been postponed till next year (due to the pandemic), so ’96s will have a chance to see ’95s as well as members of their own class.

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2000

Hi, all!

One silver lining to this pandemic craziness was that it got our whole class communicating on email. Pascale Anglade, for example, wrote: ‘Had to share Phoebe Yager’s great work at MGH published in the latest NEJM! I admire all those who can find the willpower to remain academically productive during these times! And my hat’s off to pediatrics taking care of adult patients. As an adult gastroenterologist, my deployments to the ID and hospitalist teams were humbling to say the least. Sending much love to everyone. Stay safe.’ Pascale sent a link to a report titled “Repurposing a Pediatric ICU for Adults” that Phoebe and several of her colleagues at MassGeneral Hospital for Children wrote for the *NEJM*’s new “COVID-19 Notes” section.

It has been wonderful to hear from everyone, and I’m so glad that at least as of May, everyone was safe.

But less wonderful is the fact that the pandemic has resulted in our 20th reunion being postponed from this fall to next fall—on September 17-19, 2021. Most of us had planned to come back to Hanover for the big celebration before corona derailed the event. But there is a silver lining to the delay, as we’ll also have a chance next fall to see members of the Class of ’01, as well as our own classmates.

Who knows if social distancing will still be in force by then; if so, shooting the boot might be a little outside CDC guidelines, but perhaps if we all use our own boots, we can get by. I think Dr. Pfefferkorn would agree. Love to you all.

—Maya Mitchell Land

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2001

Just a reminder that the Class of ’01 has a reunion scheduled for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. The 2020 fall reunions have been postponed till next year (due to the pandemic), so ’01s will have a chance to see ’00s as well as members of their own class.

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There is recent news of two classmates:

A press release from the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) announced that as of last November, Ben Solomon has headed the institute’s intramural clinical research program, “a world-renowned leader in the advancement of medical genetics and genomic medicine. The program has made extraordinary advances in monogenic disease gene discovery, analysis of genetically complex disorders, development of animal models to elucidate disease pathophysiology, and evaluation of novel targeted therapies.”

Ben was previously chief of the Division of Medical Genomics at the Inova Translational Medicine Institute and, most recently, managing director of the diagnostic company GeneDx. He began his career as an NHGRI fellow and then worked for several years as a staff clinician. “I am incredibly passionate about NHGRI and NIH,” he said in the news release, “especially the support and development of early career physician-scientists.” He is also deputy editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Medical Genetics.

And a feature in the Keene, N.H., Sentinel shared Tom and Malinda Scherpa’s experience hosting New Yorker Symphony Ellison through the Fresh Air Fund. Symphony “laughs in recalling the first time she set eyes on the Scherpa house three years ago. It’s in the middle of the woods—deep in the woods, even by rural Monadnock Region standards—and the narrow, rutted, gravel driveway coils upward like a sidewinder. ‘It was kind of scary because I’d never been where there was so much nature,’ says Symphony, 11, comfortably seated at the wooden kitchen table in a house adorned by wood, floor to ceiling, with 360 degrees of woods outside. She has just finished breakfast on this warm, summer morning and would soon join her host-family siblings on the playground in the yard.

“This is the fourth year [the Scherpas], who have three children, Lexi, 10, Anthony, 7, and Ariana, 3, have hosted Symphony, who lives in Queens. Symphony says the nervousness of that first year has long since worn off, and she eagerly looks forward to her two weeks in the country with the Scherpas. In addition to country staples such as hiking, swimming, rock climbing, miniature golf, campfires, visiting the Friendly Farm in Dublin, and eating ice cream, last year Symphony joined them for a family wedding in York, Maine.

“Even though Symphony . . . may not be fully aware of it, [she is] equally giving back to the Scherpas. Malinda says, ‘We were trying to find a positive way to expose our kids to diversity so they can get to know and understand that there are different ways of life.’ The positive experience prompted them to join the Au Pair in America program, and they have a student, Tais, from Brazil living with them. ‘It’s another opportunity to get that cultural exposure, and it’s worked out really well,’ Malinda says. Their young children are learning about a South American culture, and they will welcome another au pair into the household in October.

‘It really kind of forces you to step back and enjoy what we have here,’ Tom says. ‘You’re seeing it through their eyes.’

Malinda is a pediatrician at Cheshire Medical Center, and Tom is a chemical and fire protection engineering consultant for DuPont.

Finally, just a reminder that the Class of ’05 reunion originally slated for this fall has been rescheduled due to the pandemic for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19—offering ’05s a chance to also see members of the Class of 2006.

—Editor

**2006**

Chrissy Cooley was mentioned in Chronogram magazine, which serves New York’s Hudson Valley, in an article about the introduction of 3D mammography at Columbia Memorial Health in Hudson, N.Y. “For Christine Cooley, M.D.,” said the article, “a radiologist who has been practicing since 2007, this technology offers several advantages for her patients. The first and most important benefit is better and earlier cancer detection—especially for women with dense breast tissue.

“If the patient has really dense breast tissue, there are things that can be hiding,” says Dr. Cooley, who graduated from Dartmouth Medical School and completed fellowships at Massachusetts General Hospital, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and the Lahey Hospital and Medical Center. ‘With this new technology, I can find a little cancer inside that
breast. With the older technology, I probably wouldn't have seen that cancer for another year or two until it got bigger.'

"When I was in medical school, trying to decide on what specialty was right for me, some people asked “Why radiology? You’re just sitting in a dark room, reading images,”’ she says. ‘But for me, I get to work with patients and make a really big difference: I can find a breast cancer, I can do the biopsy, I can make the diagnosis and help them complete the next steps. I get to play a role in helping each patient. I am a small but important piece in a larger puzzle.”

Also, that the Class of ‘06 has a reunion scheduled for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. The 2020 fall reunions have been postponed till next year (due to the pandemic), so ‘06s will have a chance to see ’05s as well as members of their own class. –Editor

2009

According to an article in the New Canaan (Conn.) Advertiser, ophthalmologist Patrick Coady was among the speakers in a series of lectures called “Med Ed,” offered jointly by Stamford (Conn.) Hospital and the New Canaan Library. His talk, slated for this past February, was to be on “the latest advances and treatments for macular degeneration and other retinal diseases.” Patrick grew up in New Canaan. In addition to practicing with New England Retina Associates, he’s also an attending at the Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System in West Haven, where he teaches ophthalmic surgery to Yale residents and fellows. –Editor

2010 & ‘11

Just a reminder that the Class of ‘10 reunion originally slated for this fall has been rescheduled due to the pandemic for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19—offering the classes of 2010 and 2011 a chance to celebrate together make the weekend even more memorial. Watch your mail in the coming months for more details. –Editor

2012

My dearest classmates, I am writing this column in between ICU shifts, while caring for my 2-year-old, as I’m 33 weeks pregnant with my second baby and grappling with the life-changing reality that is COVID-19 and all the unknowns it has brought into our lives.

I reflect back on our shared memories during our education at DMS, including learning from Dr. Elmer Pfefferkorn about the HIV epidemic and how it unfolded—pretty convinced, as we sat there the lecture hall, that we would never experience anything like that during our careers. Subsequently, I remember getting the H1N1 nasal vaccination at Dick’s House during our first year, feeling a little unsure as a member of the essential personnel community that received the first vaccinations as a nationwide priority. Now, as we find ourselves fully on the front lines of this pandemic as it unfolds at a blistering pace, I can only imagine how busy you all are.

Pat Hattan reached out to say,
“Hey, everybody. Just want to send everyone and their families well wishes for the next couple weeks/months and thereafter. We’re all hanging in here and doing all-around quite well, all things considered. Love, Patrick and Mary Kate Hattan (and Ruby and Cora).”

Please know that you are all in my thoughts, and I hope that you continue to stay safe and have everything you need to take care of your patients, yourself, your family, and your friends. Sending all my love from Denver and looking forward to sharing more updates from our class in the fall.

—Kolene Bailey

2013

In a video diary posted by Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, internal medicine resident Alex Aguilar reflects on his work in the time of COVID. “Being on the ICU team taking care of patients with COVID has been both stressful and exciting,” he says in the video. “We’re learning so much about the disease process every day, and we’re constantly hearing updates about treatments that work and don’t work.”

He goes on to note that both new and experienced physicians still have a lot to learn about the disease. “Anything we see on our clinical exam could potentially be a new finding, a new symptom of COVID. We try to keep an open mind while we’re coming up with a clinical assessment on each patient.

“But despite the difficult times,” he concludes, “I feel like I would describe it as a time where we came together and tried to put our fear aside and help people who are in need and sick. … There’s a quote by Nelson Mandela that I come back to … [that] ‘courage is not the absence of fear but the triumph over it.’”

The video diary is at dartgo.org/covidalex.

—Editor

2014

Dear Class of 2014, times sure have changed! I’m writing to you during the midst of the COVID pandemic from New York City, where I’ve been working as an anesthesiologist at NYU. Though things are improving now, who knows what the coming months will bring. I can’t even remember how I used to press elevator buttons. Did I use an unprotected finger? A knuckle? A coat sleeve?

Life goes on, however, and it has been wonderful to hear from classmates living across the country.

Jess and Dave Fried are packing up their corgi, Ellis, and heading to Ann Arbor, Mich., where David will be an assistant professor of hospitalist medicine at the University of Michigan. After serving as chief resident in diagnostic radiology, Jess will graduate from Penn and finish up her training with a fellowship in body imaging at the U of M. They said it will be hard to leave Kevin McNerney and Philadelphia, but they are excited to reunite with Sean Fortier (who’s in critical care and pulmonology at the U of M) and with his wife, Jess, and their one-year-old daughter, Mae.

As for Kevin McNerney,
he is finishing up a pediatric hematology-oncology fellowship at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and will stay at CHOP for a fellowship in stem cell transplantation and immunotherapy. “My only involvement with COVID has been biobanking samples for cytokine testing and making sure people needing anesthesia for procedures/imaging get testing, but fortunately the hospital hasn’t been hit too hard yet. I’ve liked living in Philadelphia but also get nostalgic when I see pictures of Dartmouth and the White Mountains/Moosilauke—I miss it there! I hope everyone is doing well!”

Kaiane Habeshian started as a pediatric dermatologist at Children’s National Hospital in D.C. in August 2019 but hasn’t seen many COVID toes yet. “I am seeing strange urticarial rashes in otherwise healthy kids and have to wonder, but availability of testing is inadequate for those seen via telemedicine, though all hospitalized patients are tested, and none of them have been positive on the derm consults. Outside of COVID thoughts, I am co-director of the vulvar dermatology clinic, where a gynecologist and I manage children with lichen sclerosis, which is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood in kids and is grossly understudied as a whole. I am slowly beginning to generate some early meaningful research in this field. Other than that, I’m spending time with my adorable animals (two cats [shared custody] and two dogs—I’m their ex-momma, but we still hang out) and exercising as much as possible.”

Libby Winton is working as an ED attending at the Medical University of South Carolina, as a sports medicine physician in the Department of Orthopedics, and as the team physician for the College of Charleston (she’s hoping the athletes can get back to school next season). “We have been fortunate here so far but continue to work through all the COVID-like illness,” she says.

Menaka Nageswaran writes, “Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! This weekend, Alex and I donned our fancy masks to tie the knot. Although we had hoped for a big fat Sri Lankan wedding, we had a very special ceremony at home with our immediate family by our side (and via Zoom). We missed having our DMS family there but hopefully will be able to celebrate with everyone soon!”

Jessie Bay and Paul Charlton have been working for the Indian Health Service at Gallup Indian Medical Center in Gallup, N.M., for the past two years. “Paul is the director of the ED here, and I’m a hospitalist,” Jessie writes. “We’re in the midst of a pretty significant COVID outbreak in our community. I’m pregnant with our second child and due in early July. Pre-COVID, we were lucky to get to see Jeanie Ringelberg (working at Shiprock) and Jake fairly regularly, as well as Ellen Stein ’13, an EMS fellow at UNM this year, and Anna Condino, who works in our ED as a contractor. Hope you are all staying safe and healthy.”

Wishing everyone good health until the next time.

—Justin Kim

2015 & ‘16

Just a reminder that the Class of 2015 reunion originally slated for this fall has been rescheduled due to the pandemic for the fall of 2021—on September 17-19. This offers 2015s and 2016s a chance to celebrate their reunions together, making for an even more memorable reunion. Watch your mail and e-mail for reunion details in the coming months.

—Editor

2018

Hi, Class of 2018! I’m very excited to be writing to you as your new class secretary. For those who reasonably assumed that graduation represented a final reprieve from my emails, I apologize in advance. My hope is that this message finds all of you in good health and relative sanity amidst the challenges posed by COVID-19; I feel there is no better time for us to remain connected, and, in doing so, to support one another.

I will be reaching out over the next several weeks to reconnect with you and to solicit updates about the time that’s passed since graduation. Facebook and Instagram suggest that there will be plenty to share. I will also be requesting updated contact information for those who wish to share amongst classmates.

On a quick final note—I encourage any of you with any connection to the original Class of 2018 (dual-degree students, splitters, significant others, etc.) to include yourselves in future reunions. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

—Justin Kim

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events and initiatives without hesitation. This will be especially pertinent as our first reunion draws closer. I look forward to reconnecting in the near future—please contact me anytime at alexander_orfanos@brown.edu.

—Alex Orfanos

**PHD & MS**

The PhD & MS column includes news from alumni of the master’s and doctoral programs in Dartmouth’s biomedical science departments.

Happy fall-winter, everyone. I write this in the midst of social distancing, sheltering-in-place, quarantines, and working from home. The COVID-19 epidemic here on the eastern shore is not as bad as expected. The rate of infections here is still growing, as it recedes in places like New York City, and I wonder what your experience has been like. I fear that some of you have been affected by more than inconvenience. Know that on this day, someone, whom you know just a little about, is wishing you and your families well. Thoughts are of little consequence for those experiencing bad times, but I do think there is comfort in knowing you are part of an extended family of good people who live and thrive in this world.

I have been working from home for almost a month now, and I am sure I am working more hours than I did in my office because there is no distinct end to the day. At first, it allowed me to complete more of the day’s work, but now, it seems everyone is spending more hours sending emails and making phone calls. It’s a brave new world we live in. Writing this column provides a little respite from the normal challenges of the day.

Bryan Moyer (Physiology PhD’98), a classmate of mine, wrote to say that he has transitioned from Amgen to a new role in a startup biotech company called Latigo Biotherapeutics. He is focused on the discovery and development of novel non-opioid/non-NSAID treatments for chronic pain. Importantly, he’s driving the ship as vice president, head of biology. Way to go, Bryan. An opioid-free pain relief solution would be a welcome and long-awaited option in the treatment of the vast number of people who have chronic pain. Glad to hear you are working on such an important effort.

Also, Bryan, I don’t think I have ever properly thanked you for your support during my graduate school years. As a master’s student, I echo your sentiment: it’s a brave new world we live in.

**SHOUT OUT**

Jason Gigley (Microbiology-Immunology PhD’07) was recently awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. An associate professor of molecular biology at the University of Wyoming, he will use his award to study how nutritional immunity and disease tolerance can be used to combat the deadly foodborne pathogen *Toxoplasma gondii*. “To date there are no fully effective vaccines or therapies that can completely eliminate this infection that is present in at least 30 percent of the world’s population,” he explained in a news release announcing the award. He will collaborate on the work with Miguel Soares, a cell biologist in Portugal. Jason did his graduate work in the lab of David Bzik, who studies the molecular mechanisms of *T. gondii*. 
and your wife for watching our son Joshua, a baby then, when our twins were in the NICU after their birth. Josh is 25 years old now and the twins were in the NICU after their birth. Josh is 25 years old now and twin's a paramedic/firefighter with the city of Salisbury. Every interaction is part of what generates the person we become. So I am thankful for the role you played in his life at such an early age.

David Mustra (Pharmacology-Toxicology PhD’01) also provided an update. In 2011, David moved from Washington, D.C., to Micronesia, where he worked with the World Health Organization and Peace Corps Response, and then in 2015 to Ukraine for another assignment. He is currently in Kyiv, Ukraine, where he has worked as the biosurveillance and research manager on the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Biological Threat Reduction Program. He was the program’s lead scientific interface with the government of Ukraine’s Ministry of Health (MoH) and the State Service for Food Safety and Consumer Protection (see dartgo.org/ukrainedavid—David can be seen starting at the 2:34 mark in the video, as well as in the photo below the video). He is now Labyrinth Global Health’s executive director of science policy and strategy and director of a Ukrainian-registered NGO called Labyrinth Ukraine (see https://www.labyrinthgh.com). He continues to serve as the science lead for Labyrinth Global Health’s biological threat reduction program and currently leads a team of epidemiologists contributing to the management of Ukraine’s Emergency Operations Center during the COVID-19 response efforts. With Labyrinth, he hopes to continue to build on the successful programs he constructed in Ukraine, including a science writing mentorship program that has connected hundreds of Ukrainian scientists to international collaborators and peer-reviewed publication opportunities (see swmprogramua.com). Due to the success of this program, he says he is always looking for international health professionals to serve as mentors and research collaborators, so if you are interested in hearing more about his work in Ukraine, please do not hesitate to contact him.

Jonathan Cruz (Biochemistry PhD’00) was the subject of an article in the Boston Herald titled “How Burn Fitness’s Jonathan Cruz went from doctor to gym owner.” On the gym’s website, Jonathan’s bio says that he “retired from his biomedical career as a neuropathologist in 2011 and has since refocused his time and energy to helping others become fit in all aspects of their life through exercise. Since founding and opening BURN Fitness Studios in 2014, Jonathan has been featured in the Boston Globe, the Improper Bostonian, Boston Magazine, and numerous television shows and is recognized throughout the Boston community as a top fitness professional who is known for his positive outlook and motivational coaching skills.”

And Sergio Quezada (Microbiology-Immunology PhD’04) has been promoted to chief scientist of Achilles Therapeutics, a cancer research center in Britain. Finally, like many of you, I am involved with interpreting published research every day. The COVID-19 pandemic has raised the specter of social media, which now confers the ability to find “evidence” to support any idea, no matter how radical. I frequently find myself in the position of centering passionate beliefs of clinicians who, genuinely, want to accumulate options for the care they are providing. Unfortunately, a good number of those options are unproven and just as likely to be harmful as they are to be helpful. I think the clinicians are grateful for my ability to be their sounding board of reason. For some, that gratefulness comes a little while after we’ve had an impassioned discussion about an idea gone awry.

Hanna Arndt, a prominent sociologist from WWII through the early 1970s, most famous for her coverage of the 1961 Eichmann trial, gave a speech titled “The Life of the Mind.” In this speech, she is profound in verbalizing that “thought is not knowledge, but the ability to tell right from wrong.” She goes on to say, “I hope that thinking gives people the strength to prevent catastrophes in the rare moments when the chips are down.” The “chips,” for a significant number of people, are down right now. This epidemic is testing everyone’s resilience and integrity. Stay strong, remain truthful even when the answers aren’t readily available, and rely on your colleagues like the ones reading this column. With that, we will all come out the other side of this event with our integrity intact.

—Bob Joyner
TDI (CECS)

The TDI (CECS) column includes news from alumni of the master’s and doctoral programs of The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice (formerly the Center for the Evaluative Clinical Sciences).

Etoile Pinder (D’98, MS’01) wrote that since October 2019, she has been working as UNICEF’s national emergency coordinator for The Bahamas, overseeing their post-Dorian work in the three areas of WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), education, and child protection.

As part of her work, Etoile is coordinating $4 million of donor-funded projects, ranging from provision of mental health and psychosocial services to rebuilding teachers’ homes and “build back better” projects like solarization of the well fields on one of the worst-hit islands, Abaco.

At the time Etoile wrote, in March 2020, she noted that they had just passed the six-month mark (Dorian made landfall on September 1, 2019). While their recovery is ongoing, she says there is still much to be done—electricity being recon- stituted, schools being rebuilt.

Jvawnna Bell (MPH’08) recently started a new position at Boehringer Ingelheim as a senior associate director, health system, and health economics and outcomes research liaison (field-based).

Bianca Belcher (MPH’10) was promoted to vice president of clinical operations for Steward Health Care Network and now oversees the network’s strategy and efforts in the transitions and post-acute care space. The clinical team—made up of over 150 nurses, community health workers, social workers, pharmacists, and behavioral health specialists—aims to reduce the total cost of care and improve quality outcomes for their ACO.

Michelle (Conway) Wozniak (MPH’10) sends a big konnichiwa (hello) from Okinawa, Japan! Michelle recently started a new job as a prevention analyst for the U.S. Marine Corps. She and her family are loving Okinawa!

Some recent research by William Haslett (PhD’13) was mentioned in an article in The Statesman newspaper, based in India. The article, titled “The lexicon of emotions,” described a study in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society, published in London. “The authors find,” said The Statesman, “that emotional arousal is conveyed and perceived with the help of a stimulus feature that is the same with the different senses, which leads to symbols that are used being shared between cultures and even species. . . . There is also evidence, [the authors] say, that basic, low-level physical features of shape, sound, colour, and motion are shared when emotions are expressed or interpreted.”

Salman Hussain (MPH’16) was recently elected to the board of directors of the National Alopecia Areata Foundation.

Natasha Kurien (MPH’18) works at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center on health services and implementation science research in the Center for the Advancement of Team Science, Analytics, and Systems Thinking (CATALYST). Her research focuses on reducing opioid overdose deaths by 40 percent in Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, and Kentucky over the span of five years. Some other projects within her portfolio include creating a measurement tool to measure patients’ capacity to engage, a quality-improve- ment project for implementing medication-assisted treatment in the hospital, and understanding patient-reported outcomes for cancer treatments.

Tiffani Currasco (MPH’19) works in Rockford, Tenn., and writes that she and her classmate Chibuzo Aguwa (MPH’19) will be presenting research they began at TDI at a conference at Meharry Medical College in March and at the Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas (ANPA) Scientific Session in June.

Holly Gaspar (MPH’19) recently had her APE/ILE accepted to a workshop. She has also shared this work in different forums but is pleased to have it accepted as a workshop; she will also be submitting her work to a journal as well.

Finally, as for me, Tina Jackson (MPH’10), I recently took time to reflect on the past 10 years since I graduated from TDI. Although my TDI education has afforded me many opportuni- ties and accomplishments in hospital strategy and finance, the lifelong friendships I made with classmates have proven to be the most meaningful result of my time there. These fabu- lous women classmates have been among my role models: Denise Serrano-Eanelli, Mabel Balduf, Grace Nicksa, and Claire Manneh (all MPH’10s). And also a huge high-five to my sister and best friend, Lisa (Jackson) Lucas (MPH’14), for also getting her MPH from TDI!

—Tina Jackson

RESIDENTS & FELLOWS

This column includes news from alumni of the DHMC internship and residency programs.

Bob Christie (Pathology ’51-56) wrote: “Here is a bit of ephemera I recall from my days as a tank officer in the ETO during combat in WWII, long before my extended experiences as DMS adjunct faculty. I’m not sure if it’s appropriate for your purposes, but it’s the recollection of a true encounter I’ve dredged up from deep in my premedical memories.” What Bob sent in was a poetic rumination titled “Tank Turret Monologue.” Its format sadly doesn’t allow for the whole thing to be reproduced, but here are a few excerpts to convey its power. It starts: “Give ear to my prayer, O God / Do not hide yourself from my / supplication / Jesus . . .! a Mark V . . .!” And it concludes: “Oh, man, we got the bastards! We’re alive! / Thank God!”

Larry Kretchmar (Surgery ’58-60) wrote: “Many great memories about life at Hitchcock 1958-60.” He sent a summary of his education and career:
Dartmouth College Phi Beta Kappa ’55, Northwestern Medical School ’58, internship and a year of general surgery at Hitchcock, then urology residency at the University of Rochester. Entered private practice with Alvin Rutner at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, Calif., in 1964. Service as a commander in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps 1967-1969, including one year in San Diego and one year in Danang. Chief of surgery (1973-74) and chief of staff (1981-82) at El Camino Hospital; president, Northern California chapter of the American College of Surgeons (1982-83); and several other professional positions. Wife, Bernis; three children; four grandchildren. Current status: urology one day a week, tennis two days a week. Home: Los Altos, Calif. Email: lharrisk@aol.com.

Larry added that he has been wishing that an alumni list with email addresses was available. Happily, the alumni office was able to point him to the online alumni directory (at dhmcalumdev.hitchcock.org/Alumni-Directory), which includes email addresses for any alumni who have shared one.

**Dick Baughman** (Intern ’60-61 and Dermatology ’61-64) wrote: “Sixty years later, it is important to celebrate the MHMH rotating intern class that started in 1960. Three of the 16 chose dermatology: Dee Rasmussen (Intern ’60-61) at Mayo, and Tom Watt (Intern ’60-61 and Dermatology ’62-65) and I at D-H. This indicates the strength of the dermatology tutorial program that was founded and nurtured by Wally Lobitz and Otis Jillson and is now under the leadership of one of our own graduates, Shane Chapman (Dermatology ’96-99). Now, with 14 faculty and nine residents, we offer specialty areas in laboratory research, pediatric dermatology, derm-psych clinics, pediatric surgical and Mohs surgical facilities, and international opportunities, plus continued leadership in the traditional strengths of psoriasis and cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. In January of this year, we were notified that the trustees of the clinic, hospital, and medical school had voted full recognition of the Department of Dermatology, to be implemented at the beginning of the new fiscal year this summer under Dr. Chapman’s leadership. Wally and Otis would have been proud!”

**Bill Maceachern** (Dermatology ’60-63) wrote: “Retired from derm solo private practice in 2005, then consulted in 13 LTC facilities till 2017, then fully retired. Wife Merle and I are well for our ages (84 and 88). I had a TAVI in January of 2018 (great results) at St. Michael’s in Toronto. I golf a bit and ski as much as possible in Ellicottville, N.Y. I follow the Raptors and the Blue Jays when they play and am a longtime Boston Bruins fan—as a youth I caddied for the ‘Kraut Line’ (Schmidt, Bauer, and Dumart). Great to see that derm at DHMC finally has status as a full-fledged department. About time! Stay well and safe!”

**Stephen Abram** (Anesthesiology ’70-73) wrote: “I hope you will share these thoughts in the next issue. I lost an important mentor and good friend when Dr. Harry Bird passed away this past December. He and colleagues Dick Barrett, Morrie Heller, Bill Gould, Walter Sy, and Brian Burke resurrected the anesthesiology residency program in the early ’70s and built a small but outstanding training program that has remained strong. Harry had broad skills that included pain management and ICU care and great depth in pediatric anesthesia. He was one of the kindest individuals I have known and could make the most frightened patient feel safe and comfortable. Bob Rose (Anesthesiology ’69-71) was the first resident in the rejuvenated program and was of immense help to me during my internship year. His participation in the new training program was critical to its success.”

**Ted Walworth** (Surgery ’70-75) shared some news about himself and his wife, Candace Walworth (Nephrology ’70-75): “Candace and I passed through Hanover in January and stayed for a night at the Hanover Inn. Wandering through the Hop took me back to the days when I was able to play in the Dartmouth Orchestra. Driving around Occom Pond was disorienting—there was Dick’s House, but where was the Hitchcock Clinic? We were able to connect with David Kuwayama (Vascular Surgery ’10-12) for dinner. He did a fellowship in vascular surgery at D-H and is back now on the surgical faculty. He and I met in Rutshuru, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in 2014, when we served there with Doctors Without Borders. He lives in Meriden, N.H., where Candace and I had a home back in the day. As the world turns…”

Marlene Hartzman wrote to share the sad news of the
The death of her husband, Robert Hartzman (Internal Medicine '71-73) on October 31, 2019, at the age of 75. He specialized in bone marrow transplantation and was noted for his work in unrelated hematopoetic stem cell transplants. He earned his MD at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and after finishing his residency at Dartmouth joined the Navy. At the Naval Medical Center, he established a bone marrow donor recruitment and research program, founded a radiation injury treatment network, and, following his retirement, headed the Navy’s Bone Marrow Research Directorate. More than 8,000 transplants were completed in the program during his tenure with it. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

John Fromson (Psychiatry '79-80), was the recipient of the 2020 Cynthia N. Kettyle Teaching Award for Medical Student Education in Psychiatry. The award has been presented annually since 2004 to a member of the Harvard Medical School faculty who has inspired medical students by their warmth, character, and dedication to medical student teaching in psychiatry and has exemplified for students the vitality and relevance of psychiatry to medical practice. John is an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard, vice chair for community psychiatry at Brigham and Women’s, and chief of psychiatry of Faulkner Hospital. In the small-world category, the award he received is named in honor of another Dartmouth alum—Cynthia Kettyle graduated from DMS in 1969 and is a longtime member of the psychiatry faculty at Harvard.

Jim Youssef (Orthopaedics '92-96) wrote: “Greetings, Bob. Thank you for reaching out on behalf of Dartmouth and the housestaff alumni. I graduated from the orthopaedic residency program in 1996 and went on to complete a spine surgery fellowship at UC Davis in 1996-97. I then took a job at Durango Orthopedics in Durango, Colo. In 2000, I founded Spine Colorado, which remains in existence today. It is a multidisciplinary spine clinic that provides comprehensive nonoperative and operative care to patients suffering from spinal pathologies. Over the years, I established a robust research department, was able to contribute over 47 peer-reviewed publications, participated in most all spine academic societies, and enjoyed growing a thriving practice over the past 24 years. I also was blessed to have Durango as my home. Along with my beautiful wife, Melissa, I raised my three kids here, and we thoroughly enjoyed our community and the Southwest for all it has to offer. My wife recently served as mayor of Durango and remains a member of the city council. She did a tremendous job despite all the challenges placed in front of her during these unprecedented times. After much consideration, I have decided to retire from the practice of medicine effective May 1, 2020. I look forward to more time and new beginnings as I start a new chapter in my life.”

Carole Bibeau (Internal Medicine '99-02) wrote: “I’ve worked for the Social Security Administration since January 2018 doing medical disability case evaluations for the New Hampshire state office in Concord. I’ve been able to work from home since mid-March due to COVID-19. It saves the long commute from Norwich to Concord. My spouse, Dave, has been working from home doing IT work for Dartmouth College. My daughter, Sarah, is finishing her last semester of college at home, with graduation canceled (at Colby College in Waterville, Maine). We are all trying to get along in our separate work spaces in the house. Hanover is a ghost town. We’re going out only to grocery shop or exercise outdoors. I start volunteering next week at a food pantry garden that is starting up in Norwich. Am thankful to not be doing direct patient care right now and grateful for all those who are.”

Finally, Vikas Arora (Addiction Psychiatry '07-08) wrote in to say that he has been working as a psychiatrist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since January 2020. Given the COVID-19 crisis, he is currently providing telehealth mental health services to undergraduate and graduate students. He added a bit about his career path: He trained in psychiatry at Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago and at Yale, did an addiction psychiatry fellowship at D-H, earned master’s degrees at the Harvard and Johns Hopkins Schools of Public Health, and is a diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

—Bob Lewy

Obituary Listing

The following deaths have been reported to us as of June 1, 2020. Obituaries are published on the medical school’s alumni website, at www.geiselalumni.org/obituaries. To report the death of an alumnus/a, please contact Annette Achilles at 603-653-0726 or Geisel.Alumni.Relations@Dartmouth.edu.

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Anchie Kuo MED’86
Jeffrey E. Harb MED’89

FACULTY
Paul B. Sullivan, MD

RESIDENTS & FELLOWS
Jeffrey S. Shiffrin
1985-1986
Robert J. Hartzman
1971-73
Mazzini Bueno
1968-1971
Alan D. Sessler
1957-1959
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—John H. Sanders, Jr., MD, D’64

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