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

College

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

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

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

1976 Esan
College and heads the Seaside Recording Studio. His most recent CD, *Adventures in Hawaiian Steel Guitar* (Seaside Recording), is a Hawaiian Nā Hōkū award finalist for Jazz Album of the Year and Audio Engineering Excellence. “Nā Hōkū means ‘star’ in Hawaiian and these are the Hawaiian Grammy Awards,” Joel writes. . . . Nathan Moser (see ’81).

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

Sam Narotsky ’86S (MBA) (see ’81). . . . Sandy Strenger ’82 (MS) (see ’81).

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

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

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

**Abbreviations**

| E    | Eastman School of Music and Dentistry |
| 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 |

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

Randy Abate is editor of a new book, *What Can Animal Law Learn from Environmental Law?* (ELI Press). Randy is a professor and director of the Center for International Law and Justice at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University’s law school. . . . Lisa Peterson has been nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as U.S. ambassador to Swaziland. Lisa is a career foreign service officer who has served previously in Cameroon, Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Africa, and the Central African Republic. . . . Betsy Ward has been named chief actuary at Massachusetts Mutual Life.

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

Jennifer Traylor Kruschwitz ’95 (MS) writes that 2015 “was a tremendous year for me. I earned my PhD in color science at RIT and my fourth degree black belt in tae kwon do from Kukkiwon in Korea, all within several weeks of one another. Lasty, I am now a full-time assistant professor in optics at Rochester!” . . . Sven Shockey has joined the board of directors of SmithGroupJJR in Washington, D.C. He writes: “I’m a design principal with the company, which is a large architecture and engineering firm.”

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

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

1986 Randy Abate

1989 Kruschwitz

1995 McKenzie and Roth

1981 Narotsky
**CLASS NOTES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2000 Anthony Tomasula, vice president of PPS Pension Services in Williamsville, New York, was recognized. He is married to Michelle Hernandez Tomasula and sends a photo of the two of them at the Financial Times reception.

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

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

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Alumni and Friends Recognized
University awards celebrate service and achievement.

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

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

Distinguished Alumnus Award
W. Archie Bleyer ’69M (MD) is a clinical research professor at the Knight Cancer Institute at the Oregon Health and Science University and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, where he also served as chair of pediatrics at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. One of the nation’s prominent cancer researchers over the past four decades, he has received more than $75 million in research grants as a principal investigator for the National Institutes of Health, the American Cancer Society, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He is a past president of the Central Oregon Medical Society and the founder of DEFEATcancer, a survivorship program.

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

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

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

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

Distinguished Alumna Award
Patricia Witzel ’75N, ’84S (MBA) is the chief nursing officer at Strong Memorial Hospital, and associate director for clinical practice at the School of Nursing. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at the School of Medicine and Dentistry and supports radiation oncology research at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center.

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

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

Legacy Award
The Spindler Family Foundation, a private foundation that supports charitable causes in the fields of environmentalism, family assistance and family planning, education, and social justice, has supported more than 30 School of Nursing students as Spindler Scholars. The late Howard Spindler ’35, ’38M (MD), ’43M (Res), a former clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Rochester, originally established the scholarship to recognize his wife, Barbara Smith Spindler ’42N. The foundation has since expanded its mission to support the Eastman School of Music, Golisano Children’s Hospital, Highland Hospital, the School of Medicine and Dentistry, and Visiting Nurse Service.

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

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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

SIMON BUSINESS SCHOOL

Dean’s Medal
Edward Ackley ’53, ’64S (MS) is the founder and past president of The Filter Store, an online distribution firm specializing in replacement filters for residential and industrial applications. A former member of the Honorary Trustees Alumni Council of the College, he has served on the Simon Executive Advisory Committee, the Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences Visiting Committee, and on several reunion committees for his class. Members of the George Eastman Circle, Ackley and his wife, Agnes Van Branteghem Ackley ’34, established the Edward J. and Agnes V. Ackley Executive Professorship in Entrepreneurship.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Graduate
ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1952  Donald Devoe (PhD) died in July. His son, Jim, writes: "He was very proud of his PhD in psychology." Prior to coming to Rochester, Don served in World War
Il as an aviation cadet and, after specialized training in meteorology at MIT, providing weather advisories to bomber crews in the European and Mediterranean theaters. After completing his doctorate, Don forged a career in human factors, with a focus on human perception and human-machine interfaces. . . .

Susanne Behrendt Esan (MA) (see '69 Warner).

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

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

Scott Birnbaum (MS) (see '81 College). . . . Sandy Stenger (MS) (see '81 College).

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

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

Jeff Jackson (PhD) is coeditor of the primary source anthology, The Undergraduate Reader: Sources in the Transatlantic Counterculture (Bergahn). Jeff is a professor of history at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee.

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

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

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

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

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

1986 Eileen Strempel has been named senior vice provost for academic affairs at the University of Cincinnati. Eileen was previously assistant vice president at Syracuse University, where she was also a professor of art and music history.

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

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

2002 Jose Encarnacion (MM) has been named director of jazz studies at Lawrence University, where he succeeds Fred Sturm ’84 (MM), who died in August 2014. A saxophonist, Jose has been on the faculty of the Lawrence Conservatory of Music since 2011, and before that, from 2002 to 2004.


School of Medicine and Dentistry

1985 Alvin Ureles (MD) has published Dodging the Death Rays: A Medical Look at Our Deep Space Policy (AuthorHouse). Alvin is professor emeritus of medicine at Rochester.

1989 Mario Sparagana (MD) (see ’81 College).

1981 Charles (Chuck) Weed (MD) (see ’81 College).


1969W Cotnam

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


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

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

School of Nursing

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

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

Simon Business School

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

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

2008 Dilip Sundaram (MBA) has been promoted to president of Mahindra Korea. Dilip has been with the Mahindra Group—an automobile manufacturer headquartered in Mumbai, and the largest Indian investor in Korea, according to the Korea Herald—since 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As colleagues for more than 30 years, Susumu and I collaborated on two papers and a book. He was kind and generous even when we were not collaborating on a project. Once, as I was working on a difficult problem, I went to Susumu’s office to explain my dilemma on a certain point. He said, “Oh, Ashok, you always ask difficult questions.” But he said he would think about it. And that’s what he did, even though it was not his problem.

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

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

Although he retired in 1995, he never stopped coming to work and publishing papers. A couple of days before he died last July at the age of 85, he had just completed his last paper. Following a Japanese tradition, Susumu wrote a short death poem (jisei no ku). It reflected a lot of what we used to talk about.

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

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

Never to Return. Farewell.

—ASHOK DAS

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Two Black Lines
Remembering Richard Leone ’62 and James Hadley ’62

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

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

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

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

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

—PHIL LA BORIE ’62

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