



# THE CUPOLA

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## Guest Speakers for Reunion Weekend Announced

On behalf of the board of the Bassett Medical Alumni Association, Executive Vice President Dr. Anush Patel is pleased to announce that two distinguished physicians will be on the podium at the 2024 Family Reunion as the John S. Davis lecturer and as keynotes at Saturday's sessions. The Family Reunion is slated for October 4 and 5, 2024, and offers alumni a chance to explore current issues in health care while reconnecting with colleagues and making new friends.



*Dr. George M. Abraham*

Dr. George M. Abraham, professor of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and chief of Medicine at Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, Mass., will share insights as former president of the American College of Physicians (ACP) and his current role as chair-elect of the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Abraham has a deep interest in the issues relating to inclusivity and has focused much of his professional energies on the international medical graduate community that forms 25 percent of the U.S. physician workforce and over 30 percent of the ACP's membership. In addition, his personal research interests include hepatitis B and C disease, travel medicine and infection control, as well as medication safety and systems improvement. He has authored over 150 publications, abstracts, and book chapters.

He earned his medical degrees from the Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, India, completed his residency and chief residency at Saint Vincent Hospital, and received his master's degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



*Dr. Susan V. George*

The weekend's second guest presenter will be Dr. Susan V. George who will offer the lecture, "The Evolution of Learning and Teaching in Medicine" and impart her perspectives on how medical education has evolved over time and what the future direction might be. George is a professor of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the program director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Saint Vincent Hospital. She worked as a hospitalist for 17 years and in 2017 transitioned to outpatient primary care.

She earned her medical degree from the National University of Singapore and is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London. She completed her residency training at Saint Vincent Hospital, Worcester, Mass., and served as chief resident there in 1999-2001.

"We are especially pleased to host these two noteworthy individuals at our Family Reunion," said Dr. James Murray, president of the Medical Alumni Board of Directors. "We hope that many alumni will join us in welcoming them here and take advantage of this educational and fun weekend."

Saturday's schedule features a range of presentations including updates from the alumni board and news of Bassett Healthcare Network. A half-dozen "IMY Talks" (Innovative Mostly Medical Yarns) modeled on the concept of TED Talks, will showcase alumni, medical staff, residents, and medical students offering succinct creative idea-sharing on diverse topics.

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## Message from the President of the Medical Alumni Board of Directors

Summer greetings to our alumni members, medical staff, residents, students, and supporters of Bassett Healthcare.

In this issue, several articles remind us that education continues to be a foundational pillar of Bassett. Please take time to review where the 2024 graduates of the Columbia-Bassett Medical School Program are going to in their residencies and explore where our residents are relocating into professional positions and fellowships throughout the country. Should you encounter these individuals in your work, please welcome them and share your Bassett connection.



*Dr. James A. Murray*

Also, the Alumni Association is excited to offer two outstanding speakers at the upcoming Family Reunion. Read more about these guests and other plans for the October weekend here on page one. Please join us and participate in this learning experience. Visit old friends and make new acquaintances.

Finally, if you cannot come in October, let us hear from you. The Family Album, with news of alumni, is a favorite feature in each issue. Send us your news and we will spread the word.

Again, I hope to see you in October. ■

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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## Visiting Author Presented Humanities Grand Rounds

The inaugural David S. Svahn Humanities in Medicine Memorial Lecture was held on Friday, May 24, 2024, at the Clark Auditorium at Bassett Hospital. The event was a great success and a fitting tribute to a Bassett-trained resident and physician who devoted the entirety of his 30-year career here.

The presentation by Dr. Michael LaCombe, entitled, "The Importance of Family History," was a time capsule of the history of those who shared their knowledge and shaped medical students and the profession, from Greek and Roman times to the present. He insinuated into this history Bassett physicians such as Dr. David Svahn and Dr. John Davis and the other physicians who were influential in teaching here. It was a reminder that each physician in the room stands on the shoulders of a distinguished lineage.

The audience included members of the Svahn family who sponsored the lecture, Bassett residents and medical staff, community members and medical alumni. Dr. LaCombe concluded the lecture by presenting Dr. Svahn's grandsons, Jonathan and Benjamin, with a printout of the timeline of the influential physicians who appeared in his talk.

Dr. LaCombe, a cardiologist, is the author of over 100 peer-reviewed stories of medicine, and over a dozen books, including "Bedside: The Art of Medicine," a collection of fictional stories drawn from his experiences as a physician. Now retired, he is a past president of the Harvard Medical School Alumni Council and has served as an associate editor of the "Annals of Internal Medicine" for the medical humanities sections for over 30 years. ■



*L-R: Dr. Jeffrey Nicastro and Dr. Jennifer Svahn, sponsors of the Svahn Humanities Lecture with inaugural presenter Dr. Michael LaCombe and Bassett staff Drs. Alan J. Kozak and Kai Mebust.*



*Dr. Michael LaCombe presenting Svahn grandsons Jonathan and Benjamin with timeline of medical history.*



*L-R: Dr. Alan J. Kozak and Michelle Nowlan, R.N. with guest presenter, Dr. Michael LaCombe, and Drs. John Davis, Russell Moore, and Erik Riesenfeld.*



## Residents Announce Future Plans



*L-R Internal Medicine graduating residents: Front Row—Drs. Aakriti Mainali, Amna Shaukat, Fnu Meena, Gayatri Bondi, Helina Maharjan, Parikshya Giri Rijal, and Vivian Matubia. Back Row—Drs. Madhav Chittimalla, Muhammad Fayaz, Navalok Sharma Ghimire, Cyrus De Souza, and Sohaib Alkowni*

Members of the house staff have completed their training at Bassett and moved on to new endeavors. Departing residents, their programs at Bassett, and their plans:

**Sohaib Alkowni, M.D.** (Internal Medicine) Hematology/Oncology Fellowship, Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, Pa.

**Tarun Bathini, M.B., B.S.** (Cardiovascular Disease) Non-invasive Cardiology, Multicare Hospital, Yakima, Wash.

**Gayatri Bondi, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship, Marshall University, Huntington, W.V.

**Blake Caldwell, M.D., Ph.D.** (General Surgery) Interventional Radiology Residency (integrated), NYP/Columbia University, N.Y.

**Christopher Chang, D.O.** (Transitional Year) Diagnostic Radiology Residency, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.

**Madhav Chittimalla, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Practice of Hospital Medicine, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Mass.

**Ben Cruci, D.O.** (Internal Medicine) Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency, Good Samaritan University Hospital, West Islip, N.Y.

**Michael Damiani, D.O.** (General Surgery) Practice of General Surgery, Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington, Maine

**Cyrus De Souza, M.D.** (Internal Medicine) Practice of Hospital Medicine, Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, N.Y.

**Muhammad Fayaz, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Practice of Hospital Medicine, MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital, Puyallup, Wash.

**Andrey Galper, M.D.** (Transitional Year) Diagnostic Radiology Residency, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.

**Parikshya Giri Rijal, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Practice of Hospital Medicine, Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, N.Y.

**Andrew Hess, M.D.** (Transitional Year) Internal Medicine Residency, Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, N.Y.

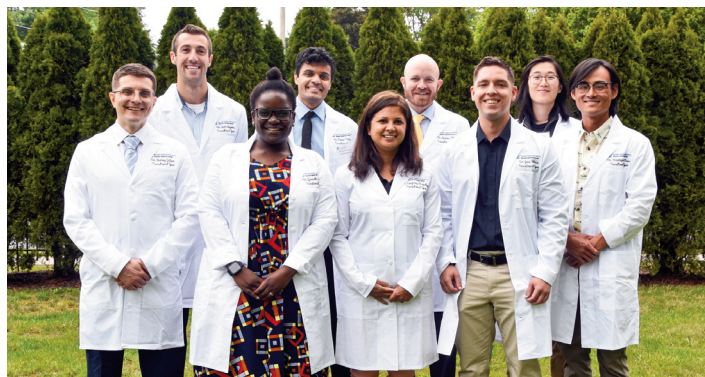
**Gabriella Kaddu, M.D.** (Transitional Year) Diagnostic Radiology Residency, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, N.Y.

**Alexis Kohlbeck, D.O.** (General Surgery) General Surgery Residency, Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, N.Y.

**Danielle Li, M.D.** (Transitional Year) Diagnostic Radiology Residency, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, Vt.

**Quinn Magiera, M.D.** (Transitional Year) Diagnostic Radiology Residency, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, N.Y.

**Helina Maharjan, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Rheumatology Fellowship, Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.



*L-R The transitional year class 2023-24: Front row—Drs. Andrey Galper, Gabriella Kaddu, Samjhana Thapaliya, Joey Villena, and Christopher Chang. Back row—Drs. Quinn Magiera, Varun Taruvai, Andrew Hess, and Danielle Li*

**Aakriti Mainali, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Practice of Outpatient Internal Medicine, Baylor Scott and White, Austin, Texas

**Vivian Matubia, M.D.** (Internal Medicine) Chief Resident in Internal Medicine, Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, N.Y.

**Fnu Meena, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Instructor in Medicine, Division of Hospital Medicine, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo.

**Rosalynn Nguyen, D.O.** (General Surgery) Practice of General Surgery, Skagit Regional Health, Arlington, Wash.

**Vrutant Patel, M.D.** (General Surgery) Practice of General Surgery — plans not finalized at press time

**Navalok Sharma Ghimire, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Practice of Primary Care Medicine, Cayuga Medical Center, Ithaca, N.Y.

**Amna Shaukat, M.B., B.S.** (Internal Medicine) Practice of Hospital Medicine, Bayhealth Kent Campus, Dover, Del.

**Bishesh Shrestha, M.B., B.S.** (Cardiovascular Disease) Interventional Cardiology Fellowship, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Neb.



*L-R Graduating Surgery residents: Drs. Michael Damiani, Rosalynn Nguyen, and Vrutant Patel*

**Varun Taruvai, M.D.** (Transitional Year) Diagnostic Radiology Residency, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, N.Y.

**Samjhana Thapaliya, M.D.** (Transitional Year) Nuclear Medicine Residency, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

**Jose Villena, M.D.** (Transitional Year) Research and Interventional Radiology Procedures, Jackson Hospital, Miami, Fla.

# THE BASSETT FAMILY ALBUM — ALUMNI NEWS

*Please keep your notes and photos coming!*

## 1950s

**W.B. Greenough III, M.D.**  
(Hematology fellow 1959-62) wrote to correct our error in the Spring edition of The Cupola. After his internship in New York City, he was recruited by Dr. Joseph Ferebee as a fellow in hematology of the National Cancer Institute. He added, "My mentor was Don Thomas. I was privileged to assist Don in the first human identical twin successful bone marrow transplant plus many beagles... my Cooperstown experience was pivotal in my career."

## 1960s

**Kenneth Singer, M.D.**  
(Surgery resident 1968-69) "I was a medical student rotating in medicine and surgery in 1964-65 and a general surgical resident in 1968-69. After my orthopedic surgery residency, I moved to Eugene, Oregon

and had a wonderful career there, practicing general, pediatric, and then sports medicine until my retirement in 2015. The lessons I learned from Drs. Bob Sioussat, William Mook, John Olson, and Ed Carey at Bassett remained with me my entire career, and unfortunately are often found not duplicated in physicians being trained now. It was a special time for me and, I think, for MIBH. Is anybody still around from those days?"

## 1970s

**Donald Schomer, M.D.**  
(Medicine resident 1972-74) is retired from practice now. He was a professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School for more than 20 years. He mentioned that perhaps the achievement that has given him the greatest academic satisfaction is that he served as a member of the External Committee for the Nobel

Prize in Physiology or Medicine 15 times over the last 22 years. He added, "As such, I have been able to meet and speak with so many very exceptional individuals in all fields of medicine that I otherwise would only know through their writings." He recalls that his training at Bassett was essential to his subsequent success and served as a model for his teaching style.

## 1990s

**Manuel Chaknis M.D.**  
(Transitional Year resident 1992-93) sends greetings from Atlanta. He is looking forward to seeing anyone from the class of 1992-93 at this year's Family Reunion on October 4 and 5 in Cooperstown! He adds, "Feel free to contact me by email (mchaknis@gmail.com) or cell (205-240-5490) to plan ahead and meet up in the village."

## Alan James, M.D.

(Medicine/Primary Care resident 1994-1997) has retired from practice but is exploring the world of locum tenens which provides him a chance to see other parts of the country and help where he can. He reports that his children are still in college—a daughter entering senior year, and his son will be a junior.

## 2000s

**Robert Swan, M.D.**  
(Transitional Year resident 2008-09) recently won the SUNY Upstate Outstanding Young Alumni award and the SUNY Upstate Presidents Award for Education. ■

## BASSETT LOOKS BACK

Family Reunion 2018 was a wonderful gathering that offered enriching presentations and opportunities for alumni to become acquainted with current Bassett medical staff and residents.



At the 2018 reunion (L-R) M. Bernadette Ryan, M.D., (Surgery resident 1979-84; attending surgeon, Bassett Healthcare 1992-present); Rachel Zehr, M.D., (Surgery resident 2012-17, attending surgeon, Bassett Healthcare 2017-present); Erin Gillaspie, M.D., (Surgery resident 2009-13); and Stephanie Ocegüera, M.D. (Surgery resident 2002-07, bariatric surgeon, Bassett Healthcare 2008-present).



Anush Patel, M.D. (Medicine resident and chief resident 2003-07; Hematology/Oncology attending 2011-present; chief of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Bassett Healthcare 2016-present) with three Internal Medicine residents of 2018: Omid Shah, M.B., Ch.B.; Asis Shrestha, M.B., B.S.; and Chhitiz Subedi, M.B., B.S.



## Awards Announced

The 2024 Golden Awards were presented at the year-end celebrations of the Departments of Medicine, Cardiology, and Surgery. As this year's recipients of the Gold Apple Awards, the internal medicine residents selected Dr. Daniel Freilich, hospitalist, and the surgical residents chose Dr. Naureen Iqbal and Dr. Amjad Qabbani. The Outpatient Teaching Award went to Dr. David Griger.

The cardiovascular disease fellows selected Dr. Daniel Katz for the first Golden Heart Award. The cardiovascular disease fellows also selected Dr. Dhananjai Menzies as the Research Mentor of the Year, and Dr. Carlos Cowley as the Clinical Mentor of the Year.

Medicine and transitional year residents selected Dr. Muhammad Fayaz for the Golden Stethoscope Award for excellence in teaching. The surgical and transitional-year

residents selected Dr. Vrutant Patel as the Best Resident Educator. Fellow Educator of the Year Award, selected by the medicine and transitional year residents, went to Dr. Bishesh Shrestha.

Intern of the Year Awards were also bestowed. The Medicine Intern of the Year, selected by the medicine residents, was Dr. Wajeeh Rehman. Transitional Year Interns of the Year as selected by the medicine and surgery residents were Drs. Christopher Chang and Danielle Li.

The cardiovascular disease faculty selected Dr. Tarun Bathini as the Fellow Clinician of the Year, and Dr. Bishesh Shrestha as Fellow Researcher of the Year.

Columbia-Bassett students selected Dr. Kristen Laaman (Surgery) and Dr. Muhammad Fayaz (Medicine) to receive this year's Cupola awards. ■

## Updates on Columbia-Bassett

On May 11, preceding Columbia's ceremony in New York City, there was a graduation celebration held exclusively for the students of the Columbia-Bassett Program. The celebration was held virtually and was attended by several faculty members and family, and included an address by Dr. Stephen Nicholas, former Director of Pediatrics and the Senior Associate Dean for Admissions at Columbia University Medical Center, and a brief talk by Dr. Henry Weil, Chief Clinical & Academic Officer of Bassett Healthcare Network. The Columbia-Bassett graduates were presented by a Bassett faculty member.

On May 15, the Columbia-Bassett Class of 2024 medical students attended their formal graduation in New York City. To no one's surprise, they were remarkably successful in the residency match.

**Mary Carmack**, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Maine Medical Center

**Danielle Kroll**, Internal Medicine, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

**Jasmine (Chaparro) Largaespada**, Family Medicine, University of Chicago Medical Center

**Christopher McLaughlin**, Neurology, NYP Hospital-Columbia University Medical Center

**Alexander Northrop**, Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

**Adam Richter**, Medicine-Primary/HVMA, Massachusetts General Brigham & Women's Hospital

**Yong (Daniel) Shen**, Orthopedic Surgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital

**Aurora Sullivan**, Surgery-General, Icahn School of Medicine - Mount Sinai Hospital

**Peter Suwondo**, Internal Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine

**Anne-Sophie van Wingerden**, Obstetrics & Gynecology, UMass Chan Medical School

**Nicholas Waring**, Otolaryngology, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

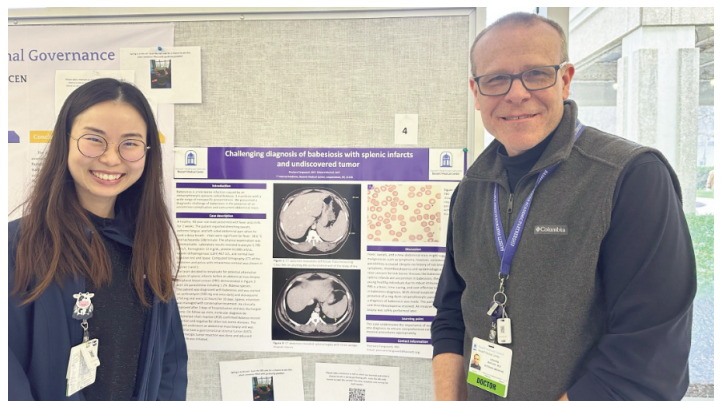
**Delaine Winn**, Medicine-Pediatrics, Yale-New Haven Hospital ■

## Bassett Research Institute Highlights Research Projects

In April, the Research Institute hosted displays of research projects at the Bassett Clinic Building over the course of two days. One day was devoted to projects of the Research Institute and those at the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health. The second day featured posters depicting the work of residents, fellows, and nursing staff.



*Navar Almama, M.D. (Internal Medicine resident) is shown with her poster about researching the topic: Hemolysis: Ticks Can Be Tricky.*



*Panisara Fangsaard, M.D. (Internal Medicine resident) and Edward Bischof, M.D. (associate program director, Internal Medicine residency) gather near her research poster.*

# Transition Is a Keyword for Summer at Bassett

By Timothy P. Korytko, M.D.



*Dr. Timothy Korytko,  
President of the  
Medical Staff,  
Bassett Healthcare  
Network*

The first of July is a time of transition in medicine. It is typically the day new residents begin their training and each July we see groups of medical students and residents taking the next steps in their respective career development. This July was unique for me as I also transitioned into a new role as president of the medical staff. As such, I am pleased to share my perspective on the status of our medical staff with readers of The Cupola.

To begin, I must acknowledge that I could not be here without the help and mentorship of those who came before me, specifically Drs. Elizabeth Redd and Matt Kleinmaier who were the immediate previous medical staff presidents.

The medical staff is currently in an exciting phase of growth. After the upheaval and instability related to the Covid-19 pandemic, Bassett has renewed our institutional focus on recruiting and retaining high-quality practitioners to provide excellent care throughout the network. The new internal Medical Staff Recruiting team set an ambitious goal of 100 permanent medical staff hires for 2024. I am pleased to share that we are well on our way to meeting this target, with 60 new members of the Medical Staff signed through the first

half of the year. This is an exciting time to join Bassett. I encourage all alumni who are contemplating a change in their practice to consider returning and I ask that you recommend Bassett as a practice location for your trainees and colleagues who are looking for new opportunities.

When I talk with potential candidates for positions at Bassett, I tell them that “we are a small place which does big things.” This is certainly true of our history of pioneering medicine with Dr. Mary Imogene Bassett and Dr. E. Donnell Thomas and many others, but also, I see a consistent theme of innovation looking forward to the future. We are currently seeing a rise in the deployment of telemedicine and other technologies to improve our ability to care for patients.

Bassett has initiated new and innovative programs as well. These developments help keep patient care within the network and draw patients from outside our network. As president, I hope to highlight the successes of our medical staff colleagues at our monthly meetings and foster a sense of growth within our staff, not only in numbers but in the depth of their performance.

In keeping with the medical tradition of transitions, by the time you are reading this, my tenure in this role will likely be 10 percent completed, and by this time next year I will pass the baton to my successor, Dr. Nishant Gupta, who will transition to this role. I hope that readers reflect upon how their own transitions have shaped their careers and personal growth. ■

## Reunion from page 1

The weekend will afford occasions to socialize and network with others. Friday evening, the Alumni Association will hold a ‘Meet and Greet’ at the Hotel Otesaga. Saturday evening will conclude with a gathering at Brewery Ommegang, an authentic Belgian-style farmstead brewery in Cooperstown, located on an old 140-acre hop farm.

A brochure with the schedule and registration information will be mailed to alumni members. If you need to update your mailing address on record, please contact the Medical Education Department at [mary.wiswell@bassett.org](mailto:mary.wiswell@bassett.org) or 607-547-3764.

## Make Your Reservations Early

The following hotels have reserved rooms for the dates of October 3, 4, and 5, 2024. Rooms will be held until 30 days prior, September 3, 2024, unless otherwise noted below. After this date, rooms are based on availability.

Comfort Inn & Suites in Milford/Cooperstown  
(607) 286-7600

Best Western Cooperstown Inn & Suites (607) 547-7100  
Rooms will be held until August 3.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Cooperstown  
(607) 547-8000 2-night stay required on Friday and Saturday.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel Oneonta (607) 684-2000  
2-night stay required on Friday and Saturday.

Courtyard by Marriott Oneonta (607) 432-2200  
2-night stay required on Friday and Saturday.

For more information about lodging options, visit the website: [www.thisiscooperstown.com](http://www.thisiscooperstown.com)



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### 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

### Seth Anderson, M.D. (1938–2023)

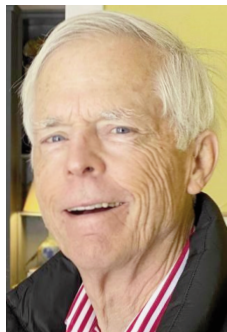
Seth Anderson died July 1, 2023, at the age of 85 after a long battle with myelodysplasia. He was a notable physician specializing in the field of infectious diseases, with an additional specialty in tropical medicine.

Born in 1938 in Waco, Texas, upon completion of an undergraduate degree at Pacific Lutheran University, he attended the University of Washington for medical school. While there, he enlisted in the Navy, which gave him the opportunity to attend Stanford for a postdoctoral fellowship. He gained his subspecialty in tropical medicine during a 14-week stint studying in Thailand. He was a rotating intern (1963-64) and remained at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital until the end of 1964. While working here he met his future wife Karen Cook.

The Andersons moved many times due to his naval career. Residing in Puerto Rico, Foster City, Calif., and Potomac, Md. In 1976, he was named a fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America. In the late 1970s, he moved into private practice in Santa Barbara, Calif. where he remained for the next 45 years. He was named Physician of the Year for Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital in 2018, and retired in April of that year.

Seth Anderson is survived by his wife of 57 years, Karen; sons Rick and Scott; daughter Kristin; daughter-in-law Julie; and grandchildren Natalie and Connor.

### Joel T.M. Bamford, M.D. (1941-2023)



*Dr. Joel T.M. Bamford*

Dr. Joel Bamford died March 10, 2023, from complications due to COVID. He was born in New York City, and attended Bronxville public schools, Stanford University, and Johns Hopkins University for his bachelor of science and medical degree. He was an Internal Medicine resident at Bassett Hospital from 1966-68. He served in the Navy and spent over two years on the submarine George Washington.

Bamford was a dermatologist who devoted over 30 years of service at the Duluth Clinic, retiring in 2012. As a 60-year resident of Duluth, Minn., he loved

his community and participated as a volunteer in a wide range of activities including teaching ESL one-on-one to Hmong refugees, acting in several playhouse productions, serving as an emergency responder, and representing congregants on the St. Paul's Episcopal church vestry. Curious throughout his life and a scientist at heart, he researched new treatments for Rosacea and volunteered as a general physician in South and Central American communities.

One of his proudest achievements was his more than 60-year marriage to Marilyn Halverson Bamford who

predeceased him. Surviving are his two daughters Sarah Townsend Bamford Seidelmann and Maria Bamford, his two sons-in-law Dr. Mark Seidelmann and Scott Marvel Cassidy, and four grandchildren.

### Charles Solow, M.D. (1935-2021)

Dr. Charles Solow, gifted psychiatrist and beloved husband, father and grandfather, died June 6, 2021. He approached every day of his 86 years with honesty, humor, intelligence and a deeply kind heart.

The only son of Nettie and Max Solow, he grew up in New York City and attended Bronx High School of Science. Following his graduation from Harvard Medical School in 1958, he and his first wife lived in Cooperstown, N.Y. (as a rotating intern 1958-59), El Paso, Texas (where he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps), Rochester, N.Y., and Hanover, N.H., while raising three daughters.

A residency in psychiatry in the early 1960s sparked a lifelong devotion to the field. At Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, where he was professor of clinical psychiatry, he led early experiments in telemedicine, took on the most intractable cases and mentored scores of students. In the last decade of his career, he was a consulting psychiatrist at New Hampshire Hospital, an experience he found deeply rewarding, as he advocated for respect and autonomy for state hospital patients.

He is survived by his wife Beryl; daughters, Barbara Solow (Tim Vercellotti), Marjorie Moorhead (Rob) and Nancy Solow (Abid Assab) and grandchildren and grandchildren. ■

### Physician Employment Opportunities in the Bassett Healthcare Network

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## Creating a Legacy with Present and Future Benefits

We are thrilled to share an inspiring story of generosity and forward-thinking philanthropy from one of our own. Dr. Alfred Tinger, a Bassett alumnus and the current Chief and Medical Director of the Bassett Cancer Institute, along with his wife Dawn, has made a significant legacy gift in the form of a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) in support of the Bassett Cancer Institute Expansion Initiative.

A CRUT is a powerful and flexible financial tool that can benefit donors, their heirs, and their chosen charities. This type of charitable trust pays five percent of the trust's value as an annual unitrust payment to the donor and their spouse for their lives, after which the remaining balance is given to the specified charity. Since the CRUT principal grows tax-free, the annual unitrust payments and balance to charity tend to increase over time.

The Tinger's legacy gift is a perfect example of how alumni can make a lasting impact on Bassett Medical Center, our patients, and future generations of healthcare professionals.

The Friends of Bassett and the Bassett Medical Alumni Association would like to encourage all Bassett alumni to consider the transformative potential of planned giving.



*Dr. Alfred Tinger and Dawn Tinger*

Almost any asset can be used to fund a unitrust, including cash, real estate, artwork, stock certificates, bonds, or other property. By establishing a CRUT you can create a lasting legacy that aligns with your values and philanthropic goals and enjoy the income and tax benefits for your family.

Like the Tinger's gift to the Bassett Cancer Institute, you can designate what program you wish to support with funds from your legacy gift. These funds may be directed to the Medical Education Endowment Fund or any other area of interest, helping to ensure that future healthcare professionals receive top-tier training and education. By supporting this fund, you are not just giving to Bassett Medical Center, you are investing in the delivery of exceptional healthcare throughout

the globe as residents and medical students carry our legacy with them—just as you have.

For more information about charitable remainder unitrusts and how they can be a powerful tool for your retirement and estate planning, please visit Friends of Bassett online at [bassett.giftlegacy.com](http://bassett.giftlegacy.com) or call the Friends of Bassett at 607-547-3928.