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College

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1956 Arthur Miller was awarded the Brandeis Medal by the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law in Louisville, Kentucky, as well as the Robert H. Jackson Award from Pepperdine School of Law in Los Angeles. The Brandeis Medal was presented to Arthur at a celebration last April that included a reception, dinner, and panel discussion on issues in contemporary privacy law, which Arthur led. Brandeis, a U.S. Supreme Court justice from 1916 to 1939, coauthored “The Right to Privacy,” which was published in the Harvard Law Review in 1890 and became the foundation of an emerging privacy law. Arthur’s 1971 book, The Assault on Privacy: Computers, Data Banks, and Dossiers, marked him as one of the first legal scholars to recognize the threat to privacy posed by modern computer technology. The Jackson Award recognized Arthur’s “extraordinary contributions to the fields of media and law.” Arthur is the former host of Miller’s Court, which aired from 1979 to 1987 and is often cited as the first television show to introduce legal issues to the general public. He has served as a legal commentator for a variety of media outlets, and was legal editor for ABC’s Good Morning America for 20 years. He holds the positions of University Professor at New York University’s law school, associate dean of NYU’s School of Professional Studies, director of the Tisch Institute for Sports Management, Media, and Business, and chair of NYU’s Sports and Society program. In 2008, he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Rochester.

1959 Ray Aronson writes that he lives with his wife, Linda, “year around in snow-free Florida,” and has “four children and four grandchildren so far.” He keeps busy as a litigation consultant and expert witness in broker-dealer, supervision, clearing, prime brokerage, and hedge fund cases.

1962 Borthwick

1962 Dalia Uzemis Woodliff writes that she’s revised her mystery trilogy, Lair of the Jade, into an e-book. “Most of the thrilling action is set in the Rush Rhees Library tower and Rochester suburbs,” she writes. Although a work of fiction, the book borrows from her father’s memoirs, recounting the family’s emigration from Lithuania during World War II.

1963 Richard Feinman, professor of cell biology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, has published a book, The World Turned...

Susan Tucker Davis has published her third book for children in middle grades, One Step from Normal (North Country Books) is a historical novel set during the Boston polio epidemic of the 1950s.

Harrington (Kit) Crissey '66 writes that Joe Koplin died in March. “I first met Joe halfway through the 1964-65 academic year. He was completing his bachelor's degree in music on the River Campus after an enlistment in the U.S. Army Band in Washington, D.C. He was one of my best, most faithful friends during the ensuing 50 years, and I will always be grateful for his encouragement, advice, and other help, including unsolicited donations in support of my concert presentations. Joe was one of a marvelous succession of highly accomplished musicians who were on the River Campus in the 1950s and into the 1960s. He and they stand as shining examples of what is best in the history of UR student talent.”

Harrington (Kit) Crissey (see '65).

Dale Dapkins has written a novel, Ebola (Whiz Bang Publishers). He writes: “Ebola is a scientifically accurate and frightening ‘what if’ mystery novel written after listening to the Centers for Disease Control’s broadcast to all American doctors in 2014.

Interior designer Penny Drue Baird has published her third book, Dreamhouse (Monacelli Press).

David Edmunds was featured in Buffalo Business First last January in the article “Dedicated to Diversity: Progress Seen in Buffalo-area Legal Profession.” Now the deputy commissioner in Buffalo for the New York State Liquor Authority, David joined the state bar association’s committee on minorities in 1989, while he was an attorney at Damon Morey. While on the committee, he helped form an American Bar Association task force that led to a program for law firms and governments to recruit, hire, and retain minority attorneys.

The three children of Elizabeth (Lisl) Roth Thaler ’78 (MS), who died in 2013, had a dogwood tree planted in Lisl’s memory near the Crittenden Boulevard entrance to Strong Hospital’s emergency department. Rick Thaler, David Thaler, and Ruth Thaler-Carter had the tree planted next to a similar tree planted by several students in memory of their father, Otto Thaler ’49M (MD), ’55M (Res), a professor of psychiatry at the School of Medicine and Dentistry, who died in 1996. Ruth writes: “Our father always said that he could not have accomplished everything he did as a physician and a teacher without our mother. She was a true partner in his professional and personal life, and an inspiration to us and so many friends over the years.” Pictured from left to right are Peggy Martin, psychiatry department development officer; June Rogoff, widow of Stanley Rogoff ’46M (MD), past chair of the radiology department; Eric Caine, chair of the psychiatry department; Mildred Gittleman Ness ’68W (EdD); Ruth; Rita Gollin, a former English department faculty member and the wife of Richard Gollin, professor emeritus of English and film; and James Guido.

Kerry Barnett has been named CEO of SAIF Corp., a workers’ compensation insurance provider in Oregon. . . . Janet Linder has written a children’s picture book, A Winning Ticket on Queens Boulevard (Blurb). The story takes place in Depression-era Queens and includes illustrations by Eli Portman.

Andy Fornarola ’85S (MBA) has been named executive vice president and director of community banking at Flagstar Bank in Troy, New York. . . . Catherine O’Clay Spratt has been named regional vice president for patient care services at MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center.

Bethany Panzirer Gilboard writes: “I just became the CEO of the Innovative Health Alliance of New York in March. I have spent more than 25 years as a health care executive in Massachusetts and have recently joined this organization in Albany.”

Doug Criscitello ’86 (MS) has been named the first executive director of MIT Sloan School of Management’s new Center for Finance and Policy. Previously, Doug was chief financial officer at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. . . . Arden Strasser has been named the pastor.
Honoring Achievement and Service
The University celebrated the lives and careers of notable alumni and friends during ceremonies this spring.

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Distinguished Alumni Award
Paul Burgett ’68E, ’72E (MA), ’76E (PhD), whose connection of more than 50 years began as a student at the Eastman School of Music and continues in his roles as vice president, senior advisor to the president, and University dean, received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Eastman’s commencement ceremony.
Burgett has served in several academic, student life, and administrative roles at Eastman and for the University, acting as a principal liaison among students, alumni, and community organizations and programs. In October 2014, the Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center was named in recognition of his leadership and service to the University.
Burgett is cochair of the faculty-and-staff initiative for The Meliora Challenge: The Campaign for the University of Rochester. He and his wife, Catherine Valentine, are charter members of the George Eastman Circle, the University’s leadership annual giving society, and founding members of the Wilson Society, which recognizes people who have made a planned gift to the University.

Distinguished Alumni Award
Noted cellist and music educator Jon Engberg ’54E, ’56E (MM), ’70E (DMA), who was an academic leader at Eastman for two decades, received the Distinguished Alumni Award at a special April event honoring Robert Freeman, a former director of the school. As a founder of the American Arts Trio, Engberg performed around the world. After a tenure on the faculty of West Virginia University, he returned to Eastman in 1975, serving as associate director of academic affairs and associate dean of graduate studies. He and his wife, Judith, are charter members of the George Eastman Circle.

Luminary Award
Salvatore Signorelli, the owner of String Instruments Ltd., a downtown Rochester business that’s regarded for its dedication to serving both professional musicians and students, received the Luminary Award during a March concert in his honor at the Eastman School. After a three-year stint in the U.S. Navy, the Rochester native established himself as a musician, music educator, and luthier on Long Island. There, he was a violinist for and associate conductor of the Great Neck Symphony and founded the Young Artists Chamber Symphony and the Virtuoso Ensemble. He also started String Instruments, where he repaired, restored, and made instruments.
Signorelli returned to Rochester in 1982 and opened his business in the cultural district. Shortly after, he donated a significant collection from standard orchestral works to Eastman’s Ensemble Library, and earlier this year, he donated his entire inventory of printed music—almost 6,000 scores of solo and ensemble music for strings, as well as pedagogical materials—to Sibley Music Library.

Paul Burgett
Jon Engberg
Salvatore Signorelli
FOOTBALL ALUMNI

‘Dinner with the Coach’ Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Former Yellowjacket football players celebrated their 10th “Dinner with the Coach” this spring, an annual event to recognize the achievements of iconic coach Pat Stark. In all, 35 football alumni attended the April 30 event at Perlo’s Restaurant in East Rochester, traveling from throughout New York and Pennsylvania.

A Rochester and Syracuse University Hall of Famer, Coach Stark significantly elevated the stature of the Yellowjacket football program during his coaching tenure at Rochester from 1969 to 1983. Those participating in this year’s dinner were members that encompassed all his teams at Rochester—including some who played during the school record 13 straight victories and No. 1 ranking in the East for Division III.

It was a diverse group, with families from a variety of backgrounds and hometowns, and including former captains, hall of famers, and role players alike, who have since become entrepreneurs and professionals in the military, commerce, industry, education, medicine, and law. 

—PHIL CHRYS ’75
1999 Josh Boxer writes that he’s joined the University of Miami as an assistant general counsel. His focus is health care law. . . . Jennifer Farmer writes that she delivered a TEDx talk on strategic communications last April in Raleigh, North Carolina. Jennifer’s talk is posted on YouTube at YouTube.com/watch?v=0J94-2FNx_o. . . . John Kingston has contributed a chapter to the textbook Vision and the Brain: Understanding Cerebral Visual Impairment in Children (AFB Press). He writes that the chapter “presents rehabilitation considerations and two case studies from my experience at the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center in Palo Alto, California, working with brain-based vision dysfunction in veterans and active duty service members in the U.S. military.”

2000 Peter Allen (see ‘98).

2001 Travis ‘04, ’05 (MS) and Michelle Cataldo Hebden welcomed their third child, Jasper, last November. Michelle writes: “Jasper is pictured with his two older sisters, Isadora and Arianna. We live in Beaverton, Oregon. Travis is a senior processing engineer at Intel and I’m a substitute teacher in the Beaverton school district.” . . . Kate Navarra Thibodeau has published a photographic history of Washington state’s Lake Sammamish. The book, Lake Sammamish Through Time (Arcadia Publishing), explores a century of history of the lake that once played an important role in the Pacific Northwest logging industry and is now a recreational hotspot.

2002 Stephanie Miner Dana ’03W (MS) (see ’97). . . . Jessica Steele Lambert has been named counsel in the wealth management group at the Boston law firm Choate, Hall & Stewart.

2004 Travis Hebden ‘05 (MS) (see ’01).

2006 Ryan Aures ’07 (MS) has been named the 2015 Young Technologist of the Year by the Technology Alliance of Central New York. Ryan is a lead systems engineer at SRC Inc., a defense, intelligence, and environmental nonprofit research and development company chartered by New York State. His work concerns electronic warfare threat simulation.

1997 Putnam

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2007 Jason Buitrago ‘14W (MS) writes: “My husband, Chris Buitrago (née Stroud), and I married in March at the Interfaith Chapel. Various University alumni, friends, staff, and faculty were in attendance. Undoubtedly made my permanent home away from home.” Jason is assistant director of IT and operations at the Simon Business School and is pursuing a doctorate at the Warner School.

2008 Joshua Hatcher ’09 (KEY) has released his second album, Another Thing (Self-published). He writes: “Having moved from my hometown of Ithaca, New York, to New York City the year prior to the album’s release, the subject matter draws heavily from feelings of solitude and loss that accompany significant life changes.” Joshua sings and plays guitar and all keyboards on the recording.

2010 Hilarie Henry has joined the Buffalo law firm of Burden, Gulisano & Hansen as an associate. She specializes in personal injury defense, premises liability, and municipal law.

2011 Caitlin Cavanagh has won a Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship to support her final year of research in the doctoral program in developmental psychology at the University of California, Irvine. Caitlin was one of two winners of the national award offered by the Ohio Psychological Association to support research, training, and community projects related to diversity. Her research concerns the overrepresentation of Latino youth in the juvenile justice system.

2013 Justin (Skat) Lukoff is a policy analyst and recycling program manager for the town of Brookline, Massachusetts, outside Boston.

Graduate

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1955 David O’Brien (PhD) delivered the commencement address at Manhattan College and received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from the school. David is a professor emeritus of history and Catholic studies at the College of the Holy Cross.

1969 April Anson Dammann (MA) has written a book, Corita Kent: Art and Soul (Angel City Press), a biography of the artist and radical nun, Sister Mary Corita. April is an author and theatrical producer in Los Angeles. She writes predominantly about art, and has also written for radio, television, and motion pictures.

1978 Elizabeth (Lisl) Roth Thaler (MS) (see ’76 College).

1984 Brad Holcomb has won the Institute for Supply Management’s highest award, the J. Shipman Gold Medal Award. Formerly the senior vice president and senior procurement officer for Dean Foods in Dallas, Texas, Brad is chair of the institute’s manufacturing business survey committee.

1986 Doug Criccitello (MS) (see ’84 College).

1997 Robert Amico (PhD), professor of philosophy at St. Bonaventure University, has written a book, Antiracist Teaching (Paradigm Publishers). . . . Allen Earman (MS) has been inducted as a fellow of SPIE, the International Society for Optics and Photonics. Allen is principal optical engineer at Aoptix Technologies, a developer of ultra-high capacity wireless communication networks based near San Jose, California.

1999 Ron Cole (PhD) has been named provost and dean at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

1994 Betsy Huang (PhD) is coeditor of Techno-Orientalism: Imagining Asia in Speculative Fiction, History, and Media (Rutgers University Press). She’s an associate professor of English and chief officer of diversity and inclusion at Clark University.


2005 Travis Hebden (MS) (see ’01 College).
2007  Ryan Aures (MS)
(see ’06 College).

2013  Dave Ewans (MA) has published his first novel. Wages of Sin (Ravenswood Publishing), Dave writes, is an urban fantasy “that couples explorations of identity in modern-day America with the preternatural power struggles of comic book fantasy.”

Eastman School of Music

1939  Judy Herman and Phyllis Munczek write that their father, Herbert (Herb) Brill, died last October. Herb was raised in Bangor, Maine, and started playing the violin at age four. As a violin student at Eastman, he met piano student Annette Solomon ’41E. They were married for 67 years, until Annette died in 2008. Over the course of their marriage, they performed together many times. Herb was a book fan natural power struggles of comic orchestras. In addition to his daughter, Patricia, three sons, and many grandchildren, Herb leaves ten great-grandchildren.

1968  Thomas Mckenney (PhD), a composer of electronic music, has taught composition at the University of Missouri School of Music since 1967. In April, Thomas’s former students honored him with a concert featuring their own works.

1969  Russ Schultz writes that he’s retired after 16 years as dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. Last October, the International Council of Fine Arts Deans named him an emeritus member.

1973  Pamela Marshall has released Through the Mist (Ravello Records), a CD of chamber music for winds and strings. She writes that performers include chamber groups in the Boston area, and her compositions are inspired by “visits to the Costa Rican rainforest, a New Hampshire lake, and imaginary primordial landscapes.”

1988  Cory Hall (MM) writes; “I’m founder and owner of BachScholar, established in 2008, which publishes piano sheet music, and along with my wife, Marilyn, teach piano students around the world via Skype from our home in Missouri.”

1993  The New Mexico State University music department bid farewell to choral director David Klement (MM) with a concert, “Darkness Declares the Glory of Light,” featuring the combined voices of the university’s choirs, a full orchestra, and multiple soloists. David is leaving his position to begin doctoral study at the University of Northern Colorado.

2003  Sarah Chan (DMA) writes that she performed her solo recital debut at the Berlin Philharmonic Hall’s Kammermusiksaal in April. She’ll spend the summer in residency in China at Beifang University for Nationalities. . . Zachary Wadsworth writes that he’s accepted a tenure-track job as assistant professor of music composition at Williams College. He adds, “I have been keeping very busy as a composer. The coming 2015-16 season will include a performance by the Richmond Symphony, a premiere at the national conference of the American Guild of Organists, and the release of my music on albums by the Northwestern University Cello Ensemble, Luminous Voices, and tenor Dennis Tobenski.”

School of Medicine and Dentistry

1957  Seymour Schwartz (Res), Distinguished Alumni Professor of Surgery at Rochester, has published The Anatomist, the Barber-Surgeon, and the King: How the Accidental Death of Henry II of France Changed the World (Prometheus).

1976  James Delmez (MD), a faculty member at Washington University’s medical school for more than 40 years, has received the Barnes-Jewish Medical Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes physicians who have served the Barnes-Jewish Hospital with distinction for 25 years

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or more, James is a professor of medicine in the division of renal diseases and medical director of the Chormalloy American Kidney Center. He’s an expert in end-stage renal disease whose research has helped shape national policies to reduce morbidity and mortality from chronic dialysis.

1976 Richard Constantino (MD) received the Woerner Kollmorgen Award for Community Service from Nazareth College. He’s the president of Rochester General Hospital and senior vice president of Via Health.

1979 Bill Hulbert (MD), ’85 (Res), Rob Mevorach ’85 (MD), ’91 (Res), and Ron Rabinowitz are coeditors of Pediatric Urology for the Primary Care Physician (Springer). The three are pediatric urologists at the Medical Center and Golisano Children’s Hospital.

1985 Bill Hulbert (Res) (see ’79). . . Mark Eisenberg (MD) has been appointed director of the joint MD/PhD program at McGill University in Montreal. . . Rob Mevorach (MD) (see ’79).

1991 Rob Mevorach (Res) (see ’79).

2000 Jeff Goater (MS), ’01S (MBA), ’04 (MS) (see ’97 College).

School of Nursing

1965 Susan Towle (see ’63 College).

1966 Therese Collins writes that she completed an MS in nursing education at Georgetown last December. She starts a doctoral program in nursing this summer at West Virginia University, and has accepted a teaching position at Shennandoah University’s nursing school.

2010 Tracy Chamblee (PhD) has been named to the board of directors of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists. Tracy is a clinical nurse specialist in pediatric critical care at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Simon Business School

1984 Bruce Wandelmaier (MBA) has been promoted to executive vice president at Webster Bank, based in Waterbury, Connecticut.

1998N Collins

1998 Sanjay Vatsa (MBA) has been named executive vice president and chief strategy officer at Polaris Consulting & Services, headquartered in Chennai, India.

1999 Patrick Vink (MBA) has been elected to the board of directors of Inhibikase Therapeutics, based in Atlanta.

2004 Gail Evans (MBA) gave the commencement address at Nazareth College, near Rochester. Gail is general manager of studio services and operations at Microsoft. . . Wayne France (MBA) (see ’89 College).

2008 Pelin Aylagan (MBA) (see ’90 College).

2001 Roderick Cyr (MBA) has written a novel, An Unexpected Outcome (CreateSpace). . . Jeff Goater (MBA) (see ’97 College).

Warner School of Education

1989 Rebecca Martusewicz (EDD) won a Fulbright to teach and research in Finland this fall. A professor at Eastern Michigan University, Rebecca will work with faculty and doctoral students at the University of Tampere, researching the history of compulsory education and industrialization in Finland.

1997 Sonya Armstrong (PhD) has been awarded a Fulbright to spend part of 2016 teaching in the Slovak Republic. Sonya teaches at West Virginia State University, where she chaired the department of mathematics and computer science from 2005 to 2013. She’ll spend February through July of next year teaching math and statistics in the city of Banska Bystrica and conducting research at Matej Bel University.

1999 CAurie Miner Putnam (MS) (see ’97 College).

2003 Stephanie Miner Dana (MS) (see ’97 College).

2014 Jason Buitrago (MS) (see ’07 College).

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John States ’46: Pioneer in Automobile Safety

By his own admission, John States's primary interest was cars. Growing up in Rochester, he was fascinated by engines. As chair of the orthopaedics department at Rochester General Hospital, he would come roaring into the car park of the doctor's office building in his Ferrari.

John's love of cars and medicine would lead him to become a pioneer of automobile safety. His work as track physician at the Watkins Glen International race course, as well as his unique combination of understanding both the structure of cars and the human body, gave him unparalleled insight into the injury pattern brought on by collision. With a scientist's keen power of observation, and painstaking collection and analysis of injury data, he found ways to prevent and reduce injuries. He had the personality and political acumen to form a coalition of doctors, legal experts, public health officials, politicians, car manufacturers, and interested members of the public to improve car safety. His research and advocacy was a major force behind passage of the nation's first mandatory seat belt law, in New York state, in 1984. Today, 49 states have a similar law.

John had a kind and gentle personality that was soothing to his patients. He made them feel good. When he faced detractors—like the man in Binghamton who, upon passage of the New York seat belt law, started to write John hate mail, year upon year—he just chuckled and smiled. Although he suffered from chest pains, despite multiple coronary bypass surgeries, he never grumbled.

John became a faculty member at the Medical Center in 1960, where he supervised resident rotations and medical student clerkships. Legions of medical students and young orthopaedic residents rotating through Rochester benefitted from his tutelage and encouragement. I was one of them. John was my teacher and gave me my first job. In fact, he provided everything down to his father's examination couch, without ever asking anything in return.

John, who became professor emeritus of orthopaedics in 1990, never did give up his love of cars. The last time we spoke was by telephone. We spoke for more than 10 minutes, on his health and on the weather. Then when I started describing for him my neighbor's car collection, he got excited. I heard “wow” and “gee whiz” from the other end of the line. I could almost see the gleam in his eyes.

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I met Jesse Moore in the early 1970s when, as a young doctoral student at the Eastman School, I set my sights set on doing research about the music of black Americans, something about which I knew very little. I made my way to Jesse’s office in the history department, on the River Campus. The only African-American faculty member at that time, he welcomed me warmly and initiated a long and productive mentor-student relationship. He introduced me to essential literature in history and philosophy that helped shape my research and, with assistance and direction from my Eastman School faculty mentors, I produced a dissertation entitled *The Aesthetics of the Music of Black Americans: A Critical Analysis of the Writings of Selected Black Scholars with Implications for Black Studies in Music.*

As outside reader for the dissertation, Jesse chaired my defense committee. At the conclusion of the defense, I was excused from the exam room for the committee to deliberate my fate. I shall always remember the moment when he emerged, beaming, extending his hand and exclaiming, “Congratulations, Dr. Burgett, and welcome to the community of learned scholars.” With certainty I can attest that there are legions of Rochester students who felt Jesse’s warm support, generosity of spirit, and unyielding constancy, as he helped them pursue their academic passions under his watchful eye.

In later years, Jesse turned to administrative roles, serving as associate dean of the College for much of the 1990s, and in the office of the University Dean of Graduate Studies. In both roles, he worked to recruit undergraduates and graduate students from underrepresented minority groups, and to secure support for those who ultimately enrolled.

His personal and professional dedication to diversity and mission to support students from all walks of life helped mold the University that stands today. Jesse died in April at the age of 82. He leaves behind a legacy of teaching, scholarship, mentorship, and service that is intergenerational in breadth and effectiveness.

A professor emeritus of history, longtime University grand marshal, teacher, scholar, and friend for more than 40 years, Jesse will be greatly missed. His remains are interred in the University's burial plot in Mount Hope Cemetery.

There, he rests in peace directly behind the grave of Martin Brewer Anderson, the University’s first president.

It is a notable and worthy eternal association, one with which I think Professor Moore would be greatly pleased.

—Paul Burgett ’68E, ’72E (MA), 76E (PhD)

Burgett is vice president, senior advisor to the president, and University dean at Rochester.