



# 2004 Distinguished Medical Alumnus

**Ronald "Skip" Garvey, MD '53**

**Ronald "Skip" Garvey, MD '53**, surgeon and emeritus president of the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler, is the recipient of the University at Buffalo's 2004 Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award.

A native of Olean, New York, Garvey received a bachelor's degree from Harvard College in 1949, a medical degree from the then-University of Buffalo in 1953 and a master's degree in health care administration from the University of Dallas in 1986.

Following medical school, Garvey completed an internship at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, after which he served as a captain in the air force before returning to Parkland for his residency in 1956. From 1959 to 1960, he was a research fellow at the National Institutes of Health, where he focused on arthritis and metabolic diseases.

Upon completion of his fellowship, Garvey joined the University of Texas Southwestern as an instructor of surgery. Over the years, he went on to hold a succession of academic and administrative appointments at the university and served as professor of surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (1960 to 1993).

In addition, Garvey maintained a private practice in surgery (1961 to 1983) and was a team physician for the National Football League's Dallas Cowboys (1963 to 1972) and a consultant for the team (1972 to 1993).

From 1997 to 2002, Garvey served

as interim director and then as president of the University of Texas Health Center at Tyler. In May 2003, he was named president emeritus of the university by the University of Texas, System Board of Regents.

Over the years, Garvey has received numerous awards and honors. In 1991, the Health Level Seven Commission presented him with the "Industry Pioneer Award," and in 1996 the Zale Lipshy University Hospital presented him with the Ralph Rogers Award for his work as an Outstanding Board Member Volunteer. In 1998 Garvey received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Dallas Alumni Association. That same year, the UB Medical Alumni Association honored him with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout his career, Garvey has served in various leadership capacities with numerous organizations, including the American Cancer Society, Catholic Family Services, the Visiting Nurses Association of Dallas, Children's Oncology Services of Texas, Dallas County Medical Society, and the St. Paul Hospital Foundation. He also served as the finance chair for the Texas Women's University Board of Regents, and as the performance improvement chair for the Zale Lipshy University Hospital Board of Directors.

From 1997 to 2003, Garvey chaired the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' capital campaign. Presently, he is the chair for Brit Systems.

—S. A. UNGER



**Margaret Paroski, MD '80, interim dean of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and interim vice president for Health Affairs at UB, pictured with Distinguished Medical Alumnus Ronald Garvey, MD '53. A dinner hosted by the Medical Alumni Association was held in Garvey's honor at the Buffalo Club on September 10, 2004.**

# New Degree Offered

## Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences

In the fall of 2004, the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences began offering a new bachelor of science degree in biomedical sciences for students who anticipate applying to professional or graduate programs in the health sciences.

The major requires students to take core courses that traditionally are considered prerequisites for professional programs in medicine, dentistry, optometry, podiatry, chiropractic and veterinary medicine, as well as most graduate programs in various health-science disciplines. It previously was available only as a special major through the College of Arts and Sciences.

The new major should not be considered "UB's pre-med major," cautions Mary Anne Rokitka, PhD, associate dean for biomedical undergraduate education and clinical associate professor in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

"Pre-med students can choose from a variety of majors en route to medical school. The biomedical sciences major offers students yet another option as they contemplate their futures," she says, adding that completion of the major does not guarantee admission into UB's medical school or any other medical school.

The biomedical sciences are, by their very nature, interdisciplinary, Rokitka notes. "They are derivatives of the natural sciences—biology, chemistry and physics—and they share a clinical focus; namely, an application of basic-science principles to the health and well-being of living organisms."

The major in biomedical sciences engages students in coursework associated with the natural sciences that becomes the infrastructure for courses that have a "biomedical sciences" focus, such as anatomy, physiology, biochemistry and microbiology.

Once students complete courses in the natural and biomedical sciences, they may choose electives "that confer a unique character on their major in the biomedical sciences," Rokitka says. Among those electives are courses in medical terminology, sociology, ethics, nutrition, anthropology, biophysics and advanced microbiology and physiology.

Research and internship opportunities will be available to upper-division students, she says.

More information about the new major and admission criteria is available at <http://www.smbs.buffalo.edu/bms>.

—Lois Baker

## Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Class of 2005 inductees

Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) 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.

### Class of 2005 inductees to the AOA are:

Matthew C. Aboudara  
Kristin K. Algoe  
Ross E. Bauer  
Sara E. Brooks-Sienkiewicz  
Mark A. Burkner  
Jeffrey M. Feiner  
Allison D. Graziadei  
Thomas J. Gruber  
Jennifer Gurske  
Faye E. Justicia-Linde  
Safina F. Koreishi  
Amanda R. Kost  
Andrea M. Luczkowski  
Jennifer L. MacLaughlin  
Glenn P. Miller, Jr.  
Jay K. Pahade  
Ronald F. Parsons  
Beth A. Peterson  
Kevin T. Shiley  
Keith A. Sikora  
Daljit K. Singh  
Joanne K. Smith  
Dawn M. Spinillo  
Jennifer J. Stalica  
Kimberly A. Voight  
David G. Wagner

## Correction

In the list of endowments published in the autumn 2004 issue of Buffalo Physician, the newly established "Seal the Deal" Endowment Fund was inadvertently omitted. The purpose of the fund is to provide a \$500 incentive to medical school candidates to say "yes" to UB if they have been accepted to multiple schools.



# Honors Convocation

## Recognizing Medical Students' Achievements

**T**he Annual Honors Convocation recognizing academic excellence among first- and second-year students at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences was held in Butler Auditorium October 30, 2004.

The following is a list of award recipients and a description of the awards received.

The departments of the school have established awards to recognize meritorious performance as well as outstanding achievement in other curriculum-related activities.

### Pathology and Anatomical Sciences

**David A. Liebner, '07**, received the James A. Gibson, Wayne J. Atwell and Oliver P. Jones Award, which is given by the Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences to the student with the highest combined average in the anatomical sciences. The award is named in honor of past chairs of the Department of Anatomy.



**Richard Monroe, '06**, received the Kornel Terplan Award, given by the Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences to the student with the highest average in pathology. The award honors Dr. Kornel Terplan, past chair of the department.



**Michael Hawryschuk, '06**, received the John B. Sheffer Award, which is given to the student who has achieved academically and demonstrated particular aptitude in the pathology laboratory setting during the preclinical years.



Dr. Sheffer practiced pathology in Buffalo for over 35 years and was acting chair of the Department of Pathology from 1972 to 1974.

**Troy Pittman, '06**, received the American Society of Clinical Pathologists Award for Academic Excellence, which is given to the student who demonstrated high academic achievement and outstanding performance in the pathology laboratory.



### Biochemistry

**David A. Liebner, '07**, pictured above left, received the Edward L. Curvish Award, established by the Department of Biochemistry to recognize the student with the highest average in biochemistry.

### Microbiology/Immunology



**Sarah N. Aminoff, '06**, left, and **Pamela J. Franks, '06**, below, received the Ernest Witebsky Award, which is given to the students achieving the highest grade in the microbiology and immunology. Dr. Witebsky was the founding chair of the Department of Microbiology.

**Pamela J. Franks, '06**, received the Marek Zaleski Award, presented by the Department of Microbiology to the student who best combines Dr. Zaleski's high standards of academic achievement with outstanding service to the community. The third-year class chooses the recipient.



**Lori Broderick, '07 (MD PhD)**, received the Microbiology Travel Award, which, in alternate years, is presented by the Department of

Microbiology to a medical student who presents a research paper or poster at a national or international meeting. The award helps defray the student's travel expenses. Students are nominated by a faculty mentor.

### Physiology and Biophysics

**Michael Hawryschuk, '06**, and **Richard Monroe, '06**, both pictured on opposite page, received the Donald W. Rennie Physiology Award, which is given to the students with the highest average in physiology. Dr. Rennie was a former vice president for research at UB and chair of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics.

### Primary Care Achievement

**Grace Liu, '07**, received the Evan Calkins Primary Care Achievement Award, which is given to one outstanding student in the Primary Care Summer Externship Program. Dr. Calkins is a former chair of the Department of Medicine.



### McGraw-Hill Book Awards

**David A. Liebner, '07**, pictured on opposite page, and **Michael F. Petroziello, '07**, right, received the McGraw-Hill Book Awards, which are given to the two highest-ranking students in the first-year curriculum.



## Dean's Letters of Commendation Years 1, 2 and 3

Dean's Letters of Commendation are awarded to students in years one and two who achieve 75 percent of available honors points in each year. Two honors points are earned for each credit hour of honors performance while one point is earned per credit for high satisfactory.

Students earning letters of commendation for their work in academic year 2003-2004 are:

#### Year Three

MATTHEW C. ABOUDARA  
KRISTIN K. ALGOE  
AMANDA BROOKS  
SARA E. BROOKS-SIENKIEWICZ  
MARK A. BURKER  
JEFFREY M. FEINER  
SHAUN M. GIFFORD  
THOMAS J. GRUBER  
JENNIFER GURSKE  
ELIZABETH HONIGSBERG  
FAYE E. JUSTICIA-LINDE  
SAFINA F. KOREISHI  
AMANDA R. KOST  
ANDREA M. LUCZKOWSKI  
BRIGID MACK  
JENNIFER L. MACLAUGHLIN  
GLENN P. MILLER, JR.  
JAY K. PAHADE  
RONALD F. PARSONS  
BETH A. PETERSON  
NICHOLAS P. PIETRIS  
KATHERINE T. SCIANDRA  
KEVIN T. SHILEY  
KEITH A. SIKORA  
DALJIT K. SINGH  
JOANNE K. SMITH  
DAWN M. SPINILLO  
JENNIFER J. STALICA  
KIMBERLY A. VOIGHT

#### Year Two

SARAH N. AMINOFF  
KATHARINE M. BATT  
DANIELLE E. BENDER  
MARY C. BEROWSKI  
JOSETTE M. BIANCHI  
ANDREW J. BRENYO  
STEPHANIE E. CHIN  
BRIAN H. EICHNER  
THOMAS M. FORSBERG  
KATHERINE J. FRACHETTI  
PAMELA J. FRANKS  
MICHAEL C. HAWRYSCHUK  
JOSEPH P. HOUSEL  
JAMES W. INGRAHAM  
ARASH Y. KERMANSHAHI  
JANET C. KING  
THOMAS W. LOEHFELM  
DEBRA L. LUCZKIEWICZ  
KATHERINE E. MELZER  
NADIA M. MIRZA  
RICHARD K. MONROE  
MOLLY E. MOORE  
DANIELLE L. MORGANTI  
JORDAN M. RUSH  
JACOB M. TALLMAN  
GEORGE M. WATSON  
PATRICK P. YOUSSEF

#### Year One

KRISTEN E. AMANN  
CHRISTOPHER V. DESIMONE  
ZHANNA JANE ELBERG  
ELLEN C. FITZGERALD  
BENJAMIN C. GILLEN  
AMANDA R. GORMAN  
GERALD R. JEYAPALAN  
RUSSELL M. LAFRANCE  
ROBIN T. LI  
DAVID A. LIEBNER  
BETHANY M. LIPA  
LESLEY C. LOSS  
JOHN A. MALONEY  
MICHAEL F. PETROZIELLO  
ANOOP PRABHU  
PETER C. REVENAUGH  
BABAK ROOBINI  
JULIANNE M. SANTAROSA  
ERIC J. SIGLER  
PATRICK D. SOLAN  
VY THAO T. TRAN  
ADRIENNE VARGO  
MEGAN S. WHITTAKER  
AFSHIN ZADFAR  
MICHAEL C. ZANG