

Class Notes



MEDALLION MOMENT: Members of the Class of 1965 pose for a class photo after receiving their 50th reunion medallions during a ceremony presided over by President and CEO Joel Seligman and Board of Trustees Chair Ed Hajim '58.

College

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1949 Susanne Behrendt Esan '52 (MA) (see '76 College).

1951 Mario Sparagana '55M (MD) has published a book of poems, *Meditation in a Minor Key* (Peppertree Press). Mario writes that the poems span “three categories: conceptual, haikus, and biographical.”

1956 Charles (Chuck) Weed '61M (MD) died in June, his daughter, Jennifer, writes. A rheumatologist, Chuck spent most of his career in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the Lovelace Clinic. Joining him there was **Janet Spangenberg Weed '57, '59E** (MA), whom he met when Janet was studying piano at the Eastman School. They were married from 1957 until Janet's death in 2007, and raised two children, Jennifer and Michael. “Our dad was a big supporter of U of R and took my now teenage daughter there a few years ago to see the campus,” Jennifer writes. After retirement, Chuck pur-

sued many hobbies and served as a docent at the Albuquerque Zoo for 21 years.

1957 Anne Healey Merryfield sends a photo and an update. She writes that she, **Mary Lou Myers Grevatt '68W** (MA), and **Kay Hatton Ryder** enjoyed a minireunion at Vermont's Trapp Family Lodge last summer. Anne adds: “Our plans include attending our 60th reunion in 2017. More Meliora to come.” Pictured from left to right are Mary Lou, Kay, and Anne.

1973 Alan Cohen, a professor of health policy and management at Boston University's business school, has coedited the volume *Medicare and Medicaid at 50: America's Entitlement Programs in the Age of Affordable Care* (Oxford University Press).

1975 Joel Katz sends an update. A musician, he's been performing professionally for more than 30 years on Maui. He's an instructor in Hawaiian steel guitar, guitar, ukulele, and audio technology at the University of Hawaii Maui



1957 Merryfield



1976 Esan

College and heads the Seaside Recording Studio. His most recent CD, *Adventures in Hawaiian Steel Guitar* (Seaside Recording), is a Hawaiian Nā Hōkū award finalist for Jazz Album of the Year and Audio Engineering Excellence. “Nā Hōkū means ‘star’ in Hawaiian and these are the Hawaiian Grammy Awards,” Joel writes. . . . **Nathan Moser** (see '81).

1976 David Esan '82S (MBA) sends a photo of his grandchildren. From left to right are Coby, born in July; Ayelet; and Elisha. They are also the great-grandchildren of **Susanne Behrendt Esan** '49, '52 (MA).

1980 Sam Narotsky '86S (MBA) (see '81). . . . **Sandy Strenger** '82 (MS) (see '81).

1981 Irene Feldman Narotsky writes that she and several classmates had a minireunion at the wedding last May of **Sandy** '80, '82 (MS) and **Nanette Weingarten Strenger**'s son, Joshua. From left to right are **Sam Narotsky** '80, '86S (MBA), Irene, **Scott Birnbaum** '82 (MS), **Barbara Barasky Birnbaum**, **Corine Slawin Milgrim**, Nanette, Sandy, **Pamela Bernstein Parker**, **Rita Ungar Moser**, **Nathan Moser** '75, **Hallie Cohn** '09, **Scott Strenger** '12, and **Harry Kaplan** '17.

1982 Dan Smolnik has been appointed by the Connecticut General Assembly to the Commission on Connecticut's Leadership in Corporation and Business Law. Dan also serves as secretary treasurer of the tax section of the Connecticut Bar Association and as chairman of the federal business tax subcommittee.

1984 Robert (Cerf) Cerfolio '88M (MD) has published a book, *Super Performing at Work and at Home*:

Abbreviations

- E** Eastman School of Music
- M** School of Medicine and Dentistry
- N** School of Nursing
- S** Simon Business School
- W** Warner School of Education
- Mas** Master's degree
- RC** River Campus
- Res** Medical Center residency
- Flw** Postdoctoral fellowship
- Pdc** Postdoctoral certificate



1981 Narotsky



1989 Kruschwitz



1995 McKenzie and Roth

The Athleticism of Surgery and Life (River Grove Books). Robert holds the James H. Estes Family Lung Cancer Research Endowed Chair at the medical school of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. . . . **Bernadine Munley**, an attorney, has been named to the board of trustees of Keystone College, near Scranton, Pennsylvania. . . . **Amy Bowen Snavely** writes: “After 30 years (and 20 patents!) as an IT specialist with IBM, I have retired and taken a new position as a software engineer at BAE Systems, working on commercial aircraft. Forever grateful to the U of R for giving me the opportunity to discover what I really wanted to be when I grew up.”

1986 Randy Abate is editor of a new book, *What Can Animal Law Learn from Environmental Law?* (ELI Press). Randy is a professor and director of the Center for International Law and Justice at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's law school. . . . **Lisa**

Peterson has been nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as U.S. ambassador to Swaziland. Lisa is a career foreign service officer who has served previously in Cameroon, Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Africa, and the Central African Republic. . . . **Betsy Ward** has been named chief actuary at Massachusetts Mutual Life.

1988 Michael Nosbisch is a vice president in the Irvine, California, office of the construction management firm Hill International. A former president of AACE International (formerly the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering), Michael was named a fellow of the association in July.

1989 Jennifer Traylor Kruschwitz '95 (MS) writes that 2015 “was a tremendous year for me. I earned my PhD in color science at RIT and my fourth degree black belt in tae kwon do from Kukkiwon

in Korea, all within several weeks of one another. Lastly, I am now a full-time assistant professor in optics at Rochester!” . . . **Sven Shockey** has joined the board of directors of SmithGroupJJR in Washington, D.C. He writes: “I’m a design principal with the company, which is a large architecture and engineering firm.”

1990 Eryn Kantor has been promoted to executive director in the advisory practice of Ernst and Young. . . . **Jason Osborne** has been named associate provost and dean of graduate studies at Clemson University. Jason is an educational psychologist and served most recently as professor and chair of the counseling and human development department at the University of Louisville's College of Education and Human Development.

1991 Salvatore (Sal) Mauro '01M (Res), a partner at Anesthesia Associates of Rochester, has been named chief of anesthesia at Clifton

Springs Hospital. He retains his role as chief of anesthesia at Newark Wayne Community Hospital, dividing his time between the two hospitals as well as Rochester General Hospital and Rochester Ambulatory Surgical Center. . . . In a change-of-command ceremony held in July, Marine Corps Col. **Andrew Regan** took the role of commanding officer for Headquarters and Service Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Henderson Hall.

1994 Roderick Labrador has coedited an anthology, *Empire of Funk: Hip Hop and Representation in Filipina/o America* (Cognella Academic Publishing). Roderick is an associate professor in the ethnic studies department at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa.

1995 Ray and Leanna Douglas McKenzie and Matt '96 and Jocelyn Moss Roth '96 vacationed together on Cape Cod last August. Pictured from left to right are Ray and Leanna's children, Quinn and Elle, and Matt and Jocelyn's children, Avery and Kate.

1996 Matt and Jocelyn Moss Roth (see '95).

1997 Laura Beery Ballou is the assistant dean of sophomores at Rochester and director of Wilson Commons, where she has been on the staff since 2002. Last spring, Laura won two professional awards. At Rochester, she won the inaugu-

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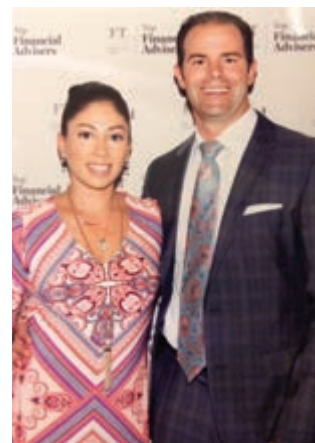
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1998 Urbanski



2000 Tomasula



2001 Curran-Espinosa

ral Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Learning Award. The award, granted by the dean of the College, Richard Feldman, recognized Laura's contributions to student activities, the student employment program, and the founding of multiple events, such as Spirit Week and the Major Declaration Celebration, that have become annual College traditions. Laura was also recognized by the Association of College Unions International, the main association of student activities professionals, with the Edward S. "Beanie" Drake Founders' Award, which recognizes the exceptional leadership of a mid-career student activities professional. . . . **Malka (Melissa) Packer** sends an update. She writes that she was ordained as a rabbi in 2014 at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Pennsylvania, after more than 10 years as a Jewish educator. She's served as a rabbinic advisor at Bryn Mawr and Vassar colleges and is now the director of

InterfaithFamily/Atlanta, where she leads interfaith conversations and supports interfaith families exploring Judaism. She maintains her own website at www.RabbiMalka.com.

1998 Dave Urbanski writes that he and Sigma Alpha Mu brothers **Dennis Annechino** and **Mark Thrall** got together recently with their families. Pictured from left to right are Mark, with daughters Olivia, 4, and Maggie, 2; Dennis, with twins Rocco and Lillian, born in May; and Dave, with son, Lukas, also born in May.

1999 Gregory Reichlen is the new pastor at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in the northeast Pennsylvania town of Marshalls Creek.

2000 Anthony Tomasula, vice president of PPS Pension Services in Williamsville, New York, was recognized in New York City as one of the *Financial Times* Top Retirement Plan Advisors in America for 2015. One of 24 advisors from New York state on

the list, Anthony was the only advisor from western New York who was recognized. He is married to **Michelle Hernandez Tomasula** and sends a photo of the two of them at the *Financial Times* reception.

2001 Jason Espinosa and **Candace Curran '03** were married in Rochester in October 2014. Pictured from left to right are Newman Center administrator Karen Anvelt, Newman chaplain and director Father Brian Cool, **Ed Tan '11** (PhD), **Rebecca Wilson '12** (PhD), Candace, Jason, **Alicia Lewis '00**, **Kathleen Lynch '03**, **Mary Ault Hartstein '05**, and **Michael Hartstein '05**. Also in attendance was former chaplain Sister Kathleen Wayne.

2002 Marco Gabbai writes that he has completed a master of science in nursing degree from Drexel University. "I've accepted a position as an acute care nurse practitioner

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HONORS & AWARDS

Alumni and Friends Recognized

University awards celebrate service and achievement.

UNIVERSITY

Charles Force Hutchison and Marjorie Smith Hutchison Medal

Ronald Paprocki '69, '86S (MBA), senior vice president for administration and finance, chief financial officer, and treasurer, has served in several leadership positions during a career at the University that spans more than four decades. As senior vice president, he oversees key business and administrative functions, including finance, budget, audit, campus planning and design, facilities, purchasing, auxiliary services, human resources, public safety, and environmental health and safety. Helping lead the development of College Town, Brooks Crossing, Riverview Apartments, and other projects, he also has been highly regarded for his work as a financial strategist. In recognition of his work to navigate the 2008 financial crisis, he was named the Financial Executive of the Year for large nonprofit organizations in the Rochester area by the *Rochester Business Journal* and the local chapter of Financial Executives International.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY Dean's Medal

The former executive chairman and past chairman and CEO at Aetna, one of the nation's leading health care and health-related benefits organizations, **John (Jack) Rowe** '70M (MD), '02M (Honorary) is the Julius B. Richmond Professor of Health Policy and Aging at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Considered one of the leading experts on geriatrics and the physiology of aging, Rowe is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Rowe and his wife, Valerie, founded the Rowe Family Foundation, which supports the fields of biology and life sciences, education, health care, and higher education. A major benefactor of the James P. Wilmot Cancer Institute, Rowe is an active member of the New York City Regional Cabinet.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
W. Archie Bleyer '69M (MD) is a

clinical research professor at the Knight Cancer Institute at the Oregon Health and Science University and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, where he also served as chair of pediatrics at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. One of the nation's prominent cancer researchers over the past four decades, he has received more than \$75 million in research grants as a principal investigator for the National Institutes of Health, the American Cancer Society, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He is a past president of the Central Oregon Medical Society and the founder of DEFEATcancer, a survivorship program.

Humanitarian Award

Elinor (Ellie) Graham '70M (MD) is an associate professor emerita of pediatrics at the University of Washington in Seattle. In a career devoted to providing medical care and building community-based support for families living in poverty, she served as director of the Children and Youth Clinic at the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. Graham also helped establish Seattle's first high school clinic, the Rainier Beach Teen Health Center. She also helped create programs designed to teach disadvantaged parents how to be more effective advocates for their children's education and that provide services and information to non-English-speaking ethnic groups and refugee groups in the Seattle area. Since retiring in 2009, she has done volunteer patient care and teaching in Liberia with the Academic Collaborative to Support Medical Education in Liberia coordinated by the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine.

John N. Wilder Award

Won Sam Yi '99M (MD), '04M (Res) is the CEO of Comprehensive Cancer Services Oncology, a multidisciplinary medical practice that provides comprehensive cancer services to patients in western New York. Under his leadership, the practice has expanded its community-based model to include five locations in Greater Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York. A member of the George Eastman Circle, the University's leadership annual giving society, Yi



LEGACY: Jacqueline Spindler '73W (MA) and her brother, Howard Spindler '81E (MA), received the School of Nursing's Legacy Award on behalf of the Spindler Family Foundation, a private foundation established by the late Howard Spindler '35, '38M (MD), '43M (Res).



Ronald Paprocki



John (Jack) Rowe



W. Archie Bleyer



Elinor (Ellie) Graham

has established an endowed fund to provide scholarships for students at the School of Medicine and Dentistry and supports radiation oncology research at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center.

**SCHOOL OF NURSING
Dean's Medal**

Karen Webb Sutherland '61N and **Robert Sutherland** '66M (PhD) are alumni advisors and longtime supporters of the School of Nursing. Karen is past president of the Association of Auxiliaries to the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford and a former board member of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health. Bob is a consultant at the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, where he previously served as senior investment officer and vice president of commercialization. At Rochester, he was a founding faculty member and associate director for experimental therapeutics at the Wilmot Cancer Center. Charter members of the George Eastman Circle and founding members of the Wilson Society, the couple has endowed a student scholarship fund as well as established funds to support entrepreneurship and the development of medical technology.

Distinguished Alumna Award

Patricia Witzel '75N, '84S (MBA) is the chief nursing officer at Strong Memorial Hospital, assistant dean for clinical practice at the School of Nursing, and associate vice president of the Medical Center. Part of the University community for four decades, she has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the School of



Won Sam Yi

Nursing and continues to serve as a preceptor for students. A fellow of the National Academy of Practice and a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, she is codirector of quality and patient safety at Strong Hospital. She and her husband, James Witzel '76S (MBA), are members of the George Eastman Circle, and together they have established an endowed fund at the School of Nursing as well as provided support for the Golisano Children's Hospital and served as national campaign volunteers.

Legacy Award

The Spindler Family Foundation, a private foundation that supports charitable causes in the fields of environmentalism, family assistance and family planning, education, and social justice, has supported more than 30 School of Nursing students as Spindler Scholars. The late **Howard Spindler** '35, '38M (MD), '43M

(Res), a former clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Rochester, originally established the scholarship to recognize his wife, **Barbara Smith Spindler** '42N. The foundation has since expanded its mission to support the Eastman School of Music, Golisano Children's Hospital, Highland Hospital, the School of Medicine and Dentistry, and Visiting Nurse Service.

John N. Wilder Award

Lisa Norsen '77N, '83N (MS), '92N (PMC), '07N (PhD), a professor of clinical nursing, has held clinical and leadership positions at the Medical Center. During nearly 40 years at Rochester, she has served as associate dean of the Center for Nursing Entrepreneurship and director of the Sovie Institute for Advanced Practice, Scholarship, and Innovation. One of the first nurse practitioners in the nation to practice in an acute care setting, she is regarded as an early model of advanced practice in nursing. Norsen has served on the University's OneRochester Leadership Council, is a former member of the school's Dean's Advisory Council, and is a member of the George Eastman Circle.

**EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Distinguished Alumni Award**

A faculty member at the Juilliard School since 1980, **Eric Ewazen** '76E is a composer whose music can be heard on close to 70 commercially released CDs by leading recording artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. He has been commissioned for major instrumental works by symphony orchestras and internationally recognized chamber music ensembles and other celebrated groups. He has served as vice president of the League of Composers-ISCM and as composer-in-residence with the Orchestra of St. Lukes in New York City.

**SIMON BUSINESS SCHOOL
Dean's Medal**

Edward Ackley '53, '64S (MS) is the founder and past president of The Filter Store, an online distribution firm specializing in replacement filters for residential and industrial applications. A former member of the Honorary Trustees Alumni Council of the College, he has served on the Simon Executive Advisory Committee, the Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences Visiting Committee, and on several reunion committees for his class. Members of the George Eastman Circle, Ackley and his wife, Agnes Van Branteghem Ackley '54, established the Edward J. and Agnes V. Ackley Executive Professorship in Entrepreneurship.



Patricia Witzel



Lisa Norsen



Eric Ewazen

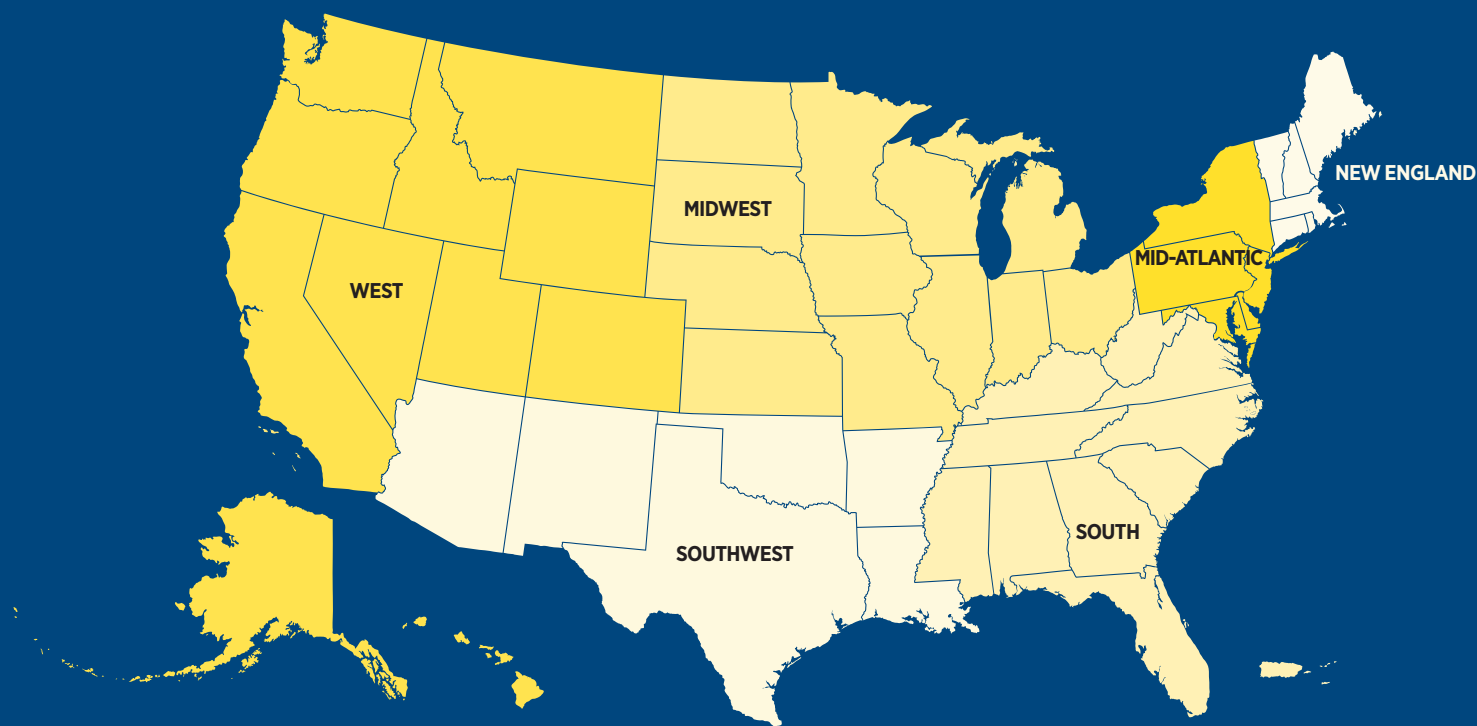


Edward Ackley



DEAN'S MEDAL: Robert '66M (PhD) and Karen Webb Sutherland '61N received the Dean's Medal from School of Nursing Dean Kathy Rideout '95W (EdD) (right) for their longtime engagement as supporters and advisors.

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caring for liver and kidney transplant patients at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.”

2003 Alison Kane Birzon writes that she and **Justin Birzon** “are happy to announce the birth of our first son, Adlai Kane Birzon, in June. We have included a picture of the handsome little man.” . . . **Candace Curran** (see '01). . . **Reeshi Ray** writes that he’s published his first novel, *The King Between Worlds* (Reeshi Ray). A Kindle e-book, the novel is a work of science fiction set in a futuristic New York City.

2006 Allison Easton Kozlowski writes: “The last year has brought many changes in my life. In August 2014, I was married to an amazing man, Brian Kozlowski, of Buffalo. **Vivek Shah '07** and **Emily Snyder '07** were in attendance at our celebration at Allegheny State Park. This past April, I graduated with a master of science degree in Oriental medicine, and will license as an acupuncturist in the state of Hawaii. The Navy Reserves approved me for promotion to the rank of lieutenant commander for 2016, and Brian and I are expecting our first child in 2016 as well! It has been a whirlwind, but I am very blessed.” . . . **Christine Young** writes that she married Paul Tsai in June, and “had a minireunion picture taken at brunch after the wedding.” Pictured are (back row, left to right) **Rachael Israelson, Daniel Permutter '05, Courtney Jansen '06E, Brian Kim '04, Madeline Woo '08, and Katherine Shen '05**; (front row, left to right) Paul, Christine, and **Lisa Tsang**.

2009 Michelle Desrosiers '13W (MS) married Brandon Heckman last August. Pictured are (back row, left to right) **Jason Ludwig, Derek Crowe, Matt Spielmann, Alyssa Shoup '10, '11W** (MS), **Margaret Schoeniger '13, Colin Desrosiers '12, '14S** (MBA), **Rob Pakan, Brian Magee, and Dave Fang '05, '11** (PhD); (front row, left to right) **Amanda Ziegler, Brie Spinetto '13S** (MBA), Michelle, **Caroline Jacobs, Ngao Nalungwe '14N, John Kreckel, and Kristen Shaw '10W** (MS).

2012 Faye Gura writes: “**Scott Barenfeld** and I got engaged in June, while canoeing on Lake Louise in Banff National Park. We’ve attached a picture with my



2002 Gabbai



2003 Birzon



2006 Kozlowski



2006 Young



2009 Desrosiers



2012 Barenfeld-Gura

Department of Chemistry water bottle next to a field of dandelions. We met our first year of undergrad and we’re so excited to spend the rest of our lives together!” . . . **Scott Strenger** (see '81).

Graduate

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1952 Donald Devoe (PhD) died in July. His son, Jim, writes: “He was very proud of his PhD in psychology.” Prior to coming to Rochester, Don served in World War

II as an aviation cadet and, after specialized training in meteorology at MIT, providing weather advisories to bomber crews in the European and Mediterranean theaters. After completing his doctorate, Don forged a career in human factors, with a focus on human perception and human-machine interfaces. . . .

Susanne Behrendt Esan (MA) (see '76 College).

1970 Read Moffett (PhD) (see '69 Warner).

1973 Ken Sullivan (MA) is executive director of the West Virginia Humanities Council. A historian, Ken was born in the Appalachian mountains of Virginia and has lived in West Virginia since 1976. Last spring, Ken won the Vandalia Award, West Virginia's highest folklife honor, granted by the state's Division of Culture and History. The award recognized Ken's work in preservation and restoration, research and publications, and public events celebrating and educating the public about West Virginia's history.

1974 Donald Edge (PhD) (see '69 Warner).

1982 Scott Birnbaum (MS) (see '81 College). . . . **Sandy Strenger** (MS) (see '81 College).

1987 David Winyard (MS) writes that he's spearheaded an engineering program at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, where he's an associate professor.

1995 Jennifer Traylor Kruschwitz (MS) (see '89 College).

1999 Jeff Jackson (PhD) is coeditor of the primary source anthology, *The Underground Reader: Sources*



2004G Ser



1969E Goh

in the Transatlantic Counterculture (Berghahn). Jeff is a professor of history at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee.

2004 Melissa Bernstein Ser (PhD) writes: "My husband, Sam Ser, and I are overjoyed to welcome a daughter, Maya Rachel, to our family. Maya, born in May, joins older brothers Ariel, 9, and Yonatan, 6."

2006 Michael Livingston (PhD) is coeditor of *The Battle of Crécy: A Casebook* (Liverpool University Press), and has published his debut novel, *The Shards of Heaven* (Tor and Forge Books). Michael teaches at the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina.

2015 Jeff Ludwig (PhD) has been named director of education at the William H. Seward House Historic Museum in Auburn, New York.

Eastman School of Music

1952 Nancy Hayes Van de Vate writes: "My new opera in five acts, *Hamlet, Prince of Denmark*, recently premiered to full houses in both the United States and Europe. The American premiere in April was at the Gertrude Ford Center at the University of Mississippi, and

the European premiere in May was in the beautiful Vinohrady Theatre in Prague, Czech Republic. Both premieres were directed by Julia Aubrey, head of opera at the University of Mississippi and past president of the National Opera Association. Featured in the leading role was tenor Ryan MacPherson of New York. *Hamlet, Prince of Denmark* is frequently included by Swiss Internet Radio in its regular broadcasts of opera recordings."

1968 Glenn Bowen (DMA) was recognized as a founding member of the Wingra Woodwind Quintet, the quintet-in-residence at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, on the quintet's 50th anniversary in April. Glenn, who now lives in Tucson, Arizona, notes that the late **Harry Peters** '36, '40 (MM) was also a founding member of the quintet. . . . **Bill Cahn** writes that the percussion ensemble Nexus, which also includes **Bob Becker** '69E, '71E (MM), has released a CD, *Persian Songs* (Nexus), a performance with classical vocalist Sepideh Raissadat of arrangements by Nexus member Russell Hartenberger. He also writes that **Nancy Young Molitz** visited the Eastman Community Music School last summer to deliver a master class for the Music Horizon program for gifted high school musicians. Nancy, a hornist, psychotherapist in

private practice, and certified yoga instructor, taught students about holistic performance-maximizing practices in the class entitled "Performance Enhancement/Performance Edge." Following her class, Nancy, **Alan Molitz**, principal double bass in the Canadian Opera Company orchestra, Bill, and **Ruth McLean Cahn**, percussionist and faculty member at the Eastman Community Music School, traveled to Bristol Harbor on the south end of Canandaigua Lake for a minireunion.

1969 Bob Becker (see '68). . . . **Vivien Goh** writes that she conducted the Alumni of the Singapore Youth Orchestra at their 35th anniversary concert in July. The concert was part of a celebration of the 50th birthday of the Republic of Singapore, and was held at Victoria Concert Hall. She coauthored a book, *Rehearsal for Life: Singapore Youth Orchestra, 1980-1990* (Vivien Goh), released at the concert.

1979 Linda Smith (MM) has been playing organ for Topeka, Kansas, churches since 1965 with only two interruptions—one to attend the Eastman School and another to study organ in Paris on a Fulbright scholarship in the early 1980s. Last spring, Linda, who was nine years old when she began playing church organ, was honored for her 50

years of nearly continuous service with a celebration at Topeka's New Mount Zion Baptist Church. Linda has been a music educator for many years, and the program featured some of her former students. While a student at Eastman, Linda played organ at the First Reformed Church, which has since merged with Trinity Reformed Church.

1981 Akmal Parwez (PhD) writes that several of his chamber compositions have premiered recently, including "Ersilia, una citta invisibile" for mandolin and guitar, in Italy; "Bientot," a French poem of Eugene Van Itterbeek, for soprano and piano, in Bucharest, Romania; "Tanta Pasion" for solo clarinet, in Cartagena, Spain; "In the Name of Bach" for solo cello, in Los Angeles; and "Rubaaii" for soprano and ensemble, as well as "Fleeting Fragrance" for soprano saxophone and string quartet, both at the Jan Hus Presbyterian Church in New York City. Akmal adds that he also appeared in the New York City performance as the bass-baritone soloist in his "A Haiku Triptych: Three Haiku of Matsuo Basho," in the original Japanese, with Francois Nezwaszky on the piano. Finally, Akmal's "Through Letchworth Park, Swiftly" was taken on a performance tour by the Crane Harp Ensemble by its director, Jessica Suchy-Pillalis. The performances took place in Potsdam, Rochester, Latham, and two venues in New York City.

1988 Eileen Strempel has been named senior vice provost for academic affairs at the University of Cincinnati. Eileen was previously assistant vice president at Syracuse University, where she was also a professor of art and music history.

1992 Dean Sorenson (MM) has released a CD, *Colors of the Soul* (Dean Sorenson Music), with his sextet. A trombonist, composer, and director of jazz studies at the University of Minnesota, Dean presents 11 original compositions on the recording.

1997 Jennifer Barlament (MM) has been named executive director of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Jennifer was previously general manager of the Cleveland Orchestra.

2002 Jose Encarnacion (MM) has been named director of jazz studies at Lawrence University, where he



1969W Cotnam

succeeds **Fred Sturm** '84 (MM), who died in August 2014. A saxophonist, Jose has been on the faculty of the Lawrence Conservatory of Music since 2011, and before that, from 2002 to 2004.

2006 Bass vocalist **Jared Schwartz** (MM) has released a new CD, *Gabriel Fauré: Songs for Bass Voice and Piano* (Toccata Classics).

School of Medicine and Dentistry

1945 Alvin Ureles (MD) has published *Dodging the Death Rays: A Medical Look at Our Deep Space Policy* (AuthorHouse). Alvin is professor emeritus of medicine at Rochester.

1955 Mario Sparagana (MD) (see '51 College).

1961 Charles (Chuck) Weed (MD) (see '56 College).

1962 Sol Solomon (MD), an internist and endocrinologist, writes that he directed the University of Tennessee medical school's NIH-funded Short Term Medical Students Research Training Grant program for 35 years. "One of my medical student researchers, David Bulger, who spent six-plus months, over two summers, doing research with me, was awarded an NIH-Ox-Cam fellowship to get his PhD at Cambridge University. This and his last two years at medical school will be financed by NIH." David's and Sol's research was published in the June 2015 issue of *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications*.

1964 Stephen Kunitz (MD) has published a book, *Regional Cultures and Mortality in America* (Cambridge University Press). Stephen is a professor emeritus in the Department of Public Health Sciences at Rochester's School of Medicine and Dentistry.

1971 Ward Buckingham (Res) writes: "I retired from internal medicine practice fully in 2005. I speak and write on enhancing patient health care safety, advocacy, and efficacy. I've written a book, *Triumph Born of Ashes: Trooper Mike Buckingham's Story* (Deep River Books). It's a powerful story of my brother's amazing life of service and sacrifice for others." Ward's brother Mike, a former Washington State trooper, survived an accident during a high-speed chase of a drunk driver and is an educator and speaker on alcoholism and drunk driving.

1981 Julia Greenstein (PhD) has joined with her son, Isaac, and sister, Elaine, to publish her late father's recipes in *A Jewish Baker's Pastry Secrets: Recipes from a New York Baking Legend for Strudel, Stollen, Danishes, Puff Pastry, and More* (Ten Speed Press). Julia's father, George Greenstein, owned a Long Island bakery, the Cheesecake King, and authored in 1993 *Secrets of a Jewish Baker: Recipes for 125 Breads from Around the World*, which won a James Beard Award. Julia is vice president of discovery research at JDRC, a research and advocacy organization dedicated to finding a cure for type 1 diabetes.

1984 Victoria Korth (MD), a Rochester psychiatrist and published poet, has a book of poetry, *Cord Color* (Finishing Line Press).

The collection is Victoria's first book of poetry.

1996 Charles Rardin (MD) has been named vice president of the American Urogynecologic Society. Charles is an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Brown University's medical school and director of Minimally Invasive Surgery at Care New England.

2001 Mark Fox (Res), '05 (MPH) has been named director and associate dean of Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend. . . **Salvatore (Sal) Mauro** (Res) (see '91 College).

2015 Dana Olzenak (PhD) completed training in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Epidemic Intelligence Service program. The program trains physicians, veterinarians, and researchers to tackle public health threats, including disease epidemics and natural disasters.

School of Nursing

1981 Joan Insalaco Warren, director of nursing research at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center in Baltimore, has been named a 2015 fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. Joan has also been recognized by *Baltimore Magazine* as one of the city's Top 50 Nurses, and in 2013, received a National Nurse of the Year award from Nurse.com's Giving Excellence Meaning (GEM) awards program.

Simon Business School

1982 David Esan (MBA) (see '76 College).

1986 Sam Narotsky (MBA) (see '81 College).

1988 Dilip Sundaram (MBA) has been promoted to president of Mahindra Korea. Dilip has been with the Mahindra Group—an automobile manufacturer headquartered in Mumbai, and the largest Indian investor in Korea, according to the *Korea Herald*—since 2010.

1992 Anand Varadan (MBA) has been named chief commercial officer at the biopharmaceutical company Chiasma.

1996 Andre Hill (MBA) has joined Preferred Mutual Insurance, a provider of property and casualty insurance in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, as vice president of customer and product strategy.

2007 Bill Wayne (MS) has been named project executive at DiMarco Construction Group in Rochester.

2012 Nick Yu-Shan Hsu (MS) has published a book in his native Mandarin Chinese: *Love in NYC: A Journey to a Better Me* (Reading Times).

2013 Jonathan Sandgarten has joined ComSource, a seller and lessor of new and refurbished computer hardware, as director of financial services.

2014 Suraj Chivukula (MBA) has been named assistant general counsel for patents and intellectual property at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Warner School of Education

1968 Mary Lou Myers Grevatt (MA) (see '57 College).

1969 John Cotnam (EdD) sends a photo of himself and two other Rochester alumni at a luncheon of the Monomoy Yacht Club held last June at the Wequassett Resort in Harwich, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Pictured from left to right are John, **Read Moffett** '70 (PhD), who earned his doctorate in physics, and **Donald Edge** '74 (PhD), who earned his doctorate in English.

1970 Richard Kellogg (EdD), a professor emeritus of psychology at Alfred State College, has published *Barry Baskerville Traps a Thief* (Airship 27), the third book in his Sherlock Holmes-inspired series for children ages 6 to 10.

1994 Don Drennon Gala (PhD) writes that he has contributed three chapters to three recent books on special education. "Preparing Teachers to Maximize the Potential of Gifted Students" appears in *Critical Issues Preparing Effective Early Childhood Special Education Teachers for the 21st Century Classroom: Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (Information Age

TRIBUTE

Susumu Okubo '58 (PhD): A Gentle and Humble Giant

Susumu Okubo '58 (PhD) was a towering figure in theoretical physics. But he was so gentle and humble that when you spoke with him, you would never realize just how much he knew.

I first met Susumu in 1982, when he came to pick me up at the airport when I arrived at Rochester just before accepting an appointment as assistant professor of physics. Susumu was hired at Rochester in 1962 as a research associate and became a full professor of physics in 1964. In the early 1960s, his research led to what became known as the Gell-Mann-Okubo mass formula, which provided exact predictions of known hadronic particles. This was based on mathematical symmetries which had a major impact on the development of elementary particle physics. He also made significant contributions to other areas of theoretical particle physics.

In the late 1960s, when Andrei Sakharov was formulating three fundamental requirements for understanding the baryon asymmetry of the universe, he relied on Susumu's research, and credited Susumu in verse: *From S. Okubo's effect, at high temperature / A fur coat is tailored, to fit the skewed form of the universe.*

This was the giant figure waiting for me at the airport to welcome me to Rochester, even though we had never met earlier.

As colleagues for more than 30 years, Susumu and I collaborated on two papers and a book. He was kind and generous even when we were not

Publishing); "Diversity, Technology, and Global Interaction: Educational Implications," appears in *Diversity in the Classroom: Integrated Framework beyond Chalk and Talk* (Linus Publications); and "Families and Students with Learning Disabilities," is included in *Learning Disabilities: Practice Concerns and Students with LD* (Emerald Group). Don adds: "My upcoming work will address both home and school environments and the perceptions of safety and social support and their

collaborating on a project. Once, as I was working on a difficult problem, I went to Susumu's office to explain my dilemma on a certain point. He said, "Oh, Ashok, you always ask difficult questions." But he said he would think about it. And that's



OKUBO'S EFFECT: Okubo made key contributions to theoretical particle physics.

what he did, even though it was not his problem.

The next morning, he came to my office with an answer. When I suggested we should write the result together, he said, "Oh, no, it was just a small thing."

Susumu was a quiet man, but we would have long conversations about life. He was interested in many things. He read literature, book reviews, magazines, and would share articles with me. He and his wife, Mary, loved scuba diving. He was very good at it and took up underwater photography.

Although he retired in 1995, he never stopped coming to work and publishing papers. A couple of days before he died last July at the

age of 85, he had just completed his last paper.

Following a Japanese tradition, Susumu wrote a short death poem (*jisei no ku*). It reflected a lot of what we used to talk about.

To be or not to be? Quantum Dream of the Schrödinger Cat.

Farewell, Farewell Forever. Departure time now to the Black Hole.

Never to Return. Farewell.

—ASHOK DAS

Das is a professor of physics at Rochester.

impact on learning and behavior." Don retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons in 2008, where he was a federal law enforcement officer working in treatment, case management, and investigations. He's now an independent contractor with the Department of Justice.

2013 Michelle Desrosiers (MS) (see '09 College).

2014 Jack Connell (EdD) has been named executive vice president for

enrollment and strategic initiatives at Roberts Wesleyan College.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Frederick J. Peiffer '37,
September 2015

Denis A. Radefeld '41,
August 2015

T'Mahry Stolnitz Axelrod '42,
September 2015

Norma Meyer Reckhow '43,
July 2015

Marion Roziskey Platt '44,
September 2015
Elizabeth Zeder Barry '45N,
September 2015
Ruth Husak Chapin '45,
May 2015
Dorothy Corn Elder '45,
August 2015
Johanna Kalinowski Rooney '45N,
September 2015
Donald S. Cary '46,
September 2015
Janet Gruschow Reed '46,
August 2015
Charlotte Reed Smith '46E,
September 2015
Eleanor Atkinson Woodbury '46M
(MD), July 2015
Thomas E. Cardillo '47, '51M (MD),
'55M (Flw), September 2015
Margaret Heidner George '47E,
August 2015
Thelma Hunter '47E (MA),
August 2015
Gloria Odegard Garretson '48E
(MM), August 2015
Anna Stanick Stieve '48E,
September 2015
Anita Spaulding Swan '48E,
September 2015
Martha Hylander White '48E (MA),
July 2015
Jackson L. Fleckenstein '49,
August 2015
N. William Glaser '49,
August 2015
Jean A. Dimond '50,
August 2015
Everett B. Fitts '50W (Mas),
July 2015
Martin A. Foos '50,
August 2015
Patricia Monfredo Furey '50,
September 2015
Shirley Morrison Gray '50, '76 (MS),
September 2015
W. Bromley Clarke '51, '68 (PhD),
September 2015
Seymour Fogel '51,
August 2015
Michael J. Furey '51 (MS),
September 2014
Mildred Kantor Kaufman '51,
September 2015
John Lazor '51,
August 2015
Robert C. Saintey '51,
April 2014
Donald B. Devoe '52 (PhD),
July 2015
C. Curtis Higgins '52,
September 2015
Jacquelyn Haas Gibbs '53,
November 2014
Mark D. Hull '53,
July 2015
William F. Seeler '53,
September 2015

TRIBUTE

Two Black Lines

Remembering Richard Leone '62 and James Hadley '62



*We were classmates and brothers
pals and co-conspirators
wannabe renegades
and reasonably good students*

*We struggled through the snow
chased footballs on the Quad
drank beer, laughed together
and burned the midnight oil*

*Now two of us
are only remembered
by two lines of type
on a sheet of white*

*No recollection of
Dick's serious nature
and his accomplishments
or Jim's artistic talents
and his biting wit*

*Seems a shame
that two bright lights
are remembered
with just
two black lines*

—PHIL LA BORIE '62

La Borie submitted the poem after reading about the deaths of his fellow classmates and fraternity brothers, Richard C. Leone '62 and James W. Hadley '62, in the September-October issue.

Donald R. Thompson '53,
August 2015
Reginald W. Havill '54,
September 2015
Marilyn Alderman Swafford '54E,
May 2015
Brien B. Rogers '55,
July 2015
Gordon C. Branche '56 (MA),
August 2015
Mary Ann Demo '56, '57N,
July 2015
Maria Echaniz '56, '58 (MA),
August 2015
Ralph E. Harper '56,
September 2015

Paul Ross '56M (Res),
August 2015
George K. Ungerer '56,
September 2015
Ernest E. Etzweiler '57E (MM),
August 2015
David L. VanDermeid '57,
September 2015
Mary Ann Sedore Campbell '59,
'63N (MS), May 2014
Lawrence T. Rollins '59M (Res),
September 2015
Ruth Moore '60E (MA),
August 2015
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James Reed '61, '66 (PhD),
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Walter D. Hedgepeth '63 (MA),
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Robert K. Strong '63,
September 2015
Sherrill Smith West '66,
July 2015
Lloyd J. Bach '67,
September 2015
Alexander T. Cathie '67,
May 2015
Rainer E. Hecker '67,
July 2015
Ronald M. Kern '67S,
June 2015
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July 2015
Sandra Herskowitz '70,
March 2015
Aspasia Christ Tahou '70,
September 2015
Norma Nicholson Zabel '70W (MA),
August 2015
Kristina Carlson '71N,
September 2015
Frances Pixley Cruikshank '71W
(Mas), August 2015
Hilda Frediani '71N (MS),
September 2015
Elizabeth Todd Dyring '72W (Mas),
August 2015
Raymond J. Bliss '73, '74W (MA),
August 2015
Ruth Senseney Stratton '77N,
July 2015
Yadon Arad '78, '82M (MD),
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James R. Newell '78S (MBA),
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Sharon Stanfield Olnowich '80,
August 2015
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Rita Petro '87N,
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September 2015
William H. Scott '92S (MBA),
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Joel M. Dopp '93M (PhD),
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Helen Dowdell '95N (MS),
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Claudine Joyner DeNava '97,
August 2015
Maria Hagan '06,
September 2015
Debra Hoffman '06 (PhD),
September 2015