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Medical Students and Bassett's School-Based Health Centers

By John S. Davis, M.D. and Alan Kozak, M.D.

Bassett's School Based Health Program (SBHP) was recently highlighted by Henna Shaikh, a member of the Columbia-Bassett medical student class of 2017.

But first a brief review of the SBHP's history: In 1933 Bassett's Pediatrician-in-Chief, Marjorie Murray, M.D. noted that the



Columbia-Bassett medical student, Henna Shaikh, in conversation with a young patient, Kristin Ratliff, and mentored by pediatrician Chris Kjolhede, M.D., co-director of Bassett's School-Based Health Program.

rural poor were particularly at health risk, and that physical and emotional neglect of these children was often in evidence. Bassett physicians under Murray's leadership began to provide yearly checkups and vaccinations in area public schools. These included schools in Cooperstown, Cherry Valley,

Hartwick, and Springfield. Variations of this health care provision for school children by Bassett doctors continued over the next half-century.

Fast forward to 1992 when Bassett began its School-Based Health Center (SBHC) in the northern Delaware County village of Delhi as Delaware Academy Student Health. Under the management of Jane Hamilton, R.N., an arrangement was established whereby immediate care at the school was provided by an on-site pediatric nurse practitioner. In 1994, pediatrician Chris Kjolhede, M.D. joined Hamilton in directing the program. Through the ensuing years they secured many grants to fund the program. They have received multiple honors and national acclaim as the leading school-based health project in New York State and arguably in the U.S. Now co-directed by Kjolhede and Kerri LeBlanc, M.D. with Jane Hamilton continuing as clinical manager, the program encompasses 20 school-based health centers in 15 school districts. Many of the schools also offer on-site dental care and every school has a mental health worker as part of its health care team.

Back to Henna Shaikh, who plans to become a pediatrician. Recently interviewed by Alan Kozak, M.D., Shaikh shared some impressions of Bassett's SBHP saying, "I found the experience

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Message from the President of the Medical Alumni Board of Directors

Greetings from Boston, where we somewhat anxiously anticipate the arrival of spring after a winter of sparse snow and abundant gray. As the cliché goes, spring is a time of renewal, and renewal is in fact what we on the Bassett Medical Alumni Board are aiming for this year.

Historically, we have directed our attention toward supporting medical education at Bassett. Though this will remain a focal point, we plan to broaden our vision to foster more opportunities for connection among alumni. Every fall the Medical Alumni Board convenes in Cooperstown to set our agenda for the year, with Board members carving out time from their work and personal schedules to attend. Some travel across several states, all at their own expense. This gathering is something that we look forward to every year, I think in part because it is a reminder of the camaraderie, shared purpose, and sense of community that we experienced during our training at Bassett. Though there are many wonderful and esteemed medical centers in this



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country that provide excellent training for physicians, all of us on the Board feel that Bassett offers additional and unique qualities that have been very meaningful in our lives and careers. We feel that these qualities—a close-knit environment, respect for individuality, an appreciation for both tradition and innovation—are worth supporting and promoting.

Towards this end, we are working on developing a Bassett medical alumni Web site that is dynamic and interactive, and that will allow alumni to seek out friends, former colleagues and mentors; post messages, inquiries and opinions; share their knowledge, talents and ideas; and provide a means of connecting with faculty, residents and students. Although we have much (much!) work to do, we are very excited about the possibilities that such a Web site can provide to help alumni stay connected

to one another, foster mutually beneficial relationships between alumni and Bassett, promote philanthropy and support for medical educational, and perpetuate the sense of fellowship that many of us have enjoyed. ■

The Cupola is the newsletter of the Medical Alumni Association of Bassett Medical Center. The Association was founded to provide support and recommendations to Bassett's Medical Education Department; to assist in recruiting medical students, house staff and attending staff; and to provide financial support to develop and enhance medical education at Bassett.

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Kjohlhede Receives New York School-Based Health Alliance Visionary for Children's Health Award

At School-Based Health Advocacy Day in February, Chris Kjohlhede, M.D., co-director of Bassett's School-Based Health Program, received the New York School-Based Health Alliance Visionary for Children's Health Award for his tremendous dedication and tireless work advocating for school-based health.

Kjohlhede and a group of Bassett school-based health staff and students joined more than 600 other health professionals and students from nearly every region of the state for Advocacy Day. They spent the day meeting with state lawmakers and asking them to prioritize funding for pediatric primary, preventive, mental and dental health services in the school setting.

John Schlitt, president of the national School-Based Health Alliance, remarked, "Dr. Kjohlhede's passionate advocacy knows no bounds.

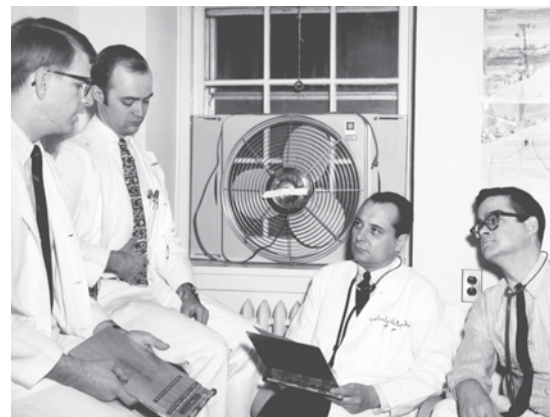


Chris Kjohlhede, M.D. co-director, School-Based Health Program, Bassett Healthcare Network.

He's been a fierce promoter of school-based health centers on the national stage as well, arguing to Congress that the benefits of school-based health care are afforded to too few children and adolescents. ■

Bassett Looks Back

Here's a look at morning teaching rounds on the Medical Service in 1969: Intern James Pinkham, M.D., presents a case to Physician-in-Chief Malcolm Page, M.D., Intern Thomas Ruebel, M.D. listens, and at right, Assistant Resident Jeffrey Crandall, M.D. appears to concur. Patients' charts pulled from the rolling chart rack. No sign of an iPad or any computerization 47 years ago, except for a new, single, teletype access to a time-shared computer terminal in Schenectady, the unappreciated dawn of today's era. ■



NYS Adjutant General Presents Above and Beyond Award to Bassett

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Above and Beyond Award was presented in January to Bassett Healthcare Network and Vance M. Brown, M.D, President and CEO by Major General Patrick Murphy, Adjutant General of New York State. This recognition comes as the result of a nomination put forward by William LeCates, M.D., who has completed three deployments since 2013.

"Bassett has shown outstanding support for its drilling and deploying reservists for many years," said LeCates, medical director at Bassett Medical Center and a Lt. Col. in the New York Army National Guard. "Employees at every level give selflessly of their time and energy. Thanks to the kindness of my co-workers, I am able to deploy with peace of mind knowing that my patients will receive the best care possible, and that my family will receive whatever extra help might be needed during my absence."

General Murphy added, "The support system we have back home when we serve is critically important; all of you are there for our servicemen and women every day making it possible for us to deploy in service to our country. Through your support of Lt. Col. LeCates and others, you have impacted countless lives. Our gratitude is represented in the awarding of Above and Beyond to Bassett."

The Above and Beyond Award is presented by ESGR State Committees to recognize employers at the local level who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act by providing their Guard and Reserve employees additional, non-mandated benefits such as differential or full pay to offset lost wages, extended health benefits, and other similar benefits. ■

Bassett Welcomes Class of Medical Students



Columbia-Bassett Medical School Class of 2018 Front Row (L-R): Megan Brennan, M.D. (Assistant Dean for Education at Bassett Healthcare, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons), Sarah Harney, Lauren Onofrey, Justin Spring, Stephanie Colello, Jemma Benson, and Henry Weil, M.D. (Senior Associate Dean for Education at Bassett Healthcare, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons) Back Row (L-R): Christopher Clayton, Eric Bland, Surbhi Agrawal, Karel-Bart Celie, and Christopher Jackson.

Columbia-Bassett Grads Merit Awards

Three students in the Columbia-Bassett Medical School program were recognized at the 2015 Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons commencement with the following awards:

Excellence in Public Health Award – Mark J. Harris, M.D.

Albert B. Knapp Scholarship (awarded at the conclusion of the third year to the medical students with highest scholarship in the first three years) – David B. Chapel, M.D.

Outstanding Student in Family Medicine Award (demonstrates academic achievement in the area of family medicine, has shown initiative in community health service and an understanding and commitment to the principles of family medicine) – Seth A. Mathern, M.D.

Sigmund L. Wilens Prize (excellence in pathology) – David B. Chapel, M.D.

Congratulations Mark, David and Seth. ■

Residents News

Du Nguyen, M.D., (General Surgery resident) recently had a poster selected as a Poster of Distinction at the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery's annual meeting in Los Angeles, Calif. His poster was entitled "Provider Prediction of Success After Bariatric Surgery."

Jessica Carlson, M.D. (General Surgery chief resident) presented an abstract entitled "Field of Dreams or Field of Injuries: The Incidence of Acute Injury in Youth Baseball" at the Southwestern Surgical Congress annual meeting in Coronado, Calif., in April.

Chetan Dodhia, M.D. (Internal Medicine resident) recently presented a poster entitled "Resident Progress Note Improvement via a Standardized Template" at the Society of Hospital Medicine's Annual Meeting, in March in San Diego, Calif. ■

Columbia-Bassett Results in the NRMP Residency Match

Postgraduate appointments for the students in the Columbia-Bassett Medical School for the 2016-17 academic year are:

Alana Aylward, Otolaryngology Residency at the University of Utah
Laura DiCola, Psychiatry Residency at Massachusetts General Hospital
Margaret Dowd, Dermatology Residency at New York Presbyterian Hospital
David Drouillard, General Surgery Residency at the University of Washington
Annette Georgia, Internal Medicine-Primary/Social Internal Medicine Residency at Einstein/Montefiore

Adam Hsu, Internal Medicine Residency at Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education

Dae Woong Lee, Anesthesia Residency at Massachusetts General Hospital

Maeve O'Neill, Psychiatry Residency at Massachusetts General Hospital

Samuel Porter, Internal Medicine-Hospitalist at the University of Colorado

Kathryn Williams, Family Medicine Residency at the University of Montana

Anna Zuckerman, Pediatrics Residency at the University of Vermont/Fletcher Allen ■

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rewarding and enjoyed seeing a large number of students in a variety of school settings in our surrounding area (e.g. Morris, Laurens, South Kortright) under the direct supervision of Pediatric Attendings." She pointed out that it made sense to see kids, sometimes with parents and sometimes without, in their real-life settings. In summing up

her most important lesson from the experience, Shaikh indicated that it "emphasized the importance of drawing a connection between the community and health care systems and providers."

Helping students make those kinds of connections is fundamental to the Columbia-Bassett Medical School curriculum. Kjolhede added, "Several of us who work in SBHCs take medical students with us as part of their

longitudinal experience. I have probably taken 20 different individuals along over the years. Other pediatricians have done it as well. One medical student who was fluent in a Chinese dialect actually was able to speak to an elementary school student newly arrived from China. The Med students like going to school-based centers; they enjoy this experience." ■

THE BASSETT FAMILY ALBUM — ALUMNI NEWS

Please keep your notes and photos coming!



*Terry Zumwalt, M.D.
(CDR/MC/USNR)*

1970s

Terry Zumwalt, M.D.

(Rotating Internship 1971-72, Obstetrics-Gynecology Resident 1972-75) produced two training videos (available on YouTube) for medics and military health professionals summarizing the effective combined energy medicine therapies which she found to permanently clear traumatic memory from the muscle cells in the body for treating the active phase of the flashback "Go-Go" combat stress reaction in warriors. Her goal is to train medics, combat corpsmen, para-rescue jumpers and military nurses to aid warriors in distress, rapidly and without drugs.

Marc Heller, M.D. (Rotating Intern 1973-74, Obstetrics-Gynecology Resident 1974-76; Obstetrics-Gynecology Chief Resident 1976-77; Attending Obstetrician-Gynecologist 1978-2003 (Department Chief, 1993-2003) left Bassett to be the Medical Director of Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson in Schenectady for 12 years (2003-2015) where each year, they cared for almost 20,000 patients in 13 counties, including 40,000 patient visits and 3,000 abortions. He wrote, "I loved that very difficult work, in spite of the professional isolation, the daily protestors, the bomb threats, the political climate and the nature of the work itself. Almost every patient thanked me." Now he is

retired, and enjoys wood-working, gardening, and helping with house chores. He is writing a memoir and still lives in Cooperstown. He added, "This is a very special place to live, in spite of the upstate New York weather! Old friends are irreplaceable. Life is good, and I remember my (sometimes tumultuous) work at Bassett with fondness and respect!"

1980s

Scott Smith, M.D., and Cathy Sandstrom, M.D.

(Transitional Year Interns 1980-81) after working in private practice pediatrics since 1981, Cathy is getting ready to retire this spring. Scott practiced general internal medicine for 30+ years at the Boise, Idaho VA Medical Center. He created the three-year University of Washington Boise medicine residency, has been the program director, and was the initial director of the Boise Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education. He is now the physician consultant for the national VA program. He had a book published in fall 2015 entitled Interprofessional Education for Patient-Centered Medical Homes. Their grown children are doing well. Devin (30) will graduate from University of Oregon architecture grad school this spring. Tynan (28) has been with Google for five years and is currently a senior software engineer.

Michael Levenstein, M.D. (Medicine Resident 1981-83) and **Deanna Palumbo, M.D.** (Medical Resident 1982-85) (Both Attending Physicians 1988-2016) after more than 30 years of providing patient care at Bassett Healthcare Network in Oneonta, N.Y. Levenstein and Palumbo have retired from practice. Upon retirement, Palumbo shared this thought, "We were trained by wonderful physicians; and some of the



Michael Levenstein, M.D.



Deanna Palumbo, M.D.

most rewarding work we've done over the years has involved the training of residents and medical students." Over the years, they have been active in the Oneonta community and served on many boards. The couple plans to stay in the area and work per diem for Bassett Healthcare Network.

Neal P. Barney, M.D.

(Transitional Year Resident 1983-84) is on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. In 2015, he had several articles published and presented on the topic of Allergic Conjunctivitis at the American Academy of Ophthalmology Cornea Subspecialty Day in Las Vegas; on Autoimmune Keratitis to the International Ocular Inflammation Society in San Francisco, Calif.; and on the use of Biologic Agents to Treat Allergic Eye Disease at the International Symposium on Ocular Pharmacology and Therapeutics in Berlin, Germany.

Rocco G. Ciocca M.D.

(General Surgery Resident 1986-91) accepted the position of Director of Vascular Surgery at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland and a faculty appointment at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in June 2015. He adds, "The transition from Seattle to Cleveland has been favorable and Lauren and I are enjoying all that Cleveland has to offer."

David M. O'Brien, M.D., M.P.H.

(Transitional Year Resident 1987-88) will complete a 28 year career with the U.S. Air Force upon his retirement in July 2016. Currently Command Surgeon for U.S. Transportation Command, he manages worldwide medical evacuation for Dept. of Defense service members and their families, with offices in Hawaii, Illinois, and Germany. He shares, "the most challenging accomplishment during this tour was developing a patient transport isolation system for Ebola patients." Along with his wife Lisa and teenagers Megan and Matthew, he looks forward to moving back to the western U.S. later in the year.

Thomas Pearson, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D.

(Director, Bassett Research Institute 1988-97) In October 2013, he was named Executive Vice President for Research and Education and Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine at the University of Florida Health Science Center in Gainesville, Fla. He writes, "We have been growing the research and research training programs, especially helped by two large state-funded programs. I still see patients, do some teaching, and manage to publish a couple of research papers a year."

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1990s

Anne M. Gadomski, M.D., M.P.H. (Attending Physician, Pediatrics and Clinical Researcher, 1994-present) conducted a study on children, pets and anxiety, published in the journal *Preventing Chronic Disease*, that attracted national and regional media attention. NPR, CBS and NBC were among those that featured her research showing that a pet dog may reduce anxiety in kids.

2000s

Philip A. Heavner, M.D. (Chief of Pediatrics, 2005-present) was awarded the William F. Streck, M.D., Fellowship in Health Policy and Management which enabled him to attend the Integrated Health System Series (presented by the American Association of Physician Leadership) in Orlando, Fla. in January 2016. The program explored key trends, developments and guidelines to help shape integrated clinical practice in

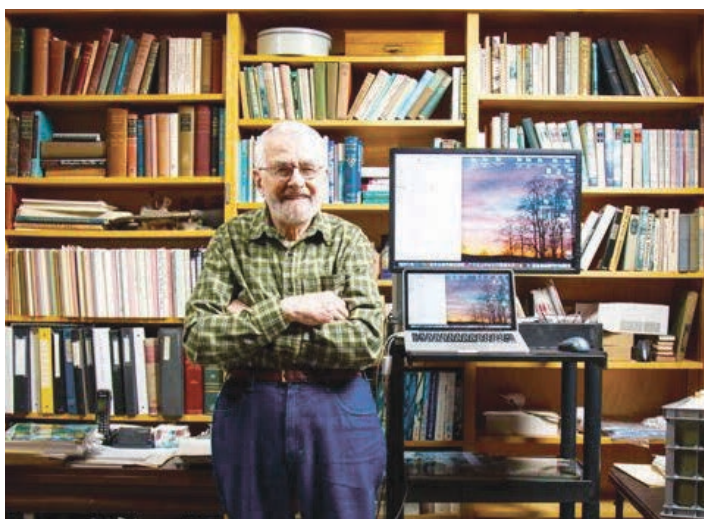


Philip A. Heavner, M.D.

pediatrics and other areas throughout Bassett Healthcare Network.

Elyssa Pohl, M.D.

(Transitional Year resident 2006-07) writes to say, "I continue to enjoy providing anesthesia care at Finger Lakes Health in Geneva, NY. Our family has recently moved to a larger home in nearby Canandaigua. Aiden, age 4 and Lilly, age 2, enjoy the extra space to run around!" ■



History of Bassett Nears Completion

John S. Davis, M.D. (Internal Medicine resident 1956-58; Attending Physician, 1964-1995, Director of Medical Education) surrounded by resources and research materials, smiles as he nears completion of his opus. After a decade of research including hundreds of interviews, untold hours spent poring over archives and photos, and writing and rewriting in concert with editor Felicia Halpert, Davis, a retired physician and Bassett historian will be relieved to see the publication of *Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, NY: 200 Years of Healthcare in Rural America* which is due out later this year. The book, featuring many photographs, follows the development of the hospital from its inception by Mary Imogene Bassett, M.D. and benefactor Edward Severin Clark. Currently in design, the publication is expected by November with the opportunity of pre-ordering a copy to be outlined in an upcoming issue of *The Cupola*. ■

Physician Employment Opportunities in the Bassett Healthcare Network

Thinking of a career move? Do you know another physician seeking a position in an award-winning network of six hospitals and 28 regional sites? Consider these openings in Central New York and Cooperstown.

- Dermatologist
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Gastroenterologist (Division Chief)
- Hematology/Oncology
- Hospitalist
- Internal Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonology
- Medical Director of Performance Improvement & Clinical Informatics

For more information visit: <http://recruitment.bassett.org/physician-jobs/>

Or call the Medical Staff Affairs office at 607-547-6982.

Bassett Medical Center Receives National Recognition

Bassett Medical Center has been recognized by the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®) for achieving meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care. This program requires participating hospitals to track the outcomes of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures. The ACS NSQIP measures surgical results 30 days following an operation, and its goal is to reduce illnesses or deaths related to surgical procedures.

Bassett is one of 52 participating hospitals that achieved the national distinction for meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care related to patient management in eight clinical areas: mortality, unplanned intubation, ventilator more than 48 hours, renal failure, cardiac incidents, respiratory (pneumonia), SSI (superficial skin infection) and urinary tract infection. Only approximately 10 percent of NSQIP participating sites received this designation.

Nicholas Hellenthal, M.D. surgeon-in-chief at Bassett Healthcare Network, stated "This distinction is perhaps the most important evaluation of surgical care as it gives us insight into how our postoperative complication and mortality rates compare to those of other NSQIP participating sites." ■

2016 Residency Match Results Announced

Bassett Medical Center's residency training programs had successful matches during the NRMP Main Residency Match in March. Postgraduate appointments for the 2016-17 academic year are:

General Surgery

- Suzanne E. Evans, M.D.** – Medical University of the Americas
Jacob Katsnelson, M.D. – Ohio State University College of Medicine
Hunaiz A. Patel, M.D. – Albany Medical College
Ethan A. Talbot, M.D. – University of Connecticut School of Medicine

Internal Medicine

- Jun-Jie T. Cheung, M.D.** – St. George's University School of Medicine (Grenada)
Balpreet Chouhan, M.B., B.S. – Sri Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (India)
Benjamin B. Dao, M.D. – American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (St. Maarten)
Bishoy R.G. ElBebawy, M.B.B.Ch. – Ain Shams University Faculty of Medicine (Egypt)
Patricia X. Escaler, M.D. – Universidad Francisco Marroquín Facultad de Medicina (Guatemala)
Muhammad Idrees, M.B., B.S. – Dow Medical College (Pakistan)
Ahmed A. Khan, M.B., B.S. – Shifa College of Medicine (Pakistan)
Keerthana Mugundu Dwarakan, M.B., B.S. – Rajah Muthiah Medical College (India)
Ahmad Nawaz, M.B., B.S. – Allama Iqbal Medical College (Pakistan)
Konika Sharma, M.B., B.S. – Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences (India)
Frederick L. Shrimp, M.D. – The Commonwealth Medical College
Chhitiz Subedi, M.B., B.S. – College of Medical Sciences, Bharatpur (Nepal)

Transitional Year

- Devang L. Bhoiwala, M.D.** – Albany Medical College
Oliver G. Fischer, M.D. – Rush Medical College of Rush University Medical Center
Natalia I. Golub, M.D. – University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Lola M. Grillo, M.D. – Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Thomas C. Harvey, M.D. – University of Buffalo SUNY School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
Samuel R. Levine, M.D. – Tufts University School of Medicine
Andrew Z. Liu, M.D. – Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Matthew R. Tangel, M.D. – Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine
Josh O. Walsh, M.D. – Albany Medical College ■

Bassett Welcomes Alumni



Devarajan Manu, M.D.

Devarajan Manu, M.D., joined Bassett as Attending Physician in primary care in November 2015. After earning his medical degree at Medical College Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala University, India, he completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Bassett Medical Center followed by a Geriatric Fellowship at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana Champaign, Ill. He is board-certified in Geriatric Medicine.



Linda Christie, M.D.

Linda Christie, M.D., joined Bassett on February 1, as an Attending Physician in Internal Medicine at Bassett Healthcare Network's Cobleskill Health Center. She earned her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Penn. She completed a residency in Anatomic Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Penn., and a residency in Internal medicine at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown. She has over 30 years of experience and is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.



Aimee Pearce, M.D.

Aimee Pearce, M.D., who began at Bassett Healthcare Network in Clinton, N.Y., in January will transition to a position at the newly opened Bassett Healthcare Network - Oneida, a health center that is the result of a partnership between Bassett and the Oneida Indian Nation providing a range of medical care for Oneida Nation employees, their families, and the general public. She completed her medical degree at the University of Debrecen Medical and Health

Sciences Center, in Debrecen, Hungary and began practice after completion of an internship at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital and a residency at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Utica, N.Y. She is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. ■

A reminder: Who are the members of the Bassett Medical Alumni Association?

You are past and current interns, residents and fellows.

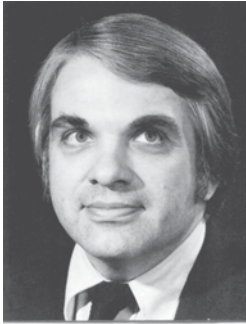
You are former and current members of the senior doctoral staff.

And you are students of the Columbia-Bassett Medical School program or students who spent your final two years of medical school at Bassett.

IN MEMORIAM: BASSETT REMEMBERS

Alumni: Please send copies of obituaries of former Bassett trainees, faculty or other members of the "Bassett Family" to cupola@bassett.org

H. Rodney (Rod) Hartmann, M.D.



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H. Rodney (Rod) Hartmann, M.D. died at age 81 in Savannah, Ga. on January 22, 2016 from complications of aortic valve surgery. Hartmann was born in New Brunswick, N.J. He married Nancy Lebo in 1959. A Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year at Rutgers University, he received his M.D. from Yale University School of Medicine in 1959.

He did a rotating internship at Bassett, served in the U.S. Air Force, and then completed a radiology residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

After a career in the private practice of radiology and radiotherapy, in 1978 he became Radiologist-in-Chief at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, following the Bassett tenure of Otto Sahler, M.D. Hartmann stepped down as Chief in 1994 and continued full-time as radiation oncologist at Bassett. He retired in 1999 and moved to Savannah.

Dr. Hartmann was one of the last combined specialists in both diagnostic radiology and radiation oncology. He held the rank of Assistant Clinical Professor of Radiology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and also had teaching appointments at Albany Medical College, Yale University and Medical College of Georgia.

Three former Bassett colleagues recalled his attributes. Nancy Merrell, M.D. said, "I always remember how much he was respected and how approachable he was. He loved to teach and share his extensive knowledge with students and colleagues alike." Added Dan Gregory, M.D., "I considered Rod a close friend and confidant with a deep passion and concern for the future of the Bassett professional staff." According to Douglass DeLong, M.D., "Rod had an encyclopedic knowledge and dry sense of humor that made learning fun and easy."

Rod Hartmann is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Nancy L. Hartmann and two sons, Curtis G. Hartmann of Kensington, Md. and Karl S. Hartmann of Arlington Va. and their spouses Jackie and Kendra, and by three grandchildren; Lucas, Elyse and Sophie.

Frederic P. Herter, M.D.

Frederic P. Herter, M.D., a member of the Bassett's Board of Trustees for 30 years (1969-99), died on November 7, 2015 at age 94. The son of Christian A. Herter, Massachusetts Governor, and subsequently Secretary of State under President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Herter was the Auchincloss Professor of Surgery, the Acting Chairman of the Department of Surgery, and later Professor Emeritus at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. He co-authored with his colleague and friend, Alfred Jaretzki III, M.D., *A Proud Heritage, An Informal History of Surgery at Columbia*. (Jaretzki was Associate Surgeon at Bassett Hospital from 1955-64; see his obituary in *The Cupola*, Summer 2014). Herter is survived by his wife of 40 years, Solange Batsell Herter and many other family members.

Michael F. Bryson, M.D.

Michael F. Bryson, M.D., 85, died after a brief illness on November 22, 2015. He obtained his M.D. Columbia in 1957. While there, he met and married nursing student Barbara Trimm (who predeceased him in 1992). They came to Cooperstown, where he served as a Rotating Intern (1957-58). He joined the U.S. Air Force (and continued in the reserves, retiring as a Colonel in 1984). Bryson trained as a pediatrician and spent most of his medical career in Rochester, N.Y., as a member of the faculty and attending physician in the Pediatric Department at the University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital. He finished his career in Occupational Medicine as a physician at the Eastman Kodak Company. He moved to Bronxville, N.Y. in 1998, where he married Laura Stichter, who, along with an extended family, survives him.

Bruce D. Mason, M.D.

Bruce D. Mason, M.D. of Stevens Point, Wis., died on January 20, 2015, aged 73. He received his M.D. from the University of Tennessee in 1965 and after further training served with the U.S. Marines in Viet Nam. He began training as a pathologist, culminating in a Fellowship in Pathology at the Mayo Clinic. Mason then served as Attending Pathologist at Bassett Hospital from 1974-1976. A collegial perfectionist, he was highly respected by the staff. He returned to the upper Midwest for the remainder of his career, retiring in 2000. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Judy Newell Mason, and their families.

Genevieve Kent-Waller, R.N.

Genevieve Kent-Waller, R.N., 65, of Binghamton, NY and formerly of the village of Edmeston in western Otsego County, died on February 4, 2016. She was born in Cooperstown, the daughter of John and Isabella Kent. In 1973, Kent-Waller, known as "Gevy", was selected from among the pediatric nursing staff at Bassett to train as a Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. The goal of this training was to prepare her to staff Bassett's first planned regional clinic in Edmeston. Defined by Director Charles Ashley, M.D., as the institution's "experiment in the delivery of primary care", the off-site clinic became the first outpost in a developing Bassett Healthcare Network now including over 30 health centers beyond Cooperstown spread over eight counties. In her new role, she was the first independent Nurse Practitioner in the state and served under the direction of Donald Pollock, M.D. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Wesley Waller, and an extended family. ■



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Alumni Donor Profile: Rodman Carter, M.D.



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One of our most committed alumni donors is Rodman Carter, M.D. For more than five decades he has supported Bassett—as a surgeon, a teacher, and someone dedicated to giving back. He generously agreed to share some of his Bassett memories with *The Cupola*.

Carter arrived at Bassett in 1953 from Columbia Medical School. He remembers many things, but one experience from his fellowship year stands out. It began with a

turn in OB-GYN. While this was new for him, he had already worked for Virginia Apgar, M.D., the creator of the Apgar Scale for grading babies' health at birth.

Thus he found himself with perhaps more responsibility than he anticipated. One evening, while Olaf Severud, M.D., (Chief, OB/GYN) was out of town, a patient of Severud's who was in early labor with her first child was admitted. The labor was likely to be long, as the child was in the frank breech position.

The one person who came to aid Carter was "the wonderful and very experienced head nurse," Mrs. Alexandra Schultz, known to the staff as "Queenie." Schultz summoned Carter and told him the patient was progressing rapidly and needed to be checked. As Carter said, "I had learned that when 'Queenie Schultz' made a judgment like that, it was important that I do what she was suggesting." When he checked, he

found the patient's cervix fully dilated, and soon, "things were happening."

Phone calls for additional help went unanswered. With caudal anesthesia, using the Mauriceau-Smellie-Veit maneuver, and Schultz pushing on the uterine fundus through the belly wall, he managed to bring one foot and leg down, then the other, and finally got the body through the canal. Then the head "hung up." The baby was stuck! Finally, using the Piper forceps, they freed the child and completed the delivery.

After a few adventures delivering babies, Carter enjoyed a long career at Bassett. Board certified in urology, he became a surgeon and member of the senior staff in 1962. Until 1993, he continued "teaching the house staff the art and science of surgery as the hospital grew and expanded."

Carter and his wife now divide their time between their farm in Cooperstown and their home in Palm Coast, Fla. They enjoy gardening, birding, golf, watercolor painting, reading, and volunteering for various causes.

He remains involved with the Bassett community as a donor. As he says, "My wife and I give to Bassett because of all they gave to me during my training and career but also because I know that it goes towards patient care, education, and research."

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