LaLonde scholarship established

Thomas A. LaLonde, M.D., graduated from the Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1983 and is a practicing cardiologist at the St. John Health System. He and his wife, Mary Jane, WSU ‘81, have established the Thomas and Mary Jane LaLonde Endowed Scholarship Fund. With the generous gift of $75,000, the scholarship will assist medical students and, according to the wishes of the LaLondes, make the financial challenges of going to medical school a little easier.

After completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan, Dr. LaLonde enrolled at Wayne State University. “It was a well-rounded medical education,” he said. “In four years, I received excellent training and as a first-year resident, I found that the transition was better for me than for others.”

The LaLondes hope their gift will offer opportunities to future students who would not be able to afford a medical education. “When I was attending the School of Medicine, my family was not very well-off,” he explained. “I had to work very hard to get through college and medical school. I wouldn’t have been able to do it without financial help and we feel very lucky that we are in a position today to give back and to provide opportunities to others.”

Harris online community

The Wayne State University School of Medicine Alumni Association is proud to announce the newest way to keep in touch with fellow alumni. As a registered member, you are connected with more than 9,200 WSU School of Medicine alumni and have access to information on upcoming events, member benefits, alumni news and more. It is free and secure. Only Wayne State University School of Medicine alumni will be able to join this community, so you can feel safe knowing your information remains private.

In order to register, you will need your membership ID number, which has been sent to you. If you did not receive your membership ID number, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (313) 577-3587. Once you have registered, you will create your own username and password to enter the online community regularly.

The information you approve for display in your personal profile is accessible only by password to authorized Wayne State University School of Medicine Alumni Association officials and to registered Wayne State University School of Medicine alumni who, as a condition of registration, have agreed not to use the directory information for any purpose other than private, non-commercial communication. The entire directory is protected by Secure Socket Layering (SSL) technology.

Fireworks spectacular

The Wayne State University Medical Alumni Association invites you to the 12th Annual Freedom Festival Fireworks Spectacular and Pool Party. This evening of family fun includes dinner, Bobo the Clown, magic and entertainment, face painting, balloons and use of the terrace pool.

Wednesday, June 29, 2005 (Raindate: June 30) at the Hotel Pontchartrain (West Terrace) in Detroit.

Please contact the WSU Medical Alumni Affairs Office for details at (313) 577-3587.
President’s Greeting

Greetings on behalf of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Alumni Association Board of Governors.

This is my final alum notes message as president of the Medical Alumni Association. I have, indeed, enjoyed my term as president. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to participate in developing new programs such as the medical alumni association’s new online community and the resident alumni award that will be presented at medical alumni reunion day beginning in 2006. It was also a pleasure to lend our support to worthwhile programs, including the freshman orientation, welcome ceremony, and regional alumni receptions. I hope we can continue to grow and develop additional programs that accommodate the ever-changing needs of our alumni as well as support the Medical Alumni Association.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the value of WSU Medical Alumni Association membership. Membership dues help support many different student activities and programs such as Alumni-Student Career Evening, Year 1 student and family luncheon, and the bed and breakfast program for residency interviews. Furthermore, dues help support alumni events including alumni-department specialty receptions and reunion/clinic day. There are many other advantages for our members that can be viewed on the WSU Medical Alumni Association’s website at http://www.dev-alumni.wayne.edu/alumni/memberbenefits.php.

We hope we can count on you to become a new member or renew your membership. If you have any questions regarding this program, feel free to call the Alumni Affairs Office at (313) 577-3587. Finally, I would like to remind you that we are still accepting donations for the 2004-2005 Alumni Annual Telefund. Please contact the Medical Alumni Affairs office if you would like to make a donation. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events.

Carol L. Clark, M.D., ‘85
President
Wayne State University
School of Medicine
Medical Alumni Association

In Memoriam

The Office of Alumni Affairs in the School of Medicine has received notification of the deaths of the following alumni. On behalf of the university community, we extend sincere sympathy to family and friends.


Edward Simons, M.D., ’38
Wilbur J. Steininger, M.D., ’43
Samuel Indenbaum, M.D., ’56
Alan Sorscher, M.D., ’59

Daniel Hubert, M.D., ’71, a psychiatrist who grew up in Detroit, died in Los Angeles December 25, 2004, of complications from treatment for a glioblastoma brain tumor. He was 59.

Wayne A. Quie, M.D., ’71

Editor’s note: We know that timely reporting of alumni deaths is important to our readers. At the same time, we must ensure that our reports are accurate. Therefore, we ask that friends and family send us either an obituary or a letter of confirmation notifying us of someone’s death. Please write to the WSU Medical Alumni Association, 101 E. Alexandrine, Detroit, MI 48201 or e-mail alumni@med.wayne.edu.

Daniel Hubert, M.D., ’71

The class of 1936.
An important note from our Telefund committee chair

Dear fellow alumni and friends of Wayne State University School of Medicine,

The 2004-2005 Alumni Annual Telefund is coming to an end. As of March 24, 2005, our Telefund total was $502,000 in cash and pledges. In an effort to make our goal of $550,000 we need to raise an additional $48,000 by the end of June. The Medical Alumni Board of Governors members are in the midst of a Spring Mini Telefund in an effort to ensure that we meet our goal. They are calling alumni that were not contacted during the Telefund in October/November 2004.

Your gift will make a significant difference in our ability to offer an education that is rich in experience and depth. The Alumni Annual Fund provides support for advanced research and educational programs, student organizations and activities, as well as scholarships and fellowships. Alumni gifts are critical in meeting this objective. The medical alumni have always played an important role in helping medical students realize their dreams. Today’s students count on us in the same way we counted on the alumni when we were in medical school.

Wayne State University School of Medicine is more than just our alma mater; it enabled us to fulfill our dreams of becoming physicians. As alumni, we are part of an extraordinary history of education, research and patient care. We are also essential components in the future of the School of Medicine. The Alumni Annual Fund supports community outreach programs such as the Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention Program, AIDS & Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Cass Clinic, Children’s Christmas Party, Childhood Immunization Program, Code Blue, Great American Smoke Out, Health-0-Rama, Needlefest, Octoberfest, Reach-Out-To-Youth, SCOP-St. Patrick’s Senior Center, Teen Pregnancy Education Program, and Women in Medicine. These programs enable the school to provide health care to the uninsured and underinsured people of metropolitan Detroit. They also make it possible for students to grow professionally and personally to become physicians of whom we will be proud.

Other important programs supported by the Alumni Annual Fund include medical student scholarships and loans, summer research fellowships, an investment fund to support academic and student programs, student research projects, and student activities such as Match Day, Student Senate retreat, Career Day, Family Day, Welcome Ceremony, the Honors Program, and maintenance of the student fitness center.

There are many students who need our financial help. Our goal is to expand our ability to support medical students who need and deserve our assistance. Please consider mailing your gift to the Alumni Annual Fund. We want to include you among the 2,156 alumni that have already made a gift to the 2004-2005 Alumni Annual Fund.

Please contact Lisa Ramos in the Medical Alumni Affairs Office at (313) 577-3587 or mail a check directly to the WSU School of Medicine Alumni Annual Fund, 101 E. Alexandrine, Detroit, Mich., 48201.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Ernie Yoder, M.D., ’78
Chairman
2004-2005 Telefund Committee
1956
Charles Glazzard, M.D., loves Arizona. He is still practicing as locum tenens psychiatrist at local mental health centers and would love to hear from his classmates. You can email him at PDGLAZ@MSN.com.

1963
Nicholas Newton, M.D., retired on 3/31/2003 in order to have his total left hip replaced. He is doing great and so is his family. His youngest son, Mike, is a defense-only trial attorney. His second son, Chris, has a C.P.A. and a J.D., and is a vice-president with Unum-Provident. His oldest son, Nick, has a degree in psychology and works in Georgia. He and his wife, Marlene, have six grandchildren—three boys and three girls. They live 30 miles northeast of Chattanooga, Tenn., and they would love to hear from the class of 1963. E-mail them at nicholeasnewton@charter.net.

John Joseph Prendergast, M.D., was recognized by the American Medical Association with an award for Excellence in Eliminating Health Disparities. A specialist in endocrinology and diabetes in Redwood City, Calif., Dr. Prendergast’s has a special interest in the Mexican-American population whose incidence of diabetes is reaching almost epidemic proportions. To address the lack of access of Latinos to diabetes care, he has developed an innovative approach utilizing telemedicine to provide culturally sensitive state-of-the-art specialist care from remote sites.

Dr. Prendergast is an associate clinical professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco. He is president of the Endocrine Metabolic Medical Center and the Pacific Medical Research Foundation. In addition, he founded and served as medical director for both Endocrine Therapeutics, Inc., and DiabetesWell.com.

1967
Susan Hershberg Adelman, M.D., has retired from active practice and is now a full-time artist. She has had two shows of paintings in Michigan this past fall—one with two other artists at the Charach Gallery in August and September, the other a one-person show at the Southfield Library through the month of September, showing paintings, sculpture and handmade jewelry, in particular silver work. She showed her paintings and jewelry at the Michigan State Medical Society Annual Scientific Meeting in November 2004. She can be contacted at susanadelman@hotmail.com.

1968
Melvyn Chase, M.D., retired from dermatology on December 1, 2003. He works part-time at the Indian Medical Center and Maricopa Integrated health Systems in Phoenix, Ariz. He is still in contact with 1968 fellow alumni Joey May and David Goldman and is interested in hearing from other classmates. You can email him at Zitdoc1@aol.com.

1970
Alikis P. Zingas, M.D., has joined the medical staff at St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital as the new chief of radiology and diagnostic services.

1973
Paul Mitchell, M.D., was appointed medical director at Hospice of Naples in January 2005. Dr. Mitchell joined Hospice of Naples as medical director of inpatient services in April 2004. He had served Cleveland Clinic-Naples and the community since 1998.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Mitchell served as a clinical instructor in the Department of Medicine at Wayne State University, and operated his own practice in Michigan.

1976
Robert D. Aiken, M.D., was appointed director of neurological oncology at Beth Israel Medical Center and St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City and professor of clinical neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Steven Braff, M.D., has been appointed chairman of diagnostic radiology at the University of Vermont Medical School.

F. James Stewart, M.D., traveled with a group of physicians to Nepal in the summer of 2004 and trekked to Everest Base Camp, stopping in four remote villages in the Khumbu region delivering primary care and medicines to Sherpa families who have no other access to Western medical care. Dr. Stewart traveled with a group sponsored by Himalayan Health Care of New York City and Katmandu which conducts these treks four times each year, trying to provide health care to the indigent populace of the Himalayan regions. The program-educators, who travel 7,000 miles, climbing from 7000 feet to a maximum of 18,300 feet. Nearly 140 families were served with medical care.

1982
Luise Illuminati, M.D., joined the medical staff of North Oakland Medical Centers in Pontiac, Mich.

1985
Kimberly Brown, M.D., has been appointed chief of the division of gastroenterology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She joined Henry Ford Hospital in 1995 as medical director of liver transplantation. Her research interests include viral hepatitis and post-transplant medical disease. She serves on the Board of Governors of Henry Ford Hospital and on the American Board of Internal Medicine, transplant hepatology section.

1987
Kevin Chan, M.D., a pulmonologist at Henry Ford Hospital, received a Governor’s Community Service Award from the American College of Chest Physicians. The award honored Dr. Chan for his leadership in raising organ donor awareness and increasing organ donor registration among minority populations. Dr. Chan, of Bloomfield Hills, served his residency at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center in Chicago and did a fellowship at the UCLA Medical Center.

1989
Mark S. Juzycz, M.D., associate professor of ophthalmology and assistant dean for graduate medical education at WSU, is a recipient of the Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award granted by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

The award is given annually to 10 outstanding residency program directors of more than 8,000 eligible individuals throughout the nation. According to Dr. Gary Abrams, chair of ophthalmology, “He is an excellent teacher, wise mentor, and conveys to the residents and fellows that their first responsibility is to patient care. He is well-respected and well-liked.” An award ceremony for the Parker J. Palmer fellows was held in Chicago on Valentine’s Day. Dr. Juzycz attended with his wife, Dr. Nadia Juzycz, and his sons, Daniel and Nicholas.

1991
Brian Sandler, M.D., who practices at the Academic Dermatology & Cosmetic Surgery Center in Shelby Township, Mich., joined the staff of Mt. Clemens General Hospital as a specialist in dermatology.

1998
Jon Mohares, M.D., will be completing his fellowship in interventional cardiology at Henry Ford Hospital and has joined a private practice group out of St. John’s Hospital. His wife, Lori, is busy at home with their three sons: Nicholas (age 3) and twin boys, Andrew and Christopher (age 1).

Irena Zalewska, M.D., a gastroenterologist, has joined the medical staff of St. Joseph’s Mercy of Macomb.

1999
Ryan Reeves, M.D., has just completed an interventional spine fellowship specializing in all aspects of minimally invasive spine care. He is moving to Dallas with his wife, Tammy, to a newly established center for spinal disorders, appropriately termed “Spine Team Texas.” He can be reached at reevesmd@gmail.com.

2000
Patrick Hopkins, M.D., was appointed interim medical director of the department of emergency medicine at St. John North Shores Hospital in Harrison Township, Mich.

Alaina Kronenberg, M.D., an ophthalmologist, joined Clinton Township-based St. Joseph’s Mercy of Macomb.

Rajagopal Srinivasan, M.D., got married on November 21, 2004, to Dr. Lakshmi Durairaj. He is joining the faculty of the University of Iowa’s Department of Anesthesiology.

2001
Ali Hassan, M.D., was named medical director of the emergency department at the Michigan Orthopaedic Specialty Hospital in Madison Heights.

2003
Karrin Licht, M.D., pediatrics resident graduate, works for the Alcona Health Center and is on staff at Alpena Regional Medial Center (formerly Alpena General Hospital).
Dear Graduate Alums,

The School of Medicine has been bustling with unusual activity of late – the wholesale moving of entire laboratories! As part of a long-anticipated Scott Hall renovation, the school is implementing a modern concept for laboratory design and utilization. The entire third floor will be converted to open, free-flowing common lab space, to be shared by multiple research investigators from several departments and programs. The concept fosters multidisciplinary interaction among researchers, as well as students, with an additional benefit of great flexibility in space allocation. Demolition of existing labs is expected to begin in mid-May 2005, with reconstruction completed by January 2006. Also of interest to students and faculty is the fact that the renovation will yield a new graduate classroom, which will have greater capacity than the room it replaces and will enable the university to recruit the very best candidates.

As our training programs have expanded, we have tried to dedicate additional administrative support for them. Case-in-point is the M.D./Ph.D. program. Currently working as a member of the faculty of The Carman & Ann Adams Department of Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Dr. Mathur is associate director of the Institute of Medical Education, Scientific Faculty Development. She has developed programs to assist physicians and researchers in applying for grants. “These days, when looking for research funding, many people are thrown into situations without the necessary background,” she said “Applying for grants can be very competitive. Data, itself, can appear very similar, so what really makes a proposal stand out is presentation. It’s a very technical way to show grant-makers that a proposal is unique.”

Recently appointed as M.D./Ph.D. program director, Dr. Ambika Mathur is working to expand the program and improve the training curriculum. “It takes a very motivated and dedicated person to pursue a M.D./Ph.D.,” she explained. Beginning next year, the program will increase in size to take four M.D./Ph.D. students each year.

Congratulations to Dr. Cummings

Brian Cummings, Ph.D., received the “Distinguished Young Alumnus Award” from the Wayne State University Department of Pharmacology in December 2004. The department gives this award to a recent Ph.D. graduate who has gone on to successfully establish an academic career. Dr. Cummings is a tenure-track assistant professor at the University of Georgia. He was invited back to WSU to present a seminar and receive his award.

Dr. Ambika Mathur champions M.D./Ph.D. program

As always, your keen interest in Wayne State University School of Medicine and the progress of our graduate biomedical science training is warmly appreciated.