KUDOS

Celebrating Service
Annual ceremonies recognize the achievements and service of alumni and friends.

School of Arts & Sciences
JAMES S. ARMSTRONG
ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Peter Standish ’64, a life trustee of the University, is a retired partner of the law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges, where he specialized in antitrust and trade regulation. He has served on several committees of the Board of Trustees, has helped lead the Class of 1964’s milestone reunion committees, and served on other University leadership groups. He and his wife, Lenore, are charter members of the George Eastman Circle, the University’s leadership annual giving society, and they have established a scholarship for undergraduates in Arts, Sciences & Engineering.

JOHN N. WILDER AWARD
Debra Dorfman Drumheller ’74 held several executive positions during a 30-year career with ExxonMobil. She serves on the Arts, Sciences & Engineering National Council and on the Washington, D.C., Regional Cabinet. She and her husband, Robert, are charter members of the George Eastman Circle, and have established a scholarship for undergraduates studying economics.

Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
Theophano Mitsa ’91 (PhD) is a coinventor of the blue noise mask, one of the most lucrative inventions in the University’s history. After a career in academic engineering, Mitsa has been an independent consultant, specializing in data science. A member of the Boston Regional Cabinet and the George Eastman Circle, Mitsa and the coinventor of the blue noise mask, Kevin Parker, have established a scholarship for students in the Hajim School.

School of Medicine and Dentistry
DEAN’S MEDAL
The Wilmot Family has supported cancer research and care at the University for more than 30 years. Since 1981 the James P. Wilmot Foundation and members of the Wilmot family have provided tens of millions of dollars in support for academic, scholarship, and building initiatives. The James P. Wilmot Cancer Institute is named in recognition of the support of the family.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
David Satcher ’72M (Res), ’95 (Honorary) served as the 36th surgeon general of the United States. He also has served as
assistant secretary in the Department of Health and Human Services, and as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Currently the Pouissant-Satcher-Crooby Chair in Mental Health at the Morehouse School of Health, he established an award program at the Medical Center to recognize the contributions of faculty and staff to the community health of Rochester.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Ian Wilson ’59M (MD), ’64M (Res), ’66M (F) is a radiologist and assistant professor in the Department of Imaging Sciences. Wilson founded a nonprofit organization that supports a street art festival and a medical philanthropy organization that provides basic x-ray services to underserved communities and a web-based network of volunteer radiologists to analyze digitally transmitted x-rays.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Norman Abell ’51M (MD) was a career missionary in the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society as a physician surgeon and hospital administrative leader. Beginning in 1956, Abell, with his wife, Jean, led medical initiatives in rural areas that are now part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Abell died in 2012. The award was presented posthumously.

Bernard Gayer ’70M (MD) is the Zanny Krieger Professor Emeritus of Children’s Health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. In research and clinical positions at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Harvard School of Public Health, and Johns Hopkins over his 40-year career, Gayer has helped lead initiatives to improve maternal and child health in rural Africa, the northeast United States, and other parts of the world.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Elethea (Lee) Caldwell ’73M (Res) is a professor emeritus of surgery at the School of Medicine and Dentistry. After completing her residency, Caldwell became a faculty member in the Division of Plastic Surgery, focusing her practice on the care of children with congenital deformities. Among her leadership positions, she served as medical director of the Ambulatory Care Center at Strong Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, Robert ’66M (MD), ’69M (Res), are members of the George Eastman Circle, and they have established a scholarship program for undergraduates interested in the study of medicine, as well as funding other support for students at the Medical Center.

JOHN N. WILDER AWARD
Michael Buckley, a partner at the Rochester law firm of Boylan Code, has served on leadership boards at the Medical Center for more than 30 years. A member of the George Eastman Circle, Buckley has chaired the Highland Hospital Foundation, cochaired the hospital’s capital campaign committee, and chaired the Medical Center’s development committee.

School of Nursing
DEAN’S MEDAL
Janet Scala ’55N is a retired surgical and office nurse. She founded the New Jersey League for Educational Advancement of Registered Nurses (LEARN) which helps inactive nurses return to active practice. She and her husband, Robert ’58M (PhD), are charter members of the George Eastman Circle, and they have established scholarships and stipend programs for students in nursing and in medicine.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD
Patricia Tabloski ’59N (PhD) is an associate professor and former dean for graduate programs at the William F. Connell School of Nursing at Boston College. A former member of the faculty of the School of Nursing and the Department of Medicine, Tabloski has held faculty posts at Boston University, the University of Massachusetts, and the University of Connecticut.

LEGACY AWARD
Aldo Fioravanti is a retired assistant director for the physical plant at the Medical Center. During a 22-year career at the University, Fioravanti was a construction engineer during a time when the square footage of the Medical Center doubled. Fioravanti established a scholarship for nursing students in recognition of his late wife, Anne, and his daughter, Joanne Fioravanti Makielisz. ’75N, ’78N (MS).

Thelma Wells is a professor emerita and a faculty research consultant at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. As faculty members at the School of Nursing, Wells and her colleague, Carol Anne Brink ’56N, ’62N, created a master of science degree program in gerontological nursing and cofounded the first clinic in the United States. Wells has been a leading supporter of a professorship to recognize Brinks.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Patricia Bull ’74N is a retired captain in the U.S. Navy’s Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. As the volunteer lead for the Disaster Health Services team of the San Diego/Imperial Counties chapter of the American Red Cross, Bull has helped set up and staff evacuation centers in Houston after Hurricane Katrina, in San Diego after wild fires, and in El Centro, California, after a 2010 earthquake. A supporter of the School of Nursing’s annual fund, she has volunteered for fundraising and reunion activities.

JOHN N. WILDER AWARD
The Davenport-Hatch Foundation has supported student scholarships and academic programs at the School of Nursing for decades. The foundation was
established in 1952 by Augustus Hatch, whose daughters, Helen Hatch Hellebrant, helped establish a scholarship that has assisted more than 200 nursing students and that represents one of the school’s largest endowments. The foundation has also supported University initiatives at the Eastman School of Music, the Memorial Art Gallery, Golisano Children’s Hospital, Highland Hospital, the Wilmot Cancer Institute, Simon Business School, and Visiting Nurse Service.

Simon Business School

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Steven Berglund ’75s (MBA) is president and CEO of Trimble Navigation, a company that designs and distributes positioning devices and applications that use GPS, optical, laser, and wireless technology. Berglund has held executive positions with several Silicon Valley companies since the 1980s, and he serves as chairman of the board of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. A member of the George Eastman Circle, Berglund visits the Simon School frequently and has recruited fellow Simon graduates to Trimble.

Alumni Service Award

Danielle Beyer ’95, ’95S (MBA) is managing director and head of investor relations at Mariner Investment Group. She has served as the leader of the Simon School’s Alumni Network of New York City, supporting the school’s alumni programming and other activities. A member of the George Eastman Circle, she has been an active volunteer for College and Simon reunion programs.

Meena Singh ’85S (MBA) is CEO of BRSC-CARR group, a Canadian social enterprise that she co-founded to help underprivileged youth in India build employable skills. An active Simon alumna, Singh has served on the Simon Alumni Council, helped support the school’s initiatives in Toronto and Mumbai, India, and helped initiate the school’s executive education programs in India. She and her husband, Vijay Shankar, are members of the George Eastman Circle.

John N. Wilder Award

Jim Doyle Jr. is the executive director and founding member of ProVenture (Far East), a beauty care instrument company. He also chairs Bayross Christian Family Foundation, a charitable organization for homeless families in southwest Florida. Doyle established the James N. Doyle, Sr. Professorship in Entrepreneurship at the Simon Business School in recognition of his father, who was a faculty member at Simon.

reunion last summer. Pictured from left to right are: 

Vince Rocchi ’87, David Abrams ’87, Scott Rudder ’88, Daniel Bennett ’88, Steven Sheldon, Ben Creighton, Mark, Mark Snyder ’88, and Jeffrey Gorsuch ’88.

1999

Elizabeth Dunn writes: “After 14 years at the University of Colorado at Boulder, I’ve left to become associate professor of geography and international studies at Indiana University in Bloomington.”

1999 Rob Aaron writes: “In early August, I accepted a position as executive director of the Center for the Study of Student Life at Ohio State University. I’m working with a talented team of researchers to support one of the country’s largest divisions of student affairs with its assessment, research, and planning needs. I completed my master’s degree at Ohio State in the mid-90s, so it’s good to be back in Columbus once again. I owe the start of my career in higher education to my time at Rochester when I served as a RA in Anderson Tower during the 1991-92 academic year.”

1999 Terri Camesano has been named dean of graduate studies at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts. A professor of chemical engineering, Terri has been a member of the institute’s faculty since 2000. . . Chris Sorrow appeared in the August issue of Texas Monthly magazine. Chris is vice president and senior portfolio manager at Probit Advisors in Dallas and was named a 2014 Five Star Wealth Manager. Chris also won the designation in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2013.

1999 Elizabeth Woods Cooper has been named director of special education for the Pittsford, New York, Central School District. . . Vanessa Hurlbut Panicia has published Princess Bing Bong Hits the Beach and Princess Bing Bong Rides a Bike, the second and third books in her Princess Bing Bong children’s literature series. Both books are self-published through Authorhouse.

1999 John Conron is a Massachusetts State Police trooper. He writes: “I was recently awarded a Superintendents’ Commendation from the colonel of the Massachusetts State Police for an investigation that spawned a worldwide Department of Homeland Security operation.” John began an investigation in 2010 that led to the discovery of an international child pornography ring and Homeland Security’s “Operation Holitna,” which led to 41 arrests in the United States, Europe, Mexico, and Canada, and the rescue of 160 victims. John adds that he received an Investigative Achievement Award from the United States Attorney’s Office in Massachusetts for a similar investigation.

1999 Bethany MacLennan Centrone has joined the Rochester office of Bond, Schoenbeck & King. Previously, Bethany was chief labor negotiator for the Rochester City School District as well as the district’s chief of human capital initiatives. . . Brian Hyland has taken a position at the education technology firm LearningMate Solutions. He’s the program director of the content services group, where he works directly with publishers to develop digital learning programs.

1999 Jana Behe writes that she and Josh Kinneston were married in August 2013 in Albany. Pictured from left to right are Michelle Koski, Josh Brady, Jennifer Ellis ’96, Rob Ellis, Valerie Plummer Olsson ’98, Johan Olsson, Jana, Josh, Jessica Anderson Hughes, Dan Hughes, Lynne Galley ’98, Todd Archer, and Craig Johnston ’98. . . Joshua Boxer is a senior counsel in the Miami office of the Florida-based law firm Broad and Cassel. Last summer, he earned Florida Bar Association board certification in health law, joining just over 120 Florida attorneys, or five percent of the state’s bar membership, with board certification in health law.

2009 Kerri Coghorn Lai writes that she and her husband, Peter, welcomed their first child, Josephine Grace, in August. Earlier in the summer, several U of R friends, including Loraye Wexler Peddie ’98, Amy Divirgilio ’98, Christine Tebaldi ’96, ’96N, ‘01N (MBA), Lindsay Greene Koening ’98, Krispy Grugan Donahue ’99, Cathy DeJesus Wong ’97, Margie Siegel Carmony ’99, Jill Sibley Lawson ’99, and Rebecca Hart Goldberg ’98, held a baby shower for Kerri. . . Tim Pastore ’02 (MA)