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**FIRST YEAR,
FIRST LOOK**
ear med students on where
they're going, and how they got here

You will become us



IN THIS ISSUE OF *MAA MATTERS* WE focus on our current first-year medical students, who they are, and their journeys prior to entering our prestigious medical school.

An important part of the MAA's mission is to assist med students in their educational pursuits, their extra-curricular life and their mountain of debt. In doing this work we are lucky to have many opportunities to interact with students and we value their input into our activities. This is why the MAA has the Medical Society president as a member of our board.

I confess that one of my favourite parts of

being MAA president is the pleasure of meeting and interacting with so many students. They are impressive young men and women. Just talk to a first-year med student the next time you feel any hint of burnout and I guarantee you will be re-invigorated.

At the MAA we call medical students our "pre-alumni." As I said in my recent address to this year's incoming class, "We do what we do because we used to be you; we understand your journey, and want to help along the way. In the end, you will become us, mentoring and supporting the next "pre-alumni" generation of outstanding med students.

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Building resilience in medical school



WE'VE BEEN TALKING A LOT ABOUT mental health at the Faculty of Medicine—and not just because as Dean I happen to be a psychiatrist. With physician burnout at near crisis levels, it's become clear that healthcare providers need to consider our own mental health and well-being, in addition to that of our patients.

Leaders in the field have courageously come forward to share their own struggles in the Faculty's own *UofTMed* magazine—countering the long-held myth that doctors don't get sick. And we're emphasizing this

shift among students. Our MD Program is in the second year of the new Resilience Curriculum, developed by the Office of Health Professions Student Affairs in collaboration with Post-Graduate Medical Education.

We're teaching today's medical students to prioritize their own mental health and to develop skills like cognitive reframing, self-compassion and mindfulness. They'll need these tools to face the well-known stressors of medical school—as well as the considerable demands of this noble profession.

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2018 CLASS REUNIONS

Is this your reunion year?



The Class of 6T2 at their 55th reunion in May 2017

The Class of 1948, in celebration of its 70th anniversary, will be among the honoured guests at the MAA Convocation Banquet, tentatively scheduled for Mon., June 4, 2018. To organize a private class event, contact the MAA at medical.alumni@utoronto.ca or 416.978.0990.

The Class of 1953 is planning its 65th reunion in 2018. Further details TBA. For more information, contact Dr. James McGillivray at medical.alumni@utoronto.ca.

The Class of 1958, in celebration of its 60th anniversary, will be among the honoured guests at the MAA Convocation Banquet, tentatively scheduled for Mon., June 4, 2018. Contact the MAA at medical.alumni@utoronto.ca or 416.978.0990. A private class event is also being planned,

further details TBA. Contact Dr. Garson Conn at gconn@pathcom.com.

The Class of 1963 is planning its 55th reunion on the weekend of June 2, 2018, at the Waterside Inn, Port Credit, ON. More news to follow. Contact Dr. Peter Kopplin at peter.kopplin@utoronto.ca or Dr. Perry Cooper at perrycooper@rogers.com

The Class of 1968, in celebration of its 50th anniversary, will be among the honoured guests at the MAA Convocation Banquet, tentatively scheduled for Mon., June 4, 2018. A private class event is being planned for the weekend of Fri., June 1 and Sat., June 2, at the Marriott Toronto Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel. Plans include a reception on Friday evening, a

CME on Saturday morning and a reception and dinner on Saturday evening. Contact Lynn Castagne at lacastagne@bell.net or 416.234.0924 or Dr. Karen Cronin at klcronin@hotmail.com.

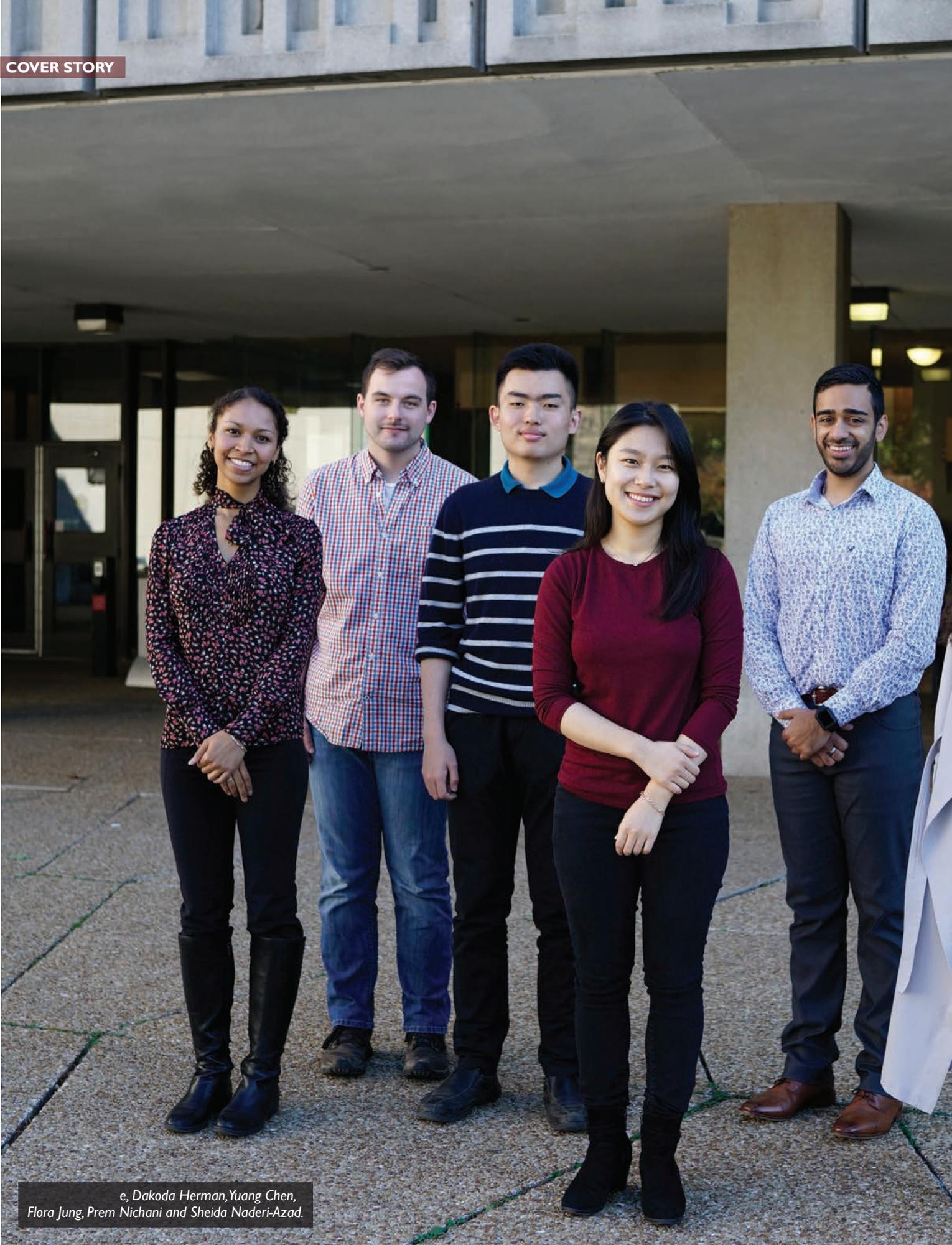
The Class of 1975 will celebrate its 43rd anniversary in Vancouver with a dinner at the Capilano Golf Club on July 7, 2018. To help with planning, please confirm your desire to attend, along with the number of attendees, to Dr Nelson Savein at nsavein@shaw.ca.

The Class of 1978 will celebrate its 40th anniversary

on the weekend of June 9-10, 2018, in Toronto. There will be a dinner-dance Saturday evening at the Donalda Club and a CME event Sunday morning at the Medical Sciences Building featuring classmates as speakers. Details TBA. Contact Dr. Howard Ovens at howard.ovens@utoronto.ca.

The Classes of 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008 will celebrate their 30th, 25th, 20th, 15th and 10th anniversaries, respectively, in 2018. For help organizing reunions, please contact the MAA at medical.alumni@utoronto.ca or 416.978.0990.

If your class is holding a reunion soon, please update your contact details with the MAA online at <https://www.maautoronto.ca/maa-contact-update-form/> or 416.978.0990 to ensure you remain on the mailing list.



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e, Dakoda Herman, Yuang Chen,
Flora Jung, Prem Nichani and Sheida Naderi-Azad.



ONE MONTH IN

At the very start of
their med school
journeys, six students
reveal hopes, dreams
and what's in between

A portrait of Dakota Herman, a young man with short brown hair and a slight beard, wearing a dark brown zip-up jacket over a blue t-shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a building.

My classmates are great, everyone is willing to help each other and we have already formed a strong community.

DAKODA HERMAN (2021)

Before I started medical school at U ofT, I was ...

a budding biochemist at the University of Saskatchewan. During my undergraduate education I developed a passion for infectious disease and even considered pursuing a solely scientific career in that field, but the idea of being in a lab for the next 50 years didn't appeal to me. That's when I decided medicine was the path for me, where I would be able to interact with new people every day and use my scientific passions to improve the well-being of my patients.

I knew med school was the right choice for me because ...

I love people and puzzles. I am the first in my immediate family to attend medical school and never had any medical role models outside of those in popular culture, so doctors on TV, like Dr. House, had a big impact on me. I don't agree with many of the things House said or did, but the way he approached each case as a puzzle really piqued my interest, and participating in a differential diagnosis is probably one of the most exciting things I've done in medical school thus far.

In the few weeks since I've started classes, the most surprising thing I've found about med school is ...

how amazing my classmates are. I wasn't sure what to expect, but my classmates are great, everyone is willing to help each other and we have already formed a strong community.

If I had to choose today, my area of specialty once I graduate would be ...

infectious diseases or public health and preventative medicine. Obviously with a specialty in infectious disease I would be treating patients in a clinical setting, but I am also interested in epidemiology and public health policy and specializing in public health would allow me to pursue this further.

When I'm not studying, I like to ...

play and watch sports. I used to play hockey, rugby, basketball, and volleyball; I don't play as much as I used to but I love being a fan.

I think my biggest challenge in med school will be ...

anatomy. I didn't have anatomy courses as part of my undergrad so everything is new to me. It will take a little extra effort to keep pace but I have excellent colleagues who are

willing to help me, and I will return the favour when we cover a subject that I have more background knowledge in.

I think the most important skill/quality that my class should have upon graduating med school is ...

a love of learning. Lifelong learning is a responsibility we have taken on as future physicians to always be up to date on advancements in our field.

The main difference between my first-year class (2021) and the U ofT first-year class that graduated in 1991 is ...

diversity. It is incredible to hear the stories shared by my classmates; we come from very different socioeconomic statuses, different geographical regions; some of our families have been in Canada for quite a while, and others are first generation Canadians. Everyone brings a different perspective to the practise of medicine, and I think that will make us all better physicians.

SOFIA OKE (2021)

Before I started medical school at U ofT, I was ...

the lab manager of a biotechnology start-up company. I pursued my undergraduate education in toxicology at the University of Guelph. I then decided to pursue an honours thesis project that introduced me to how immune dysregulations in the body can lead to chronic toxicological events. I enrolled in a master's program studying immunology here at U ofT that introduced me to new advances in cancer therapeutic development harnessing immunomodulation. I was hired as a lab manager for a genetics-based biotechnology start-up, which was really fun, but I longed for patient interactions. I wanted to listen to the concerns of patients, help solve their health problems, and learn more about medical care.

I knew med school was the right choice for me because ...

I loved to interact with people and was always looking for opportunities to apply my scientific knowledge. Growing up I had

parents who were both scientists and who instilled in me a love of biology and chemistry.

In the few weeks since I've started classes, the most surprising thing I've found about med school is ...

how nice and willing to help each other out all my classmates are. I think medical school can have the reputation of being a place for type-A personalities who are only looking out for their personal interests. I am so happy to have been proven wrong.

If I had to choose today, my area of specialty once I graduate would be ...

I am really fascinated by the functioning of the immune system and, in particular, how immune dysregulation presents in the body. Right now, rheumatology and dermatology both spark my interest. But I have yet to start my shadowing experiences, so I am keeping my mind open.

When I'm not studying, I like to ...

bake. There is something so therapeutic about baking for me that is especially necessary in times of stress. I also make an

effort to meditate at least once a day and exercise a few times a week (I have recently taken up rock-climbing, which is a lot of fun to do with friends).

I think my biggest challenge in med school will be ...

not getting burnt out. I am not yet very good at saying no when opportunities come my way and so I am trying hard to be mindful of my limitations. I am most inspired by physicians who are able to juggle work with having a family and being involved in their community.

I think the most important skill/quality that my class should have upon graduating med school is ...

empathy. Some of my most memorable experiences as a patient interacting with a physician can be divided into times in which I felt heard and understood by a physician and times in which I didn't. Being present when interacting with patients, listening to the concerns of patients, and comforting distressed patients is so important.

The main difference between my first-year class (2021) and the U ofT first-year class that graduated in 1991 is ...

the advent of personal computers. Today, almost every student in our class has a personal computer that they bring to class, not to mention phones and tablets. Advances in technology have allowed students in my first-year class to search unknown terms/concepts in seconds, work on group projects at the same time from different computers, and much more.



Growing up I had parents who were both scientists and who instilled in me a love of biology and chemistry.

FLORA JUNG

(2021)

Before I started medical school at U ofT, I was ...

a physiology major at Western University and I didn't truly commit to applying to medicine until fourth year. I was exposed to a wonderfully diverse range of academic fields through my residence floormates in first year and participated in a variety of extra-curricular activities ranging from business case competitions to software programming workshops to visual arts training. It took me my entire undergraduate career to realize that I enjoyed medicine a little more than I did the rest.

I knew med school was the right choice for me because ...

I had fantastic high school teachers who helped me realize that I wanted a career involving lifelong learning and education, and my undergrad studies shaped my interest in physiology. But I was still struggling with my career path until I had the opportunity to speak with a colleague about my extra-curricular activities, which included acting as a first-year mentor and being an advocate for women in STEM. They helped me realize that as diverse as these activities were, they all intersected at my deep interest in improving the human experience. When I integrated all of this, medicine became an obvious choice.

In the few weeks since I've started classes, the most surprising thing I've found about med school is ...

the vast number of career paths that exist even within specialties. For example, family medicine residents could choose to focus their practice on radically different areas, such as complex care or geriatrics. It's equally relieving and intimidating to know that I have the freedom to shape my career into one that I will truly enjoy.

If I had to choose today, my area of specialty once I graduate would be ...

This is constantly on my mind. I recently saw one of the Faculty's fantastic career counselors, who helped me realize that my tendency to enjoy diversity wasn't a barrier to choosing a specialty, but rather, a crucial factor to consider. I am currently considering specialties such as general internal or emergency medicine, in hopes of seeing a wide range of patients in practice.

A portrait of Flora Jung, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark red long-sleeved top. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and trees.

I wanted a career involving lifelong learning and education, and my undergrad studies shaped my interest in physiology.

When I'm not studying, I like to ...

work on hands-on projects. Currently, I enjoy painting; I find that when I am working on a piece, I become so engrossed in capturing the subject I completely forget about my impending to-do list.

I think my biggest challenge in med school will be ...

learning how to apply the knowledge I've gained during pre-clerkship in clinic. Being able to reiterate the symptoms of a disease is one thing, but working backwards to come up with a differential to a set of symptoms is another. The observerships I've experienced so far, are slowly helping me discern the "end-goal" and I am actively modifying the way I interpret class content in response.

I think the most important skill/quality that my class should have upon graduating med school is ...

knowing ourselves and our individual strategies to address the inevitable academic and emotional challenges ahead. Whether that is through taking a moment alone or confiding in each other, knowing how to adapt and act in times of turbulence will perhaps be the most important skill we learn.

The main difference between my first-year class (2021) and the U ofT first-year class that graduated in 1991 is ...

our curriculum's increased emphasis on the "art of medicine." Approximately half of our education focuses on developing emotional intelligence, leadership qualities and patient interview skills. I am deeply appreciative of the alumni who helped shape today's curriculum to help us realize that our role in medicine is to treat patients, not a disease.

Medicine seems to be entering a new era where boundaries of knowledge are being redefined, while exciting technologies are being introduced for the first time.



YUANG CHEN (2021)

Before I started medical school

at U ofT, I was ...

a composer who focused on orchestral music, and I still am! For my undergraduate, I studied a double major with music composition and molecular biology. During my spare time, I worked as the national director with the charity “Music for Kids Canada” and ran Seycara Music and Arts, a soundtracking studio.

I knew med school was the right choice for me because ...

after I worked a NSERC (National Sciences and Engineering Research Council) research term at Carleton University’s Department of Medical/Systems Engineering, (Why engineering? I chose this opportunity because it was completely different from my past experiences), my work interacting inter-professionally with physicians and understanding the dynamics of upcoming medical technology was very inspiring. At that point, I decided that medical school was the right choice because not only did the subject matter appeal to me, but medicine seems to be entering a new era where boundaries of knowledge are

being redefined, while exciting technologies are being introduced for the first time.

In the few weeks since I’ve started classes, the most surprising thing I’ve found about med school is ...

that people actually do graduate eventually :)

If I had to choose today, my area of specialty once I graduate would be ...

Currently, I am very interested in general and plastic surgery. In general, surgery is interesting to me because the fast-paced, hands-on nature of an operation appeals to me in the same way an ensemble musical performance appeals to me; this kind of engagement of the individual as well as the team is something that nothing else can really emulate.

When I’m not studying, I like to ...

I am working to earn my tuition through my soundtracking work; I handle contracts from video game developers and independent film makers by composing original music for them, which can earn me enough money (in a good year) to pay for my yearly expenses. Aside from that, I also work on original

pieces of concert music that I submit to composition competitions and orchestras for performance consideration.

I think my biggest challenge in med school will be ...

time management: it is a fine line that separates a hermit who works on med/music all day with a normal guy who is failing out of med school and being fired by employers.

I think the most important skill/quality that my class should have upon graduating med school is ...

lifelong learning. Medicine is a dynamically shifting field that has exciting new developments every year. For physicians to remain effective in their role, they need to be able to understand and adapt these new advancements into their practice.

The main difference between my first-year class (2021) and the U ofT first-year class that graduated in 1991 is ...

we are, give or take, 30 years younger.

I have been very interested in fusing my passion for the arts and sciences. I spend much of my free time drawing portraits, making sculptures and sketching buildings.



SHEIDA NADERI-AZAD (2021)

Before I started medical school at U of T, I ...

studied molecular and environmental pathophysiology at the University of British Columbia. I majored in integrated sciences, a program that allowed me to take the courses I am passionate about without being bound to one major. I was able to integrate my knowledge of diseases from both macroscopic and microscopic perspectives.

I knew med school was the right choice for me because ...

it lay at the intersection of service and learning. For the past few years I have worked as a speech language pathology volunteer for a person with disabilities. Together we have made great accomplishments, from learning the alphabet to carrying a conversation. This inspired me to pursue medicine to help people reach their full potential. Furthermore, in the last two years I became involved in research to determine therapeutic options for Multiple Sclerosis patients. Together, these two experiences inspired me to dedicate to a career of lifelong learning.

In the few weeks since I've started classes, the most surprising thing I've found about med school is ...

the wide range of activities offered by the school. Right from the first week we have been introduced to various initiatives, from intramural sports and dance lessons to camping trips and school musicals. Coming into medical school I was apprehensive about the school-life balance, but to my surprise I have not yet experienced a scarcity of extracurricular involvement.

If I had to choose today, my area of specialty upon graduating would be ...

dermatology, in an effort to combine my medical knowledge with an artistic expression. Since the moment I gained interest in medicine, I have been very interested in fusing my passion for the arts and sciences. I spend much of my free time drawing portraits, making sculptures and sketching buildings. In addition, during the past week we learned about skin histology, including its numerous cell types and appendages. I was intrigued and want to learn more.

When I'm not studying, I like to ...

Coming from Vancouver, I have at times felt distanced from old friends and family members. Despite this, I still feel connected to my network at home. I now try to balance my free time Skyping with old friends and family, as well as spending time with new friends.

I think my biggest challenge in med school will be ...

being selective about my involvement in activities. Med school provides many opportunities for personal growth; it is easy to become overwhelmed with the wealth of commitments and deprive myself of recovery time.

I think the most important skill/quality that my class should have upon graduating is ...

learning how to individualize care to each patient. We have already been learning how to address each case from multiple angles. As we learned in our oncology unit, for instance, breast cancer can impact a 30-year-old woman differently than a frail 90-year-old grandmother. It is important to see every patient as a multi-faceted individual, one who is not merely defined by her physical health but by a myriad of life events.

The main difference between my first-year class (2021) and the U ofT first-year class that graduated in 1991 is ...

a changing attitude regarding care and decision-making. Alongside evolving medical knowledge, the philosophy and practise of care have also changed dramatically. We have moved from a paternalistic outlook on healthcare towards shared decision-making between the patient, physician, and the interprofessional team at large.

**PREM NICHANI
(2021)**

Before I started medical school at U ofT, I ...

was a focused Health Sciences student with the end goal of becoming an MD. I thought that I needed to get highly involved in everything I possibly could. Some days, I thought I was Superman; I took on too much which led to burnout. However, what I did learn was who I wanted to become: an academic who could balance work with taking time to relax and de-stress by doing things that I truly enjoyed, not simply doing activities for the sake of “being involved.”

I knew med school was the right choice for me because ...

The turning point in my life came at the age of seven. My mother required surgery, and the thought of losing her scared me. Dr. Paul McCleary—her doctor—inspired me and I vowed to help prevent similar situations of pain in others. I want to practise medicine in the same way he did, embracing the balance between medical intervention and building rapport with patients. My passion is in my desire to serve others, and this aligns my vision with my goal of making significant contributions in the medical field.

In the few weeks since I've started classes, the most surprising thing I've found about med school is ...

the course load. I never expected to have to study a midterm's worth of content in just a couple of weeks. However, the large number of great and supportive individuals, whether they are faculty or students, has really helped with the transition.

To be a good physician, I need to be a role model for my future patients. That means taking time to care for my own health.

If I had to choose today, my area of specialty upon graduating would be ...

This is funny because my mother owns an optical practice and she has always wanted me to take over. Even more, having seen the strong interactions my mother has had with her patients, I know that working in a similar field will be fulfilling. Recently diagnosed with diplopia, I know that without the help of my eye-care team it would be difficult for me to carry on with daily life. As a result, ophthalmology is definitely an area I am interested in. However, I am choosing to stay open-minded and explore as much as I can.

When I'm not studying, I like to ...

I own and operate an entertainment company with my partner. Six Side Entertainment offers DJ, photography, and videography services for weddings and corporate events. When I am not performing administrative tasks, I am either on the decks practising my mixing and beat-matching, or on online music sources trying to find the next biggest hits for my (a.k.a. DJ Mocha Love's) upcoming event.

I think my biggest challenge in med school will be ...

learning to turn opportunities down. I am starting to realize that to be a good physician, I need to be a role model for my future patients. That means taking time to care for my own health.

I think the most important skill/quality that my class should have upon graduating med school is ...

understanding the importance of human touch with our patients. As technology continues to invade our lives, we need to graduate as ambassadors for medicine who know how to separate ourselves from technology when treating our patients.

The main differences between my first-year class (2021) and the U ofT first-year class that graduated in 1991 is ...

definitely our reliance on technology. A paradigm shift towards patient examinations, engaging in dialogue, and understanding the illness experience should supersede the interpretation of laboratory and imaging results, a computer screen, and mobile devices.





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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS of 2017

2017 Awards of Excellence

Robert P. Orange Memorial Award
Dr. William Silverstein

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Dr. Celine Yeung

Samuel J. Streight Award
Dr. Jalal Ebrahim

MAA Proficiency Scholarships
Drs. Alvita Chan and William Silverstein

Dr. Isaac (Jack) Markens (4T8)
MAA Award for Academic Excellence
Dr. Dena Sommer

Weber/Nimon Prize in Neurology
Dr. Ryan Muir

Dr. Irvin (Kelly) Gollish 5T7 Memorial Award
Dr. Aaron Chan

Lum Family/MAA Undergraduate
Medical Student Award
Dr. Tina Hu

Dr. Carl Witus (3T6) Memorial Prize in Paediatrics
Dr. Paige Burgess

5T7 Memorial Dr. Janice Huffman MAA Award in Radiology
Dr. Jia Yi Tao

Harris Family Medical Alumni Award in Oncology
Dr. Michael Tjong

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Mr. Shin-Haw Lee

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Dr. Usman Tarique

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Dr. Dee Ballyk

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Dr. Lori Albert

Dean A.L. Chute "Silver Shovel" Award
Dr. Martin Schreiber

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Dr. Dante Morra

David Eberle Memorial Alumni Award
Mr. Bill Gregg

Class Anniversaries



CLASS of
1947

◀ 70th ANNIVERSARY

(L to R): Drs. Paul Roberts, Robert Stephens, Patricia White, Harold Weizel.

55th ANNIVERSARY ▶
(Seated, L to R): Drs. Samuel Librach, Douglas Caldwell, Peter Montgomery, John Knapp, Audrey Crocker, Bruce Bird. (Standing L to R) Drs. David Watson, Irene Hain, Joseph Ranalli, Murray Manson.



CLASS of
1952



CLASS of
1957

◀ 60th ANNIVERSARY

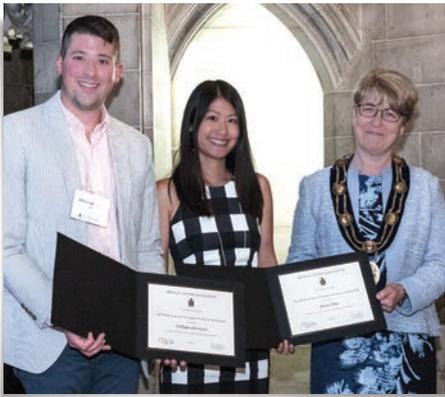
(Seated, L to R): Drs. Dallas Grogan, Robert Martin, Robert Fielden, Elizabeth Oliver-Malone, Marjorie Fish, Katherine Turner, Nancy Tuttle, Barney Giblon, Bernard Zucker, Marvin Kay. (2nd Row, L to R): Drs. Marvin Tile, Sydney Kasten, Kenneth McCuaig, Gordon Warme, Robert Roe, Cyril Gryfe, Donald Shier, Nicholas Stratas. (3rd row, L to R): Drs. John Deadman, Leslie Organ, John Chizen, C. Harvey Shaul, Sandy Lowden, Andrew Coppolino, J. Miln Harvey, Donald Petrie.

CLASS of
1967

50th ANNIVERSARY ▶
(Bottom Row, L to R): Drs. Joan Dixon, Jean Byers, Christine Derzko, Anne Tesluk, Elliott Grad, Aukse T. Lingys, Jean Porter, Anne Lazenby. (Row 2, L to R): Drs. David Mitchell, Peter Rueffer, Norman Iscove, Charles Webster, Shim Felsen. (Row 3, L to R): Drs. Stewart Pugsley, Paul Manley, Donald Stemp, Harvey Shapero, Donald Norris. (Row 4, L to R): Drs. Ray Tesluk, Michael Schwartz, Donald Niece, Kenneth Pritzker. (Row 5, L to R): Drs. Robert Hilliard, David Posen, Peter Carlen, Priit Palloppon, Ronald Peroff. (Row 6, L to R): Drs. Louis Brenner, Gordon Weisbrod, Albert Tuboku-Metzger, Jack Colman, Harvey Bruner. (Row 7, L to R): Drs. Stuart MacLeod, Sidney Gold, Hung Bun Ip, Arthur Weinstein, Sam Berger, Richard Grosch, David Rapoport.



Convocation



Drs. William Silverstein (L) and Alvita Chan receive their MAA Pr from Dr. Alexandra Berezowskyj, MAA President



Dr. Barney Giblon (L) awarding the 5T7 Memorial Dr. Janice Huffman MAA Award in Radiology to Dr. Jia Yi Tao



Dr. Martin Schreiber (centre) receiving the Dean A.L. Chute "Silver Shovel" Award from Drs. William Silverstein and Amber Chan



MED SOC ACTIVITIES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR A BALANCED STUDENT LIFE

There's a group for everyone

KAYLA SLISKOVIC (2020), THE NEWLY-ELECTED president of U of T's Medical Society (a.k.a. "Med Soc"), firmly believes that extracurricular activities are as important to med students' success as course work.

And she wants to ensure those students can easily access information about all the clubs, electives and mentorships available to them by turning the Society's website into a "hub for students."

Here, they will be able to learn about all the programs overseen by the students' elected governing body—from medical specialty interest groups and community affairs programs to recreational activities and wellness initiatives.

"In medical school, it's all too easy to be overwhelmed by academic course work," she says. "This comes with a risk of losing sight of the passions and interests that led you to medicine. Extracurriculars remind you of the motivators that will help you to overcome the challenges inherent to the study of medicine." As well, they create social opportunities for connecting with fellow students and staff, building support networks and making connections, she says.

"They also allow you to explore, to discover and to learn about yourself and others," she enthuses. "Extracurricular activities keep you connected to the world beyond your computer and classroom and remind you that, at the end of the day, we are humans caring for humans.

They are essential to both a student's academic success and their personal well-being." This may be of extra importance now that the new Foundations Curriculum has launched. Previously called the Pre-Clerkship Program, the re-developed, highly integrated program will give med students early clinical exposure to patients, along with extensive online materials and an assessment program to support learning. Every week, students will have a full day unscheduled for self-study and special activities like shadowing physicians in their offices, hospitals, community health agencies and home care visits.

Of the myriad of extracurricular programs available to students through Med Soc, three new ones stand out this year.



Kayla Sliskovic, Med Soc president

Extracurricular activities remind you that we are humans caring for humans.

"Apollo" is a group using a multidisciplinary approach to medicine that will provide students with the intellectual environment and skills necessary to identify important problems in medicine and develop concrete solutions. As medicine becomes more complex and costly, innovations in translational medicine will become the source of future medical advancements by bridging the gap between basic science, public health and clinical practice.

Another new initiative is the Global Medical Student Partnership, which aims to create an international network of medical students to work on a greater understanding of global healthcare issues, promote international health advocacy and foster relationships among future physicians.

A new Global Health Education Elective will address the current gap in global health education in the undergraduate medical curriculum. It will encourage students to think critically about pressing global health issues facing current and future generations.

And a new U of T Meds Fashion Show will showcase the creativity of the students while fundraising for a charity of their choice. It will be, "a combination of fashion, design, dance and great entertainment to encourage inter-class mingling."

Other ongoing activities include an Indigenous Health Elective that facilitates engagement with Aboriginal leaders and an exploration of Aboriginal concepts of culture, health and wellness; student-run initiatives in multiculturalism in medicine and women's health education, and a Meds' Mindfulness Group that promotes mindfulness for personal wellness. It runs an elective as well as seminars and open sessions for all med students.

As well as overseeing programs, Med Soc represents the students to faculty, staff and external organizations like the Medical Alumni Association (MAA) and the community at large.

Every year, the MAA provides funds to the Medical Society for clubs, special events and projects.

CLASS OF 1947



Dr. John FRY writes, “I was an actor—an assistant at the revival of *Daffydil* in 1943? Also have a photograph if any one is interested.” Contact: louisefry77@gmail.com.

Dr. Paul ROBERTS reports that, at 94, with the handicap of macular degeneration in both eyes, he is still able to function. He continues to serve as Honorary Consul of Ecuador in Toronto, and as President of Friends of Ecuador. This latter group has sent huge quantities of supplies of hospital equipment and container #75 was recently unloaded in the city of Guayaquil. Contact: drpwrmd@rogers.com.

Dr. Robert STEPHENS is in good health, although in a wheelchair due to severe osteoarthritis of his knees. His vision is good after removal of cataracts. Contact: drbob@odowda.com.

Dr. Harold WEIZEL just became a great-grandfather to a lovely little girl. Contact: harold.bayla@sympatico.ca.

Dr. Gabriel WHITEMAN retired from radiology practice at age 87 and is enjoying his children and grandchildren, as well as life in Montreal. Contact: needle4545@hotmail.com.

CLASS OF 1952

Dr. George BUCKLEY requests if anyone has an extra picture of the Class of 5T2, he would like to have one.

Dr. Murray MANSON still enjoys the following: 1) participating in the reception and transmission in HAM radio, call letters N2IYZ (extra class), 2) attending weekly internal medicine lectures at the university medical center in Tucson, 3) swimming, and 4) attending, on occasion, live theatre.

CLASS OF 1957

Dr. Don PETRIE was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for

community service. Contact: don.petrie@sympatico.ca.

Dr. Donald SHIER, who retired from general practice in 2014, has three children, six grandchildren, and one wife. While he has all day to do nothing, he enjoys walking, golf, skiing, and bridge. He’s made two recent and interesting trips to Ethiopia and Myanmar.

Dr. Bernard ZUCKER reports that all is well in his life. Contact: drberniezucker@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1958

Dr. Ronald LEVY is still working two-and-a-half days per week as an ENT



surgeon at ProHealth in Great Neck, NY. He has a great office and patients. “Never quit!!!” he says.

He also enjoys lots of tennis, golf and fly-fishing. Contact: jazz203@yahoo.com.

Dr. Donald RANNEY retired from his practice as an orthopedic disability analyst on June 30, 2017 at age 85.

He remains active as a writer. While previous publications—125 scientific papers, a medical textbook, two novels and numerous



short stories—have been largely fact-based, his philosophical mind has now turned to writing theological fantasy. A trilogy of eBooks will be published as one paperback (*Life Beyond Life in a Parallel Universe*), available at amazon.com and showcased at a book launch, which took place at the Crux Bookstore, Wycliffe College. Contact: ranney@hsfx.ca.

Dr. Howard WERNICK started out in family practice and obstetrics in Scarborough, then moved to Arizona in 1977, and finished his career in 2012 at the Phoenix, AZ Fire Department Health Center doing



industrial injuries, annual physical exams and acupuncture. He is happily married to the same bride after 51 + years, with three sons and six grandchildren. He keeps busy with Tai Chi, exercise, and senior courses three to four times a week. He looks forward to attending the 60th class reunion in 2018. Contact: originalwernicks@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1961

Dr. Ivan JACKSON has just completed his autobiography, *From the Farm to the*



Hospital Via Northern Rhodesia, published by Lulu.com. It is available both as an eBook and in paperback.

Retired since 2012, he and his wife have three great-grandchildren and live in an apartment in Perth, ON. They are very active in helping to direct a weekly “Keenagers” group’ for those over 55. The one-hour program enjoys an average attendance of 100 or more. Contact: ivanjackson8209@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1967



Dr. Donald NIECE has been retired for the past eight years after 40 years of family practice in Brampton and

at Peel Memorial and Brampton Civic Hospitals. In 2007 he was honoured with a “Physician of Excellence” award. Married to



Dr. Ronald C. STRICKLER wrote a poem in honour of the class of 6T7s 50th anniversary reunion this past June, which follows. Contact: rstrick1@hfhs.org.

6T7

A warm June sun:

*Orange orb on cloudless blue,
Shadow towers on campus green hue.*

Two lines, young faces, energized, eager, wide-eyed.

Onlooker faces that nurtured, encouraged; now flush with pride.

Today black gowns, soft, loose, academic-rank adorned.

Tomorrow starched white coats, doctors of medicine.

Graduation. Convocation. Celebration.

We are the class of 6T7.

A late-spring sun.

Life-spawning, nurturing rays

Guide our paths, energize our days.

We scattered like leaves, some in circles, some with direction,

Landing in hamlets and cities, and some, foreign nations.

We marry, birth children, love, laugh and live.

We give of ourselves on earth, and some called to heaven.

For everyone there is a season.

We are the class of 6T7.

A near-solstice sun.

Light the broad shoulders

Of medical giants who taught us to look farther, act bolder,

Be better, invent the future: our role in succession.

With art and science, with pride of profession

We cared, healed, comforted, and wept in empathy.

We innovated, discovered, and moved the horizons of medicine.

Clinicians. Scientists. Scholars.

We are the class of 6T7.

A fiftieth sun.

New physicians hear their names,

Feel the fur hood, move the tassel, say the oath, take the reins.

We are their teachers, mentors, role models, and inspiration

To be the keepers of knowledge, the imaginers of medical transformation.

We pass the torch, aflame with new knowledge, but rich with open questions

To a new generation: quintessence of medicine, lead the procession.

Serve brave, serve unafraid, as we age and fade.

We are the class of 6T7.

his lovely wife Beverley for 46 years, they have two children and four grandsons.

Dr. Niece enjoys bicycling, skiing, and woodworking. He sends best wishes to his classmates. Contact: niece@sympatico.ca.



Dr. David RAPOPORT

published a book in 2015, *It all begins in the waiting room*

– how to drive

your doctor crazy while escaping retaliation.

He retired in 2016. Contact:

funnydoc@rogers.com.

Dr. Donald STEMPE is retired and celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Dr. Marilyn TRENHOLME COUNSELL writes, “I am retired after a long and wonderful career as a family physician at



the Toronto General and the Sackville Memorial Hospitals, followed by service to Canada as MLA and cabinet minister in the Government of New Brunswick; Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, and Canadian senator. I was greatly honoured to receive the CMA Sir Charles Tupper Award for Political Action and am an Officer of the Order of Canada, and have received the Order of New Brunswick. I continue to devote my time to literacy, having recently been co-chair of the New Brunswick Literacy Strategy. My husband, Kenneth Counsell, died in 1981. We have two children, Giles and Lorna, and I have two grandsons.” Contact: marilyn@counsellconsulting.com.

Dr. Gordon WEISBROD has devoted his entire career to thoracic imaging, having been on staff at Toronto General Hospital medical imaging since 1973. He is also a professor of medical imaging (radiology) at U of T. He has celebrated 50 years of marriage and has three sons, all MDs (two ophthalmologists and one anaesthetist), as well as 11 grandchildren, ranging in age from 20 months to 22 years. Contact: gord.weisbrod@sympatico.ca.

CLASS OF 1968

Captain Paul JORDAN is still in full-time practice as Chief of Gastroenterology at LSU Health in Shreveport, LA, where he has lived since 1983 after finishing years of military practice in the Canadian Armed Forces. With his wife Linda, he has four children and seven grandchildren (six boys and one girl). He practises general gastroen-



terology and teaches in the fellowship GI program, with nine fellows and five faculty at the university. He enjoys sailing, creating pottery, stained and fused glass, and generally having fun. Retirement looms but not quite yet because he finds his work is still fun and enjoyable. Contact: PJorda1@lsuhsc.edu.

Dr. James MACLACHLAN is Chief of Staff, Aberdeen Regional Hospital, New Glasgow, NS. He has five sons, five grandchildren, one wife and one large Mastiff dog. Contact: docmac9@gmail.com.



CLASS OF 1969

Dr. Abraham CHAITON was selected for the Community Rheumatologist Award of Excellence – 2017, by

the Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, U of T. The award is given to a community rheumatologist practising in the GTA who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to rheumatology in the region. Contact: achaiton@aol.com.

CLASS OF 1976



Dr. Kenneth Ngai Hoi CHEUNG, manager of Futurific Music Ltd., is pleased to introduce the company's newest online publications, O Canada and Canada 150 – The Discovery of Insulin. Using exciting and fun animation, their goal is to celebrate with the world Canada's sesquicentennial. Visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkJJe_MtKvY or http://www.futurificmusic.com/canada150_dvd.htm <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXUZ4leBLRc> or http://www.futurificmusic.com/ocanada_dvd.htm Contact: info@futurificmusic.com.

CLASS OF 1978

Dr. Joseph CHU is a consultant neurologist at the William Osler Health System in Brampton and an assistant professor of medicine (neurology) at U of T. He is also Chair of Research for the Chinese Canadian



Council, Heart and Stroke Foundation. Recently, along with his student, he published a peer-reviewed article in the *Canadian Journal of Diabetes*, "Epidemiology of Cerebrovascular Disease among Chinese Canadians with Diabetes." He continues

his research interest in stroke epidemiology of Chinese Canadians. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, swimming, karaoke singing and travelling. Dr. Chu is also looking forward to his 40th class reunion in 2018. Contact: jychu@rogers.com.

Dr. Rudy GREENE is still working full-time as a solo rheumatologist in



Ashland, OR. He writes, "I published a book called *Rudy's Ruminations on Rheumatology* that has been fairly successful. I continue to participate in triathlons and live in paradise in Ashland with my wife Leanne and dog Lila. I have been taking guitar lessons for three months and have written a song." Contact: rudycanuck@aol.com.

Dr. Allan KAPLAN is Vice Dean, Graduate and Academic Affairs, and a professor of psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, U of T. Contact: allan.kaplan@utoronto.ca.



Dr. Howard OVENS has recently stepped down from his almost 30-year position as Chief, Mount Sinai Emergency Dept., and



CLASS NOTES

has taken on two new roles: Chief Medical Strategy Officer of Sinai Health System and Medical Advisor to Sinai Health Foundation. He continues to practise in the ED at Mount Sinai as well as continuing his public policy roles with Toronto Central LHIN and the Ontario Ministry of Health. Contact: howard.ovens@utoronto.ca.

CLASS OF 1982



Dr. Oakley SMITH restricted his practice to rhinoplasty the last several years. Meanwhile, as he patiently waits for grandchildren, he has decided to climb Mount Everest.

Contact: dr.oakley.smith@gmail.com.



Dr. Hugh SCARTH retired two years ago and now assists in the OR when he is not boating or travelling. Contact: hmscarth@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1985

Dr. Diana Elizabeth TULLIS received the 2017 Prix d'excellence Specialist of the Year, Region 3, from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



Dr. Tullis is Director, the Toronto Adult Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Clinic at St. Michael's

Hospital; a professor of medicine at U of T; the Respirology Division head at St. Michael's Hospital, and an associate scientist in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute. She also is the Cystic Fibrosis Canada Chair in Adult CF Research. Contact: TullisE@smh.ca.

CLASS OF 1988

Dr. Suzanne ALLAIN works as a psychiatrist in Thunder Bay and enjoys teaching students and residents at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. She and her husband Mike have three children, with the eldest two at UBC and the youngest in grade 11. Contact: allains@tbh.net.

CLASS OF 2002

Dr. Katherine ZUKOTYNSKI has been elected the first female president of the PET Center of Excellence of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging. Her term runs from July 2017 to July 2019. The center is headquartered in Reston, VA. Contact: katherine.zukotynski@utoronto.ca.

CLASS OF 2008



Dr. Diana ANDERSON currently focuses on blending her hybrid career model of physician-architect, calling herself a "dochitect®." She does regular

speaking events, as well as writes, publishes and lectures on the intersection of health and design and how space can impact care delivery and health outcomes. She is a board-certified healthcare architect through the American College of Healthcare Architects, and completed her residency training at Columbia University Medical Center-New York Presbyterian Hospital in internal medicine, earning her ABIM certification. Visit her website at www.dochitect.com. Contact: diana.anderson@utoronto.ca.

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CLASS OF 1956

Dr. Thomas Patterson as remembered by Dr. Arnold Arai (1956)

Dr. Tom Patterson, on Sept. 4, 2017, in Toronto. The memory of a fearless, public-spirited volunteer, musician, microbiologist-clinician and faithful friend will always remain with us in the years ahead. Tom's last words were, "Time has at last run out—so much done but more to be done."

In 1956, my clinic group partner Tom and I began work as junior interns at St. Michael's Hospital, followed by years of postgraduate work. As a microbiologist, Tom joined the staff at St. Michael's (SMH), where he helped establish the international travel clinic, and at Women's College Hospital. At age 65 he proudly obtained his degree in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Tom volunteered in Uganda at the St. Mary's Lacor Hospital. He wrote, "Our poor old world seems to have so many problems that most of us cannot help except in small ways. However, when I



Dr. Arnie Arai (L) and the late Dr. Tom Patterson

was in Uganda I saw that even small acts could bring joy and happiness to several people of an area which made the effort worthwhile."

As a volunteer archivist and board member of the U of T Medical Alumni Association, Tom proudly received the Arbor Award.

As an accomplished musician at St. James Cathedral, he sang in the choir, played the piano and organ, was music librarian for three choirs and served in the soup kitchen. In 2011, he was still volunteering at SMH ICU as the co-ordinator between visitors and staff.

Recently in 2017, Tom bravely talked to me on the phone about his poor health and we reminisced about our lives. The manner in which he faced the inevitable made me admire and respect my close friend and clinic partner even more. He was a brave "Giant."

CLASS OF 1941

Dr. D'Arcy Kerr MACDONALD, in his 104th year, on June 24, 2016, at home. A compassionate physician, Dr. Macdonald was Chief of Ophthalmology at the Toronto Western Hospital and a professor emeritus at U of T. An exceptional role model, Dr. Macdonald connected with his patients in many ways, often making house calls.

CLASS OF 1943

Dr. Murray S. ACKER, in his 98th year, on May 5, 2017, at home. Dr. Acker contributed to many pioneering public health initiatives during his tenure with the Saskatchewan Government's Health Department, including Canada's first universal healthcare plan. In his mid-40s Dr. Acker switched to psychiatry, specializing in hypnosis in his later career. **Dr. Frederick Robert CLINCKETT**, on Dec. 30, 2016 in Sidney, BC.

CLASS OF 1946

Dr. Emerson Coatsworth Ramsay PURCHASE, in his 95th year, on June 21, 2016. A member of the RCAF, Dr. Purchase became a wing commander, flying numerous medical missions to Canada's North. He had a

successful private practice in allergy and immunology, and taught through the University of Ottawa and the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

Dr. Irvin STRATHMAN, age 93, on March 25, 2017. Dr. Strathman began his OB/GYN practice in Windsor in 1952, delivering over 7,000 babies over the next 25 years, also introducing laparoscopy to the city. Before his retirement at age 79, he joined the OB/GYN faculty of the medical school at the University of South Florida, running the gynecology clinic at Genesis, where he cared for patients and taught with empathy and equanimity.

CLASS OF 1947

Dr. William "Mac" McKinley EAGLESON, in his 94th year, on Jan. 7, 2017. Dr. Eagleson practised medicine with distinction, served actively as a leader in the church and community, and enjoyed many interests, including making maple syrup.

Dr. Morris H. SPRING, in his 93rd year, on July 19, 2017, in North York, ON.

Dr. Earle James VARTY, in his 96th year, on Feb. 13, 2017. Dr. Varty was the favourite doctor to many who lived in Toronto's Bloor West Village community.

CLASS OF 1948

Dr. Megan WYNNE-JONES McKEE, in her 94th year, on May 23, 2017, in Toronto. Dr. Wynne-Jones McKee worked as a staff physician at Student Health Services, U of T, for most of her career and was actively involved in research (breast cancer at Women's College Hospital, spinal cord injuries at Lyndhurst Hospital, and rehabilitation medicine at U of T).

CLASS OF 1949

Dr. Roy Douglas CLARK, in his 89th year, on Feb. 2, 2015, in Burlington, ON.

Dr. Elsie Marie CRAWFORD, in her 96th year, on July 25, 2017, in Barrie, ON. Described as "a remarkable woman" by her daughter, Dr. Barbara Crawford (9T9), the late Dr. Crawford was the first female medical director of the Orillia Hospital School (later known as Huronia Regional Centre).

Dr. William Arthur COCHRANE, in his 92nd year, on Oct. 6, 2017. Dr. Cochrane enjoyed a long and distinguished career. He was physician and chief at the Halifax Children's Hospital; the first dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary; Alberta Deputy Minister of Health; President, University of Calgary; and Chair,

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President and CEO of Connaught Laboratories Ltd. He received numerous awards, including an Officer of the Order of Canada (1989), and the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal. In 2009 Dr. Cochrane was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

CLASS OF 1951

Dr. Abraham BERNSTEIN, in his 92nd year, on March 11, 2017, in Toronto. Dr. Bernstein had a zest for life, which he most notably shared with the thousands of patients he helped, and his legion of golf partners.

Dr. Winona (Win) Marion COPPING, in her 91st year, on July 23, 2017, in South Surrey, BC. A vibrant and generous person, Dr. Copping first practised in Toronto and Port Credit, becoming a psychiatrist in 1973, then working in Kingston and Ottawa.

CLASS OF 1952

Dr. Robert Alfred DICKER, on July 31, 2016, in Toronto.

Dr. H. Joseph GREENBERG, in his 95th year, on April 10, 2017, in Toronto. A beloved community physician known for his personal care and dedication, Dr. Joe answered his own phones, had weekend line-ups at the cottage for allergy shots and care, and was famous for his house calls. He cared for the whole person through all stages of life, delivering over 3,000 babies and playing a unique role in the lives of so many as doctor, mentor and friend.

Dr. George Hamilton MORRISON, on June 1, 2017, in Thunder Bay, ON. After his retirement as partner in the Fort William Clinic in Thunder Bay, Dr. Morrison continued to practise medicine in various leadership roles until 2014. He was also an active volunteer.

CLASS OF 1953

Dr. Gordon John FYFFE, in his 91st year, on March 10, 2017. Dr. Fyfe was a fixture on the sixth floor of St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster, BC for over 30 years. He was, "a gentleman, a lifelong learner, and a devoted golfer, with a wonderfully dry sense of humour."

Dr. Walter KINDRACHUK, in his 93rd year, on April 20, 2017, at home. A farm boy at heart, Dr. Kindrachuk was a country doctor in Saskatchewan, and a GP at the Carruthers Clinic for 45 years.

Dr. John Charles VARLEY, in his 91st year, on Feb. 10, 2017. Dr. Varley enjoyed over 40 years of private and surgical practice in Richmond, BC. With a heart of gold and a

keen medical mind, he did house calls, air ambulance flights and even medicine on his doorstep when patients came calling.

CLASS OF 1954

Dr. Ronald James BAIRD, on March 26, 2017, in Fort Lauderdale, FL. With his mentors, Dr. Baird led the frontier of open-heart surgery and vascular surgery, contributing to the discoveries of anti-coagulation therapies, heart valve replacements, bypass procedures and heart transplants.

Dr. Harvey Bernard FREEDMAN, on Aug. 11, 2017, at home.

Dr. Arthur KAMINKER, in his 88th year, on April 7, 2017, in Toronto.

Dr. Graydon Clifford KNUPP, in his 93rd year, on April 24, 2017, in Keswick, ON. Dr. Knupp began practising in Sutton in 1955, devoting his life to work and family.

Dr. George "Bruce" THOW, in his 88th year, on Oct. 6, 2017, in Bend, OR.

Dr. Thow served many years as the Department Director of Colon and Rectal Surgery at Carle Clinic Association and Foundation Hospital and was founder and director of the Colon and Rectal Surgery Residency Training Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Carle Foundation Hospital. He loved being team physician for the University of Illinois hockey team. Later, Dr. Thow joined the University of Tennessee Surgical Associates staff.

CLASS OF 1955

Dr. Joan Elizabeth Salter BAIN, on May 6, 2017, at home. Dr. Bain was a leader in the medical community, serving as the first female president of the College of Family Physicians, and a board member of the OMA. She was particularly committed to developing prevention programs for domestic violence, for which she was honoured with the B'nai Brith Women of Canada Achievement Award in 1989.

Dr. William George (Bill) GAWMAN, on July 20, 2017, in Kitchener, ON. A radiologist, Dr. Gawman practised in Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo and Fergus, retiring at 81.

Dr. Karl Maxwell "Max" IRWIN, in his 87th year, on April 4, 2017. Dr. Irwin and his wife, Dr. Patricia Irwin, graduated together from medical school in 1955. The couple moved to and practised in Cornwall, ON.

Dr. John Godfrey LISTER, in his 88th year, on June 23, 2017, in Owen Sound, ON. Most of Dr. Lister's career was devoted to the treatment of children and adolescents,

and he founded the CM Hincks Rural Treatment Centre.

Dr. William (Bill) Mortimer WILSON, in his 86th year, on Sept. 16, 2017, in Hamilton, ON. Dr. Wilson was a consultant pediatrician in Hamilton, initially at Chedoke Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital and then at McMaster Children's Hospital. He was a professor emeritus in pediatrics, and founder of the Cystic Foundation Clinic at McMaster University.

CLASS OF 1956

Dr. Beverly BRITT, in October 2016, at her home in Wales. Dr. Britt, an internationally recognized authority on malignant hyperthermia (MH), worked as an anesthesiologist at Toronto General Hospital. She was also a full professor with the Department of Anesthesia, U of T. Along with the late Canadian pharmacologist Werner Kalow, their research was the basis for the North American caffeine-halothane contracture test (CHCT) and the European in vitro contracture test (IVCT) that are performed in MH centres around the world today. She established the MH Investigation Center (MHIU) in Toronto that became the first MH diagnostic center in the world. Dr. Britt devoted her life to unravelling the biochemical and genetic causes of MH and made a tremendous contribution to the field.

Dr. Donald Eric GREENHOW, in his 86th year, on Oct. 4, 2017, in West Chester, PA. In a 2016 email to classmate Dr. Laurie Naiman, Dr. Greenhow summed up his career this way: "In Grade 12, the high school principal told me in no uncertain terms that I should pursue a career in medicine, education or the church. . . . After a successful 11 years in general practice in Canada I had a satisfying 29 years in academic anesthesia as a cardiovascular-transplant anesthesiologist (at the University of Pennsylvania), received at age 59 a PhD in Education, and served in most of the positions a non-minister can serve in the Presbyterian Church (USA). I think the principal would be pleased."

Dr. Teruo (Ted) IZUKAWA, on June 17, 2017, at home. Dr. Izukawa was a director of the Heart Clinic at the Hospital for Sick Children, professor emeritus at U of T, and a proud Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Dr. Douglas W. KENNEDY, in his 85th year, on Mar. 24, 2017. Dr. Kennedy's legacy will be his life of service as a devoted physician and caring family man.

Dr. Denis Brendan SWEENEY, in his 86th year, on May 23, 2017, in Long Beach, CA. Dr. Sweeney developed a thriving ophthalmological practice in Scarborough, ON, performing innovative retina, glaucoma, and cataract surgical procedures.

CLASS OF 1957

Dr. William (Bill) N. TYTANECK, in his 95th year, on April 30, 2017, in St. Catharines, ON. Despite having established a successful dental practice, Dr. Tytaneck's true passion was medicine. His general practice in St. Catharines spanned five decades, and he generously donated time and skills to many community organizations.

CLASS OF 1958

Dr. Donald Ralph FULLER, in his 90th year, on April 6, 2017, in London, ON. Dr. Fuller served as a family physician in Tavistock for nearly 20 years and later as an internal medicine specialist in Stratford, ON.

CLASS OF 1959

Dr. James Ronald STANDEN, in his 86th year, on May 17, 2017, in Tucson, AZ. Dr. Standen was a specialist in diagnostic radiology and a professor at the University of Arizona School of Medicine.

CLASS OF 1961

Dr. James Hugh GOLDIE, on Feb. 22, 2017. Dr. Goldie pursued a career in medical oncology with a focus on cancer research. He served on several national and international committees, authored many research papers, and was a former head of medical oncology at the BC Cancer Agency.

CLASS OF 1964

Dr. Peter Donald NEWBIGGING, in his 77th year, on June 5, 2017, in Toronto. Dr. Newbigging practised at Etobicoke General (William Osler) Hospital for 38 years. He had a love of learning, a vibrant laugh, a strong faith, and a deep love for his family.

CLASS OF 1965

Dr. William (Bill) Grant MACRAE, on July 7, 2017, at home. Dr. Macrae specialized in ophthalmology and completed a Fellowship in Genetics at Johns Hopkins, creating a 40-plus-years practice. He won every surgical teaching award available; his students then developed the Millennium Mentor Award, which recognized his commitment to

mentoring. U of T honoured him with the Excellence in Postgraduate Medical Education Award and established the William Macrae Fund for Excellence in Ophthalmic Education for his contributions.

CLASS OF 1966

Dr. Baldev Krishan MOHINDRA, on April 11, 2017. Dr. Mohindra began his practice in Peterborough in internal medicine and oversaw the Chemotherapy Clinic at St. Joseph's Hospital for over 36 years.

Dr. Bill NELEMS, in his 78th year, on March 31, 2017. A renowned thoracic surgeon, Dr. Nelems was part of the Toronto General Hospital team that performed the world's first successful lung transplant in 1983. He was also a philanthropist, athlete, mentor and citizen of the world, who was preparing for a new career as an end-of-life counsellor when he passed away. In 2012 Dr. Nelems received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and in 2016, the CATS Lifetime Achievement Award.

CLASS OF 1967

Dr. Roy Gordon Stanley LOMAS, on July 27, 2017, in London, ON. A captain in the Royal Air Force, and later the base physician at CFB Clinton, Dr. Lomas won several medals as a gifted marksman. He went on to practise both general medicine and psychotherapy in Goderich, ON.

Dr. Jaroslav O. SHKLAR, on Aug. 16, 2017. A GP for 50 years, a history buff, lover of classic movies and doctor for the Toronto Argonauts (1977-1991), Dr. Shklar was loved and respected by his patients and peers.

CLASS OF 1968

Dr. Frederick VAN SETERS, on April 18, 2017. Dr. Van Seters ran a family practice in Peterborough, BC, until his retirement.

Dr. Dorothy Denise WOOD, in her 80th year, on June 29, 2017, in Toronto. Dr. Wood had a lifetime career at the Hospital for Sick Children as a multiple sclerosis researcher.

CLASS OF 1969

Dr. Robert BALLANTYNE, on Feb. 27, 2017. Dr. Ballantyne was a dedicated and respected physician in Waterloo for over 40 years.

Dr. Michael WEINSTOCK, on Aug. 6, 2017. A loved and respected family physician, Dr. Weinstock's care, warmth and generosity are his legacy.

CLASS OF 1973

Dr. Jerry TENENBAUM, on July 6, 2017, in Victoria, BC. Dr. Tenenbaum was known as a passionate rheumatologist, often a larger-than-life presence in his work as a clinician, teacher, educator and mentor. Teaching at both U of T and UBC, he received numerous awards, including the Mt. Sinai Hospital Clinical Teacher Award on multiple occasions.

CLASS OF 1984

Dr. Gordon Frederik ROSE, on April 1, 2017. Dr. Rose ran a successful practice in Roseburg, OR.

CLASS OF 1986

Dr. Steven Mitchell GOLDHAR, on April 13, 2017. Dr. Goldhar will be remembered by family, friends, patients and colleagues for his compassion, kindness, and care.

CLASS OF 1996

Dr. Michael John ROKOSS, in his 48th year, on Jan. 6, 2017, in Toronto. An interventional cardiologist at Hamilton General Hospital, Dr. Rokoss touched the lives of thousands.

CLASS OF 2002

Dr. Jon-Paul Josef VORONEY, in his 46th year, on July 28, 2017. Dr. Voroney completed a fellowship in radiation oncology at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, then moved to the Tom Baker Cancer Centre at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary. He was known for his compassionate and expert care.

CLASS OF 2006

Dr. Mark Stanley LANDIS, in his 40th year, on Aug. 11, 2017, in Windsor, ON. An assistant professor of medicine/radiology at Western University, and key interventional chest radiologist at Victoria Hospital, London Health Sciences Centre, Dr. Landis was also the rock and anchor to his family, and beloved by friends and colleagues.

CLASS OF 2009

Dr. Khaled HASAN, in his 35th year, on Oct. 10, 2016.

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