

MATCH DAY 2009

This year's Match Day festivities took place on March 19 at the Pearl Street Grill and Brewery in downtown Buffalo, where students, their families and friends and faculty gathered to celebrate.

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David Feiner, pictured with his father, Marc, and mother, Elise, is staying in Buffalo to train in orthopaedic surgery. He wore his father's scrubs for the special occasion.

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Two first choices for best friends Janet Yeh, left, who will train in surgery at Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, New Jersey; and Arielle Kurzweil, right, who will train in medicine (preliminary) at Mount Sinai Hospital, Bronx, and in neurology at New York University's Mt. Sinai Hospital, Bronx, New York.





Regina Sydor gets the good news that she will train in internal medicine at Winthrop–University Hospital in Mineola, New York, her first choice. Pictured with her is her husband, Michael.

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Betty Huo and Jason Choi celebrate that they will be in Boston together. Huo will train in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital and Choi will train in internal medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

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“Friends since the first day of school” are, from left, Amy Doran, Christine Kassis, Diana Huang, Laryssa Huryn and Witzard Joseph.



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Elizabeth Meinert discovers she will
train in pediatrics at the University
of Florida College of Medicine in
Gainesville, Florida, her first choice.
Pictured with her is Keith Hehr.



Pictured clockwise are
good friends Suruchi
Thakore, Zilla Hussain,
Drew Bianchi, Stephanie
Chow and Alan Hsu.



GRADUATION

2009

MEDICINE

The 163rd commencement for the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences was held on May 1, 2009, at the Center for the Arts on the North Campus.

This year, the school conferred 149 MD degrees; three MD/PhD dual degrees; four MD/MBA dual degrees; and two MD/oral and maxillofacial surgery degrees.

The honored speaker was Daniel Levy, MD.*

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*Turn to page 33 for to learn more about Dr. Levy.



- 1: Nancy Cronk, who retired this year as coordinator for first- and second-year curriculum, was honored for her 40-plus-year career. Flanking her are Lisa Steketee-Weaver, MD '09, left, and Suruchi Thakore, MD '09.
- 2: Honored speaker Daniel Levy, MD, center, with Michal E. Cain, MD, dean of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and Nancy Nielsen, MD '76, PhD, senior associate dean for medical education.
- 3: Stephanie Brown Johnson, MD, left, congratulates her cousin, Shereene Brown, MD '09.
- 4: Drew Bianchi, MD '09, being hooded by David Milling, MD.
- 5: Yuri Bunimovich, MD '09, with his son, Sol.
- 6: Linda Wild, MD '76, associate professor of pathology and anatomical sciences.
- 7: Sarah Scarselletta, MD '09, and Arielle Kurzweil, MD '09, celebrate.
- 8: Tara Halliwell-Kemp, MD, DDS '09, being hooded by Richard Hall, MD, as David Milling, MD '93, looks on.

GRADUATION 2009 BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

The Undergraduate and Graduate Biomedical Sciences Commencement for the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences took place on May 7, 2009, at the Center for the Arts on the North Campus.

This year, 17 PhD, 46 master's and 215 baccalaureate candidates were eligible for degrees.

The commencement address was delivered by Ronald M. Evans, PhD, investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and professor at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. Degrees were conferred by UB President John B. Simpson, PhD.

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



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- 1: Gail Willksy, PhD, presenting the Outstanding Senior Award in Biochemistry to Robert Borowski.
- 2: Elizabeth Kish (biophysics graduate); Shinpei Ohki, PhD; Tanjima Zinia (biophysics graduate).
- 3: Anthony Campagnari, PhD, on right, presenting the Microbiology and Immunology Award for Excellence in Dissertation Research in Memory of Murray W. Stinton, PhD, to doctoral graduate Pascale Plamondon.
- 4: Frank Acheampong (biomedical sciences graduate); Adwoa Mensah (Kofi's sister); Andrew Prah (Kofi's brother), Kofi Asenso-Mensah (biomedical sciences graduate), James Mensah (Kofi's father).
- 5: James Olson, PhD, congratulating pharmacology BS/MS graduate Chinaza Egbuta.
- 6: President John B. Simpson, PhD, and Dean Michael E. Cain, MD, congratulating graduates.



Plans for Downtown Campus Advance

KALEIDA, UB BREAK GROUND ON VASCULAR INSTITUTE, RESEARCH BUILDING

By JOHN DELLA CONTRADA

THE EFFORT TO TRANSFORM BUFFALO INTO A WORLD-CLASS HEALTH-CARE DESTINATION AND EXPAND UB'S DOWNTOWN CAMPUS TOOK A MAJOR STEP FORWARD ON AUGUST 3, 2009, WHEN KALEIDA HEALTH AND UB BROKE GROUND FOR A NEW 10-STORY GLOBAL VASCULAR INSTITUTE AND RESEARCH BUILDING.

THE \$291-MILLION combined facility, to be located next to Buffalo General Hospital at Goodrich and Ellicott streets, will bring together Kaleida Health physicians and UB researchers in a collaborative effort to deliver state-of-the-art clinical care, produce major breakthroughs on the causes and treatment of vascular disease, and spin off new biotechnology businesses and jobs.

"Today marks a new era for health care delivery in Western New York," said James R. Kaskie, president and CEO of Kaleida Health. Kaskie also serves as president and CEO of Great Lakes Health, the governing body overseeing the integration of Kaleida Health and the Erie County Medical Center Corporation (ECMCC).

"Through a physician-led process, we have delivered on reform and, just as important, set the stage to build the pre-eminent flagship medical center in upstate New York," Kaskie added. "Our new global vascular institute is destined to be the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, with improved quality and better access for the patients that we serve."

"This is a major milestone for UB and for Buffalo," said President John B.

Simpson. "This collaborative endeavor greatly advances our plans to expand UB's academic and clinical health science programs in downtown Buffalo—a key element in our UB 2020 vision. Together with our strong clinical and research partners in the region, we are steadily transforming Buffalo into a major hub for the best in medical care, education and research, and revitalizing our region's economy in the process."

"As a true public-private partnership, this project owes much to the leadership of our Western New York legislative delegation," Simpson added. "This project would not have been possible without the delegation's efforts to secure the transfer of previously approved capital construction funds to the Buffalo 2020 Development Corporation, which will allow us to move forward with our partnership with Kaleida Health."

Construction of the building, designed by Cannon Design, Architects and Engineers, is expected to take approximately two years, with doors opening in late 2011. Turner Construction is the general contractor for the project.

In 2007, the Commission on Health

Care Facilities in the 21st Century, also known as the "Berger Commission," ordered the closure of Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital. Kaleida Health decided to shift the hospital's cardiovascular and stroke-related services to the soon-to-be-built facility on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

"We must take the necessary steps to fix our broken health-care system so that all New Yorkers receive the high-quality care they need and deserve," said Governor David A. Paterson. "It is for this reason that I applaud Kaleida Health, University at Buffalo and Great Lakes Health for their vision and commitment to improving access and quality of care for the people of Western New York."

Construction of the building also helps advance the UB 2020 strategic plan, which is focused, in part, on bringing UB health sciences programs to downtown Buffalo, advancing UB's strength in the biomedical sciences and other research fields, and increasing the university's economic impact in Buffalo. Expanding the UB campus in downtown Buffalo would bring an estimated 13,000 faculty, staff and students to downtown.

The building will house four floors of Kaleida Health's \$173 million merger of its cardiac, stroke and vascular operations, plus a new and expanded emergency department. It also will house research and development facilities, including four floors for UB's \$118 million Clinical and Translational Research Center (CTRC) and a UB Biosciences Incubator.

The co-location of Kaleida Health

physicians and UB researchers and faculty in the facility is expected to bring about advancements in care and treatment—and development of new medical technologies—that would not happen in isolation.

FOR KALEIDA HEALTH, the global vascular institute will consolidate heart, stroke, vascular and neurosurgery services in one location. The new building will also help fulfill Kaleida Health's vision to create a world-class, academically oriented medical center, second to none in the northeastern United States. As this issue of *Buffalo Physician* was going to press, ECMCC and Great Lakes Health were planning to announce a significant investment in the global vascular institute, further consolidating heart programs in Western New York.

For UB, the Clinical and Translational Research Center will expand the university's focus on translating basic medical research into new treatments and technologies made available for patients. The Biosciences Incubator will provide laboratories and office space, and start-up services to companies spun off from UB medical discoveries. UB's incubator is expected to be at full occupancy after two to three years, with 130 employees. According to studies on the economic effect of biomedicine and biotechnology research, the UB CTRC and Biosciences Incubator are projected to produce an annual economic impact of \$68,750,000.

Kaleida Health and UB officials say the new building will help transform Buffalo into a regional destination for excel-



Architectural rendering of the new global vascular institute and research building currently under construction.

lence in health care, on par with medical research centers available in Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Moreover, the collaborative work being done in the Kaleida Health-UB building will play a major role in the continued growth of a life-sciences industry in Buffalo and the creation of a knowledge-based economy leading to thousands of new jobs in the region.

The new building is made possible by a unique partnership between UB, a public university, and Kaleida Health, a private entity. This partnership is expected to save taxpayers \$21 million through reduced construction costs and operational efficiencies. The building is an example of the type of projects UB is prohibited by the state from doing on a regular basis unless it first goes through a cumbersome approval process. This is why UB is seeking the flexibility to pursue these types of public-private partnerships through the UB 2020

Flexibility and Economic Growth Act, introduced into the state legislature this year by the Western New York delegation.

The new building also advances the goals of the Berger Commission, which mandated Western New York organizations to significantly improve the quality and availability of health care by ending expensive duplication of services, filling gaps in the region's health-care system, recruiting top-level researchers and physicians, and providing state-of-the-art training to UB medical students.

When complete, the Kaleida Health-UB facility will house nearly 600 patient beds, 30 operating rooms, 17 interventional labs for cardiac, vascular and neurosurgical procedures, as well as four CT scanners and four MRIs. It is anticipated that the new emergency department will accommodate more than 60,000 visits, while the hospital will discharge nearly 27,000 patients.

In June, Kaleida Health received two key approvals to build the facility. The New York State Department of Health's Hospital Review and Planning Council approved Kaleida Health's final certificate of need for the 10-story structure and the City of Buffalo's Planning Board unanimously approved the site plan for the project. **BP**

Kaleida Health and UB officials say the new building will help transform Buffalo into a regional destination for excellence in health care, on par with medical research centers available in Cleveland and Pittsburgh.