College
ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1941 Elizabeth Fisher Scharffenberger died in June. “She was proud of her association with the University,” her son, Dallas, writes. Elizabeth graduated with Highest Distinction in Fine Arts. Her prize-winning essay, “The Civic and Ecclesiastical Architecture of the Genesee Country, 1785-1850”—which consists of three bound volumes and more than 500 plates—is housed in the River Campus’s Art Library. Elizabeth also donated Rare Books and Special Collections her correspondence with elderly residents of Monroe and surrounding counties who shared information and photographs of 18th- and early 19th-century town church buildings. After graduation, Elizabeth earned a master’s degree from Columbia, and in 1951, married William Scharffenberger. Elizabeth and William raised two children and remained married for 61 years, until William’s death in 2012. Elizabeth worked for multiple organizations, including the American Field Service and the Grace Church School in Manhattan.

1953 John Schottmiller won the Legacy Award from the School of Nursing. (See “Honoring Alumni and Friends,” page 56.)

1956 Donald Schaet writes that Harold (Hall) Galloway died in July. “Hall was my brother in DKE. We went through NROTC together. The day of graduation, we both became 2nd lieutenants in the Marine Corps. Hall stood next to me at my wedding along with my brother, my cousin, Paul, and my best high school friend, Brad.” After a medical discharge from the Marines, Hall went to law school. He served 40 years on the bench, first as a Rochester City Court judge, and then as an elected New York State Supreme Court justice for the Seventh Judicial District. Hall remained a justice until he reached the mandatory retirement age of 76. Hall’s wife, Jo-Anne, worked as a court reporter. They had two children and four grandchildren.

1957 Dick Leger writes: “Three Alpha Delta Phi brothers from the Class of 1957 enjoyed visits this summer in the San Francisco Bay Area. These Alpha Delts are still traveling to visit with each other after 63 years of friendship.” Dick and his wife, Dianne, live in San Rafael. In June, they welcomed Bob Mumford and his fiancée, Christine, traveling from Darnestown, Maryland. In July, they welcomed Jeff Oshlag and his wife, Becky, from Batavia, New York. Dick adds: “Bob is a renowned photographer (you can order his gorgeous book, The Exquisite Birds of Ecuador, on Amazon), but lo and behold, neither he nor I took pictures together. Jeff and I did far better.” From left to right are Jeff, Becky, and Dick.

1960 Terrence (Terry) Willcox writes that he and Elaine Burpee Willcox ’61N met up with Sydne Weiner ’65 “just coincidentally” on a two-week tour of Croatia. “It was wonderful that we had an opportunity to recall our time and experiences as undergraduates at the U of R.” Terry sends a picture of himself,
Elaine (left), and Sydne in the walled city of Dubrovnik.

**1964** Donna Lake Wright and her husband, Ken, have published a book together: *Suddenly Alone: A Practical Guide to Prepare Yourself and Your Loved Ones for When You Are Suddenly Alone* (authorhouse). Donna writes: “I found the notebook that my stepfather prepared so helpful when I was the executrix of his and my mother’s estate, that Ken and I wanted to share our experiences with others so that they can put together a personal operating manual that can assist their family and heirs.”

**1965** Ronald Epp has published a book, *Creating Acadia National Park: The Biography of George Bucknam Dorr* (Friends of Acadia). He’s a library and archival consultant and the former director of Southern New Hampshire University’s Shapiro Library. . . . *Sydne Weiner* (see ’60). . . . *Mark Weinstein* ’64M (MD) won the Humanitarian Award from the School of Medicine and Dentistry. (See “Honoring Alumni and Friends,” page 56.)

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M School of Medicine and Dentistry  
N School of Nursing  
S Simon Business School  
W Warner School of Education  
Mas Master’s degree  
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son”—born in July. . . . Andy and Jill Robinson Spivak write that they welcomed a third child, Kate Irene, in December 2015 (see photo, page 51). “Kate joins big brother Ray, 5, and big sister Claire, 7, all potential future U of R grads!”

2001 Mahima Patnaik has joined the Cleveland office of the investment banking firm Brown Gibbons Lang & Co. as an associate.

2002 Scott Verbridge is an assistant professor at Virginia Tech-Wake Forest School of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences, and the coeditor of Microfluidic Methods for Molecular Biology (Springer).

2006 Dan Bromfield and Eliza Kaye ’09 were married in October 2015 in Tucson, Arizona. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Meredith Lepore, Michelle Potash Brody, Matt Bonaccorso ’05, ’07 (MBA), Alex Brody ’05, Sam Frommer, Joel Webb, and Naomi Weinstock; (front row, left to right) Sarah Rogers Fischer ’09, Emily Stone ’09, Nora Larson ’09, Russell Wyner, Calley Beckwith ’09, Eliza, and Dan. . . . Allison Levin married Matthew Fisher in July at the Renaissance Hotel in West Harrison, New York. Pictured are: (back row) Brian Goldhagen ’05, Renata Schloss ’05, Matthew, Danielle Benally; (front row) Rebecca Kanter ’05, Allison, and Will Fullwood.

2008 Emily Paret posed with several Rochester classmates at her wedding last July. Pictured from left to right are Jonathan Lax ’06, Jennifer Balaban Lax, Dan Strauss ’09, Emily, Samantha Lewis, and Matthew Starr ’09.

2009 Eliza Kaye (see ’06).

2010 Shobha Kaushik and Hector Colon were married in June in Westchester County, New York. They met during their sophomore year. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Linda Clough ’11, Caitlin Rioux ’11, Eric Ottman, Kelly Sullivan, Diana Hartnett, William Crean, Patricia Dieter, Amanda Palo, Michael Kaiman (best man), Daniel Siegel, Miranda Uriell, Anjali Chandra ’09, Rebecca Knauff ’11W (MS), Dana Hilfinger ’11, Krista Lombardo, Matt Corsetti ’12; (front row, left to right) Raphael Benjamin ’11, James Corsetti ’13 (MS), Jamal Callender, Jonathan Welt, Brad Orego, Janaque Fernando, Di Pan ’11, Ed Cheung, Katlyn Mallory ’11 (MS), and Dan Korstvedt.

2011 Alex Dragnich and Andrea Welles ’12 (MS) were married last May at the Inn at Longshore in Westport, Connecticut. Pictured are Vanessa Rooney, Eli Goldfarb ’12, Dan Barbash, Jill Kulla ’12, Ramzi El Hassan ’10, Patrick Abt, Tom Dieringer, Olga Karlinskaya, Conor Willis, Dana Hilfinger ’11, Sarah Ackroyd ’16 (MD), Amanda Gurin ’10, Michael Feldman ’16 (MD), Andrea, Alex, Debra Saulnier, Rebecca Knauff ’10, ’11W (MS), Matt Corsetti ’12, Devin Denny, Travis Kroot, Kate Cann, and Brett Sternfield ’14 (MS). . . . Justin Rosati ’12 (TS) and Jamie Wilson ’13, ’14E (MA) were married last spring. Justin is a resident in pediatric neurology at Rochester’s Strong Memorial Hospital and Jamie teaches music. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Jonathan Firestone ’13, Kate Bredbenner ’13, Thomas Krasner ’13, James (J.T.) Gaskill ’13, Andrea Sobolewski; (back row) Bryan Brown ’10, ’15M (MD), Justin, Jamie, Allison Eberhardt ’15, David Bendes, and Hope Carmichael.

2012 Jessica Bagley and Michael O’Leary were married last May in Buffalo. Jessica writes that they moved to Rochester, where Mike started his residency in orthopaedic surgery. Pictured from left to right are Tom Dieringer ’11, Sara Shimmel, Chris Bethmann ’13, ’15W (MS), Hallie Cohn ’09, Scott Stenger, Jessica, Michael, Sean Savett, Jamie Bow, Priscilla Alabi, Benjamin Bovarnick, and Andrew Harris. . . . Conor Flynn married Ann Dillon in July at St. Louis Church in Buffalo. Pictured from left to right are Bill Campi, Nicole Karam, Andrew Breidigam, Cailyn Nyle, Tom Norman, Andrea Morrell, Byron Saggese, Samantha Crandall ’13, John Whiting, Conor, Ann, Conor McMahon, Meghan Liptak ’13, Adam Brinkman, Mindy Sutton, Peter Vercillo, Christie Sreniawski, Kyle Sreniawski, and Joe Cicero.

2013 Jamie Wilson ’14E (MA) (see ’11).

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Sisters Celebrate

Last April, Rochester sisters of Delta Gamma (the Zeta Delta chapter) hosted a reunion in New York City to mark the approach of their 30th anniversary. More than 50 sisters from the classes of 1988 to 1995 attended, including many who helped found the chapter in the fall of 1986. They posed for a photo at Public House, near Grand Central Station, the site of a dinner that was among the highlights of the two-day event.

Pictured are:
Front row: Jennifer Novell Miller ’93, Colleen Farrell Deuel ’93, ’01M (Res), Leigh Schroeder Salvage ’92, Tracey Planavsky-Belsky ’92, Tammy Noren Metz ’90, Ashley Sartor McNamara ’90.

Fourth row: Janice Gillman Greenberg ’90, Amy Ford Sherman ’91, Rachel Adler Jaffee ’92, Katie Keller Zimmerman ’93, Kate Hollos ’93, Beth Fried ’88, Janet Ramirez Glausier ’88N, Julie Falwell Weidener ’88, Gerin Stevens ’91, Sonia Gyan Pazak ’88.

Fifth row: Rebecca Hattman Spencer ’91, Christine Down Mills ’93, Nancy Van Der Ziel Lenart ’93, Noelle Ulterino McWard ’91, Donna Schwind Border ’90N.

Back row: Eileen McCarthy Cakouros ’90, Marie Habbe Cosgrove ’90, Nadia Malik ’92, ’94S (MBA), Anne Wagner Merton ’89N, Trish Murley ’92, Karen McCourt ’92.

Present, but not pictured, were Brigid Brennan ’89, Lee Gravitz Weber ’92, and Carol Ponzi Tarby ’88.

Classifieds

**New Homes & Real Estate**

**Pets**

**Macroeconomics (Economics 116)**

This course provides an overview of modern microeconomic, macroeconomic and institutional arrangements of economies. The microeconomic analysis is of individual behavior, with special attention given to price-taking behavior of consumers and producers and the role of markets in the allocation of resources. Macroeconomic analysis is concerned with the aggregate level of economic activity, focusing on the analysis of inflation, growth and unemployment. Institutional analysis concerns the role of government and the role of institutions and organization in economic activity.

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Salyer’s Century

When Ival Salyer ’41 turns 100 this November, he’ll look back upon a century of innovation knowing that he played an integral role in some of its major advances.

After earning his degree in chemistry, Salyer served in the Air Force during World War II, and later spent the bulk of his career in Dayton, Ohio, first at the Monsanto Research Corp., and then at the University of Dayton Research Institute.

He holds numerous patents, three of which were issued to him in the past decade. Salyer retired in 2001 as he was nearing 90, and pursued independent research that led to the patents for a hybrid aircraft design, a potable water production system, and a hydrogen fuel storage system.

“I was asked one time by a newspaper reporter, ‘Where do all those ideas you get come from?’” said Salyer in a telephone interview from his home near Atlanta in September. “My answer was, ‘I wish I knew because I would go there more often.’”

Salyer says he’s proudest of his contributions to the development of the artificial heart and artificial kidney. Early attempts at both synthetic organs were composed of materials rejected by the body. Salyer led the development of a polymer material that solved that problem.

Salyer says he had “the most fun” helping develop for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration the Minicar Research Safety Vehicles that proved in the 1970s that it was possible to build safe, small cars.

“I enjoyed instrumenting those cars, and running them down this racetrack into this concrete wall with instrumented dummies on board,” Salyer says. He made two contributions to the prototype vehicles: an energy absorbing foam placed in the front of the cars (engines were in the back) that would absorb impacts from up to 60 miles per hour; and energy-absorbing bumpers.

“I think it’s still important today,” he says of the project. The cars, which were never commercialized, included many safety features—and, he adds, “not all of those features have been incorporated in cars.”

“A lot of my inventions came about as answers to problems of the day,” he says. “In the course of that, you work out solutions, which become inventions.”

Salyer was born in Coburn, Virginia, in the Appalachian coal country. His first automobile was one he built himself, from parts he found in a salvage yard. His family moved a lot, and as he was nearing college age, it was clear he would need to fund his own education. He got a job at Tennessee Eastman, the chemical company George Eastman founded in the aftermath of World War I to guarantee that Eastman Kodak would always have an independent supplier of chemicals to fuel its film business. Through that job, he made his way first to the city of Rochester, and then to the University.

Salyer was married to his wife, Jane, for more than 60 years before she died in 2006. They had three children. Salyer’s younger daughter, April Bell, recalls her father “forever writing on napkins when the family was at restaurants. His mind just never quit.”

She also recalls his admonitions over the years to “remember the I. O. Salyer rules for happy, healthy living:"

With a little prompting from her, Salyer recites them again.

“For a long and healthy life, no drugs, no drinking, no smoking,” he says. “For a happy life, faith, family, and above everything else, work that you enjoy and that you’re good at.” —KAREN MCCALLY ’02 (PHD)
CLASS NOTES

AWARDS

Honoring Alumni and Friends

University awards recognize service and achievement.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

Alumni Achievement Award

Wendi Kuhnert-Tallman '95M (MS), '99M (PhD) is the associate director for laboratory sciences at the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She works with partners throughout the United States and around the world to prevent illness, disability, and death from infectious diseases. She has authority over the CDC’s high contamination laboratory and provides leadership for the Center’s laboratory and laboratory services, spanning six divisions and 18 laboratory branches. Kuhnert-Tallman has led teams that have tackled such epidemics as the HIV-AIDS and hepatitis B and C virus, Ebola, and most recently, the Zika virus. In less than two decades, she has made significant contributions to the field of public health microbiology and biosafety at the highest national level, tracking disease outbreaks and their impact, while coordinating efforts to manage, contain, and ultimately cure diseases.

Alumni Service Award

Lawrence Nazarian '64M (MD), '66M (Res) is a clinical professor of pediatrics at the School of Medicine and Dentistry and a clinical teacher in the Resident Continuity Clinic at Strong Memorial Hospital. He joined the faculty as well as Rochester’s Panorama Pediatric Group in 1969, after two years as a medical officer in the United States Army. He has taught at nearly every level, from first-year medical students to continuing medical education presentations for seasoned clinicians. He also served as editor-in-chief of Pediatrics in Review. Nazarian has been a generous supporter of the School of Medicine and Dentistry, Golisano Children’s Hospital, and the James P. Wilmot Cancer Institute. He served as the giving chair for his 50th class reunion, and in 2003 was named the Gold Medal Award recipient by the School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Dean’s Medal

Richard Aab has built 15 companies over the last 40 years, spanning a broad spectrum of industries, including telecommunication services, software development, wealth advisory and management, energy consulting and resale, payroll, health care, and innovative design and development. Today he is the CEO of four start-up companies: Idea Boxx, a company dedicated to designing and manufacturing products that improve productivity for businesses across industries; and Hydra Rinse, ProNatural Brands, and United Sources Sought, all of which germinated from Idea Boxx. A long-standing supporter of the University, Aab is a University trustee, a board member of the Medical Center, and served as cochair of the Medical Center’s $650 million campaign. His generous contributions to the University reflect his dedication to medical research, benefiting the School of Medicine and Dentistry, Golisano Children’s Hospital, and Strong Memorial Hospital. In 2007, the Aab Cardiovascular Research Institute was named in recognition of his leadership support and commitment to the institute’s mission.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Arthur Moss '62M (Res) is the Bradford C. Berk, MD, PhD Distinguished Professor in Cardiology at the School of Medicine and Dentistry, and the founding director of the Heart Research Follow-Up Program, a nationally distinguished research group studying sudden cardiac death. Fascinated by the genetics of heart disease, he began studying long QT syndrome, a disease that makes the heart susceptible to fatal arrhythmias, in the 1960s. He helped launch the International Long QT Syndrome Registry, one of the first gene registries for any disease in the world, and one that paved the way for genetic testing and innovative treatments for the potentially fatal condition. He is also an expert on electrical disturbances of the heart, and led research that resulted in the widespread use of the implantable cardioverter defibrillator. He is a past recipient of the School of Medicine and Dentistry Gold Medal Award, the Hutchinson Medal, and the Eastman Medal.

Humanitarian Award

Mark Weinstein ’65, ’69M (MD) is a reconstructive plastic surgeon and the founder of Changing Children’s Lives, a nonprofit organization that serves children in developing countries who have congenital and traumatic deformities. The organization employs local doctors and medical professionals to improve their skills and expertise. Weinstein and his medical team, which has included more than 60 medical students and 50 residents from both Yale and Rochester, perform operations on week-long missions, averaging 100 surgical procedures per trip. To date, Changing Children’s Lives has operated on more than 1,000 patients in such countries as Brazil, Honduras, Colombia, Thailand, China, Vietnam, and Uganda. Weinstein is a member of the Friends of Rochester Athletics Board, the School of Medicine and Dentistry 35th and 40th Reunion Committees, the School of Medicine and Dentistry Alumni Council, and has been an admissions and career services volunteer. He and his wife, Karen, are
Jeffrey and Carolyn Palko Stone

the parents of Joshua and Elynn, both of whom are Rochester graduates.

Wilder Award
Jeffrey ’87, ’91M (MD) and Carolyn Palko Stone ’87 met in a freshman-year Spanish class, graduated with honors, and went on to marry at the Interfaith Chapel. Today they remain closely connected to Rochester as philanthropists and alumni volunteers. Jeffrey is an associate professor of radiology at the Mayo Clinic Florida, where he treats spine disease and performs minimally invasive spine surgeries. He is also a fellow of the American College of Radiology, an honor bestowed on only 10 percent of radiologists. Carolyn has worked as a research analyst for several large utility companies and is an expert in competitive intelligence, data analysis, and market research. The Stones are members of the George Eastman Circle, the University’s annual leadership giving society. They have also established two endowed funds—one at the School of Arts & Sciences and one at the School of Medicine and Dentistry—to provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate and medical students.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dean’s Medal
Madeline Hubbard Schmitt ’65N, ’70 (MA) is a nurse-sociologist and a national leader in advancing interprofessional collaborative practice and interprofessional education. As a Rochester faculty member, she held leadership posts in administration, teaching, and funded research. She was also coleader of an informal national interprofessional network, as well as creator and chair of the North American Division of the Journal of Interprofessional Care. She was one of two U.S. members of the WHO Study Group on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice, and in 2011, she chaired a national expert panel that produced Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice, a report that helped trigger a national transformation in health professions education. Her past awards include the School of Nursing Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Distinguished Alumna Award.

Distinguished Alumna Award
Cynthia Connolly ’87N (MS) is an associate professor of nursing at the University of Pennsylvania and one of four faculty directors of the Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice and Research. Her scholarly work has focused on the forces that have shaped children’s health care delivery and family policy in the United States. She’s the author of the award-winning book, Saving Sickly Mountain region. John and his wife, Anne, volunteered for the State Department, assisting Russian businesses in the Ural region, and worked with Linkages of Rochester, managing the sister city relationship in Veliky Novgorod, Russia, and the award-winning book, Saving Sickly Mountain region. John and his wife, Anne, volunteered for the State Department, assisting Russian businesses in the Ural region, and worked with Linkages of Rochester, managing the sister city relationship in Veliky Novgorod, Russia, and also worked with Linkages of Rochester, managing the sister city relationship in Veliky Novgorod, Russia, and volunteered for the State Department, assisting Russian businesses in the Ural region. John and his wife, Anne, were members of the George Eastman Circle. They also established an endowed scholarship at the School of Nursing in memory of their daughter, Julia Anne Schottmiller-Koester, ’84N, who was killed in 1990 during a visit in Prague.

Cynthia Connolly

John Schottmiller

2000 Lynn Arner (PhD), an associate professor of English at Brock University in Ontario, Canada, won a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for her project “Working Class Women in the Professorate.”

2014 Andrea Welles (MS) (see ’11 College).

Eastman School of Music

1959 Katherine Hoover sends several items of news. She received the National Flute Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award at the association’s convention in San Diego last August; her composition Requiem for the Innocent was performed at Lower Manhattan’s historic Trinity Church on September 21, World Peace Day; the Requiem for the Innocent CD was released in August by Tay Records.; and Eastman flute professor Bonita Boyd was the soloist in a performance of Katherine’s flute concerto The Four Winds at the Masterworks Festival in Cederville, Ohio.

1961 John McIntosh (MM), ’73 (DMA) died in April, his wife, Diane, writes. John taught organ and music theory at Western University in London for more than 30 years, and was organist and choirmaster at London’s St. James Westminster Anglican Church for more than 20 years. Among the highlights of his career were performances at King’s College Chapel in Cambridge and as Paisley Abbey in Scotland.

1966 Pianist and composer Laima Obelenis Gaizutis has released a CD, Simply Beautiful Collection II (Laima Music). It includes 11 original tracks. “They crisscross from one genre to another, always with an overriding discernible romantic influence,” Laima writes.

1973 John McIntosh (DMA) (see ’61).

1981 Composer Dan Locklair (DMA) has released a CD, Gloria (Convivium Records). The recording consists of 14 pieces from texts that span the liturgical year. Performing on the CD are the Winchester College Chapel Choir, the Portsmouth Grammar School Chamber Choir, and the mixed voice choir Sospiri.
‘Doors Were Suddenly Open to Me’

If Mirga Kerbelis Bablin ’66 were alive today, there’s no doubt in the minds of any of her eight children; she would have wanted to celebrate the 50th anniversary of her graduation. Mirga graduated nearly 20 years after she’d last stepped foot on campus, yet she wasn’t about to miss commencement. Completing her Rochester degree altered the course of her life, and the lives of her large family. “It’s a pretty inspirational story,” says Mirga’s youngest son, Christopher Bablin, who was not yet born at the time.

Mirga’s oldest daughter, Mary Abbott, remembers graduation day. “When the time came for Mom to graduate in June of 1966, it was a big family affair with Dad, the seven kids, and Mom’s parents in attendance,” Mary writes in an essay entitled “A Model Mom.” After morning Mass and Communion at home in Amsterdam, New York, the family piled into two cars and made the three-hour drive in time for Mirga to attend a preceremony luncheon in the women’s dining hall. Then the family sat in the bleachers of Fauver Stadium and watched as she walked across the makeshift platform, pregnant with Christo-

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Yet for reasons that remain a mystery to the family, Mirga would abandon the five-year nursing program in which she was enrolled, just short of graduation. In 1947, she moved back home. A year or so later, she married a veteran of World War II, Edward Bablinskas (the name was later shortened to Bablin). Mirga spent the 1950s and early 1960s as a mother and housewife, supplementing the family income with occasional part-time work. The woman who’d been an achiever in the classroom was no less determined to excel in the home. In an autobiography she wrote for her family in 1983, she recalled that she’d raised her children “with such zeal and dedication, I wonder, now, how I did it. Aside from the routine tasks of diapers and bottles, I sewed my own clothes, slipcovers, curtains, and drapes, and became a proficient canner and outstanding cook.”

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Christopher grew up knowing how important her achievement had been. “I like to think that I walked across that stage with my mom,” he says. He doesn’t believe his mother was ever satisfied with where she had left things in 1947.

“Doors were suddenly opened to me, and I soon started to combine the best of both worlds.” —KAREN MCCALLY ’02 (PHD)

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from the American Society of Investigative Pathology in October. The award is named for two Nobel laureates, Peyton Rous and founding dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry George Whipple. The award honors a scientist who has advanced the understanding of disease mechanisms. Jim is known internationally for his work on molecular mechanisms underlying severe bacterial infections. He holds the Fondren Foundation Presidential Chair of Pathology and Genomic Medicine at the Houston Methodist Hospital System and Research Institute in Texas.

1991 Jeffrey Stone (MD) (see ’87 College).

1996 Andrea Cole (Pdc) is a contributing author to the book Attachment Disturbances in Adults: Treatment for Comprehensive Repair (W. W. Norton & Co.), edited by Daniel Brown and David Elliott.

1998 Wendi Kuhnert-Tallman (PhD) won the Alumni Achievement Award from the School of Medicine and Dentistry. (See “Honoring Alumni and Friends,” page 56.)

2003 Ronan Cahill (MD) and Jessica Hennenman ’11N, ’14N (MS) were married in August at Lake Wenatchee, Washington. Ronan finished his family medicine residency at Swedish Cherry Hill and began a sports medicine fellowship at Swedish Hospital. Jessica finished a Leadership Education in Adolescent Health fellowship at the University of Washington and Seattle Children’s Hospital and started as an adolescent medicine provider for Seattle’s Group Health Cooperative.

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TRIBUTE

Edwin Carstensen: A Pioneer in the Bioeffects of Ultrasound

Edwin Carstensen, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at Rochester, was a trailblazing researcher. His contributions to understanding the biological effects of ultrasound and extremely low frequency electric fields won him widespread acclaim during a career that spanned almost 50 years.

Ed died in June in Rochester, the city that had been his home since 1961. Ed arrived at the University that year, and quickly became the director of the nascent biomedical engineering program. He was awarded one of the first three NIH Training Grants in Biomedical Engineering (the other two went to counterparts at Penn and Duke). In 1986, he became the founding director of the Rochester Center for Biomedical Ultrasound, one of the largest groups of MD and PhD researchers active in medical ultrasound.

Ed came from modest roots. He grew up in rural Nebraska, where his parents, August and Opal Carstensen, ran a hardware store. His early life was centered on family, farm, school, and church. He was inspired by his father’s keen, but intuitive, ability to fix radios, and this sparked his interest in science and math. Anticipating the possibility of a career in teaching, he attended Nebraska State Teacher’s College, where he majored in physical science and minored in math, biological science, and music.

At the recommendation of his physics professor,however, Ed chose to pursue graduate study. After a stint at the Navy’s Underwater Sound Reference Laboratory in Orlando, Ed enrolled in a PhD program at the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed his thesis on the ultrasonic properties of blood.

From his initial appointment in electrical engineering at Rochester, Ed made pioneering contributions to the understanding and development of ultrasound contrast agents, lithotripsy systems, high intensity focused ultrasound, nonlinear tissue imaging, and thresholds for tissue exposures. He won multiple awards during his career from such organizations as the Acoustical Society of America, the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, and the IEEE, of which he was a life fellow. In 1987, he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

Ed’s expertise was in high demand. Working with a committee established by the National Institutes of Health, he helped set the worldwide standards for ultrasound exposure. His landmark book, Biological Effects of Transmission Line Fields (1987), was widely influential in legal and government actions related to exposures to electromagnetic fields.

IN DEMAND: As a leading expert, Carstensen helped set worldwide standards for ultrasound exposure.

Ed and his wife, Pam, raised five children, including one College alumnus, Laura Carstensen ’78, director of Stanford University’s Center on Longevity. His family grew to include seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His devotion to documenting his family’s genealogy will ensure that his grandchildren are well acquainted with several thousand ancestors. His “academic descendants” are many, including Diane Dalecki, professor and chair of biomedical engineering at Rochester. Those of us who worked with Ed share a sense of profound gratitude for his encouragement, brilliant insights, and gentle, unfailingly positive guidance.

—DAVID BLACKSTOCK, DIANE DALECKI, AND KEVIN PARKER

Blackstock is the E. P. Schoch Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. Dalecki is chair and professor of biomedical engineering, professor of electrical and computer engineering, and director of the Center for Biomedical Ultrasound at Rochester. Parker is the William F. May Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, and Imaging Sciences, and dean emeritus of the Hajim School.
TRIBUTE

Donald (D. A.) Henderson ’54M (MD):
The Man Who Wiped Out Smallpox

In 1966, the World Health Organization began an ambitious campaign to eradicate smallpox. The $300 million effort was an astonishing undertaking that many said was doomed to failure. Realizing it would be a heavy lift, the WHO director, a Brazilian, wanted an American to lead the initiative and be the “fall guy” if it failed. Donald (D. A.) Henderson ’54M (MD), an epidemiologist who was leading the Centers for Disease Control’s smallpox surveillance unit, was the man tapped for the role.

For more than a decade, Henderson led an army of scientists, doctors, nurses, linguists, medical technicians, soldiers, and academics. They tracked down everyone infected with the lethal disease across 50 countries. They then immunized all those within a ring of proximity to the infected, effectively shutting down the spread of the disease.

Henderson spent most of his time visiting smallpox-stricken countries, some of which were in the middle of civil wars. He was involved in seven coup d’etats, and in a couple of cases, had to forge special treaties so that vaccinations could proceed. Team members were kidnapped and helicopters held for ransom. In Bangladesh, his team dodged land mines. When the Soviets shipped weak vaccines, he flew to Moscow and confronted them. Then, in 1980, the effort came to an end. The World Health Organization declared that smallpox had been eradicated.

Henderson, who died in August at the age of 87, has since been revered as the “General Eisenhower” of the war on smallpox. Conquering the disease counts as among the greatest achievements of medicine in the 20th century.

Growing up in Lakeland, Ohio, as the son of a nurse and an engineer, Henderson knew early on he wanted to be a physician. In 1947, while he was an undergraduate at Oberlin College, a smallpox outbreak in New York City stirred in him an early interest in the disease and how it could be stopped.

After that, his interest in epidemiology evolved somewhat fortuitously. In his senior year of medical school at Rochester, he competed for a prize of $200 by entering a project about the 1833 cholera epidemic in upstate New York. “To a penurious medical student, I admit the prize money was the primary motive,” he said in a 2005 interview for the journal *Epidemiology*.

The study involved plotting cases and deaths by time, age, and geographic area, estimating survival curves and attack rates—all skills he would later call upon. It not only earned him the $200, but also helped him land a position with the CDC’s Epidemic Intelligence Service.

“I applied to the CDC not because I was interested in public health or anything like that,” he said in a 2002 interview with *Rochester Medicine*. “But we all had to do military service then and I thought, ‘Well, I’ll spend two years in public health.’”

After completing his residency in internal medicine, Henderson became the CDC’s chief of viral disease surveillance. In that role, he took part in the initial field introduction of the Salk polio vaccine, the oral polio vaccine, and the measles vaccine. He oversaw studies to test the simultaneous administration of multiple antigens, particularly useful in developing countries. He then began studying how to administer the smallpox vaccination using a new jet injector that could vaccinate 1,000 people per hour.

In his work for the WHO, he proposed the adoption of a bifurcated (forked) needle, which was easy to use, rapid to execute, and required one-fourth as much vaccine.

“It was one of the key factors in the success of the eradication program,” he said later.

Colleagues remember Henderson as hard-driving, uncompromising, and devoted to every mission he tackled.

“It wasn’t always pleasant working for him,” Don Millar, a 32-year veteran of the CDC, told *Rochester Medicine* in 2002. “He expected the best from people, so he often got it. He could often drive people past what they thought they could do, but still have them feel wonderful at the end.”

In the late 1970s, Henderson became dean of Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health. In the late 1990s, he founded a center for the study of bioterrorism at Johns Hopkins. After the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, demand for his expertise grew, and President George W. Bush appointed him as director of the newly created Office of Public Health Preparedness.

In 2002, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor.

Henderson maintained a strong connection to Rochester throughout his career, returning to the Medical Center multiple times to speak and attend reunions. He said he was often guided by the biospsychosocial philosophy of medicine he learned as a medical student.

“[I was taught to] take time, question the patient thoroughly, listen carefully,” he said in a *Rochester Medicine* interview. “More often than you can imagine, the patient has a remarkably keen insight and understanding of his problem, and will effectively provide you the diagnosis before you do the physical examination or laboratory study. It sounds simple and obvious, but all too few people seem to understand this very simple precept that came straight from an introductory course at Rochester.”

—CHRISTINE ROTH

Roth is editor of Rochester Medicine.
School of Nursing

1961 \textit{Elaine Burpee Willcox} (see ’60 College).

1965 Madeline Hubbard Schmitt ’70RC (MA) won the Dean’s Medal from the School of Nursing. (See “Honoring Alumni and Friends,” page 56.)


1987 Cynthia Connolly (MS) won the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the School of Nursing. (See “Honoring Alumni and Friends,” page 56.)

2011 Jessica Henneman ’14 (MS) (see ’13 School of Medicine and Dentistry).

Simon Business School

1979 Paul Thornton (MBA) has published a memoir, White Man’s Disease (Book Broker Publishers), of his rise from Brooklyn’s Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood to become a corporate executive.

Warner School of Education

1977 Doreen Cicilova Mangee (MA) writes that she has retired after 44 years of teaching in the East Irondequoit Central School District near Rochester. She won an Outstanding Service Award in 2011 and a Legacy Award in 2015, both from the East Irondequoit Board of Education. She adds: “I plan to continue serving others through volunteer work within the community, but will make sure to include time for pursuing items on my ‘bucket list’!”

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