In Brief

Golisano Children’s Hospital Ranked Among Best

Golisano Children’s Hospital at the Medical Center has been listed among the nation’s best hospitals for four pediatric specialties—gastroenterology, neonatology, orthopaedics, and neurology and neurosurgery. The annual rankings, to be published in August in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Hospitals 2013 Guidebook, are based on data submitted by nearly 180 pediatric institutions nationwide. Each of the past four years, Golisano Children’s Hospital has added a specialty to the rankings, starting in 2009 with orthopaedics, which ranked No. 38 this year.

Neonatology ranked No. 27; gastroenterology, which is new to the list this year, ranked No. 41, and neurology and neurosurgery ranked No. 44.

—Heather Hare

Surgeons Implant Upstate New York’s First Total Artificial Heart

A 49-year-old man became the first person in the region served by the Medical Center to receive a total artificial heart during an operation performed this spring by a Rochester cardiac transplant team. The procedure introduces a new, life-sustaining treatment option for the most critically ill patients with end-stage heart failure. “This is tremendous technology that can have a dramatic effect on patients who are experiencing advanced heart failure,” says H. Todd Massey, surgical director of the Medical Center’s Artificial Heart Program, who led the surgery.

The Medical Center is one of 30 sites in the country, and one of just two in New York, to offer the technology. The artificial heart is a bridge to transplant for patients who suffer from end-stage biventricular heart failure, a condition in which both sides of the heart become weakened and can’t pump blood adequately through the body. —Leslie White

Eastman Renovation Honored

A $46.9 million project to renovate Eastman Theatre’s historic performance hall, now named Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre, as well as the addition of the Eastman East Wing has been recognized by a New York preservation group. The Preservation League of New York State presented the Eastman School with its Excellence in Historic Preservation Award for the multiyear project that was completed with the opening of the Eastman East Wing in December 2010. The award honors notable achievements in retaining, promoting, and using the state’s architectural heritage. Project architects Chaintreuil Jensen Stark Architects and contractors the Pike Company and A’Kustics were also recognized. The project received support from the state of New York as well as area businesses and community leaders.

—Helene Snihur

OVATION: The renovation of Kodak Hall earned accolades from a statewide preservation group.

“Overachievers have an underlying fear of failure or a self-worth contingent upon competence. Rather than setting and striving for goals based on a pure desire to achieve, their underlying motivation impels them out into the world to avoid failure.”

—Andrew Elliot, professor of clinical and social psychology, in the Chicago Tribune, discussing the motivations that drive people to overachieve.
Board Elects Real Estate, Financial Services, and Optics Leaders as New Trustees

Real estate developer Ani Nazerian Gabrellian ’84, financial services executive Evans Lam ’83, ’84S (MBA), real estate and investment company president Ronald Rettner, and optics entrepreneur and scientist James Wyant ’67 (MS), ’69 (PhD) have joined the University’s Board of Trustees.

Gabrellian is a principal in Gabrellian Associates, a commercial real estate and management company based in Paramus, N.J. After receiving her MBA from George Washington University, she held positions as a commercial and investment banker and as a financial analyst with the federal Office of Thrift Supervision.

She and her husband, Mark ’79, endowed a multidisciplinary professorship in Arts, Sciences & Engineering to better understand political and economic issues, and they permanently endowed an innovation grant for outstanding incoming undergraduates.

Lam is senior vice president of investments and senior portfolio manager of The Lam Group, UBS Financial Services, Inc. in Pasadena, Calif. Previously, he was a senior vice president and wealth management advisor at Smith Barney. He and his wife, Susanna, have established a professorship at the Simon School of Business to help recruit global business scholars.

Lam is also a vice president and major contributor to the Morning Light Foundation, which builds elementary boarding schools in remote areas of China stricken by poverty and provides 400 scholarships annually to underprivileged students among eight major Chinese universities.

A member of numerous civic and charitable boards, Rettner is president of Rettner Management Corporation and is managing partner of Baron Associates, a real estate investment, finance, and management company with national holdings.

Earlier in his career, Rettner was a securities analyst and co-founded The Vitamin Shoppes. He earned his undergraduate degree in political science at Washington University in St. Louis and master’s degree in business administration and urban planning from Columbia University and attended the evening division at Fordham University Law School.

Rettner’s recent leadership gift will support the new Ronald Rettner Hall for Media Arts and Innovation.

He has served on the National Council of Arts and Sciences at Washington University since 1990 and was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009, Arts & Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007, and the New York Regional Cabi-net’s Alumni of the Year Award in 2009 and has guest lectured on real estate topics.

An optical scientist with long associations with Rochester, Wyant is a former dean of the University of Arizona’s College of Optics. He is an expert in the fields of interference, diffraction, and optical testing, and is the cofounder and chairman of 4D Technology Corporation. Wyant endowed the M. Parker Givens Professorship in Optics in honor of one of his former professors at Rochester. A professor of optical sciences and of electrical and computer engineering at Arizona, Wyant has been a visiting profes-sor at the University’s Institute of Optics since 1983 and has returned to Rochester annually to teach in the institute’s summer school for 29 of the past 30 years.

The new trustees are all members of the George Eastman Circle.

—Sharon Dickman

New Website Gathers Information about International Initiatives

The University has launched a new web portal, UR Global, that serves as a hub for learning about Rochester’s international activities.

Intended for use by students and parents, researchers and faculty, and alumni and friends, the site provides information on global partnerships, research, and educational programs, as well as opportunities to be involved and stay connected around the world.

The site serves as a clearinghouse for data, including facts like the number of alumni living outside the United States (10,748), the location of research projects across the globe, and details about travel alerts and other information for those going abroad. Visit the site at www.rochester.edu/global.