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 Chinastricken 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 Shoppe. 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 professor 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.