Class Notes

FOUL WEATHER? As long as the court is cleared of snow, it’s game on for basketball at Rochester. Who wore short-shorts? And knee socks? More to the point, do you recognize anyone? Email us at rochrev@rochester.edu.

College
ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1951 Arnold Ciaccio writes:
"Following a 50-year career in the law, including two terms as elected Monroe County surrogate judge, I am now enjoying an active retirement in my 88th year! I am particularly pleased with the achievements of my six children and 19 grandchildren. My children include two MDs, a vet, a county judge, and two daughters with outstanding business careers. Among my grandchildren, four have law or medicine degrees, 11 have college degrees, and four are in secondary schools." Arnold adds that he also has nine great-grandchildren and that "nine-hole golf twice weekly is my chief recreational activity—a comedown from my seven handicap days." . . . Dave (Scribe) Ocorr (see ’52 and ’64).

1954 Tom Sarro died last April, his cousin Robert Sarro writes. Tom excelled in both baseball and basketball and was inducted into the University’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. Robert sent a copy of the May 6, 1951, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle article giving an account of the Yellowjackets baseball game against St. Lawrence University in which Tom drove in nine runs, a record that still stands. "Scoring 11 runs in a wild fifth inning, the University of Rochester baseball team went on to thump St. Lawrence University, 21–7, yesterday on the River Campus diamond," wrote reporter Pat Brasley. "The UR’s big inning saw 17 men march to the plate. Tommy Sarro set a new Varsity record when he drove in six runs in one inning with a triple and a double. Wayne (Bud) Colahan and Capt. Dave Ocorr both doubled in the same frame. Sarro was the big gun all afternoon. He homered in the sixth to plate three more RBIs. He had three for five at the plate, a homer, triple and double. He drove in nine runs—another Varsity record—and scored four himself."

1956 Responding to a call from Alumni Relations for "recent travels, career developments, favorite UR memories, family updates, or anything else you want to share," Don Hultquist ’62M (PhD) responded with some memories. He writes: "I was a chemistry major on the River Campus and a biochemistry graduate student at the medical school from 1956 through 1962. I remember vividly three events during those years that shaped the rest of my life." In 1953, "All undergraduates were instructed to attend a showing of The Nuremberg Trials on a large screen in the University Union, a first in our history. All who attended were given a certificate to commemorate their attendance." In 1955, "I was one of the first students to register for a course taught by Dr. Louis Katz, the first black faculty member at the University of Rochester. He had just returned from a trip to China and was eager to share his experiences with our students." In 1956, "I was one of the first students to register for a course taught by Dr. Louis Katz, the first black faculty member at the University of Rochester. He had just returned from a trip to China and was eager to share his experiences with our students."

1953 Henry Metzger’s family writes that Henry died last November after a two-year bout with cancer. They write: "He spent almost his entire career at the National Institutes of Health pursuing basic research in molecular aspects of the immune system and in administration—serving for 10 years as the first director of intramural research with the newly formed National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Henry was active in many professional associations, including the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Medical Committee for Human Rights that provided medical support during demonstrations related to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Vietnam War. Henry enjoyed reading in science and history, hiking in the White Mountains, cooking, and, before his final illness, running, having qualified for and completed the Boston Marathon in 2007 and 2008, among many other marathons. In retirement he also volunteered with Learning Ally, recording scientific textbooks for blind and dyslexic students." Henry and his wife, Deborah, had been married more than 60 years and had three children together: Eran, Renée, and Carl.

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
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ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

Dean's Medal
University Trustee Thomas Sloan ’65, ’67 (MS) currently serves as a director at Pinnacle Financial Partners Inc., Nashville’s largest banking company. Since graduating with degrees in optics, he has had an accomplished career in ophthalmic manufacturing and banking, as well as earned recognition for his entrepreneurial activities and civic contributions.

In addition to his service as a trustee, Sloan has been active on several University committees, including the Optics Blue Ribbon Panel, the Meliora Campaign Cabinet, and class reunion committees. With his wife, Linda ’67, he has championed the role of the arts at Rochester. The couple helped establish the Theatre Capital Endowment Fund to support a new arts and theater building on the River Campus, which is scheduled to open in 2020 and will be named in recognition of their leadership support. The Sloans are charter members of the George Eastman Circle, the University’s leadership giving society.

James S. Armstrong Alumni Service Award
Noah Pizmony-Levy Drezner ’00 is an associate professor of higher education and program director of the Higher and Postsecondary Education Program at Teachers College, Columbia University, and a visiting professor of education and anthropic studies at Beijing Normal University. Internationally known as a researcher on educational philanthropy, he is the founding editor of the peer-reviewed scholarly journal Philanthropy & Education. His recent work explores how the social identities of individuals may affect their giving to higher education and how institutions can engage their alumni in more inclusive ways.

Pizmony-Levy Drezner earned a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Among his many roles, he serves as president of Rochester’s Hillel program, a board member of the Justice Policy Institute, and cochair of the Network Leadership Council in Metro New York City. A charter member of the George Eastman Circle, he also serves on the University’s Alumni Board and Diversity Advisory Council.

John N. Wilder Award
Erick ’77 and Nancy Barry Bond ’78 are the key principals of Bond Benefits Consulting, an employee benefits consulting firm based in Rochester. Erick founded the company, where he also serves as CEO, as well as the workplace wellness company WPV, which provides worksite wellness benefits. Nancy joined Bond Benefits Consulting as a vice president in 1993 after a 15-year nursing career. She is also the founder of the real estate holding and management company NEBB.

The couple are active as volunteers and supporters of the University. Erick is a member of the Arts, Sciences & Engineering National Council, and the Rochester Philanthropy Council, and the George Eastman Circle, and he has served on several of his class reunion committees. Nancy has been active as a member of the Rochester Network Leadership Cabinet, the George Eastman Circle, several class reunion committees, and as cochair of the Rochester Philanthropy Council. They also established the Erick ’77 and Nancy ’78 Bond Family Scholarship Fund to support students in Arts, Sciences & Engineering and the School of Nursing, and they have established an endowment to support the University’s initiatives in community-engaged learning.

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Norman Neureiter ’52 is a senior advisor to the Center for Science Diplomacy for the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS) and the founding director of the AAAS Center for Science, Technology, and Security Policy. His career includes significant contributions to science, business, and US foreign policy. He served as a key advisor in the White House, a senior executive at Texas Instruments, and was the first science and technology advisor to the Secretary of State.

After graduation, Neureiter studied as a Fulbright Scholar at the Institute for Organic Chemistry at the University of Munich, ultimately receiving his PhD in organic chemistry from Northwestern University in 1957. He began his career at Humble Oil and Refining as a research chemist and began teaching German and Russian at the University of Houston. Beginning in the 1960s, Neureiter held key positions at
the National Science Foundation, the White House Office of Science and Technology, and the State Department. He also held leadership roles at Texas Instruments until his retirement from the company in 1996. Neureiter is a member of the George Eastman Circle.

HAJIM SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCES

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Jeanine Hayes ’92 is chief intellectual property officer at Nike, where she oversees the company’s intellectual property groups. A former vice president and deputy general counsel at Yahoo, Hayes has held positions in intellectual property, business litigation, licensing, technology, entertainment, and consumer products before joining Nike in 2011.

As an optics student at Rochester, she was also a varsity member of the soccer and track and field teams. Hayes is a registered patent attorney, having received her law degree from Loyola Law School, where she was articles editor of the school’s law review.

She is a member of the Hajim School’s Advisory Committee.

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Donald Hunsberger ’54E, ’59E (MM), ’63E (DMA) is a professor emeritus of conducting at Eastman, where he is recognized for elevating the Eastman Wind Ensemble to international prominence. As a conductor, author, arranger, and recording artist, Hunsberger is considered a leader in efforts to establish the principles of the modern wind ensemble.

In 1965, Hunsberger succeeded Frederick Fennell ’37E, ’39E, ’88 (Honorary) as the conductor of the ensemble, a post he held until 2002. During that time, he is credited with widening the ensemble’s repertoire to range from colonial Americana to sophisticated works by contemporary composers. He also led the ensemble on tours throughout Japan and Southeast Asia and organized recordings such as Carnival with Wynton Marsalis, which reached No. 1 on the Billboard Classical Charts in 1987. He has cowritten the book The Art of Conducting, and coedited the essay collection The Wind Ensemble and Its Repertoire.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

Dean’s Medal

Paul Fine ’57, ’61M (MD), ’66M (Res) is a professor emeritus in the Department of Medicine at the University. A lifelong Rochesterian, Fine taught Rochester medical students and clinicians throughout his 50-year career, a commitment that earned him multiple teaching awards and honors.

After undergraduate and medical education at Rochester and service in the US Air Force, Fine founded in 1967 an internal medicine private practice, Olsan Medical Group, which evolved into one of the community’s largest private practice groups. In 1999, the practice moved to the University’s Primary Care Practice Group. Fine retired from active practice in 2008.

He and his family have contributed to the establishment of three University professorships. The Julius, Helen and Robert Fine Professorship supports Alzheimer’s disease care and research in memory of Fine’s extended family. The Helen Aresty Fine and Irving Robert Fine Professorship in Neurology is named for his sister-in-law and brother. The Paul H. Fine Professorship in Medicine was established by the

MEDAL: Paul Fine is recognized by Mark Taubman, dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Donald Hunsberger Chester F. and Dorris Carlson Charitable Trust in recognition of Fine’s career as a physician. Fine and his late wife, Rochelle, also started the Paul and Rochelle Fine School of Medicine and Dentistry Merit Scholarship Fund for current medical students.

A member of the School of Medicine and Dentistry Alumni Council, he has served on the Medical Center Trustees Council and on the boards of several Rochester-area health care organizations.

John N. Wilder Award

Richard Goldstein ’70M (MD) is a prominent internist whose medical career included clinical and leadership roles at Massachusetts General Hospital, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, and New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

A member of several organizations, including the American Economic Association, the American Society of Internal Medicine, and the American Federation for Clinical Research, he has served as a journal reviewer for the Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly, Health and Society, and Medical Care. During his career, he also served as a medical consultant for the German consulate in Boston, where Goldstein worked with Nazi concentration camp survivors to document symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder so they could receive
additional medical support and restitution.

In 2017, he endowed the Louis A. Goldstein Distinguished Professorship in Spinal Surgery, in honor of his father, Louis Goldstein ’32M (MD), ’37M (Res), who was a pioneer in the understanding of spinal deformities and orthopaedic surgery. He also funded the Mildred Messinger Goldstein Fund, in honor of his mother, to provide support to the Eastman Community Music School.

**Humanitarian Award**

**Gregory Ogawa ’89M (MD)** is an ophthalmologist at Eye Associates of New Mexico, a practice with 14 clinical locations and a staff of more than 50 ophthalmologists and optometrists. He regularly manages complex patient cases, often for the underserved, as well as performing reconstructive procedures for patients who have experienced a range of injuries. He has a faculty position at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, where he teaches medical students and ophthalmology residents.

He received his medical degree from the School of Medicine and Dentistry and finished his ophthalmology residency training at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

He and his wife, Diane, founded an initiative to encourage people to begin giving back to the community of Albuquerque early in their adult lives. Their younger daughter, Allison, is a member of the School of Medicine and Dentistry Class of 2022.

**Distinguished Alumnus Award**

**Philip Greenland ’74M (MD), ’78M (Res)** is the Harry W. Dingman Professor of Cardiology and professor of preventive medicine at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine. He is a fellow at the Feinberg Cardiovascular Research Institute. Additionally, he is the director of the Center for Population Health Sciences at the Institute for Public Health and Medicine at Northwestern. Greenland is also a visiting scientist in cardiovascular epidemiology at Clalit Research Institute in Israel.

A clinician whose work has helped shape cardiovascular care guidelines, Greenland was among the first to recognize the disparate ways in which women are affected by heart attacks and to explore the major risk factors that often precede heart attacks.

He completed his residency in internal medicine at Strong Memorial Hospital in 1978. Beginning his faculty career at Rochester, he joined Northwestern in 1991.

**Alumni Achievement Award**

**Hongbo Chi ’01M (PhD)** and **Ping Li ’03M (PhD)** are members of the Memphis, Ten-nessee, medical community, where Chi is a professor in the Department of Immunology at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and Li is the principal scientist and biological laboratory manager in the Spine Division at Medtronic.

Chi has been recognized by the Arthritis Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the American Cancer Society, and the American Asthma Foundation.

Li holds three US patents and has been recognized by both commercial and nonprofit organizations. She is currently a member of the Society of Women Engineers, the Orthopaedic Research Society, and the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. Chi and Li were married in 1995.

**Alumni Service Award**

**Ralph Józefowicz ’82M (Res), ’85M (Res), ’86M (Flw)** is a professor of neurology and medicine and associate chair for education in the Department of Neurology at the School of Medicine and Dentistry. The program director of the Neurology Residency Program, he also serves as director for a second-year medical student course and as codirector for the third-year neurology clerkship.

Fondly referred to as “Dr. J” by his students, Józefowicz has been recognized for his teaching and service by his students at Rochester and colleagues from national organizations. A one-time Fulbright Scholar at Poland’s Jagiellonian University Collegium Medicum, he has continued a relationship with Jagiellonian that has resulted in a medical education exchange program between Jagiellonian and Rochester. He also received the Merentibus Medal “for great services rendered to Jagiellonian University.”

Józefowicz earned his medical degree from the Columbia University College of Phy-
sicians and Surgeons before completing residencies and a fellowship at Rochester. He joined the faculty in 1984.

**SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**Dean’s Medal**

**Jane Tuttle** ’79N, ’84N (MS) is a professor emerita with more than 40 years of experience as a nurse and educator, including 25 years at Rochester, where she was a leader in revamping the family nurse practitioner program.

Tuttle directed the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Rochester from 1999 until her retirement in 2017. During her tenure, she served as director of the primary care nursing program and as nursing discipline coordinator for programs funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. She also held a secondary appointment in the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Tuttle received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing from Rochester and a PhD in family studies from the University of Connecticut. She is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

**Humanitarian Award**

**Elizabeth Sloand** ’75N, an associate professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, has earned recognition for caring for children and families in underserved populations, both domestically and abroad. Working as a volunteer medical missionary in Haiti since 1999, Sloand has served as the East Coast team leader of the Leon Medical Mission, has led health promotion and education activities in Haitian elementary schools and orphanages, and was selected for an interdisciplinary team of elite health professionals from Johns Hopkins to deliver emergency humanitarian health care to victims of the Haiti earthquake.

She also holds a joint appointment at Johns Hopkins’s Department of Pediatrics. She graduated from the School of Nursing with a bachelor’s degree in 1975. She earned her master’s degree in nursing from the University of Maryland and her PhD from Hopkins’s Bloomberg School of Public Health.

An elected fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Sloand is also a research project consultant for the Caribbean Exploratory Research Center, and she has collaborated with nurse educators in Brazil to address the needs of families of children who undergo liver transplantation.

**Distinguished Alumnus Award**

**Nancy Dianis** ’85N (MS) is director of Clinical Trials Research at Westat, where she was a leader in developing and implementing studies funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. She is a registered nurse and education specialist, Dianis has more than 30 years of experience with management and operations. She earned a master’s degree through Rochester’s Adult Primary Nurse Practitioner Program.

**Legacy Award**

**Steven Young**, a municipal designer at Thornhoff Consulting Engineers Inc. in Texas, and **Susan Young**, a senior consultant at Foth Infrastructure and Environment in Minnesota, established the Anna Bater Young Endowed Scholarship Fund at the School of Nursing in memory of their mother, Anna Bater Young ’41N, ’52N.

Designed to support nursing students at the University, the fund is named in recognition of a graduate who herself had a career in nursing and who worked to encourage students to pursue nursing education at Rochester.

Anna Bater Young received her diploma in nursing in 1941. After graduation, she joined the emergency department staff at Strong Memorial Hospital and later was chosen to represent the school as a nursing instructor in the Department of Nursing at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City during World War II. She returned to Strong after the war and worked as an administrative assistant while working toward her bachelor’s degree in nursing, graduating in 1952.

After taking time to raise her family, she returned to Strong in the mid-1960s and began recruiting students to the School of Nursing. In 1977, Young received the Elsie Andrews Award from the Red Cross for her embodiment of the “spirit, traditions, and care that only a nurse can give.”
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screen in the basketball arena. After the showing, the whole campus was dead silent for the rest of the evening and even into the next day. I attribute to that event my lifetime of peace activism, including currently leading a group addressing early signs of autocracy.

"In 1956, my chemistry senior research project demonstrated that synthetic zeolites could be used to separate two aliphatic alcohols that had the same molecular weight but different shapes. My presentation of these results won third prize and $10 in competition with other U of R chemistry majors and introduced me to the U of R biochemistry department. I concluded that research and lecturing were fun and easy and that led me to conduct biochemical/medical research and teach for five decades at the U of R, University of Michigan.

"In 1961, while a graduate student, I noticed a vivacious, young therapist at work at the medical school. A quick introduction, an invitation to attend JFK’s opening presidential campaign event, and the rest is history—a lifelong partnership, children, grandchildren, a great-grandchild, genealogical research, and many more political events."

**1958 Margie Taylor Adams**

sends a photo of herself and five other members of the Class of 1958, taken last October. From left to right are Joyce Timmerman Gilbert, Nancy Keils Rice, Margie, Charleen Dorwald Brotning, Susan Storing Maybeck, and Irene Colley Kaplan. . . . Martha Beck Burton ’60 (MA) writes that her daughter got married in December 2016 at Harderberga Kyrka, “a medieval Lutheran church near Lund, in the province of Scania, Sweden.” She includes a photo, noting that she is “the old lady at the right, getting ready to toss rose petals.” She adds that “the bride and groom live in Virginia and work in Washington—a chemical engineer and a historian, respectively.” . . . Hedy Cohen Rose writes that she remains busy with educational and civic projects related to her experience as a survivor of the Holocaust. As a six-year-old girl in the Netherlands, Hedy went into hiding, just blocks from Anne Frank, during the Nazi invasion. Hedy has been involved with the Global Citizenship Alliance, a nonprofit that partners with American colleges and universities to offer global citizenship education. She also participated last fall in a symposium at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies, in the Netherlands, entitled “Seeking Refuge: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Refugees and Asylum.”

**MEDALLION REUNION OCTOBER 3–6**

Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1959

1959 David Linderman and David Sutliff traveled to Normal, Illinois, last September to visit Robert Baker ’60W (MA). The three classmates and members of Alpha Delta Phi were accompanied by Jean Linderman, Judy Rector, and Margaret Shaw Becker, who hosted the minireunion. David Sutliff writes that Robert and Margaret “both taught at nearby Illinois State University and have retired in Normal. Over several hours, many tales of derring-do from yesteryear were recounted and perhaps burnedish, along with updates of recent travels and numerous children and grandchildren. Politics was, of course, never brought up. Plans were also hatched to attend the reunion in 2019, which because of some time warp phenomenon might be our 60th.” . . . Barbara Jean Hunt Homolka died in October, writes her daughter Alice Homolka Tate ’93. In her last years, Barbara, who had dementia, “was mostly nonverbal, but every now and then, if you started the class cheer she would join along and shout:

“We’re the class that has the spirit, Everywhere you go you hear it, integration is the sign, U of R, U of R, ’59!"

**1958 Apologies to Don Hart,**

whose military rank we got wrong in the Fall 2018 issue. Don retired from the Air Force in 1984 at the rank of lieutenant colonel. When he wrote to Review last fall, he had been recognized by Florida Governor Rick Scott with the Governor’s Veterans Service Award at Camp K-9, the headquarters of K-9s for Warriors in Ponte Vedra, Florida. Lt. Col. Hart has volunteered there for many years. In a follow-up note, he wrote: “One of the reasons for submitting the article was in hoping readers would check out the organization K9sforwarriors.org. Ninety percent of the dogs were themselves rescued, then trained and matched with a vet suffering from PTSD. After a three-week on-campus intense training, the vets return home with the dog—all expenses paid. I have personally observed healing that is just short of a miracle!”

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1966 Schoenberg

1964 Pat Keenan Knapp sends a photo from the most recent mini-reunion of several classmates, held last September, and the last of Tony Cohen, who died two months later. The group has met 11 times in the past 20 years at locations including Colorado, California, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York City, Tennessee, and Vancouver. This latest gathering took place in Tony’s hometown of Winchester, California. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Bob Reebuck ’68 (PhD), Bill Knapp, Gary Kish ’69M (MD), ’71M (Res), Pat, Carl Zlatchin, Betty Zlatchin; (front row, left to right) Roger Nelson, Tony, and Lefty Nelson.

MEDALLION REUNION OCTOBER 3–6 Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1964

1963 John Denison ’69W (MA) writes: “Richardson’s Canal House Inn in Pittsford was the venue for a dinner gathering of UR ‘geezer jocks’ on opening night of Meliora Weekend. The guest of honor was Dave (Scribe) Ocorr ’51, who coached all the attendees in football, basketball, or baseball in the 1960s. Coach Ocorr regaled the former Yellowjackets with amusing and enlightening tales from his 70-year relationship with the University.” Pictured are (front row, left to right) Dave Wormuth ’65, Dave, Charlie Rathbone; (back row, left to right) Guy Bailey ’68, John, Dave Noonan, Stu Levison, and Dick Rice ’65. . . .

After a 28-year military career, Bill Lee has retired from the Air Force Reserves at the rank of lieutenant colonel. He also retired from his career as a sales manager for commercial audio/video systems. “I’m currently traveling extensively in my motor home!” he writes. . . . Sharon Morehouse Nimeh ’84W (MS) has retired from work in the Rochester City School District and from Monroe Community College. Despite recovering from knee-replacement surgery last May, she writes, “Life is good.” She has four grown children and seven grandchildren. Her two oldest grandchildren are in college. . . .

Daniel Walkowitz ’72 (PhD) writes: “I just published an edited collection, The Culture of Work in the Modern Age (Bloomsbury), and a book, The Remembered and Forgotten Jewish World: Jewish Heritage in Europe and the United States (Rutgers University Press). The book, part family history, part tour guide, and part history, takes readers to 23 cities in eight countries where I seek to hear stories of people like my paternal grandparents in whose footsteps I always imagined myself (as a Rochester activist) walking.” Daniel is a professor emeritus of history at New York University.

1959 Dick Rice (see ’64). . . . Dave Wormuth (see ’64).

Robert Schoenberg writes: “I am thrilled to have been the recipient in September of the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award of the National Association of Social Workers—Pennsylvania Chapter. The award was presented during the Keystone Gala at Kihlari Resort, not far from my home in the Poconos. My good friend Joan Eggleston accompanied me to the dinner.”

1968 Guy Bailey (see ’64). . . . Stephen Rush writes that he’s been promoted to the title of Distinguished Adjunct Professor at the Edward S. Agent School of Business at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He is a special advisor to the dean on new technologies.

50TH REUNION OCTOBER 3–6 Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1969

1962 Lew Archer (see ’70). . . . As the Class of 1969 approaches its 50th reunion, we asked graduating senior and University Communications student employee Suzie Ziegler ’19 to catch up with Alan Finder, the chair for the milestone reunion class. She asked him, what was on his mind when he was getting ready to graduate? What were his plans, and would he do anything differently? Here’s her report: As Alan Finder walked across the stage to receive a diploma in history, he had one thing on his mind: avoid the draft. The Vietnam War was raging and, like many of his contemporaries, Finder had no interest in fighting for a cause he didn’t believe in.

“That was the top priority for anyone who graduated, to avoid being drafted,” he says. “You had to
put your future to the side." Finder was eager to begin a career in academia, but graduate programs were no longer viable deferments. Determined to postpone conscription, he put his fellowship offers on hold and sought a teaching position in the South Bronx. After a couple of years his lottery number was finally up, but chronic asthma became his saving grace: he failed the physical.

With the path to academia finally cleared, Finder enrolled in an American studies graduate program at Yale and earned a master’s degree. "I felt very prepared for Yale," he says. "The skills that I learned [at Rochester], to think analytically and rigorously and learning to write with clarity, these are things you can apply to anything in life."

But ultimately, Finder decided that academia wasn’t for him. It was time for a career change. As a strong writer and a devoted patron of journalism, "I applied to every newspaper I saw," he says. "I must have applied to a hundred papers." Finally, a managing editor took a chance on him. And it’s a good thing he did, because Finder went on to become a columnist for the New York Times and is still a contributing writer today.

Looking back on the spring of 1969, Finder reflects on the restlessness he felt as a recent graduate: "I wanted to get my life started and things kept getting in the way. I spent four or five years trying to avoid the draft, then trying out academia, and then finally finding something that fit for me. What was the rush?"

His advice? Be patient. Give yourself time to try things out and find what clicks for you. "Life is long," says Finder. "It doesn’t feel that way when you’re 21 or 22, but it is."

1970 Judith Branzburg has published The Liberation of Ivy Bottini:

1970 Sattin

1971 Maloney

1975 Keiser

Chapter Mystery Writers Association members, and met lots of writers and fans." Nancy adds that she’s released the 15th book in her Bad Hair Day mystery series, Trimmed to Death (Orange Grove Press). . . . 

Bob Sattin writes: "The former residents of Anderson 740 (plus two) from the Class of 1970 came from far and near to meet in October in West Hurley, New York, for their fourth minireunion. All have fond memories of their time at U of R. The picture was taken in Kingston, New York, along the Rondout Creek. From left to right are Ron Ainspan (Asheville, North Carolina), Jordan Carter (Novato, California), Barry Rosenthal (Washington, D.C.), Lew Archer ’69 (Teanock, New Jersey), Rob Striatelli (Cambridge, Massachusetts), Bob (St. Petersburg, Florida), Ken Levitt (New York City), and Bob Green ’71 (Pittsburgh). Plans are already under way for the next get-together in a few years."

1971 Rob Green (see ’70). . . . Dan Kirschbaum has published his eighth book on weight management, Taming the 7 Most Fattening Excuses in the World: Rethinking Your Healthy Obsession Pathway to Lifelong Weight Loss (Warren Publishing). Dan is a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Northwestern University and director of behavioral health at Georgia Pain and Spine Care. . . . Jennifer Pallin Maloney sends a photo from a minireunion. "For our annual get-together this year," she writes, "we spent five days in Seattle. We enjoyed glorious weather, time on Puget Sound, some great food, and the sights and sounds of Seattle." Pictured from left to right are Sharon Weissend ’77W (MA), Delores (Dolly) Forgensi Terzian, Judy Cook Palmer, Leslie Hope Braun, and Jennifer.

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1974  Alan Cohen has been named editor of the Milbank Quarterly, a journal of population health and health policy. Alan is a professor of health law, policy, and management at the Boston University School of Public Health as well as a professor of markets, public policy, and law at Boston University’s business school. . . . Len Joy ’74S (MBA) writes that this year he’s published his second novel, Better Days (Moonshine Cove Publishing), as well as Letting Go (Len Joy), a collection of short fiction. Len’s blog, “Do Not Go Gentle. . . .” can be found at Lenjoy.blogspot.com.

1974  Gerry Feldman (see ’75). . . . Bob Katz (see ’75). . . . Jerry Koch-Gonzalez writes: “I got my start with social change activism, training, and intentional community living at the U of R. I’m living with my partner, Ted Rau, and family in Amherst, Massachusetts, at the Pioneer Valley Cohousing Community, training people in consent decision making and nonviolent communication.” Jerry is also a co-founder of the non-profit Sociocracy for All and co-author, with Ted, of Many Voices, One Song: Shared Power with Sociocracy (Sociocracy for All). . . . Steve Taffet (see ’75).

1975  Bennett Keiser writes that he “hosted a raffle, including an authentic Smitty’s (mac salad and white bread) chicken dinner in Florida this past December. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Bob Katz ’74, Tom Hennessy, Steve Taffet ’74, Reed Martin, Rick Renzi, Mitch Miller ’76; (front row, left to right) Gerry Feldman ’74, Robert (Bucky) Levine, Becky Kantor-Martin, Bennett, and Steve Goldsmith.


1977  Bob Dardano (see ’91 Graduate).

1978  Mark Waltzer has been appointed section chief of general dentistry in the Department of Dentistry at Virtua Health System in southern New Jersey. He has been a clinical attending in the general practice dental residency for 35 years.

1979  Will Stevens writes: “I just returned from South Asia where I taught a graduate course in Old Testament theology. Students represented eight language/people groups. Amazing experience and great food!” . . . Joseph White writes: “Greetings from Seattle! I’m currently music director of the Thalia Symphony, director of the Ravenna Strings, and violinist/violinist in the Coho Quartet. My compositions ‘Concerto for Oboe d’Amore’ and ‘Medallion’ were recently premiered by the Thalia Symphony and Ravenna Strings, respectively.”

1980  Jan Jacobs Currie (see ’53 Nursing).

1981  Joseph Ganem, a professor of physics at Loyola University Maryland, has published a book, The Robot Factory: Pseudoscientific Education and Its Threat to

ALUMNI LEADERS

Meet the Cochairs

University of Rochester
Metro New York City Women

The University of Rochester Metro New York City Women’s group is dedicated to fostering community through a mission of women supporting women. Founded in 2011 by Kathy Murray ’74, chair emeritus and a University trustee, and Victoria Turchetti ’97, today Barbara Grossman Berger ’77 and Sherli Looi ’04S (MBA) cochair the group, which hosts monthly breakfasts and a variety of other activities.

For both Berger and Looi, the group provides ways to connect on a personal level. “We are all so tied up in our lives and, for many of us, we don’t interact with each other face-to-face much anymore,” says Berger. Looi says that because New York City is so big, it can be easy to feel disconnected. For her, the group is a forum for friendship.

Every month, the group’s steering committee discusses program ideas. In addition to Murray, Berger, and Looi, Anita Mehta ’91, Christianie Siebert ’91E, Louisa Lei ’15, and Sofia Saravia ’16 serve on the committee. “We’re a close-knit, inclusive group,” says Looi. They are also a diverse group, with members from five countries—Malaysia, China, Mexico, Germany, and the United States.

Berger and Looi say the group reflects the diversity of New York City. “You don’t see any barriers between us based on where we come from, our careers, our ages, or anything. We are just a group of women who share our thoughts and ideas, plan programs that we think will have value, and thrive on the friendships that result.”

“If you are a new graduate, come to one of our breakfasts; if you are looking for a new place to live, talk with us about what you are looking for.” Adds Looi, “We can all help each other, and we can celebrate the fact that we share a strong connection to Rochester.”

Melissa Schmidt, associate director of regional and volunteer programs, says such affinity groups offer ways to connect that go beyond region and class year. “They offer friendship, networking opportunities, and a sense of community tied to shared interests, values, identities, and experiences.”

Find the group on Facebook, LinkedIn, and the Meliora Collective, or email alumni@rochester.edu for more information.

—Kristine Thompson

1982 Deborah Green, a geologist, has been named the 2018-19 Richard H. Jahns Distinguished Lecturer in Applied Geology by a division of the Geological Society of America and the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists. Deborah works in consulting and industry and writes about geology on her website, Geologistwriter.com. She’s the second woman to be awarded the lectureship, which is aimed to promote student awareness of applied environmental and engineering geology. She’ll be traveling to colleges and universities around the country this academic year speaking with students about careers in applied geology, her work and studies, and important issues in the profession, such as the need for greater diversity and the challenges of communicating science to policymakers and the public.

1983 Randy Whitestone sends photos from last fall’s Meliora Weekend of several Class of 1983 members who worked on the Campus Times. “The group photo was taken at a Campus Times open house hosted by my son Trevor ’19, who is now editor-in-chief,” Randy writes. Pictured in the front row are Susan Krasner (left) and Illyse Kaplan; and in the back, from left to right, are Randy, Dick Keil, and Mark Mozeson. “The other photo is of Trevor and me,” adds Randy. “I was a managing editor but am proud he has outdone me as E-in-C!”

PARENT MEETING: A session in Shanghai offered parents a chance to meet with Rochester student services leaders—and pose for a photo. Pictured (from left) are parents Min Ge and Yi Fang; Caroline Butler ’09, director of the parents program; Joe Testani, assistant dean and executive director of the Gwen M. Greene Center for Career Education and Connections and associate vice provost for career education initiatives; parent Jianbin Hu; Molly Jolliff, director of international student engagement; and parent Wei Lu.

INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

Parents Gather in Shanghai

More than 200 parents gathered for the fourth annual Chinese Parents Retreat in Shanghai last November. Organized by parents, the events are designed to give parents an opportunity to meet one another and with University leaders. Jeffrey Runner, dean of the College; Joseph Testani, assistant dean and executive director of the Gwen M. Greene Center for Career Education and Connections; and Molly Jolliff, director of international student engagement, highlighted University priorities and points of pride along with information about the United States and Chinese job markets as well as international services available to students and families. For more information about parent programs, visit Rochester.edu/parents.

Mark Mozeson. “The other photo is of Trevor and me,” adds Randy. “I was a managing editor but am proud he has outdone me as E-in-C!”

1984 Christine Bohner Miyachi writes: “I’ve been working for Xerox for over 20 years as a software systems engineer. On top of that Rochester connection my youngest son is now a junior at the University. It was surreal being back on campus with him. And I’m about to be a grandmother—my daughter is due in April. Both she and my middle son work as software engineers. My husband and I go back to Japan almost every year with our whole family and our next trip is in 2020 for the Olympics. I hope to see you all at the 35th reunion.” . . . Bruce Schneier, a cybersecurity expert, has published Click Here to Kill Everybody: Security and Survival in a Hyper-Connected World (W. W. Norton & Co.).

1988 Lisa Papp Garcia, a registered dietitian, has been recognized with the Emerging Dietetic Leader Award by the New Hampshire Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

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Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1984

30TH REUNION • OCTOBER 3–6
Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1989

1989 Tracy Frommer-Duberman is the coauthor of From Competition to Collaboration: How Leaders Cultivate Partnerships to Drive Value and Transform Health (Health Administration Press).
Tracy is president and CEO of the Leadership Development Group in New York City.

1990 Carolyn Haberek Blanco-Losada writes: “Nine members of the University of Rochester Delta Gamma Fraternity gathered in September in New Mexico for a girls’ getaway reunion.” Pictured are (front row, left to right) Donna Schwind Border ’90, Janice Gillman Greenberg, Jennifer Novell Miller ’93; (back row, left to right) Maria Habbe Cosgrove, Ashley Sartor McNamara, Elizabeth Docteur ’93 (MS), Eileen McCarthy Cakouros, Carolyn, and Nicole Kaplan.

1993 Jennifer Novell Miller (see ’90) . . . Alice Homolka Tate (see ’99).

25TH REUNION • OCTOBER 3–6 Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1994

1994 Frank Townsend writes: “I’m excited to serve on the Reunion Committee for the Class of 1994, and hope to see the entire class back in Rochester this fall.” Frank teaches Latin at Tabor Academy in Marion, Massachusetts, where his daughters, Ellie and Mary, are in high school. He’s married to Jeanne Traer Townsend ’95, who is the database manager at Tabor, and adds that he recently completed a master’s of education degree at Harvard Graduate School of Education in school leadership. “Join us next October in Rochester!”

1995 Janine Jurkowski has been promoted to full professor at the University at Albany School of Public Health. She’s also the associate dean for public health practice and is taking part in the semester-long Provost Fellowship for Public Engagement . . . Jeanne Traer Townsend (see ’94).

1996 Keith Thompson has been awarded a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching fellowship to Belfast, Northern Ireland, next year. One of only 36 chosen nationwide, Keith writes, “It is a great opportunity and reflects well on the great preparation I was lucky enough to have at Rochester.” Keith, who was an anthropology major at Rochester, teaches social studies at Ithaca High School in Ithaca, New York. According to an announcement from the Ithaca City School District, Keith will spend January to June 2019 “investigating how students develop and navigate their own political identities. Specifically, he will concentrate on the ways by which schools in the United Kingdom help young people have challenging and meaningful conversations across race, socioeconomic, and ideological divides.”

20TH REUNION • OCTOBER 3–6 Rochester.edu/alumni/class/1999

1999 Mona Sepulveda writes that last spring, she was promoted to senior health client manager, dependent verification services, at Alight Solutions.

2000 Darría Long Gillespie ’06M (MD) writes that she’s published a book, Mom Hacks: 100+ Science-Backed Shortcuts to Reclaim Your Body, Raise Awesome Kids, and Be Unstoppable (Da Capo Lifelong Books). She adds, “I’m an ER doctor and mom, and regularly appear on national TV” on networks such as CNN and HLN . . . Tim Pastore ’02 (MA) has been named CEO of All3Media America, the US-based arm of the independent television, film, and digital production com-

1990 Blanco-Losada

TEACHING TEAM: James Kostka (clockwise from top left), Daniel Milbrand, Eric Han, and Zach White-Stellato all met through their work as teachers at a charter school in the South Bronx.

CHANCE ENCOUNTERS

Teaching in the South Bronx

Zach White-Stellato ’11, ’12W (MS) arrived in the South Bronx at the New Visions Advanced Math & Science II High School in 2012 fresh from the Warner School. He had a friend who already worked in the New Visions charter school network and spoke positively about it. So, when the principal of AMS II—as the school is colloquially known—reached out to him about the new school she was starting, he jumped at the chance to be part of it. Seven years later, White-Stellato is head of the science department and the number of Rochester alumni on the faculty has quadrupled.

Every year at a spring education conference, he seeks out April Leuhmann, associate professor of curriculum and instruction and director of the science education program at Warner, in search of potential candidates from her most recent graduating class. “It’s a place that really needs high-quality teachers,” says White-Stellato. “The education program [at Warner] is second to none, and I wanted people with a similar vision of what high-quality science education looks like in an urban setting.” He has since recruited two other Warner grads, Eric Han ’14, ’15W (MS) and James Kostka ’17, ’18W (MS). He’s particularly proud of the work he and his fellow alumni have accomplished.

Most notably, the school’s graduation rate is one of the highest in New York state at 93 percent in 2018 and 98 percent in 2017. The graduation rates are especially impressive given the majority of the student population at AMS II qualifies for free lunches.

Daniel Milbrand ’08 was hired as the school’s assistant principal in 2018. He originally intended to enter the film industry but found his passion in helping lower-income youth through the New York City Teaching Fellowship program. Kostka, the newest addition of their corps, was hired in 2018 as a chemistry teacher.

Han, who teaches biology and environmental science, is the only one of the four originally from the Bronx. “It’s that old attitude, ‘it takes a village to raise a child,’” says Han. “Everyone in the building has that same unified mind-set of, ‘you are going to graduate and do something with your life once you leave this building.’ That comes from top down.”

—SUZIE ZIEGLER ’19
company. Previously Tim was president of original programming and production at National Geographic Partners. Tim has received multiple Emmy nominations and won the Emmy Award for Exceptional Merit in Documentary Filmmaking in 2017 for his work as executive producer of LA92.

2001 Dave King (see ’02).

2002 Susanna Mayo writes: “A group of alumni and their future Rochester graduates had an amazing time celebrating the 40th birthday of Dave King ’01, ’01 (MS) and reminiscing about the good of ‘days this past July in the Boston area.” In attendance were Dave’s wife, Rachel Heafitz King, and their three children, Eliza, Naomi, and Alexander; Anthony and Nellie Coats Yandek and their daughter, Addie, and son, A. J.; Emily Berenson Steinmann with her husband, Jake, and children, Isaac and Eliana; Laura Vivier Vaughn (Laura’s husband, Matthew Vaughn, and children, Nolan and Callie, were not in attendance); Nate Work with his wife, Emily, and daughter, Audrey; Rishi Mulgund and his wife, Kiran Reddy, and their son, Avi; Jonathan Lawrence with his wife, Jess Steel, and their daughter, Evelyn; and Susanna with her husband, Josh Hanson, and their daughter, Emma (not pictured). Susanna adds that Brian Kehoe is “artfully represented” in the photo, and her wife, Lindsay, and children, Clara and Connor, are not pictured. “Meliora to all and happy birthday, Dave!”

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rochester.edu/alumni/class/2004

2004 Chloe Corcoran was named one of the Rochester Business Journal’s “Forty Under 40” honorees for 2018. Chloe grew up in Rochester’s 19th Ward and worked until recently as associate director of alumni relations at Rochester. She’s now the assistant director of alumni engagement, focusing on diversity and inclusion, for the University of California, Davis. She’s also pursuing a doctorate in higher education at the Warner School.

2008 Skipton

2009 Hopper

2009 Hopper writes: “In November 2017, I was lucky enough to marry my amazing wife, Jennifer, of California, Missouri. We were surrounded by family and friends, and UR alumni showed up in force!” Pictured from left to right are Jesse Taub ’10W (MS), James Heiligenthaler, Bill Mack ’10W (MS), David Goot ’10W (MS), Kelly, Kaitlin Fitzgerald Porgpiglia ’16M (MS), Chris Porgpiglia, Jon Garon, Jeff Samet, and Karel Schurman.

2010 Trish Morse writes: “I was married on Lake Ontario this past July to Chris Milling of Austin, Texas. We are excited to welcome our first child in April 2019.”

2011 Jon Grima has been named to Forbes’s 2019 “30 under 30.” One of 600 “youthful visionaries” in an array of fields, Jon, a postdoctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins University, was cited for his creative contributions to science. As Forbes notes, Jon “has helped develop the Nuclear Pore Hypothesis of neurodegeneration, which posits that defects in the nuclear pore complex may be a common factor in a number of degenerative diseases like ALS. This has led to new drug targets and compounds to treat such diseases.” . . . Lisa Tse writes: “I got married to Joseph Congelosi in our backyard. Pictured in addition to myself are Michelle Zhang Chan ’09, Charles Chan ’13 (MS), Swapna Kumar, Katie Prokop, Victoria Chu ’09, Daniel deLahunta, Jenab Bhatia, Ryan Staup, Susana Ho ’12, Victor Vuong, Lynna Gu ’10, Michael Chen ’10, Frances Wang ’12, Nick Butkowksi, Alice Wu ’12, Kathy Yi ’16, Susan Lee, and Andrea Wong ’13.”

2015 Zachary Sheptin writes that he and Danielle Suchman were married at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. They’re living in the city, where Zach is a senior consultant at FTI Consulting and Danielle is the director of operations at Strayboots Inc. Pictured from left to right are Matthew Hazelett, Joshua Holtzberg, Thomas Mayer, Michael Grogan, Erin Keegan ’14 (MS), Duncan Meeks ’14, and Devin Embil. . . . Ryan Vogt ’15W (MS) has taken a position as a physics and astronomy teacher at the Pennington School in New Jersey.

2014 Deborah Cooper-Schifitto ’15 (MS) and Anthony Cooper-Schifitto ’15 (MS) were married last September at Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua, New York, followed by a reception in Rochester at ArtistsWorks. “We first met freshman year living next door to each other in Sue B Holli 2,” Deborah writes. From left to right are Robert Mariuz ’13, ’14 (MS), Kierstan Ryan ’15 (MS), Lisa Benison ’15 (MS), Courtney Astemborski ’15 (MS), Ashley Nguyen, Deborah, Anthony, Rebecca Flannagan, Demian Spindler, Trevor Ivanov ’15, ’16 (MS), and James Rutledge. . . . Kyle Fedorchak and Anupa Manjunatha write: “We met as freshmen when we both lived in Gilbert Hall. Fast forward eight years later and we are newly engaged and living in Boston!” Anupa is in the physician assistant program at Boston University School of Medicine and Kyle is an engineering manager at Foundation Medicine Inc. in nearby Cambridge. . . . Benjamin Lovell writes he and
CLASS NOTES

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2017 Gilmore
his wife, Claniec, “are beyond elated to announce the recent birth of our first child, Raydon Tinsion-Lovell.”

... *Nate Mulberg* has been named assistant baseball coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Richmond.

2016 Qi Ying (Queenie) Li writes: “In May 2018, I married my best friend, Kevin McClelland. We are so grateful to the University and especially the Department of Chemistry for bringing us together!” (See photo, page 69.)

2017 Caitlyn Borden Gilmore writes that after spending a year after graduation working, she began studying to become a mental health counselor through the Expressive Therapies program at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She adds that she, her husband, Robert, cat, Darcy, and dog, Velcro “posed for a cheesy Christmas picture.” (See photo, page 69.)

Mary Sicoli graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing from Northeastern University.

**Graduate ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING**

1960 Martha Beck Burton (MA) (see ’58 College).

1966 Bob Reeback (PhD) (see ’62 College).

1972 Daniel Walkowitz (PhD) (see ’64 College).

1974 Steven Landsburg (MA), a professor of economics at Rochester, has published Can You Outsmart an Economist? 100+ Puzzles to Train Your Brain (Houghton-Mifflin).

1975 Gary Gorton (PhD) and Ellis Tallman ’88 (PhD) have coauthored Fighting Financial Crises: Learning from the Past (University of Chicago Press). Gary holds the title of the Frederick Frank Class of 1954 Professor of Management and Finance at Yale School of Management, and Ellis is the executive vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

1976 Ellis Tallman (PhD) (see ’83).

1981 Deb Howe Allen (MA) writes that she and Bob Dardano ’77 vis-

1996 Allen

ited Iceland in October 2018 in “our seventh international adventure since 1993.” They enjoyed “viewing a number of waterfalls, geysers, and other geological wonders, as well as the Northern Lights.”

1993 Elizabeth Docteur (MS) (see ’90 College).

1996 Alan Hutson (PhD) is the lead principal investigator on a $6 million grant awarded to the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center by the Cancer Moonshot initiative of the National Cancer Institute. The grant will be used to establish a data management and resource-sharing center that will serve Roswell Park’s Immuno-Oncology Translational Network. Alan is the chair of biostatistics and bioinformatics at Roswell Park.

1997 Kelly Zou (PhD) writes: “I will be teaching a graduate evening course once a week, Applied Analytics Frameworks and Methods II, in the master’s degree in applied analytics program at Columbia University, as an adjunct faculty member both next spring and summer.”

2001 Dave King (MS) (see ’02 College).

2002 Jill Maney (PhD) has been named director of development for Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute. . . . *Tim Pastore* (MA) (see ’00 College).

2006 Dan Donaghy (PhD) has published a book of poetry, Somerset (NYQ Books), which he describes as “an elegy for the Kensington section of Philadelphia” in which he was raised. He’s a professor of English at Eastern Connecticut State University and Windham County, Connecticut’s first poet laureate.

2010 Nils Bese (MA) has published Writing Slums: Dublin, Dirt and Literature (Peter Lang). He completed a PhD in Irish literature from Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

2010 Anthony (MS) and Deborah Cooper-Schifitto (MS) (see ’14 College).

2010 Amanda Preske (PhD) is a featured scientist in *Super Cool Scientists #2: A Story and Coloring Book Celebrating Today’s Women in Science* (CreateSpace) written by Sara MacSorley and illustrated by Yvonne Page. Since completing her doctorate in chemistry, Amanda writes, she has “become a full-time artist working with broken electronics.”

2017 Justin Winkler (PhD) joined the Institute for Defense Analyses as a research staff member in the institute’s operational evaluation division last August. IDA operates three federally funded research and development centers and provides analyses of national security and related issues that require scientific and technical expertise.

**Eastman School of Music**

1970 Geary Larrick (MM) writes he performed six programs of 15 of his own compositions on solo marimba and piano in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, last fall.

1971 Rick Lawn ’76 (MM) has published Jazz Scores and Analysis, *Volume I* (Sher Music), inspired by his mentor, the late Rayburn Wright ’43, former professor of jazz studies and contemporary media at Eastman. It includes full scores of large-ensemble works by Grammy-nominated composers including John Hollenbeck ’90, ’91 (MM) and John Fedchock ’85 (MM).

1972 Richard Decker retired last July after a 43-year career in the symphony field. Prior to his eight years serving as vice president of artistic administration at the Rochester Philharmonic, he spent 35 years with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, both as a member of the horn section and later as general manager. He writes: “I was grateful for the opportunity to come ‘home’ for the final years of my career working with many fellow Eastman graduates both with the RPO and the Eastman School of Music…” Composer and vibraphonist Ted Piltzecker has released a CD, Brindica (ZoHo Music), reflecting on his world travels.

1973 Orlan Thomas (DMA) has published *God Had a Plan: The Biographical Memoirs of Orlan E. Thomas and Marcella Evangeline Frisbie Thomas* (Universe). Orlan is an associate professor emeritus of music, oboe, and music literature and theory at Texas Tech University. He lives in Norman, Oklahoma, and is principal oboist in the First Moore Baptist Church Orchestra and the Oklahoma Baptist Symphony.

1976 Rick Lawn (MM) (see ’71).

1977 Frederick Hohman ’79 (MM), ’89 (DMA), a composer, teacher, and producer, performed a recital for the rededication of the Lyon & Healy pipe organ located at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in Chicago. Frederick writes: “The organ was damaged when the roof leaked in 2012 and underwent restorations that rendered the organ as it sounded when first opened in 1902.”

1980 Dave Rataczak (see ’85).

1981 William Picher (MM) directed the Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the World.
of the Universe, for its recording The Basilica Choir Live at the Timucua Arts Foundation (Stemik Music). The live recording, released on Blu-ray video disc, features music of Rachmaninoff, Dawson, Whitacre, Schubert, and more. Williams writes that he is "entering my 18th year directing this professional choir which has been called "one of the treasures of Central Florida."

1984 John Tooney (MM) (see '85).

1985 David Evan Thomas (MM) was initiated into the Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota as a national arts associate. According to Sigma Alpha Iota, a national arts associate is "a man or woman who is nationally recognized for distinguished contributions to the arts."

1985 John Fedchock (MM) has released a live quartet recording, Reminiscence (Summit Records), which features pianist John Tooney '82 (MM) and the late drummer Dave Ratajczak '80 (see also '71). . . . Kevin Honeycutt was named president and CEO of Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy last December.  

1989 Frederick Hohman (DMA) (see '77).

1990 Linda Day played with the Austin Symphony for 22 years before retiring and moving to Massachusetts with her husband, John, whom she met in Austin. They’re now living in a house built in 1758 on 30 acres of woods. Linda teaches music and prepares short fairy-tale musicals for student ensembles and does Photoshop illustrations for them. . . . John Hollenbeck ‘91 (MM) (see '71).

1992 Mark Bergman, director of strings and orchestral studies at Sheridan College, received the 2018-19 Performing Arts Fellowship in Music Composition from the Wyoming Arts Council. Mark’s winning compositions include Ondine, The Temple, based on a short story by H.P. Lovecraft, and Shenandoah Suite, a string trio commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of Shenandoah National Park. Mark plans to produce commercial recordings of his compositions with his award.

1995 Chris Jentsch (MM) has released Topics in American History (Blue Schist Records), a 70-minute American history-themed chamber jazz recording commissioned by Chamber Music America and Doris Duke New Jazz Works. Chris writes that the work “abstracts my impressions of various episodes in American history” and “displays my eclectic amalgam of jazz improvisation and contemporary composition, sometimes with a strong electric guitar component as that is my main instrument.”

1995 Robert Paterson sends an update. Last summer, he founded the Mostly Modern Festival in Saratoga Springs, New York. He plans that the festival will take place annually in June at the Arthur Zankel Music Center on the campus of Skidmore College. In September, Robert was presented with the Delaware Symphony’s Alfred I. duPont Composers Award, which recognizes “a distinguished living American composer or conductor who has made a significant contribution in the field of contemporary classical music.” The symphony performed Robert’s composition Dark Mountains as part of the ceremony. Robert is spending the 2018-19 year as composer-in-residence with the Charles Ives Concert Series.

1998 Vanessa Rose has been appointed president and CEO of the American Composers Forum. She began the role in January.

2007 Trumpeter Phillip Hawkins ’10 (MM) has released his debut CD, Great Southern Land (Navona Records). The recording features Australian music for trumpet by composer Brendan Collins.

2009 Pianist and composer Connor Chee won Best New Instrumental Song at the 18th Annual Native American Music Awards in October. The winning song was “Beginnings” from his album Emergence (Wild Saguaro Records).

2010 Phillip Hawkins (MM) (see '07).

2012 Sasami Ashworth has been signed to Domino records, where she records as SASAMI. Her first single, “Callous” was named a best new track by the online magazine Pitchfork last April.

2015 Jacqueline Arrington (DMA) has been named professor of flute at the University of Oregon.

School of Medicine and Dentistry

1997 William Mangum (MD) has written a memoir, Out of the Land of Frozen Fires (Lulu), tracing his life from his birth in the Badlands of New Mexico to medical school at Rochester, and then to Colorado for “a long and gratifying career in general surgery.”

1992 Don Hultquist (PhD) (see '56 College).

1974 John Vanek (MD) has published Miracles (CoffeeTowns Press), the second novel in his Father Jake Austin Mystery Series, in which Father Austin “is faced with a dying sister, a bleeding Virgin Mary statue, and a comatose infant in the intensive care unit.”

2015 David Figurski (PhD) is the subject of a book written by his wife, Donna O’Donnell, about their experience after David suffered a traumatic brain injury and Donna became his caregiver. The book is called Prisoners without Bars: A Caregiver’s Tale (WriteLife Publishing).

2015 Mark Eisenberg (MD) has published Cardiology Board Review and Self-Assessment: A Companion Guide to Hurst’s the Heart (McGraw-Hill Education). The book is an all-inclusive study guide including more than 1,100 questions and detailed answers. It was written to complement the 14th Edition of Hurst’s the Heart, a comprehensive review of the field of cardiovascular medicine.

School of Nursing

1993 Several classmates posed for a picture last October. From left to right:
TRIBUTE

George Walker ’56E (PhD): Composing in an ‘Angular, Lyrical Musical Language’

As an undergraduate piano student of composer and pianist George Walker’s sister, Frances, at Oberlin Conservatory of Music back in the late 1970s and early ’80s, I heard a lot about George. I feel as though I have known about and admired him nearly all of my life.

Frances—who also passed away in 2018, on June 9, at the age of 94—was an indefatigable champion of her brother’s music. She performed it regularly, at Carnegie Hall, at Oberlin, and in famous concert halls around the world. And she taught his music to her students.

Frances deeply believed in and admired George, despite any sibling rivalry that might have existed between them. (More about that below.) I recall her saying during one of my lessons that she was sure that George’s compositions—especially his piano music—would become part of the classical music canon. She remembered him working on his first piano sonata at their Washington home when they were still young students. This deep understanding from the very beginning, clearly, gave her special insight into his sometimes-complex musical language.

George Theophilus Walker was born in Washington, D.C., in 1922, the son of a Jamaican-born physician. As the oldest of two children, the only male, and a musical genius—he graduated from Oberlin at age 18 with highest honors and Curtis Institute of Music a few years later, before becoming the first doctoral graduate of African descent at Eastman in 1956—he received a lot of attention at home and in the community.

According to stories told by Frances, theirs was a strict household and excellence in academics and everything else was just what was expected. It’s difficult to imagine what it must have been like to have two musical geniuses under one roof, and there was surely a fair amount of competition between them back then and throughout their entire lives. Through it all, they fiercely loved and supported each other. Frances said in the documentary about her life, Still Dreaming: Frances Walker at 94, that, after playing one of George’s piano sonatas, he praised her playing and said he had heard things in it that he had never heard before. She beamed with pride at this, perhaps one of the most cherished compliments she had ever received.

Much has been written about George over the years, especially after he won the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 1996, for his Lilacs, for Voice and Orchestra. (He was the first classical music composer of African descent to receive that prize.) I am no theorist or musicologist, but I can say that George’s musical language was not simple or easy—at times angular, muscular, and percussive, and at others, so lyrical that it could bring listeners to tears.

I had such an experience when selecting repertoire for a Gateways Music Festival program a few years back, as I listened to a few recordings of George playing his own music. The second movement of his first piano sonata is a variation on the folk song “Oh, Bury Me Beneath the Willow,” and, while listening to this piece, which I had played in college, I began to sob uncontrollably. His moving performance reminded me that, in addition to being a gifted composer, he was also a world-class pianist. He studied with the great Rudolph Serkin at Curtis and, in 1945, became the first instrumentalist of African descent to perform with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. Such beautiful music and such beautiful playing—I will never forget it.

In the spring of 2018, the Eastman School of Music’s Joan and Martin Messinger Dean Jamal Rossi presented a tribute to George in celebration of his 96th birthday. I assisted Dean Rossi in planning the event, and I was in frequent phone and email contact with George. I was stunned by how active and engaged he was in the planning. At 96, he was still a prolific and quick-responding emailer who was completely in touch with everything going on in the world around him.

As George’s health began to wane last summer, George’s son Gregory told me his dad took his sister’s passing hard. He never recovered. George Walker died on August 23, 2018, just six weeks after Frances.

I will always remember George, and we will continue to honor his legacy and play his music at Gateways. His example inspires us all to aim higher and to create, live, work, and love with passion and unwavering belief in our art and in ourselves.

—Lee Koonce ’96E (MM)

Koonce is the president and artistic director of the Gateways Music Festival in Association with the Eastman School of Music, a celebration of professional classical musicians of African descent. He is also senior advisor to the Eastman dean.
right are Jan Jacobs Currie ’80RC, Doris Joralemon Barrows, Phyllis Palmer Fraysier, Mary Jane Casbeer, and Nancy McFadden MacWhinney.

1970  Nancy Heller Cohen (see ’70 College).

1990  Donna Schwind Border (see ’90 College).

Simon Business School

1974  Len Joy (MBA) (see ’73 College).

1976  Samarendra Roy (MBA) has published a memoir, Memories of Madhupur: Mid-Century Vignettes from East of India (Parabaas). Samarendra is a retired vice president in finance, information technology, and human resources.

1985  Rhonda Cunningham Holmes (MBA) has been named executive director of Legal Counsel for the Elderly, an affiliate of AARP that provides free legal and social work services to Washington, D.C., for the Elderly, an affiliate of AARP that provides free legal and social work services to Washington, D.C., seniors in need.

Warner School of Education

1960  Robert Baker (MA) (see ’59 College).

1969  John Denison (MA) (see ’64 College).

1977  Sharon Weisssend (MA) (see ’71 College).

1984  Sharon Morehouse Nimeh (MS) (see ’64 College).

1989  Theresa Canada (EdD) (see ’76 College).

2014  Jack Connell (EdD) has been named president of Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts.

2015  Ryan Vogt (MS) (see ’13 College).

In Memoriam

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Harriet Conant Dearden ’40E, November 2018

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Jeanne Sieber Miller ’42E (MM), December 2018

Esther Parsky ’42N (Dpl), August 2017

Evelyn Paperny Rothstein ’42E, ’45E (MM), October 2018

Frederick J. Bentz ’43E, December 2018

Bruce S. Dean ’43, August 2018

Louise Johnson ’43E, ’48E (MM), September 2018

Beverly Springer ’43, December 2018

Robert M. Jaeger ’45, October 2018

Alma Lutz Jones ’45E, February 2018

Joy Whitney Jones ’45, October 2018

Betty Wicklund McNeill ’45E (MM), October 2018

Phyllis Alleman Parks ’45, January 2017

Elizabeth Maynard Dahlgren ’46E, December 2018

Marie Johnson ’46N (Dpl), October 2018

Jean Welsh MacGregor ’46N, November 2018

Rosalyn Libgd Schreiber ’46N, December 2018

Jerome L. Schulman ’46, November 2018

Howard O. Deming ’47E, ’48E (MM), March 2017

Elaine Burk Hey ’47, October 2018

Ruth Krautwurst Sorensen ’47, November 2018

Joan Fitzgerald Bayer ’48, September 2018

Lucile Ankeney DeGangi ’48E, December 2018

Fred B. Rothell ’48, ’50M (MD), November 2018

Mildred Stapely Caccamise ’49E, November 2018

Alma K. Leong ’49M (MD), August 2018

Eleanor Jennings Savastano ’49, November 2018

Robert M. Vangraaifeiland ’49, December 2018

Jacques Barchilon ’50, June 2018

Betty Birdseye ’50E, November 2018

Robert J. Bozzone ’50, October 2018

James W. Hall ’50, November 2018

Ursula Sennwald Myers ’50, October 2018

James B. Savage ’50, December 2018

Alan Carmasin ’67: ‘Love and Passion for the University’

Alan Carmasin ’67 remained dedicated to the University long after he graduated. He served as a volunteer representative of his class, worked in Advancement for 17 years, and was cochair of his class’s 50th reunion committee.

“Alan Carmasin was absolutely one of a kind in his love and passion for the University,” said Tom Farrell ’88, ’90W (MS), senior vice president for University Advancement. “He knew the place, promoted it with everyone he met, and was one of the greatest advocates for the institution I have ever met.”

Carmasin, who died last August, was well-known for his efforts to stay in touch with alumni, asking them to join him at Meliora Weekend, get together in New York City, or meet with classmates elsewhere to stay connected with each other and the institution. He regularly sent old Campus Times articles to classmates who had written them. In 1987, he hosted a 20-year reunion for Phi Epsilon Pi members at the inn he owned in Killington, Vermont, when he was disappointed at the turnout for other events.

“That personal touch was typical of him,” Ronald Nurnberg ’67 wrote in a letter to the University. “He worked diligently to make sure all of us in the class stayed connected.”

“Alan personified the best of Meliora,” said Jane Zimelis Cohen ’67, a vice chair of the National Alumni Board. “He was always the first to contact a classmate who had lost touch with UR.”

The Yonkers native received his bachelor’s degree in economics from Rochester, where he broadcast basketball games on WRUR. He earned a master’s degree in counseling at the University of Buffalo, and worked for six years as a special education teacher and administrator in New York City. He later bought an inn and restaurant in Vermont, then became a property manager in New Hampshire.

He returned to the University in 1999—“an opportunity I couldn’t resist,” he once said—and served as a reunion coordinator and senior associate director in Alumni Relations before retiring in 2016. His passions included hiking, skiing, tennis, swimming, biking, and the performing arts.

“Alan was a special person,” Farrell said. “We miss him very much.”

Editor’s note: several classmates have worked with Carmasin’s family to commission a work of art in his memory that will be installed in the Sloan Performing Arts Center, when it opens in 2020. Those interested in making gifts in his memory may do so at Rochester.edu/giving/alanacarmasin.
TRIBUTE

Olivia Hooker ’62 (PhD): Witness, Activist, Servicewoman, and Scholar

Olivia Hooker ’62 (PhD) began her life as a victim and a witness to devastating acts of racial violence. By the end of her life, last November, at age 103, she had become a leader and a pathbreaker in multiple and disparate domains. She was a point person in efforts at restitution for victims; the first African-American woman to enlist and serve in active duty in the Coast Guard; and a newly minted PhD, in psychology, at a time when racial segregation, either legal or de facto, was ubiquitous in the United States.

Witness to a massacre

Hooker grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where her father owned a clothing store in a prosperous African-American neighborhood that was sometimes called “Black Wall Street.” In 1921, when Hooker was six years old, an accusation that a black man had assaulted a white woman led to an attack by a mob of white men on the neighborhood. Olivia hid under a dining room table with her siblings as rioters entered her home, destroying objects of value before moving on. The 24-hour assault led to the deaths of an estimated 300, mostly black, Tulsans and leveled more than 1,000 homes and black businesses—including the Hookers’ store.

“Nothing was left but rubble,” she told Review in 2005.

In the late 1990s, she had helped form the Tulsa Race Riot Commission, which made a case for reparations. While that goal has eluded the group, Hooker achieved one of her lifelong goals posthumously: a week after her death, the group, gearing up for the centennial anniversary of the tragedy, renamed itself the Tulsa Race Massacre Commission.

Taking on—and serving—the military

Following the massacre, her family moved to Columbus, Ohio. As a college student at Ohio State University, Hooker became an activist in a campaign to secure for black women the same opportunities in the military that World War II was opening up for white women. She wanted to join the Navy, but her application was denied multiple times. Then, as she told the Coast Guard Compass blog in 2013, a friendly Coast Guard recruiter convinced her to join that branch instead, under its women’s reserve program, SPAR (“Semper Paratus, Always Ready”).

Hooker served from March 1945, when she reported to boot camp, to June 1946, when the SPAR program was disbanded. Her role, in Boston, consisted largely of paperwork. But “it taught me a lot about order and priorities,” she told the Compass.

In 2015, the Coast Guard named a dining center and a training facility in her honor.

A doctorate, and a new career

Using GI benefits, Hooker enrolled at Teachers College, Columbia University, where she earned a master’s degree in psychological services. Following a stint working with female prisoners with developmental disabilities, she enrolled at Rochester to earn her doctorate under the late Emory Cowen. Cowen had begun work on what became known as the Primary Mental Health Project—a pioneering example of community mental health. Hooker remained focused on people with developmental disabilities, exploring the learning capabilities of children with Down syndrome.

Colleagues at Fordham University, where Hooker taught from 1963 to 1985, say it was typical for her to help people find ways to stretch beyond real or perceived barriers. Working with children with developmental disabilities, she helped them improve their strategies for self-motivation. In her role as a mentor to women and minority students, she offered steadfast support. “Following her ‘retirement,’ she was working harder than ever to ensure the field of psychology and federal, state, and local agencies were inclusive and working toward the benefit of all peoples,” Celia Fisher, the Marie Ward Doty University Chair in Ethics at Fordham, told Fordham News last fall.

Last survivor

At the time of her death, she was believed to be the last survivor of the Tulsa massacre. She was certainly the last to recall it. (It’s since been reported that there’s another survivor, jazz saxophonist Hal Singer, who was 18 months old at the time.)

Over the years, Hooker shared the ways in which memories of the massacre had left her traumatized. But in an interview with the Radio Diaries podcast in May 2018, she shared the advice her parents offered to her and her siblings. “Our parents told us, ‘Don’t spend your time agonizing over the past.’ They encouraged us to look forward and think about how you could make things better. I think things can get better. But,” she added with a chuckle, “maybe it won’t be in a hurry.”

—KAREN MCCALLY ’02 (PHD)
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Linda Sillato O’Kane ’61, November 2018
Harvey M. Olin ’61E (MM), December 2018
David P. Robbins ’61, September 2018
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Jo Anne Pagano ’73, ’82W (PhD), October 2018
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TRIBUTE

Katherine Hoover ’59E: A Master Composer and Collaborator

When composer and flutist Katherine Hoover ’59E died last September, the New York Times reprinted in a remembrance the final verse of a poem Hoover had published in 2015. The poem was called “Music, My Love,” and in the final stanza, Hoover wrote:

Music my love,
You have taken my hand
In sorrow and led me
From darkness.
You have taught me grace
And forgiveness.
Music, my love, You whisper to me
Of paradise.

Hoover was a renowned and beloved musician and composer. From the 1970s, when few women composers earned recognition in the classical music world, up until her death in 2018, she wrote dozens of works for flute as well as a multitude of other instrumentation combinations. Her work, which often incorporated Native American themes, won her several honors, including a National Endowment Composer’s Fellowship, an Academy of Arts and Letters Award in composition, and in 2016, the National Flute Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award. She founded her own company, Papagena Press, to publish her music.

Over the years, Hoover maintained close ties to Eastman, and offered regular updates to Eastman Notes and Rochester Review about her work, often including news of collaborations with Eastman faculty and alumni.

Bonita Boyd, a professor of flute at Eastman, says Hoover was “absolutely the top female flute composer of the 20th century.” At the same time, compositions written for a multitude of instruments, such as Requiem for the Innocent, a tribute to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and written for chorus, brass, percussion, organ, and speakers, was “one of the works Katherine was proudest of.”

In her 40 years of teaching at Eastman, Boyd has introduced generations of flute students to Hoover’s music, including Kokopeli, which she calls “Katherine’s best-known work, and [one that] has absolutely made it into the standard repertory.”

In 2009, Hoover composed The Word in Flower, a work for flute, guitar, and mezzo-soprano, for Boyd and Eastman colleagues Nicholas Goluses, professor of guitar and a former student of Hoover’s, and Katherine Ciesinski, professor of voice.

The work is based upon Mayan poetry and prayers. Goluses describes it as “equally magical and spiritual, and very powerful. The piece is a joy to play. Katherine’s flute writing is superb, but her guitar writing is unbelievably smart, insightful and uniquely idiomatic.”

Hoover had a penchant for speaking frankly and connecting with students, adds Goluses, who took ear training with Hoover when he was a student at the Manhattan School of Music, in the 1980s. “She was tough,” he says. “But wonderful. In fact, I think that her fortitude is what made her succeed as a female composer back then.”

Hoover was also deeply involved with compositional and rehearsal processes for her works. “Canyon Echoes was written for a close friend of mine, but I was in close touch with Katherine while the piece was being written,” says Goluses of Hoover’s 1991 work for flute and guitar. “I was really able to see the workings of her compositional process, a great privilege.” Hoover later worked closely with Boyd during the 2016 season of the MasterWorks festival orchestra, participating in the rehearsal process.

She later returned to Eastman to give a master class to the flute studio. “Katherine was so gracious to come back and give a master class to my students,” remembers Boyd. “Not only did she present a wonderful master class, but one of my students actually was able to play Kokopeli for her. For the students, it was like seeing a living legend. I will always remember that.”

Sonett is a flutist and the director of graduate advising and services at the Eastman School of Music.

—CAROLINE SONETT ’18E (DMA)