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International Recruiting Draws Highly-Qualified Candidates

By James T. Dalton, M.D.

If you lived in Cooperstown or worked at Bassett Medical Center in the mid to late 1990s, you noticed a change in the faces, accents, mannerisms, and perhaps even the cuisine in and around the hospital. The graduate medical education program can take credit for much of this change, with the development of a robust program of evaluating applicants from around the world for our Internal Medicine residency training program. Alumni from prior to that era have been curious about this transition. There have now been enough international graduates from our program that there are stories to tell – both about those individuals and about their impact on our training programs, medical center, and community.

In the early 1990s, there was a precipitous decline in interest on a national level in the specialties of Internal Medicine and Family Practice by U.S. students in allopathic medical schools. The reason for this was multifactorial and is beyond the scope of this article, but the result was large numbers of unmatched residency positions in

training programs across the country and Bassett was no exception.

Over the next several years, numerous strategies were explored to help fill this gap at Bassett – leaders in medical education attended “residency fairs” at medical schools around the Northeast and beyond, efforts were made to identify schools where there might be a higher number of students interested in rural Internal Medicine, and relationships were forged with several osteopathic medical schools in the Northeast. All of these strategies yielded some success, but they were not successful enough to get a reliable flow of high caliber applicants.

In 1992 and 1993, a team of Bassett leaders in medical education went to the United Kingdom and presented the program at large international residency fairs in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh. These trips resulted in several excellent residents, but more importantly, the door was opened to an understanding of what it takes to get well-trained, highly motivated residents who

have done their medical school training outside of the United States where Internal Medicine remained highly competitive and desirable.

Concurrently, the Medicine program signed a resident from Thailand, Poonputt “Eddie” Chotiprasidhi, who was connected to Bassett through a family friend. These efforts were the beginnings of the recruitment of international medical school graduates into the Internal Medicine residency program at Bassett.

By the late 1990s, the Office of Medical Education had become well-versed in immigration policies as they relate to postgraduate medical trainees and was screening thousands of applications from this pool of prospects to the residency program each year. The techniques used to filter these applications and interview the most highly-qualified candidates for residency have become more and more sophisticated as

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Message from the President of the Medical Alumni Board of Directors

At last year’s meeting in October, the Medical Alumni Board of Directors discussed taking a more active role in supporting medical education programs at Bassett. We were very enthusiastic about the arrival of the Columbia-Bassett medical students. These students are required to complete a scholarly research project, and we were particularly interested in supporting programs that would not only assist the Columbia-Bassett students with these projects but that would also benefit faculty and medical residents.

We asked James Dalton, M.D., a board member and the director of medical education, to speak to Henry Weil, M.D., the director of the Columbia-Bassett Medical School program, about our interest in funding such projects. Dr. Weil quickly drafted a proposal for hiring an expert in health-delivery research and faculty development. This expert



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would be charged with assisting the Columbia-Bassett students with developing their research projects, facilitating and assessing continuous faculty development and student learning, and coordinating medical resident research projects.

I am very happy to report that funding for this position was approved earlier this year by the Endowment Committee. Bassett has a long and storied history of medical research and scholarly endeavors. Financial pressures and economic disincentives of the past several years have certainly impacted this. Although the hiring of a research and faculty development coordinator is but one step, we are very excited to provide support for a cohesive program that prioritizes research and learning for all students, residents and faculty at Bassett. ■

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 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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Retiring Editor Looks Back and Ahead

By John S. Davis, M.D.

Since retiring from Bassett in 1995, what a pleasure it has been to stay connected as a (founding) member of the Medical Alumni Association, and as a continuing member of various committees and undertakings, including serving as the Editor of *The Cupola* for the past 11 years! As many of you know, I came to Bassett in 1956-1958 as Intern and Assistant Resident in Medicine and was fortunate to be hired as the institution's first gastroenterologist in 1964.

Those were the days when you could take time to listen carefully to the patient, and my combined training in GI and Psychosomatic Medicine made caring for "the most difficult patients" rewarding in a practice of general internal medicine along with the diagnostic challenges of gastroenterology. My wife Jean set up the GI Laboratory, where at first we did lots of gastric analyses and started esophageal manometry, and I began "on the job training" for just-introduced flexible endoscopic procedures. Over the years the concept of Medical Education as a discipline in itself became my second and eventually all-consuming track. What really sticks in my memory is all those opportunities for teaching and learning – the bedside interactions with house staff and students – how much I learned from them, with the hope that I might be imparting something useful, figuring out how to be a mentor, the challenges of being the Program Director for what we now call the Transitional Year.

As the institution slowly began to grapple with the new and ever-more complex rules guiding residency training, so many helped and guided me along the way. In particular, after the "Office of Medical Education" was created in 1978, Mary Winne and then Wendy Whiteman served as vital administrative secretaries. Then Bonnie Kaido rose to the position of Administrative Director of Medical



John Davis, M.D. on Medicine teaching rounds in 1989, with left to right, Larry Gaul, M.D. third-year Medicine resident and Interns Ann Cholowski, M.D. and Rebecca Daniel, M.D.

Education and was my right arm for my last 13 Bassett years. She truly led Bassett onto the national education stage, and graciously allowed me to "get the credit" for what she determined we had to do! (Bonnie unfortunately left us this year; please read her obituary in this issue of *The Cupola*.) There were many others who were critical to Med Ed administration along the way. And how fortunate the institution has since been to have Walt Franck and now Jim Dalton as Directors of Medical Education, with the indispensable assistance of Charlotte Hoag as Administrative Director of Medical Education, along with Mary Wiswell and the rest of the "Med Ed team."

But to focus on the future, we are incredibly fortunate that Dr. Alan Kozak has agreed to take over as editor of *The Cupola*, beginning after the spring issue. Recently retired from clinical medicine, Al has continued his role as outstanding teacher and mentor, absolutely dedicated to Bassett's well being and future. He embodies the spirit of excellence and dedication which clearly ensures strong future for *The Cupola*. Aply assisting him is a new Assistant Editor, Marianne Bez, taking over the reins from Lisa Miller who has done such a superb job for several years.

My favorite aphorism from Bill

Streck is "Medical Education is the soul of Bassett Healthcare", a quote from several years back, which I know he still strongly believes. The institution's resolve to maintain and strengthen our educational mission is clearly signified by the new

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Alumni Board Meets in Cooperstown



Pictured from this past October's Alumni Board meeting are:

Front Row: Drs. Merideth Davis (president) and Karen McShane
Second Row: Dr. Steve Ching, John Davis, and Doug DeLong
Back Row: Drs. Alan Kozak and Jim Dalton.

A Closer Look at Two Alumni from Thailand

By James T. Dalton, M.D.

Chardpra-orn “Joy” Ngarmukos, M.D. came to Cooperstown in 1995 to join the Internal Medicine residency. She did her subsequent training in Endocrinology at the University of Michigan. She currently teaches and practices at the Ramathibodi campus of Mahidol University in Bangkok, where she is Assistant Professor of Medicine and Assistant Dean of Medical Education. She serves as the Secretary-General for the Endocrinology Society of Thailand and does research in the relationship of osteocalcin to diabetes mellitus. Joy is from a family of physicians (father and brother are Orthopedic Surgeons and another brother a Cardiologist). She lives with her extended family in their Bangkok home. She enjoys exercise and recently ran in a 10K roadrace in Bangkok. She credits Bassett as providing her with excellent physician role models (especially Dr. Joe Hughes), with giving her a basic foundation in Medicine, and with helping her get an excellent fellowship.

Three years later, Siwaporn Chainuvati, M.D. came to Bassett with her husband and young son. After leaving the Medicine residency, she went on to complete her GI and Hepatology fellowship at Yale. Siwaporn now practices and teaches across the river from Joy, at the Siriraj campus of Mahidol University. Siwaporn is Treasurer of the Liver Society of Thailand and does research on



Siwaporn Chainuvati, M.D (left) and Chardpra-orn “Joy” Ngarmukos, M.D. We are happy to have given Joy and Siwaporn an excuse to take time from their busy schedules to have this picture taken and we hope to see them in Cooperstown before long.

Hepatitis B and hepatocellular carcinoma. She lives with her family in Bangkok and enjoys travelling and playing tennis with her 15 year old son. Siwaporn credits Dr. Nancy Merrell at Bassett with modeling a “kind and thorough” approach to the patient and Dr. Alan Kozak with many teaching moments, of whom she said “he made me feel like he was half-Thai with his patience.” ■

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the years have passed. The international graduates who come to Cooperstown for interviews now are on par with the best groups of applicants we have seen in our collective memory not only in their knowledge and skills, but in their humanism and motivation to be the best doctors they can be.

Since 1995, the Medicine residency has graduated 117 residents, 54 of whom are graduates of medical schools outside the United States. The countries of origin of these residents have included Bulgaria, China, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, the United States (attending non-U.S. medical schools), and the West Indies. The current residency will graduate in June nine board-eligible internists, all of whom are international graduates.

While many of these young physicians come to the United States in order to get training that they can then bring back to their home countries, it has not turned out



International graduates who have joined the Bassett Internal Medicine faculty: Anush Patel (Hematology/Oncology), Senthil Aruchamy (Hospitalist, July 2012), Shilaja Chikoti (Hospitalist, July 2012), Yash Rangan (Nephrology), and Praveen Chada (Hospitalist). Not pictured: Norman Freund (General Internal Medicine, Little Falls)

to be the case in most circumstances. Of the 54 residents who have come into the program since 1995, 26 have gone on to do fellowships in a subspecialty of Internal Medicine, but only two have returned to their home country to date (see companion article). A number are still in fellowship training, so we expect this to change over the next decade. Four of our former inter-

national resident Medicine graduates are here at Bassett: one in General Internal Medicine, one a Hospitalist, one a Nephrologist, and one a Hematologist-Oncologist. Two of our current senior Medicine residents, Shilaja Chikoti and Senthil Aruchamy, will be staying on in Cooperstown as Hospitalists. ■



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THE BASSETT FAMILY ALBUM — ALUMNI NEWS

Please keep your notes and photos coming! Editor

1950s

Donald A. (DA) Henderson, M.D. (*Intern 1954-55, Fellow in Medicine 1958-59, member Board of Trustees 1995-2001*) reports that he and Nana continue to reside in Baltimore “where I am still a full-time professor with the Center for Biosecurity that I launched some 13 years ago. It is now part of the University of Pittsburgh medical complex but located not far from Johns Hopkins where I also continue to teach. My book “Smallpox: Death of a Disease” has been well-received, has now been translated into Chinese, and is the stimulus for lecture requests from numerous universities and medical centers. In September we celebrated our 60th anniversary. The family joined us—Leigh, an epidemiologist in Arlington, Virginia; David, a sculptor and his wife Kate, painter living in Brooklyn Heights; and Douglas, a sound artist-sculptor now resident in Berlin, Germany.”

1960s

Joel Bamford, M.D. (*Intern and Assistant Resident in Medicine 1966-68*) fondly recalls from his home in Big Sur, head nurse Mrs. Doris Polley for “her skillful, gentle authoritative advice. She went out of her way to let me have time to think of a plan or ask what she thought best or suggested.” Dr. Bamford is involved with the international Cochrane Collaboration designed to promote world-wide superior health-care decision making.

Albert Chang, M.D. (*Rotating Intern 1968-69*) comments from Malibu, CA that “After a career as a Professor of Public Health, I still practice pediatrics part-time.”

Charles R. Feuer, M.D. (*Rotating Intern 1962-63*) writes that “every month or so I find occasion to tell someone a quote of Dr. John Powers. I try to emulate his seriousness and his Maine accent, ‘There’s no such thing as minor surgery; only minor surgeons.’

Recalling how his sister,

Elizabeth Powers, spoke and looked, I am still amused by her request of me when I told her I was making a trip to my hometown, ‘Now, Doctor Feuer, don’t forget to bring me back some of those good New York bagels.’ Re: Dr. John, Ms. Elizabeth and good New York bagels; they don’t make ‘em like that anymore.”

Lincoln E. Ford, M.D. (*Rotating Intern 1965-66*) enjoyed a rewarding career beginning with a research position at NIH and the discovery of a new physiological mechanism. After a residency at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, he was privileged to work with Sir Andrew Huxley on basic muscle physiology for three years in London. Upon completion of this assignment, he moved to the University of Chicago. He adds, “After 22 years, I went to the Krannert Institute of Cardiology in Indianapolis where I continued my research on smooth muscle physiology and ran a heart failure and heart transplant program in the VA Medical Center. I retired when I reached 70 and moved to Marion, MA, a small seacoast community where I had gone to school.” Like so many others he found time to continue ‘working in retirement’ with the award of NIH grants and the use of lab space from a friend at the Harvard School of Public Health. At this point, Dr. Ford reports, “I am very pleased to be retired. Here in Marion, we have two seasons, Sailing and Waiting for Sailing. The latter season is spent working on, and talking about boats, with occasional trips to the Caribbean for more sailing. Life is good!”

Bruce L. McClennan, M.D. (*Rotating Intern 1967-68*) notes that “the fond memories do not fade, of you, Malcolm Page, Bob Sioussat, Emery Herman, John Mithoefer in Pulmonary, Doug Barns, Queenie (head OB nurse) and, of course, Otto Sahler. After 17 years at Washington U, I moved to Yale, first as Chair and now Professor Emeritus. I am

retired but working about 50-60% time. We built a house in NH and plan to retire there [26 days skiing this year], not like the old days at Mt Otsego. Good old Mother MIBH and Upstate Med taught me things I still use each day, and those days with 10 interns were some of my best.”

Carlyle (Lyle) Voss, M.D. (*Intern 1965-66, Psychiatry Resident 1968-69*) sends this update: “I met Harvey (Harvey Gurian, M.D. Psychiatrist-in-Chief 1964-88) while I was in Boston attending the annual meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law last October. We reminisced about my two years at Bassett (rotating internship and 1st year psychiatry residency). Both were terrific educational experiences. Harvey was a great teacher and mentor and has not changed a bit. He is youthful, energetic and has the same great sense of humor. Being an integral part of a small department was special and I was well prepared for the next two years at Columbia. We recalled a number of situations including the one in the photo of Harvey typing on an early computer while I was there in 1968 or ‘69. He recalls predicting the computer would never catch on.

I visited Helen with Harvey. She is lovely and gracious. Harvey is very supportive and caring with her. I’m still going full-time in my forensic psychiatry practice and am much enjoying it; no plans to slow down. All I would do is make myself miserable on the golf course. Patty and our sons and their families are doing well.”

1970s

Gary S. Hoffman, M.D. (*Attending Physician 1977-85*) sends word that “Diane and I are enjoying my semi-retired life. I work three days a week, continue a research agenda, edit and travel mostly for teaching purposes. We manage to add days for touring onto teaching whenever the venue is suitable, such as to China. Life is good and we are grateful.”



The Kornbergs at their ranch at 9300 feet in the San Juan Mountains

James P. Kornberg, M.D. (*First-year Psychiatry Resident 1976-77*) tells us that “Over the past four years, I have had the pleasure and honor of writing for *True West Magazine* as the ‘Frontier Doc.’ I write non-fiction articles that involve Frontier Medicine and the fascinating men and women who were in the ‘reality play’ in those wonderful old days. I have also written about the interesting medical issues and problems of many of the Old West icons so familiar to readers from Wild Bill and Doc Holliday to Jesse James and Crazy Horse. Other articles have dealt with ‘Fear on the Frontier’ e.g. sepsis, cholera, food poisoning, serpents, arsenic contaminated water holes, you name it. My wife Sally and I live on our ranch in southwestern Colorado, near Telluride and raise ‘heart-healthy’ crosses of Black Angus and Piedmontese cattle. Our three daughters are grown and we have four grandchildren (three girls and one boy including triplets (twin girls and a boy)! I continue to consult on complicated environmental medical and engineering problems around the country especially related to groundwater contamination and, now, some of the adverse health effects of fracking for natural gas and oil.”

Naomi Lipsky, Ph.D., wife of the late James Lipsky (Medicine Intern and Assistant Resident 1972-74) reports that her artwork “was featured in the March 16, 2012 issue of the *Jewish Voice and Herald*, which serves the Jewish communities of Rhode

Island and SE Massachusetts. The article included three color photographs, which is quite an honor. Nancy Kirsch, the editor, was full of praise for my work, and allowed the generous article. I am very pleased!

Jeffrey S. Spector, M.D.

(*Rotating Intern 1970-71*) reminds the editor that “I remember you reviewing our discharge summaries extensively. When you were asked questions about your criticisms, you would not have time to explain them. You were the busiest man in the hospital. After a period of time the criticisms stopped. Both Phil Pattison (Charles P. Pattison, M.D. Rotating Intern 1970-71) and I chose to believe our writing skills improved enough that you were no longer critical of our efforts rather than you ran out of time to explain our mistakes to us.”

1980s

Mark Darrow, M.D. (*Medicine Resident 1983-86*) is President and CEO of South East Area Health Education Center in Wilmington NC. He comments that Bassett “is only one of the few organizations I have past associations with that keeps us all in mind outside of the times fundraising events are occurring!” *Thanks, Mark!*

Thomas E. O'Brien, Pharm. D. (*Director of Pharmacy 1970-97*) tells us that “after retiring from the U of R, and Sue suggesting that ‘one of us would end up with a bullet in his head if this was what retirement was like’, NYU came along. They just announced my retirement, maybe I’ll get it right this time??”

Eric Rubin, M.D. (*Transitional Resident 1987-89, Member Medical Alumni Board of Directors*) looks back at Bassett “as a superb teaching hospital that many of us graduates think of as our ‘medical home!’”

Thomas E. Terndrup, M.D. (*Flexible Intern 19881-82*) writes that he “returned to my alma matter Penn State Hershey about five years ago to focus on developing the department of emergency medicine and assist the clinical research efforts here. Emma and I have two sons, Trevor,

29 years and Chris 27 years, the former a musician living in Nashville and the latter a 3rd-year medical student at Tulane University. We fondly remember the strikingly cold winter, but warm community that Bassett sits in.” Dr. Terndrup is the University Distinguished Professor and Chair of Emergency Medicine and Associate dean for Research at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine.

Jon M. Wardner, M.D.

(*Transitional Resident 1984-85*) reports that “I left Cooperstown in June 1986 and headed west for a PM&R residency at University of Michigan. My intent was to return to the Northeast after residency, but to paraphrase John Lennon, life happened while I was making other plans. I ended up staying in Ann Arbor and joining a group practice affiliated with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Although I practice general physiatry, two areas of clinical sub-specialization are EMG/neuromuscular medicine, and spasticity management (botulinum toxin therapy and other modalities). I also maintain an adjunct faculty appointment at the U of M Medical School. As for life outside of medicine, Niki and I have been raising three kids: Andrew is a junior at Wake Forest University; Nicholas is a senior in high school; and Katherine is a freshman. One of these years, we have to visit Cooperstown again. Warm regards to everyone with whom I had the pleasure of working at Bassett in 1985-'86. I have fond memories of meaningful clinical experiences, teamwork, beautiful scenery, outdoor recreation, and sleep deprivation.

1990s

Maha Mohamad, M.D.

(*Medicine Intern and Assistant Resident 1997-99*) writes from Wisconsin that “after I left ‘Mother Bassett’ I was lucky to meet and marry Ahmed Elhassan in California. Then we were blessed with three very pretty girls: Lamees, Yasmeen and Seenein. In terms of my career path initially I pursued a combined Geronephrology fellowship at George Washington University and Maryland University respectively.



Maha Mohamad with her daughters Lamees, Yasmeen and Seenein

However, at Maryland University I enjoyed the kidney transplantation field the most. Hence, I completed my training track by getting a transplant nephrology fellowship at University of California, San Francisco. Currently I am a transplant nephrologist at University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health where my family and I are enjoying the quiet days and Madison’s serene cold nights.”

Francis Nolan, M.D.

(*Transitional Resident 1990-91*) writes from Down Under that “I am spending a few years teaching emergency medicine for Queensland Health near Brisbane, Australia. Stephanie and I flew all five kids down and are living on the ocean. They are fishing constantly, and learning all about tides and the sea. It has been rejuvenating to be teaching again and the work remains always challenging. Anyone interested is invited to follow my blog, medical and otherwise, www.docdownunder.com.”

2000s

Shruti Datta, M.D. (*Medicine Resident 2006-09*) writes that “after my residency, I have practiced as a hospitalist in the Finger Lakes region and Rochester area of New York. Now I am ready to move from here to Rochester MN to The Mayo Clinic for a fellowship in Geriatric Medicine this June. I am very excited about it. I am also always proud to talk about the medical school at Bassett, wherever I go. I cannot be thankful enough to my mentors at Bassett who have continually guided, and encouraged me to propel my career further. I am grateful to all my mentors and teachers for their support.”

Ichiro Ikuta, M.D. (*Transitional Resident 2009-10*) tells us that he is “currently finishing a two-year NIH/NLM fellowship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and will graduate with a Master of Medical Science degree from Harvard Medical School in the field of Biomedical Informatics (specializing in imaging informatics). This summer I will begin training in a diagnostic radiology residency in Norwalk, Connecticut.”

Congratulations, Ichiro!

Suzanne M. Manzi, M.D.

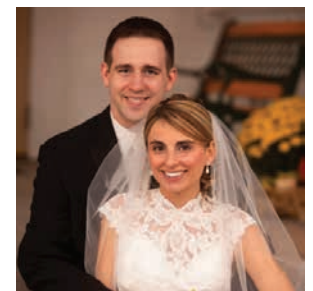
(*Transitional Resident 2005-06*) reports that she is working for Renown Healthcare in Reno NV as the sole outpatient Physiatrist, with a focus on interventional procedures for pain management and electrodiagnostic medicine. She now has double board certification in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Electrodiagnostic Medicine.

Elyssa Pohl, M.D. (*Transitional Resident 2006-07*) lets us know that

“I would love to add my marriage and subsequent birth of our son to the upcoming newsletter. His name is Aiden Jackson Wichtowski, born prematurely december 6th, 2011 to parents Elyssa Pohl and Gregory Wichtowski and doing superbly now! We continue to make our home in beautiful Geneva NY where I work in anesthesia at Finger Lakes Health.”

Robert T. Swan, M.D.

(*Transitional Resident 2008-09*) reports that “I am finishing up my ophthalmology residency and Rebecca (**Rebecca Lenhard, M.D.** *Transitional Resident 2008-09*) is in the middle of her radiology residency, both at Albany Medical Center. I will be starting as an attending ophthalmologist at Bassett in July.” *We look forward to the arrival of the Swans! (Ed.)* ■



Robert and Rebecca (Lenhard) Swan

Highest Magnet Prize Awarded to Bassett's School-Based Health Program

Bassett Medical Center is the winner of the 2011 Magnet Prize awarded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and Cerner Corporation for its longstanding successful School-Based Health Program. The Magnet Prize is the highest honor ANCC bestows within Magnet-recognized organizations, which Bassett has been since 2004, and recognizes innovative nursing programs and practices. Cerner encourages cutting-edge nursing programs and practices by sponsoring the \$25,000 purse attached to the Magnet Prize.

"The Magnet Prize identifies and recognizes one of the most creative programs that we have at Bassett," said Bassett's President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. William F. Streck.

School-based health care is an innovative model for delivering comprehensive primary health care, as well as mental and dental health care. "School-based health centers are the ideal way to address health care needs in kids," said Dr. Chris Kjolhede, pediatrician and Bassett's School-Based Health Program director. "It's where the kids are and it's where they're comfortable."

Bassett's School-Based Health (SBH) centers have been providing convenient quality health care to students in grades K-12 in rural school districts since 1991. There are currently 18 Bassett school-based health centers operating in four counties, serving 6,000 students. ■

Match Results Announced

Bassett recent announced the following postgraduate appointments for the 2012-2013 academic year:

General Surgery

Rebecca Barnes, M.D., University of Washington School of Medicine;
Cristina R. Ionescu, M.D., University of Toledo College of Medicine;
Rachel Zehr, M.D.; SUNY - Upstate Medical University

Internal Medicine

Ahmad Chaudhary, M.B.,B.S., Allama Iqbal Medical College - Pakistan; Ramakrishna S. Gorantla, M.B.,B.S., Andhra Medical College - India; Pongsathorn Kue-A-Pai, M.D., Mahidol University, Siriraj Hospital - Thailand; Napat Leeaphorn, M.D., Chulalongkorn University - Thailand; Sandhya Nakkala, M.B.,B.S., Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad - India; Nitipong Permpalung, M.D., Chulalongkorn University - Thailand; Dani Porter, M.D., Temple University School of Medicine; Sheikh Abdul Salam Saleem, M.B.,B.S., Lahore Medical and Dental College - Pakistan; Costas Stavrakis, D.O. NYCOM of New York Institute of Technology; Nataliya Yuklyaeva, M.D., Novosibirsk State Medical Academy - Russia

Transitional Year

Usiwoma E. Abugo, M.D., Loyola University / Chicago Stritch School of Medicine; Erica L. Archer, M.D., SUNY-Upstate Medical University; Shelly Bhowmik, M.D., George Washington University; Eitan S. Burstein, M.D., SUNY-Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine; Nathan Goldman, M.D., Albany Medical College; Mang Y. Ma, M.D., Wayne State University School of Medicine; Julia Manzerova, M.D., Ph.D., Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Dara Omer, M.D., SUNY-Buffalo School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences; Stephen J. Smith, M.D., Mayo Medical School

Welcome Columbia-Bassett Students



The Bassett community welcomed back 10 students in the inaugural class of the Columbia-Bassett Program to begin the final phase of their medical education with clinical experience at Bassett's Cooperstown campus. Pictured l. to r. are: Dr. Walter Franck, Columbia's senior associate dean at Bassett; Andrew Gomez; Krista Suojanen; Dae Woong Lee; Mark Harris; Haley Masterson; Freda Ready; Blake Alberts; Monika Laszkowska; Katherine Schwartz; Allan Guiney; Dr. Henry Weil, Columbia's assistant dean for education at Bassett.

Bassett 48th in the Top 100 Networks

Bassett Healthcare Network (BHN) ranked 48th out of 100 health systems around the country according to *Modern Healthcare* magazine's current ranking of the Top 100 Integrated Health Networks. Bassett is one of only five organizations in New York State that made it into the rankings conducted by the health analytics firm SDI.

"This ranking is a benchmark that places Bassett among the country's best health systems," notes Bassett Healthcare Network President and CEO Dr. William F. Streck. Since its inception, Bassett has grown into a network of six hospitals, dozens of community and school-based health centers, skilled nursing facilities and health partners in related fields, evolving as an integrated care delivery system in anticipation of changes resulting from health reform. ■

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.

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

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Dermatologist	Medical Director (Herkimer, NY)
Emergency Medicine	Neurosurgery
Endocrinologist	OB-GYN - Physician
Family Medicine (Clinton, NY)	Obstetrician / Gynecologist - Hospitalist
Family Medicine (Delhi, NY)	Orthopedic Surgeon (Foot & Ankle)
Family Medicine (Richfield Springs and West Winfield)	Otolaryngology
Family Medicine (Sherburne, NY)	Pediatrician
Gastroenterologist	Psychiatrist - Adult (Inpatient)
Gastroenterologist - Division Chief	Psychiatrist - Child
General Surgeon (Oneonta, NY)	Psychiatry Inpatient Dynamic Director
Health Services Researcher	Pulmonologist
Internal Medicine (Herkimer, NY)	Rheumatologist
	Urologist

IN MEMORIAM: BASSETT REMEMBERS

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BONNELL D. KAIDO, M.S.

Bonnell "Bonnie" D. Kaido, 60, of Cooperstown, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, following a lengthy illness.

Bonnie was born at Bassett Hospital on Dec. 5, 1951, the daughter of Bernadette and Samuel W. Kaido. She graduated from Sharon Springs Central School in 1970, received her associate's degree from Cobleskill in 1972, her bachelor's degree from the College of St. Rose in Albany in 1974, and thereafter her master's in education from the State University at Albany.

Bonnie was employed at Bassett Hospital for 30 years including 13 years as Administrative Director of Medical Education. Many alumni will remember Bonnie in this crucial role. She could almost instantly grasp the nature of any complex problem such as what needed to be done to comply with the latest regulation pertaining to graduate medical education, and then would quickly, and it seemed effortlessly, lay out a detailed plan of action. She took Bassett onto the national medical education stage through the Association for Hospital Medical Education (AHME) and soon became the Chair of its Council of Administrative Directors of Medical Education.

Bonnie was a "giver" in virtually every sense of the word. She joined the Cooperstown Fire Department Volunteer Emergency Squad and served the squad in every capacity and office including five years as squad captain. She was an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician-Critical Care, and a Certified Instructor Coordinator on the Regional Faculty. During her time as a volunteer and regardless of what she was doing, she dropped everything and responded to an emergency hundreds of times. Cooperstown area residents will agree that they were fortunate to be recipients of Bonnie's giving and caring nature. Many will acknowledge that they owe their life to Bonnie and the prompt and professional care she rendered.

An only child, Bonnie is survived by two aunts (in-law) Edna Rafferty of Reynoldsville, Pa., and Linda Kaido of the



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Albany area; and by many cousins. She is also survived by her very special friend, Gen Smerski of Cooperstown; her life-long friend, Karen Twiggs; and her close friends, Bev Hargrove and Steven Clancy of Cooperstown.

ANNA J. HAUCK, M.D.

Anna J. Hauck, M.D., died in Bellafonte, PA on December 9, 2011, a day short of her 86th birthday. She received her M.D. from Boston University School of Medicine in 1952. At Bassett, she did six months in 1953 as Assistant Resident in Pediatrics and six months in 1955 as a Fellow in Pediatrics, after which she completed a residency in Pediatrics at New York University. She became a Pediatric Cardiologist at the Children's Hospital in Boston and a Fellow American College of Pediatrics & Fellow American College of Cardiology, retiring in 1963. She is survived by her sister, Henrietta H. Baylor and her husband, John of the nearby community of State College as well as two nieces, Martha Baylor Trout of State College, and Sue Colbath of Austin, Texas.

PETER TODD WRIGHT, M.D.

Peter Todd Wright, MD, 62, Bassett Radiologist for 32 years, loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, and respected doctor, died Nov. 11, 2011.

The son of Dr. James W. Wright and Nancy Brown Wright, Peter was born in Marquette, Mich., on Nov. 6, 1949. He attended Albion College, where he met

and married Cheryl Metcalfe on Sept. 5, 1970. Both graduated in 1971, and moved to Ann Arbor, where he graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1975. Following graduation, he completed his surgical internship and radiology residency at Hartford Hospital.

In 1979, Peter and Cheryl moved to Cooperstown, where Peter joined the staff at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital as an Attending Radiologist. Among his many professional achievements were his appointment as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Radiology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, his membership in the Radiological Society of North America, his Board Certification in Radiology, and his recognition as a member of the American Board of Radiology.

Peter was motivated by his desire to help and care for others, in both his professional and personal life. He was particularly devoted to teaching and mentoring medical residents and enjoyed sharing his expertise with fellow physicians. He never stopped learning and applying that knowledge to all aspects of his professional career.

Peter is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his three beloved daughters, Gillian and her husband, Matthew Spencer, MD of Cooperstown, Marley and her husband, Isamu Kanda of Charlestown, Mass., and Flannery and her husband, Geoffrey Foster of Fly Creek; and by his three grandchildren, Liam, Aidan, and Declan Spencer. He is also survived by his brother, Michael Wright (Nancy) of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews.

BARBARA IVES MOOK, R.N.

Barbara Ives Mook, 89, died in Cooperstown on Oct. 18, 2011. Her husband of 64 years, William H. Mook III, M.D. had died in 2007. Born in Walton on July 27, 1922, Bobbie was educated in a one-room schoolhouse, entering high school at the age of 11 and graduating at 15. She knew from an early age that she wanted to be a nurse and received a full

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Columbia-Bassett Track, which has attracted absolutely outstanding medical students who will spend their last two years at Bassett instead of in New York City. Hope and excitement in Cooperstown and the region are palpable. But in this age of almost crushing forces pushing the practice of medicine to focus on our financial margin, Bassett's educational mission is going to need all the support it can get from its alumni! Clearly our research mission, moving ahead in exciting new directions under the leadership of John May, needs constant bolstering as well. Alumni support needs to be financial, but even more important, advisory and helpful in recruiting medical students, house officers and attending physicians.

As I near 82, my next Bassett steps will be, if asked, to continue as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors, to keep showing up, and sometimes piping up, at various Bassett educational conferences. And to persevere in finishing a definitive book on Bassett's history. I look forward to keeping in touch! ■

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scholarship to nursing school at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, which she had to defer until 1940, because she was so young. During her third year of nursing school, she met Bill, and they were married on Oct. 9, 1943.

In 1944, Bobbie and Bill began their long life in Cooperstown. Bobbie was first and foremost a wonderful mother, and she was known and admired for her unflagging energy, many talents, and wide-ranging interests. In 1960, she resumed her career, first as a visiting nurse and later as a nurse in various departments at Bassett Hospital.

She is survived by her six children, Barbara Richards and her husband, Rob, of Mystic, Conn., Carolyn Mook of Cooperstown, Anne Frost and her husband, Chris, of Dobbs Ferry, Cleo Mook and her husband, Peter Collopy, of Troy, William H. Mook and his wife, Karen (Corwin) of Sheepscott, Maine, and Georgia Cosgrove and her husband, Sean, of Duxbury, Mass. She leaves 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. ■



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