

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

Mary Jo Heath '88E (PhD), the "Voice of the Met," accepted the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Eastman School of Music as she took the stage to deliver the school's commencement address in May.

Heath became the full-time radio host of the Metropolitan Opera in August 2015, having been the Met's senior radio producer since 2006. She is the voice heard by listeners around the world during the Met's Saturday matinee and Sirius XM channel broadcasts. Only three others have served in the host's role since the Met began its broadcasts in 1931.

Heath has worked for more than 25 years in various facets of the classical music industry, from radio stations and record companies to research and writing. While working toward



Mary Jo Heath

her doctorate in music theory at Eastman, Heath hosted the Saturday afternoon Met broadcasts on Rochester's WXXI Classical 91.5 FM.

After receiving her doctorate, Heath oversaw recording and production of new releases for the Philips Classical record label. She later directed an online classical music site, served as a music critic, conducted research for Renee Fleming '83E (MM) and



Pramit Jhaveri

Barbara Bonney, and worked at WQXR in New York City and WSHYU in Fairfield, Connecticut, before joining the Met.

SIMON BUSINESS SCHOOL

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Pramit Jhaveri '87S (MBA), CEO of Citi India, delivered the commencement address at Simon's June ceremony before accepting

the school's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

A native of Mumbai, Jhaveri began working at Citi India immediately following his graduation from Simon. Citi credits Jhaveri as the primary architect of its global banking business in India. In nearly three decades with the company, he led landmark global mergers and acquisitions, equity, and fixed income transactions. Since Jhaveri rose to CEO of Citi India in 2010, the company has won multiple awards from leading publications in global finance, including Best Bank Global, Best Loan House, and Best M&A House by *The Asset*; Best Investment Bank and Best M&A House from *Euromoney*; and Best Consumer Internet Bank from *Global Finance*.

A champion of Simon student recruitment in India, in 2015 Jhaveri established a scholarship to offer financial assistance for Indian students seeking a Simon degree.

by the Central Queens Academy for his work on behalf of the school, a public, tuition-free college-preparatory school for grades 5 to 8, located in a multiethnic immigrant neighborhood in Queens, New York. Bruce, a real estate attorney and counsel at the law firm Arnold & Porter, has served as the school's pro bono counsel since its inception three years ago.

1983 Scott Bigley writes that he retired at the end of March after 30 years of federal government service at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. "Looking forward to relocating from Northern Virginia to the Rochester area."

1985 Ruby Kocher Singh writes: "I have been an economic and political consultant for the last 15 years, running gubernatorial campaigns and consulting for the Republican

National Committee. Needless to say, it has been an interesting year! We live in Corpus Christi, Texas, where my husband is a gastroenterologist. We just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary and have three beautiful daughters: Alexa (first-year student at Harvard Law), Katelyn (pre-med, sophomore at Washington University in St. Louis), and Madison (high school freshman, getting ready to play her second piano solo at Carnegie Hall). We travel a lot, sip margaritas by the ocean in our backyard cattle ranch, and have become wine makers. Life is amazing and we are living every day to the fullest!"

1987 Amylyn Silbert Blake (see '90). ... **Suzu Yesley** (see '90).

1988 Meghan Daly Lippman (see '90). ... **Jim Schumacher** was erroneously included in the In Memoriam column of the May-June

issue. We are very happy to report that Jim is alive and well. Jim writes: "Dear editors of *Rochester Review*: It appears you have erroneously buried me before my time. Would you please be so kind as to correct this mistake as soon as possible? I have some very concerned old friends. Thank you. Sincerely, Jim Schumacher, proud (and very much alive) member, Class of 1988." The record has been corrected, and we apologize to Jim and his friends for the error. ... **Jennifer Carpenter Siedman** (see '90).

1989 Lance Braunstein is chief information officer of the financial services firm Aperture Group. Previously, he was managing director and global head of investment banking technology at Goldman Sachs. ... **Marianne Seidman Cohen** (see '90). ... **Deborah Waldorf Gotbeter** (see '90).

1990 Ed Blumenthal biked nearly 400 miles, from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, in May to raise money for the Anti-Defamation League, in conjunction with the organization's 2016 Walk Against Hate in Philadelphia. Ed began his three-day ride on May 5, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), in honor of his late father, Ernie Blumenthal. Ernie was born in 1938 in Vienna, Austria, escaping the Holocaust as a toddler, emigrating to the United States, and settling in Philadelphia. Most of his extended family did not escape. Ed raised more than \$5,000 for ADL, and in addition, contributed a matching amount to a separate organization to fund research on pancreatic cancer, which claimed his father's life last year. Ed, in addition to being a biking enthusiast, is executive vice president of wealth management at Janney Montgomery Scott in