

Class Notes



GRADUATING GRADUATES: Master's and doctoral candidates line up during commencement ceremonies in 1988, when the robes for postbaccalaureate candidates were Dandelion yellow. Recognize anyone? Write to us at rochrev@rochester.edu.

College

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1950 Dave Morrow died in January in Rock Hill, South Carolina, at age 92, writes a friend, Wayne Drew. Dave was a U.S. Army veteran and later worked in education and education administration, including as a school principal in Le Roy, New York, and as director of admissions and dean of students at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, where a residence hall is named in honor of Dave and his late wife, Beryl (Jean).

1951 Mario Sparagana '55M (MD) published *Musings* (Peppertree Press), a book of poetry, in January.

1953 Paul MacGregor died at home in South Hadley, Massachusetts, in February. His son, Bob, sends Paul's obituary, which appeared in the *Daily Hampshire Gazette*. Paul was a native of Rochester and, after graduating and then serving in the Military Intelligence Corps, pursued a doctor-

al degree at Rutgers while working full time and raising a family, which grew to include five children and eight grandchildren. Paul spent most of his career in R&D at Polaroid, where he was instrumental in formulating the highly popular SX-70 instant film.

1960 Michael Blumenfield sends an update: he coedited *Depression As a Systemic Illness* (Oxford University Press), released in March. Michael is the Sidney E. Frank Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at New York Medical College. He and his wife, Susan, live in Woodland Hills, California, where he has a part-time psychiatry practice and where, he says, they can frequently see their three children and four grandchildren, who live in the area. . . . **George Hole '68 (PhD)**, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor at Buffalo State College, published a book of poems, *Buffalo Dust* (Buffalo Arts Publishing), in June 2017.

1966 Chuck Friday died in December 2017. "He was a very

proud Rochester alumnus," writes his daughter, Lori. He grew up in New Baltimore, New York, and after graduating from Rochester, served in the U.S. Navy and started a family. "Chuck had a successful career with the State of New York . . . The story of Chuck's life would include his talents in many areas, including photography, public speaking, historical research, writing, and papermaking," adds Lori.

1970 Miriam Kazanjian, a founder of and independent consultant for the Coalition for International Education, received the Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession from the Modern Language Association/Association of Departments of Foreign Languages for her longtime national advocacy and policy work on international and foreign language education. "This is the first time in the history of this award that it was given to a nonacademic," Miriam writes, adding that, "My 1970 participation in [the University's] Washington Semester Program as an intern for Senator Jacob Javits (ranking

minority member of what was then called the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare) marked the beginning of my Washington career." The award announcement, mentioning her Rochester BA in political science and history, can be found at Adfl.mla.org.

1971 David Skonieczki, recently retired from Fidelity Investments, published *Selling Options . . . Simply Called and Simply Put* (TheBookPatch) earlier this year. David presents the primer for newcomers to equity options trading in an autobiographical format.

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

1974 Paul Strauchler died in January. **Maralyn Goldsmith Solarz, Nancy Spector Rosenwasser, and Marc Rosenwasser** write: "Paul lived with his characteristic exuberance for one year after being diagnosed with a rare cancer. A partner in the New Jersey law firm Post Polak, Goodsell & Strauchler, he continued to work as an attorney, make crazy road trips to major- and minor-league baseball stadiums, and, literally, put his foot down in previously unvisited U.S. states. He and a dear childhood buddy regularly visited favorite New Jersey and New York City karaoke bars to belt out tunes from long, exhaustively researched song lists Paul prepared. This past November, Paul traveled to Argentina with his daughters, Andrea and Robin. Paul also remained an active and optimistic online dating aficionado, as well as a rabid, life-long Mets fan. A political junkie, Paul expressed regret that he would not live to see the completion of the Mueller investigation. Paul was loved and supported by his daughters; stepson; sister, Meg Novorro, and brother-in-law, **Richard Novorro**; nieces; and best friends. He always kept up with his many and varied Rochester friends. His steadfast presence, intelligence, conversation, sense of humor, and wacky zest for life will be truly missed."

1975 Mark Waldman '78 (MS) (see "Working on the Webb," page 56).

1976 Joseph Long is continuing to build an international business advisory group, Oaklawn Partners, in Washington, D.C. He was recently made a member of the Worshipful Company of Master Mariners in London. An NROTC participant at Rochester, Joe is also part of a new company in microsatellite communications.

1977 Brett Gold writes that his CD, *Dreaming Big*, consisting of 11 original big band compositions recorded by the Brett Gold New York Jazz Orchestra, has been recognized by several jazz blogs on their "best of 2017" lists. It was named best debut recording of 2017 by W. Royal Stokes and fifth-best big band recording of the year and a top 25 instrumental album by Arnaldo deSouteiro's Jazz Station. Jazz Station also recognized Brett as sixth-best composer and third-best arranger of 2017. . . . **Terry**



1980 Goldstein



1987 Jensen



1990 McLean

Gurnett (see '87). . . . **Dan Kimmel** (Daniel M. Kimmel as author and film critic) writes that, to his "complete surprise," he received the Skylark Award from the New England Science Fiction Association at the annual convention in February. Previous recipients of the award include Terry Pratchett, George R. R. Martin, Orson Scott Card, and Isaac Asimov. "I'm utterly amazed to be in their company," he adds.

1979 Joseph Behrman '84D writes to announce the birth of his grandson, Theo Behrman. Theo was born at Washington Hospital, near Pittsburgh, in August 2017 to Joseph's daughter-in-law, Lindsey

Rubino Behrman, and son, Matthew Behrman. Matthew is a family physician and Lindsey is a dentist.

1980 Hal Goldstein writes: "To celebrate 40 years of friendship that started in Gilbert Hall, this group got together over Father's Day weekend last summer on Cape Cod (where we re-created a Smitty's/Sal's feast), in Boston Harbor, and at Fenway Park to see Dead & Company. The weekend was dubbed 'G3/40'—the 'G3' stands for 'Grateful Gilbert Getaway.' Hoping to have more G3s in the future! Pictured from left to right are **Steve Jensen, Arthur Brown, Rich Hodin, Glen Mattioli, Bruce Forman, Chuck Weinstein, Howard**

Rudzinsky, Dan Hertz, Joe Sherman, and yours truly."

1984 Scott Rummler sends an update: "I am the founder of BooleanGrid, a fintech start-up. It is the only product that screens stocks using concepts drawn from quantum mechanics. Initial testing indicates it may have the ability to predict and beat the market. I'll be giving a fintech presentation hosted by SaddleRock Advisors in New York City, and BooleanGrid was covered in *AlleyWatch*. More information is at BooleanGrid.com."

1985 Mike Livingston sends an update: "On March 6, I received my second U.S. patent for my work at CA Technologies, patent 9,910,854, 'Managing Embedded Digital Signature Locations in a Stream of Data Files.' In June, I'll be celebrating my 16th wedding anniversary and my 15th anniversary with CA Technologies. Where does the time go? And if anyone's curious, yes, I'm still going to Washington Capitals games, having had my season tickets since 1986." . . . **Kim Mehalick** (see "Working on the Webb," page 56).

1986 Joel Salomon published *Mindful Money Management: Memoirs of a Hedge Fund Manager* (SaLaurMor) in January. Joel is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a chartered financial analyst, an Infinite Possibilities certified trainer, and a prosperity coach.

1987 Lee Feinberg (see "Working on the Webb," page 56). . . . **Maria Budihas Jensen** writes, "During Meliora Weekend 2017, former Rochester women soccer players gathered to celebrate the opening of the Boehning Varsity House, named for Julie and **Chris Boehning '88 (MS)**, and the Big R Atrium, named for **Stephen Biggar '92** and **Liz Asaro-Biggar '92**. Most importantly, we joined together for the dedication of the Women's Soccer Locker Room, named for our much-loved coach **Terry Gurnett '77**. Terry made an incredible difference in all of our lives. He believed in us, and we believed in him. This was a special way to let Terry know how deeply we appreciated him. We have so many fond memories we will cherish forever!" Pictured from left to right outside the door to the new locker room are **Laura Gelina '90, '94W (MS)**, Liz, Maria, Terry, and **Dave and Molly O'Donovan Dix '89**.

1989 Molly O'Donovan Dix (see '87).

1990 Patria Frias-Colon was sworn in as Brooklyn's first elected Dominican-born judge, a milestone that was highlighted by the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* (Brooklyneagle.com). . . . **Laura Gelina** '94W (MS) (see '87). . . . **Renee Saunders Gracey** (see "Working on the Webb," right). . . . **Mary Ann Cook McLean** sends a photo (see page 55) and writes, "The ladies of Fairchild 410, Class of 1990, **Alexandra Bodnar**, **Sumilu Cue**, **Julie Chang Poist**, **Sarah Wood Sandler**, and I, got together in Fenwick Island, Delaware, in October 2017 to celebrate 27 years (gasp!) since graduation. It was like no time had passed, although we really missed **Maria Dario Nizza**."

1992 Stephen Biggar and **Liz Asaro-Biggar** (see '87). . . . **Amy Frishberg Siegal** writes that she has joined Valerie Wilson Travel in New York City as a travel advisor, and, after several years living in Italy, Hong Kong, London, and Tokyo, she's collaborating with the agency to help her clients discover and enjoy the world as she has. She welcomes mail at her new email address, amyf@vvti.com.

1993 George Molnar has relocated to Washington, D.C., to lead the PBS WARN Project, providing public alert and warning and emergency communications support through Public Television.

1995 James (Josh) Link died in January, his father, Troland Link, writes. After graduation, Josh went to the French Culinary Institute and was a chef at the Stagecoach Tavern in Sheffield, Massachusetts.

1997 Atif Sheikh has been elected to the Pennsylvania Humanities Council board of directors. Atif is cofounder and resident curator of the Philadelphia gallery 12Gates Arts, where he curates an annual experimental video arts festival, in addition to several other exhibits, including an ongoing project concerning "alternative narratives of history and exploration of memory through art." After studying computer science and economics at Rochester, Atif earned a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in liberal arts with a focus on nonprofit administration and art history.



TESTING: Several Rochester alumni took part in a series of tests of the James Webb Space Telescope at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston last summer and fall. From left to right are Renee Saunders Gracey '90, Matthew Bergkoetter '17 (PhD), Tom Zielinski '11, Scott Paine (PhD candidate), Alden Jurling '15 (PhD), Kim Mehalick '85, Lee Feinberg '87, Mark Waldman '75, '78 (MS), Joe Howard '00 (PhD), and Garrett West '12, '14 (MS). According to Waldman, participating in the project, but not pictured, are David Aronstein '02 (PhD), Joe Cosentino '14, '15 (MS), John Johnston '93, Conrad Wells '89, '91 (MS), Tony Whitman '88 (MS), and Michael Zarella '13.

TELESCOPE TEAM

Working on the Webb

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's James Webb Space Telescope, under way since 1996, is scheduled to launch in May 2020. When it does, it promises to yield knowledge about the universe that surpasses even what the awe-inspiring images of its predecessor, the Hubble telescope, have shown.

Last summer and fall, several Rochester alumni played roles in a series of tests of some of the key elements of the telescope. The tests took place from July through October at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Writes optical consultant Mark Waldman '75, '78 (MS): "U of R graduates supported the cryo-vacuum testing of the James Webb Space Telescope. . . . In this test, the Webb's Optical Telescope Element and

Integrated Science Instrument Module (OTIS) was placed in the space center's Chamber A, where it was subjected to a simulated space environment, including high vacuum and cryogenic temperatures to 40 Kelvin, for 100 days. The system underwent optical, thermal, and functional testing, which had been planned for over 10 years."

Several Rochester faculty are also prominent among scientists working on the telescope. They include Duncan Moore, the Rudolf and Hilda King-slake Professor in Optical Engineering Science, who chairs the product integrity board advising NASA on the project; James Fienup, the Robert E. Hopkins Professor of Optics; and professors of physics and astronomy William Forrest and Judith Pipher.

2005 Adam Bink writes: "I'd love to share the news that I bought my first home, a condo in the Pacific Cannery Lofts, a converted building with an award-winning design, in the rapidly growing area of West Oakland." . . . **Neil Spitkovsky** sends a photo from his wedding. He married Rachel John in October 2017 at the Coney Island Museum in Brooklyn. Pictured from left to right are **Lauren Kasky** '06, **Andrew Newman** '06, **Jason Thall** '06, Neil, **Nick Sciretta**, Rachel, **Nels Youngborg**, and **Carol Faden Berkow** with her baby daughter, Helen.

2006 Marc Perez (see '07).

2007 Beth Devine and **Marc Perez** '06 were married last October near their home in Napa Valley. Beth writes, "We first met in spring 2004 on the River Campus, during a party between Sigma Delta Tau sorority and Alpha Delta Phi fraternity." Pictured are: (front row, from left) **Michael Mastro Monaco** '05, **Bijan Pajoohi** '05, **Dulip Ratnasoma** '05, **Jamie Svenson**, **Alec Immerman** '06; (middle row, from left) **Leonard Zheleznyak** '05, '14 (PhD), **Aedan Coffey**, **Michelle Potash Brody** '06, **Maura McCourt Burton** '11N, **Brienne Dixon Anderson** '06, **Keil Anderson** '05; (back row, from left) **Paul Sonneborn** '06, **Alexander**

Brody '05, **Mark Salama** '06, **Alexander Gustafik** '05, '08W (MS), and **Francis Liu** '05.

2011 Tom Zielinski (see "Working on the Webb," above).

2012 Garrett West '14 (MS) (see "Working on the Webb," above).

Graduate

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1949 Milton Rock (PhD) died in January in Philadelphia, writes **Rick Shorin** '77, '78S (MBA). The Hay Group, the human resources con-

sulting firm that Milton helped build after he completed his PhD in psychology—and eventually served as managing partner—is “an incredibly successful organization, well known in the Philadelphia area,” Rick writes. When Milton began working for the company, it was a three-man organization. When he retired in 1984, it had grown to include 94 offices in 27 countries. During his decades with the company, he promoted its “Hay System,” which became a foundation for salary administration and executive compensation throughout the industry. Milton was also a dedicated patron of the Philadelphia arts community, serving for many years as an active board member of the Curtis Institute of Music, the Pennsylvania Ballet (which he chaired in the 1990s), and at Temple University, where he helped strengthen its music facilities.

1958 Israel Charny (PhD) writes that he “has now at age 86 published three books in just about one year.” A retired professor of psychology and family therapy at Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University, Charny is the author of *Psychotherapy for a Democratic Mind: Treatment of Intimacy, Tragedy, Violence, and Evil* (Lexington Books, 2018); *A Democratic Mind: Psychology and Psychiatry with Fewer Meds and More Soul* (Lexington Books, 2017); and *The Genocide Contagion: How We Commit and Confront Holocaust and Genocide* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016).

1968 George Hole (PhD) (see '60 College).

1978 Mark Waldman (MS) (see “Working on the Webb,” page 56).

1988 Chris Boehning (MS) (see '87 College).

1992 Andreas Arvanitoyeorgos (PhD), an associate professor of mathematics at the University of Patras, won a research grant from the Empirikion Foundation of Athens, Greece. An expert on differential geometry and topology, Andreas writes that he received the grant at a ceremony in the Old Parliament building—an architectural landmark in Athens that, constructed in 1858, was the first permanent home of the Greek parliament. . . . **Mariana Rhoades** (MS) writes: “As a UR graduate and a receiver of the *Rochester Review*, I have noticed the Yellowjacket icon appearing in

many different places. This morning I found one in a curious place—the Trader Joe’s in Pittsford Plaza!” Mariana sends a photo of Rocky, who was clad in a scarf and hat and perched among the cut flowers on that February morning.

1993 Ian Gordon (PhD), an associate professor of history at the National University of Singapore, has edited a collection of work by cartoonist Ben Katchor, *Ben Katchor: Conversations* (University Press of Mississippi). In 2017, Ian authored *Superman: The Persistence of an American Icon* (Rutgers University Press) and coedited *The Comics of Charles Schultz: The Good Grief of Modern Life* (University Press of Mississippi).

1996 Margaret (Maggie) McCarthy (PhD) writes that she’s published *Mad Mädchen: Feminism and Generational Conflict* (Berghahn). She’s the chair of the German studies department and coordinator of the film and media studies concentration at Davidson College.

2000 Joe Howard (PhD) (see “Working on the Webb,” page 56).

2001 Nicholas (Nick) Waddy (PhD) writes that he’s authored a textbook, *The Essential Guide to Western Civilization* (Routledge). He’s an associate professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Alfred State College.

2014 Garrett West (MS) (see “Working on the Webb,” page 56).

2015 Arden Jurling (PhD) (see “Working on the Webb,” page 56).

2017 Matthew Bergkoetter (PhD) (see “Working on the Webb,” page 56).

Eastman School of Music

1950 John (Billy) Tamblyn (MA), '61 (PhD) died in January, his wife, Carolyn, writes. A pianist and composer, Billy was a native of Auburn, Alabama, and served on the Auburn University faculty for four decades. A veteran of World War II who served in the Pacific theater, “Dr. T,” as he was later known to his students, founded the Auburn Chamber Music Association and the Auburn chapter of Phi Mu Alpha. Although his music was per-



2005 Spitkovsky



2007 Devine and Perez



1992G Rhoades



1969E Stern



FOOTBALL ALUMNI

Dinner with the Coach

GRIDIRON GROUP: Former Yellowjacket football players gathered for their 13th annual spring “Dinner with the Coach” celebration to honor their iconic head coach, Pat Stark, and to reconnect with one another at Perlo’s restaurant in East Rochester in April. A Rochester and a Syracuse Hall of Famer, Coach Stark is credited with elevating the stature of the Yellowjacket football program during his coaching tenure at Rochester from 1969 to 1983, including a No. 1 Division III ranking in the East. This year’s dinner was an additionally special event as it marked 35 years since Coach Stark retired from the Rochester football sidelines, and he was presented with some special mementos of that occasion. A member of each of his Yellowjacket teams, and one from his coaching staff, traveled from throughout New York State, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Delaware, and Virginia to join in this celebration of enduring camaraderie.

—Phil Chrys '75

Kneeling: Brian Pasley '76, Brian Heagney '77, Mike Roulan '71, Dave Cidale '71, Rick Stark '79, Tony Cipolla '81, Mike Garritano '76.

First row: Dave Skonieczki '71, Phil Chrys '75, Coach Pat Stark (head coach, 1969–83), Bill Falandays '74.

Second row: Erick Bond '77, Rick Magere '72, Jim Mazur '78, Paul Macielak '72, Kevin Maier '78, Andy Fornarola '79, Sam Guerrieri '87, Steve Sloan '78, Lou Spiotti (assistant coach 1971-73), Erv Chambliss '76.

Third row: Jim Wesp '74, '76M (MS), '78S (MBA), Bill Hammond '73,

Don Barber '79, John Cogar '71, Mike Flanigan '72, Herm Neid '76, Ray Kampff '74.

Fourth row: Roger Watts '72, Jim Vazzana '87, Leo Fusilli '80, Rick Basehore '72, Jim Juraska '73, Ralph Gebhardt '76, Paul Caputo '73.

Fifth row: John Loiacono '84, Kevin Callahan '77, Dave McNelis '74, John Badowski '77, Joe Novek '73.

Sixth row: Quentin Call '76, Bob Quirk '72, Ron Haines '72, Bob Kulpinski '71, '73 (MS), '86 (MS), Tony Hanley '82, Ed Heffernan '76.

Not pictured: Rene Piccarreto '71, Tony Serratore '74.

formed widely, Carolyn shares that “his family took particular pleasure in the music he composed for the weddings of his daughters and the improvisational pieces he wove into his organ music.” Carolyn and Billy were married for 68 years, and their family includes three daughters and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1968 Bill Cahn, cofounder with **Bob Becker** '69 of the percussion ensemble Nexus, writes that the group created music for

the soundtrack of a documentary released by the National Film Board of Canada. The film, *La part du diable (The Devil's Share)*, explores Québec's “Quiet Revolution” of the 1970s. Nexus has also released a new CD, *Quantum Fields* (William L. Cahn), which includes performances by the Eastman Marimba Ensemble and the Eastman Percussion Ensemble. Bill adds that in June, he'll be on the faculty of Tócolo Tucson, a new weeklong chamber percussion seminar at the University of Arizona's Fred Fox School of Music.

1969 Bob Becker (see '68) . . .

Max Stern, a professor emeritus at Israel's Ariel University, has published a book on music theory, *Speech of the Angels* (KTAV Publications). He adds: “I wanted to let friends at the U of R know about a conference inspired by my books *Bible and Music* (KTAV, 2011) and *Psalms and Music* (KTAV, 2013) that took place in Poland last October under the auspices of the faculty of fine arts and music at the University of Silesia in Katowice, entitled *Biblical Motifs as a Source*

of *Inspiration for Artists at the Turn of the 21st Century*. I was invited as opening speaker and special guest composer for a concert devoted entirely of my works. It was really something.” Max sends a photo from the conference (see page 57).

1975 Pianist and composer **John Serry** '91 (MM) has released a new album, *Disquisition* (SPCo Records). He notes that the title track was included on *Jazziz on Disc*, the CD sampler that accompanies *Jazziz* magazine.

1977 Composer **Clement Reid** has received several honors in the past year. They include a Silver Medal (Outstanding Achievement) from Global Music Awards in the contemporary classical category for his *Adventure for String Orchestra*, and the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, his *Realizations for Horn and Piano* was premiered at the Seattle Composers Salon last November, and his music was featured on several programs by the Pacific Northwest Chamber Ensemble in 2017.

1981 Last February, **Rodney Winther** was invited by the U.S. Coast Guard Band as guest conductor for its concert "Music from Around the World." The performance, including music from British, Chinese, Czech, and American-born composers, took place in the band's Leamy Concert Hall in New London, Connecticut. Rodney has served as director of wind studies at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music and as director of bands at Ithaca College. Several Eastman alumni are members of the U.S. Coast Guard Band, including chief musician and tubist **Stephen Lamb '00** (tuba), principal percussionist **Robert McEwan '90**, and chief musician and harpist **Megan Sesma '02, '02RC**. Chief Warrant Officer **Richard Wyman '92, '93**, who has served as assistant director of the band since 2004, delivered his final performance in the role in April.

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Fall 2018	July 1, 2018
Winter 2019	September 1, 2018
Spring 2019	December 1, 2018

1984 Saxophonist **Tom Christensen '86** (MM) writes that the quartet *Spin Cycle*, which he coleads with drummer Scott Neumann, has released its second CD, *Assorted Colors* (Sound Footing Records). Tom and other members of the group marked the April release with a performance at Smalls in New York City, followed by a tour of the Midwest.

1985 **Mallory Thompson** (DMA) is conductor of the Northwestern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble, which released a CD, *Reflections* (Summit Records), last December.

1986 **Tom Christensen** (MM) (see '84).

1988 **Rob Barrett** is an assistant professor of recording arts and music business at North Central University in Minneapolis. He and his students have recorded a CD, *The Classroom Sessions* (Third Street Music). Rob writes: "I try to use hands-on projects as much as possible to engage students in my classroom. So, for the last couple of years, we have recorded songs in the classroom using students as the musicians and learning audio engineering and mixing techniques. This project is a compilation of those classroom sessions."

1991 **John Serry** (MM) (see '75).

1992 **Richard Wyman '93** (see '81).

2002 **Mirna Lekic** won third place in the professional solo division of the 2017-18 American Prize in Piano contest. Founded in 2009, the American Prize is awarded in a variety of performing arts to recognize excellence among artists, ensembles, and composers in the United States. Mirna is an assistant professor of music at Queensborough Community College, City University of New York.

2007 **Hao-An (Henry) Cheng** won first prize at the 2018 European Union Competition for Orchestra Conductors. Based in Berlin since 2015, Henry is music director of the Klangkraft Orchestra. As winner of the prize, he'll conduct throughout Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, and Poland during the 2018-19 season.

School of Medicine and Dentistry

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

1974 **John Vanek** (MD) writes: "I've retired from medicine and begun a second career writing mysteries and poetry. My debut novel, *DEROS* (Coffeetown Press), was recently released worldwide (in both paperback and e-book). I hope you'll pick up a copy and support me in this crazy new journey that I'm on." The first in the Father Jake Austin mystery series, the book—whose title is the acronym for Date of Expected Return from Overseas—concerns a priest returning home after a war only to face a series of murders which "force him to confront his own violent past, regrets over lost love, and his doubts about the priesthood." John adds: "It took me nine years to write the three books in the Father Jake Austin mystery series. The second book in the series (*Miracles*) should be available in early 2019." You can visit his website at JohnVanekAuthor.com.

1984 **Joseph Behrman** D ('79 College).

School of Nursing

1986 **Nina Gaby** '90 (MS) won a Monthly Musepaper Award for her essay, "The Sum of Its Parts," from the literary journal *New Millennium Wings* in January. Nina is an essayist, artist, and psychiatric nurse practitioner in Vermont. This is her first literary award. Her blog is at Ninagaby.wordpress.com.

Simon Business School

1990 **Nick Lantuh** (MBA) has been named president and CEO of Fidelis Cybersecurity. He's the founder and former president of NetWitness and executive chairman of eSentire.

1994 **Art Smith** (MBA) has been named managing director of distribution and marketing for Crossmark Global Investments. Art has held a variety of senior sales, marketing, and branding roles with global financial institutions prior to joining Crossmark. He was most recently

managing partner of the management consulting firm Vire.

1998 **Shannon Masten Silsby** (MBA) has been promoted to partner at the professional recruitment and talent advisory firm the Pi Group (Perpetual Insights). She's been with the company since 2014.

Warner School of Education

1994 **Laura Gelina** (MS) (see '87 College).

1995 **Joseph Morgan** (MS), '07 (EdD) has been named superintendent of the Rondout Valley Central School District in Ulster County, New York. One of seven finalists, he was approved unanimously by the district's board of education. Joseph began his teaching career in Webster, outside Rochester, where he taught Advanced Placement economics and later became principal of Willink Middle School. He was most recently the superintendent of the Spencer-Van Etten Central School District in Tioga County, New York.

2013 **Marybeth Yerdon** (MS), a social studies content specialist and curriculum writer, accepted a position as educational product developer at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in April 2017. This spring, she wrote a blog post for the *Smithsonian Magazine* blog, *Smithsonian Voices*, about the museum's Native Knowledge 360° initiative. Marybeth is helping to develop the collection of digital resources, aiming to provide "new perspectives on Native American history, cultures, and contemporary lives." The post, called "Teachers, Do You Need Better Resources? You're Not Alone: Native Knowledge 360° Is Here to Help," can be found at Smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-american-indian/.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Susan Griswold Cotton '43, November 2017
Shirley Schell Hayden '43E, February 2018
Helen Forrestel Spink '44E, February 2018
Irving R. Abel '45, October 2017

Patricia Ryan Leo Grande '45N,
February 2018

John W. Colgan '46M (MD),
March 2018

Doris Brill McNulty '46N,
January 2018

Billie Clow Howes '47,
February 2018

Lora Gahimer Koomanoff '47E
(MM), March 2018

Marjorie Whitehouse Raysor '47N,
March 2018

Virginia Deisher Alexander '48N,
February 2018

James W. Blumer '48,
January 2018

Benjamin B. Dayton '48 (Mas),
February 2018

Doris Woolfe Farwell '48,
February 2018

Muriel Warren Halstead '48E,
February 2018

Andrew Stalder '48,
February 2018

Carolyn Cartwright Tenney '48N,
October 2017

Velma Cavagnaro Durland '49,
'50N, February 2018

Elizabeth Larson Fox '49N,
November 2017

Martha Ballew Morey '49 (MS),
February 2018

Mary Weir Tanenbaum '49E,
February 2018

Barbara Knuth Jameson '50,
February 2018

William R. Jenkinson '50, '83S
(MBA), February 2018

Raymond C. King '50,
January 2018

Irene Schafer Manitsas '50,
March 2018

Martha White Schreiner '50N, '74,
February 2018

Fredric D. Kirshman '51,
October 2017

Vanza Rudy '51N (Dpl),
March 2018

Edwin A. Welch '51,
January 2018

Arthur T. Hall '52M (MD),
February 2018

Mary Kay Clark Jackson '52E,
March 2018

Alexander D. Mallace '52,
March 2018

Marie Kratochvil May '52N, '58,
March 2018

Henry H. Beckler '53,
May 2017

James W. Brennan '53,
September 2017

Frank J. Colgan '53M (MD),
February 2018

C. Eileen Early '53,
February 2018

Paul T. MacGregor '53,
February 2018

APPRECIATION

Andrew Kende: A Professor 'I Wanted to Learn From'

Lanny Liebeskind '77 (PhD) remembers walking into Andrew Kende's lab for the first time as a new PhD student.

"I remember asking Andy when I should start my research. His succinct answer, in effect, was 'Now!'" says Liebeskind, the vice provost for strategic research initiatives and Samuel Dobbs Professor of Chemistry at Emory University.

"I got the message loud and clear. It was a bit like being dropped into a professional sports team, where the coach is constantly challenging you to push yourself beyond the comfort level. In doing so, you grew in ways as a scholar and person that you never would have on your own."

Yuh-geng Tsay '77 (PhD) had a similar experience.

"When I toured Professor Kende's labs, I noticed there was a memo from him posted in each cubicle of his graduate students and postdocs. Two key phrases stood out that got my attention. 'When you are here, you should roll up your sleeves and work. If you cannot manage at least two experiments at the same time, you don't belong to this group.'

"At that moment, I knew he would be the professor I wanted to learn from," says Tsay, a venture partner at Vivo Capital, former senior vice president and group president at Thermo Fisher Scientific, and a recipient of the University's Rochester Distinguished Scholar Medal.

Kende, the Charles F. Houghton Professor of Chemistry Emeritus and former chair of chemistry, was a world renowned organic chemist and inventor who specialized in the synthesis of complex molecules, including ones used for anticancer treatments. He died in February.

In a University profile, Kende once noted: "I am happiest when faced with a result that is truly counter to the best theories. That is when new insights into the nature of the physical world can be discovered."

Robert Boeckman, the Marshall D. Gates Jr. Professor of Chemistry and recent chair of the department, was recruited to join the faculty by Kende. "He was a very astute scientist; he had a really good nose for important problems," he says.

Kende also had a knack for identifying students, such as Liebeskind and Tsay, who had the potential to rise to the tops of their fields—and for pushing them to excel.

"He was a hard taskmaster," Boeckman says. "But the vast majority of the more than 50 PhD students and postdocs that Andy mentored went on to perform at the highest levels. That's a testament to how he taught them about the importance of excellence in whatever they do."

Born in Budapest, Hungary, Kende emigrated to the United States with his family in 1939, and grew up in Evanston, Illinois. After earning degrees at the University of Chicago and Harvard University, he worked in industry before joining Rochester's faculty in 1968.

As department chair from 1979 to 1983, he worked with the University's chief science librarian to introduce chemistry undergraduates to the wonders of a computer as a new way to search for articles and information "buried in the huge and growing body of scientific literature."




INVENTIVE CHEMIST: Specializing in the synthesis of complex molecules, Kende was an internationally known organic chemist and inventor.

The research consisted of using an "ordinary phone" to dial a database, attaching the receiver to a portable computer terminal, typing in a request, and "within seconds" getting a printout.

Kende "enjoyed teaching," Boeckman says, "but his real thrill was in mentoring and training his graduate students and participating in the research they did."

Tsay remembers that when Kende returned from a business trip, "he would stop by the lab first to see how everyone was doing. This type of work ethic has inspired us not only to work hard, but to have a sense of urgency in everything you do. His teaching style empowered us to solve any technical challenge and to be independent problem solvers."

"Armed with the skills that I learned from him as a graduate student, I was able to excel in every venture that I chose to tackle," Tsay says. 

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