



MATCH DAY 2008

This year's Match Day festivities TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 20 AT THE PEARL STREET GRILL AND BREWERY IN DOWNTOWN BUFFALO, WHERE STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND FACULTY GATHERED TO CELEBRATE.



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Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA

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Above: BEST FRIENDS JENNIFER TOH, LEFT, AND GEETA LAUD, DISCOVER THEY WILL BOTH TRAIN AT EINSTEIN/MONTEFIORE MEDICAL CENTER.



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From Left: GOOD FRIENDS
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MILCHTEIM AND STEVEN CHAO.

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Above: FAUZIA ASHLEY ABILMONA, RIGHT, CELEBRATES
RECEIVING HER TOP CHOICE WITH FRIENDS SEEMA
MEHTA, CENTER, AND AMAR BHANDARI, LEFT.

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Left: PAUL TAGLIENTI WILL TRAIN IN EMERGENCY
MEDICINE AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW
YORK AT STONY BROOK.



Right: FRANCIS O'CONNELL WITH HIS WIFE,
MARIPILI, AND THEIR DAUGHTER, SOPHIA.
FRANCIS WILL TRAIN AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.



MATCH DAY



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Above: FAHAD HASSAN,
LEFT, WILL TRAIN AT YALE
UNIVERSITY AND MICHELLE
HASLINGER WILL TRAIN AT
UB, HER FIRST CHOICE.



Left: NGOZI OKAM, RIGHT,
WITH BOYFRIEND ONUMA
IBE. NGOZI WILL TRAIN IN
OB/GYN AT THE OHIO
STATE UNIVERSITY, HER
FIRST CHOICE.

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RICHARD SARKIN/EMERITUS FACULTY CHAPTER OF THE GOLD HUMANISM HONOR SOCIETY

At the end of each academic year, based on peer nomination and faculty selection for qualities of exceptional compassion and dedication, students are selected for membership in the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2008 WHO WERE INDUCTED INCLUDE:

Saddam Saleh Abisse
Christopher Charles Battaglia
Kiran Bharadwa
Christopher J. Cancro
Jennifer Erica Emmett Costello
Jenna L. Giles

Kassandra Suzanne Grzankowski
Hekmat Hakiman
Carla Rose Henke
Paul Robert Hosking
Michael Robert Joynt
Geeta G. Laud
Yuk Ming Liu

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Rebecca Louise Simons
Emily Slotkin
Lori Marie Wittman

ALPHA OMEGA ALPHA HONOR MEDICAL SOCIETY

Alpha Omega Alpha is a national organization dedicated to supporting academic excellence and perpetuating excellence in the medical profession. It is the only national medical honor society in the world, and students are selected on the basis of scholarship and integrity.

THIS YEAR'S INDUCTEES ARE AS FOLLOW:

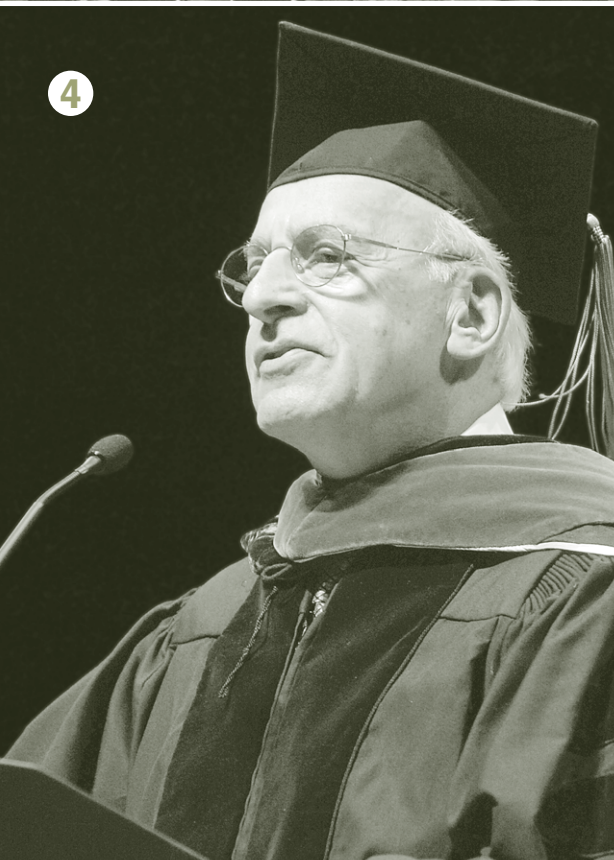
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Adam R. Brod
Anthony Cenninara*
Michael John Cipolla
Jennifer E. Costello
Jillian Jean Delmont
Amy Beth Devlin

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Mariam Imnadze
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Jennifer Helen Paul
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Alan Vainrib
Lori Marie Wittman
Stefanie S. Wu
Justin Mark Zbrzezny

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CLASS OF 2009
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Margherita Bruni
Sameer Madhav Deshmukh
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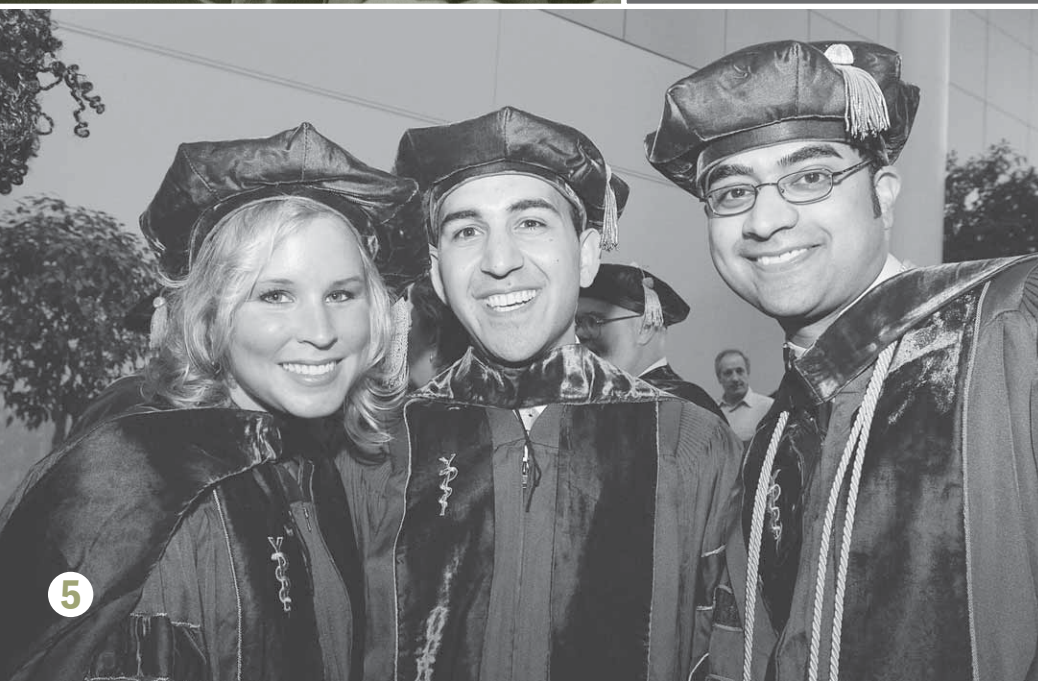


GRADUATION 2008

M E D I C I N E

The 162th commencement for the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences was held on May 2, 2008, at the Center for the Arts on the North Campus. This year, the school conferred 131 MD degrees; six MD/PhD dual degrees; one MD/MPH dual degree; four MD/MBA dual degrees; and one MD/oral and maxillofacial surgery degree.

1 Singing the National Anthem, from left: Rebecca Louise Simons, MD '08; Jennifer Toh, MD '08; Paul Taglienti, MD '08; and Arjuna Kuperan, MD '08 2 Shannon O'Malley, MD '08, being hooded by David Milling, MD 3 Dedicating the *Iris*, Ajay Panchal, MD '08, left, and Jenna O'Neill, MD '08 4 Honored Speaker William A. Peck, MD, director of the Center for Health Policy, Alan A. and Edith L. Wolff Distinguished Professor of Medicine, and Dean Emeritus, Washington University School of Medicine 5 From left: Michelle Haslinger, MD '08, Hekmat Hakiman, MD '08, and Fahad Hassan, MD '08 6 David Brooks, MD '08, MPH, MBA, center, receiving the University at Buffalo Presidential Student Citizenship Award from UB president John B. Simpson, at podium, and Michael E. Cain, MD, dean of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, right. For more on Brooks' award and his "triple degree" (a first for the school) see the inside back cover. 7 Denise McCormack, MD '08, being hooded by David Milling, MD. **BP**





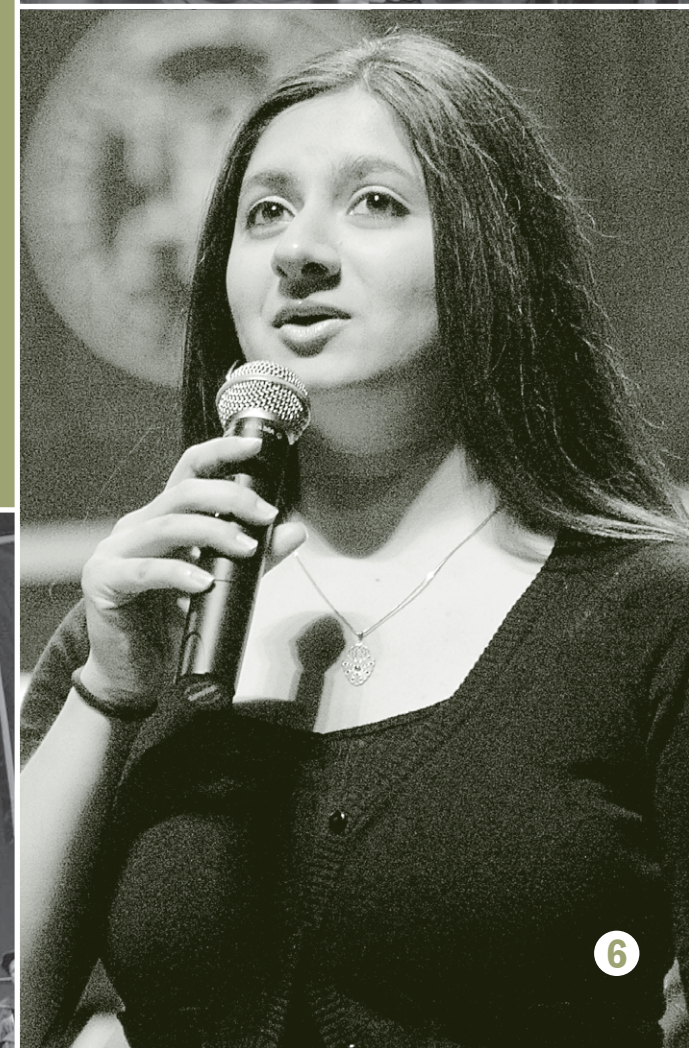
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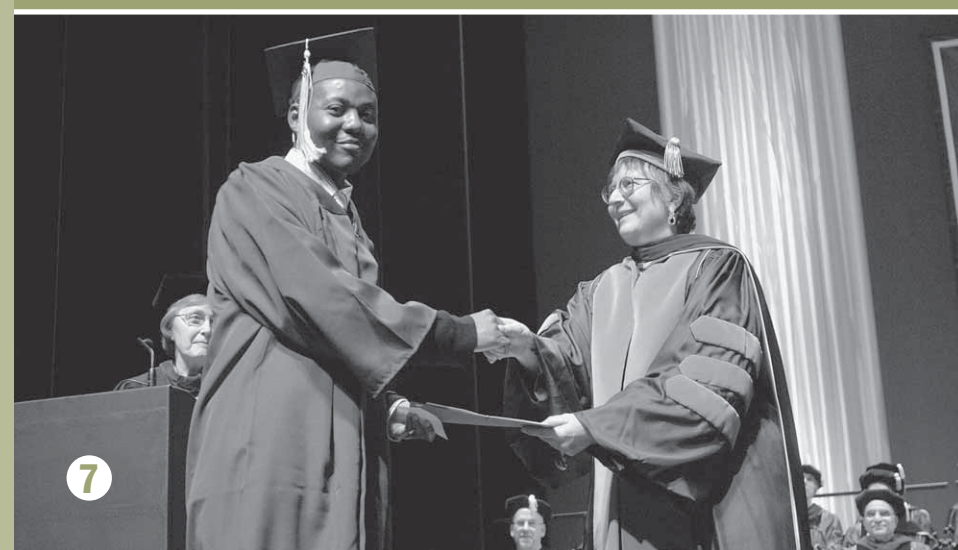
The Undergraduate and Graduate Biomedical Sciences Commencement for the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences took place on May 8, 2008, at the Center for the Arts on the North Campus.

This year, 30 PhD, 43 master's and 197 baccalaureate candidates were eligible for degrees.

Candidates completed work in the following School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' departments or programs: biochemistry, biomedical sciences, biotechnical and clinical laboratory sciences, microbiology and immunology, neurosciences, medical technology, nuclear medicine technology, pathology and anatomical sciences, pharmacology and toxicology, physiology and biophysics, and structural biology. Also included were the Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI) Graduate Division programs in biochemistry, pharmacology and toxicology, cellular and molecular biology, molecular and cellular biophysics and biochemistry, and natural sciences.



1 William A. Catterall, PhD, professor and chair of pharmacology at the University of Washington, delivering the commencement address 2 Michael E. Cain, MD, dean, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, congratulates Joshua Reid, BS '08, biomedical sciences 3 Laurie Sanders, PhD '08, being hooded by her major professor Mark Sutton, PhD, biochemistry 4 Bryan Sandler, BS '08, biomedical sciences, celebrates with his grandparents following the ceremony 5 Xiaoling Wang, PhD '08, is presented with the RPCI Award for Overall Excellence in Cancer Research by Arthur Michalek, PhD, dean for educational affairs 6 Rajavi Parikh singing the National Anthem 7 Gail Willsky, PhD, presenting Comlan Missihoun, BS '08, with the Outstanding Undergraduate in Biochemistry Award. **BP**





Surgery Extends Its Reach

By S. A. UNGER

Department's Grand Rounds Are Reinvigorated and Online

In an effort to adapt to changing educational priorities and to overcome the challenge of reaching a geographically dispersed faculty and student body, the Department of Surgery has begun making its Grand Rounds presentations available online.

The change coincides with efforts by Merrill Dayton, MD, the department's chair, to "put the 'grand' back in grand rounds," one of the goals he has worked toward since assuming leadership of the department five years ago.

As currently formatted, Surgery Grand Rounds are held on Thursday morning approximately 35 times a year in 144 Farber Hall on the South Campus. Presentations begin at 6:45 a.m. and are attended, on average, by 40 medical students, 35 residents and 25 attendings, as well as numerous guests and visiting professors.

Staff from the UB Office of Instructional Technology Support Services and from the Office of Medical Computing digitally capture the audio and visual components of the Grand Rounds, which are then streamed online via the Department of Surgery's website. (To view, go to <http://wings.buffalo.edu/smb/sur> and click on "Education and Training.")

The data obtained include slides or other graphics presented, as well as audio of questions from members of the audience, who speak directly into a microphone that is circulated around the room as discussion takes place and the camera rolls.

"By putting the Grand Rounds on the web, we've extended the range of our teaching not only locally, but regionally and nationally as well," says James Hassett, MD, director of the department's residency program, who has spearheaded the online effort.

Furthermore, Hassett and others have been pleasantly surprised to discover that medical school graduates around the country who are considering applying to UB's surgical residency program are going online and viewing the site to gain more information about the program.

In addition to posting all the Grand Rounds presentations online, each is being archived. "Over time, we could wind up with a collection of 35 to 40 cases in a given year," says Hassett, "and that's the long-term value of this new approach. If, for example, I bring in a visiting professor from London, the students and faculty who were unable to attend can access the presentation whenever it's convenient for them. That's perhaps the key value of this going forward; it can be memorialized."

Geography, Culture and Scholarship

The impetus to make this technological leap came primarily from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), which requires that medical schools make content material, such as that from Grand Rounds, available to students and residents, whether or not they can attend the presentations.

"This has been a tremendous challenge for us geographically," says Hassett, "because our faculty, students and residents work and train in six different hospitals in our community."

Over the last 15 years, the Department of Surgery has tried a number of different approaches to meet this requirement, including holding parallel Grand Rounds in each hospital and, later, holding just one session, but rotating it each week among the various facilities.

A few years ago, Hassett initiated an effort to have the Grand Rounds put on CD ROMs, which "didn't add a lot of value," he notes in hindsight.

Approximately nine years ago, another significant change in the Surgery Grand Rounds took place and now serves to further enhances the online approach that has been instituted.

"The surgical clerkship was using Grand Rounds primarily as a method of education for all surgical clerks," explains Hassett, "so we decided to shift our focus away from the community physician or the resident and instead focus on the students and residents, which meant we moved on campus."

"To my knowledge," he continues, "we are the only Grand Rounds program held on the medical school's campus."

By relocating its Grand Rounds to the South Campus, the Department of Surgery also was making a deliberate effort to integrate basic science faculty into the sessions, according to Hassett.

"As it turns out, on any given Thursday, we now have 90 to 100 people come," he explains, "and these include individuals who are not necessarily clinically affiliated with the Department of Surgery, but who are interested scientists from, say, the departments of biophysics or anatomy."

Presentations at Grand Rounds are made not only by faculty, community

physicians, and visiting professors but also by fellows and residents, who are required to do this as part of their training.

Although the sessions are online, students in the surgery clerkship are required to attend, and faculty, residents and fellows are encouraged to attend a minimum of half of the sessions.

"At least once a month, the presentation is done by the surgical oncology fellow from Roswell Park [Cancer Institute] or the chief resident in surgery, followed by a dynamic discussion, usually led by Dr. Dayton," Hassett explains.

Perhaps the most significant—and appreciated—by-product of the changes made to Surgery Grand Rounds is the fact that they draw third- and fourth-year students back to campus for scholarly

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activities, which serves to invigorate the campus culture.

"That's probably the biggest success story for our program in recent decades," Hassett observes. "In the past, once the students completed their second year, they might only come to campus for a small number of things. Now, with Grand Rounds being a required aspect of their

surgical clerkships, they are on campus every week, and Dr. Dayton has worked to improve the ambience for the presentations—for example, by supporting a coffee and pastry service for those who come. Too, after each Grand Rounds, we have a variety of breakout sessions for the students and residents. So, we've established the concept of Thursday mornings as time for scholarly activity for the Department of Surgery and the school.

"We began all this because we were looking for ways to give people access to information we were required to teach and to open up the campus, and in doing so, we've put in place something that the students really like." **BP**

The Department of Surgery and the Office of Medical Computing would like to thank John Pfeffer, John Wild and Scott Blajszczak in the UB Office of Instructional Technology Support Services for partnering with them to make this project possible.

Pediatric Grand Rounds for CME Credits **New online option**

DUE TO A NEW COLLABORATIVE EFFORT between the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' Office for Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Kaleida Health IT, the Department of Pediatrics' Grand Rounds are also now available for viewing live or on demand, and it is possible to receive one hour of Category 1 AMA CME credit for each program viewed.

To take advantage of this free opportunity, log on to www.wchob.org/grandrounds and click on the link on the left margin for CME information, then follow the prompts for new users.

This opportunity is available to all Kaleida Health medical staff members and non-staff members alike. In order for non-staff members to receive CME

credit for viewing Grand Rounds, however, they need to register with Kaleida Health IT as referring medical professionals for system security reasons. To do this, call (716) 859-7777 at any time.

As a public benefit and in an effort to improve access to current medical knowledge, any interested member of the general community also is welcomed to view Pediatric Grand Rounds by simply logging on to the website mentioned above and clicking on the appropriate link. CME credit cannot be offered for presentations viewed in this manner.

In the near future, Kaleida intends to make this service available to all other CME activities within Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo. **BP**

Quick Links

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<http://wings.buffalo.edu/smb/sur> (click on "Education and Training")

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