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Olmsted Ross Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

National Conference for Community and Justice

Elizabeth Olmsted Ross, MD ’39, a nationally recognized ophthalmologist, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice at the Annual Citation with Banquet on March 25.

Over the course of her career, Olmsted Ross has been a champion for the visually impaired, tirelessly advocating for state-of-the-art care as well as for innovative research into diseases and conditions that cause visual impairment.

She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. In addition, she has served as chair appointed by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt to the national advisory council of the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Her term of service extends through November 2008. The council advises Secretary Leavitt and the AHRQ director, Dr. Carolyn Clancy, on matters related to actions of the AHRQ to (1) reduce the costs of health-care services and (2) improve access to health-care services through scientific research and promotion of improvements in clinical practice and the organization, financing and delivery of health services. The council consists of 21 representatives who are leaders in health-care research, health-care quality, primary care medicine, and health-care economics.

“We are redesigning the ways services are delivered in practices throughout our country,” Jain says. “I am excited to be a part of that effort through this national advisory committee.”

Olmsted Ross also is a leading philanthropist, who has endowed the Ross Chair in Ophthalmic Pathology at UB and helped establish the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute for Research and Patient Care—Kim Venti
STOBO AND KASSIRER SPEAK AT AAMC MEETING

UB medical school alumni—John D. Stobo, MD ’68, and Jerome Kassirer, MD ’57—were featured speakers at the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Group on Institutional Advancement’s annual meeting held March 29–April 1 in Austin, Texas.

Stobo, who spoke on “Servant Leadership in a Productive Community,” has been president of The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston since 1997. Other leadership roles he has held include president of the American Association of Presidents of Medicine, president of the American College of Rheumatology, chair of the board of directors of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and chair of the American Board of Internal Medicine’s Board of Trustees Foundation. In 1996, Stobo received a mastership from the American College of Physicians for his distinguished contributions to internal medicine.

In his talk, Stobo described his belief in “servant leadership” where the highest needs of others are served and everyone is committed to doing the right thing. He also explained how he believes in a “productive community,” in which people view what they do as a calling rather than a job, and where they share a common purpose and work individually and together for the benefit of all.

Jerome Kassirer, MD, former longtime editor of The New England Journal of Medicine and former vice chair of the Department of Medicine at Tufts University, spoke on “Co-Dependent No More,” in April 1 in Austin, Texas.

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In Memoriam

James B. MacCallum, MD ’37, died on April 6, 2006.


On April 12, 2006, the school was notified of the death of Elizabeth McIntyre, MD ’43.

Ralph E. Smith Jr, MD ’43, died on March 10, 2006.

Anthony M. Aquilina, MD ’44, died on March 13, 2006.

Hugh B. Hoeffler, MD ’44, died March 3, 2006.

On May 27, 2006, Alex Volfo, MD ’02 married Natasha Mames, MD ’03 at the Curry on the Green at Bethpage State Park (Farmington, NY). Robert Wong, Joshua Panel, and John Mak—all MD ’02—were groomsmen. Bohdi Wax, MD ’03 was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were Branko Bajovic, Michael Kader, David Kim, Mitchell Lee, Marc Auerbach, and Vita Brunetti—all MD ’02—Kevin Rock, Gerard Silva, April Baker, and Brandy Simmons—all MD ’03—and Tasra Mariol, MD ’04.

Natasha is in her residency in radiology at the New York Presbyterian Hospital/Cornell Medical Center. Also completed his residency in anesthesiology there and is about to start a one-year fellowship in regional/esthetic anesthesiology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where Robert Wong will be his co-fellow.

Joshua Panel served as chief resident in neurology at NYU and will be starting a neuro-oncology fellowship at Bascom-Palmer in Miami.

John Mak is starting a pain medicine fellowship at Boston University. Bohdi Wax is engaged to Joshua Ring and is doing radiology. Brandom Bajovic is completing a surgical residency at the Beth Israel Medical Center in Boston and will be doing a plastic surgery fellowship. Michael Kader is a GI fellow in Richmond, where David Kim is a cardiology fellow. Mitchell Lee served as chief resident in anesthesiology at NYU and will be staying there as an attending. Marc Auerbach served as chief resident in pediatrics at NYU and will be starting a pediatric emergency medicine fellowship there. Vita Brunetti is currently chief resident in ENT at Beth Israel in New York. Karryn Weeks is about to begin her senior year of anesthesiology residency at Yale. She and her husband, Michael, have two wonderful daughters. Gerard Silva is an anesthesiology resident at NYU. April Baker is an emergency resident on Long Island. Brandy Simmons is married and lives in Buffalo. She has a wonderful baby daughter. Tamia Mariol is engaged to Kevin Hugan and is doing emergency medicine at NYU.

—Submitted by Alex Volfo, MD ’02

If you have news to share, please notify Elizabeth McIntyre, MD ’43.

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In Memoriam

Anthony Barone, MD '51, physician, surgeon and community leader, died on December 7, 2005, at his home in Jamestown, NY. He was 84.

A native of Buffalo, NY, Barone earned his undergraduate and medical degrees at UB. He completed his internship at Deaconess Hospital in 1952, after which he served as a captain in the air force during the Korean War. In 1959, he completed a surgical residency at Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, PA.

Barone then established a private practice in Jamestown, NY, where he was known for his compassion, especially for indigent and uninsured patients, for whom he often made house calls. In addition, he was on the surgical staff at WCA Hospital and the former Jamestown General Hospital, where he was chair of the board from 1972 to 1983.

Barone is survived by his wife of 54 years, Adelaide Thompson Barone; four sons, Nathaniel L. II, Anthony C. Jr, and Brian, all of Jamestown, and Charles of Sarasota, FL; and three daughters, Andrea of Olean, NY, and Adelaide and Tina, of Lakewood, NY.

Norris H. Frank, MD '33, died August 26, 2005, in Naples, FL.

A native of Buffalo, Frank practiced medicine in Collins Center, NY, and South Dayton, NY, from 1934 until 1940, at which time he was inducted in the army. In 1945, he returned to the area and opened a family practice in Gowanda, while also serving as an anesthesiologist at J. N. Adam, Tri-County and Dunkirk hospitals.

He and his wife retired to Clearwater, FL, in 1973, later moving to Naples in 1998.

During World War II, Frank served as an anesthesiologist with the 2nd Auxiliary Surgical Group on the general surgical and orthopedic teams. Active in North Africa, the Mediterranean, and European campaigns, he earned six bronze campaign stars and a bronze service arrowhead for participation in the Anzio amphibious landing. He also held the Award of Legion of Merit, citation from General Mark Clark, and a Bronze Star for Bravery under fire.

Frank is survived by his wife, Donna, and daughter, Judith Pearson of Naples, FL.

Michelle A. McCook, Class of 2007

Scholarship recipient

Where did you earn your undergraduate degree?
Fordham University, where I majored in sociology with a minor in Spanish.

Why did you choose UB Medical School?
The curriculum allows for interaction with patients starting from the first year. I also liked the idea of having an organ/system-based curriculum—we were able to integrate the different subjects into one organ system from day one.

How did your scholarship make a difference?
I don't feel as much pressure about finances as I once did. I still have a significant amount of money to pay back, but part of the stress has been relieved.

What are your career goals?
General pediatrics (maybe a specialty), I would like to start out working in an inner-city hospital and eventually open my own practice. Also, I've always wanted to sponsor through a scholarship gift a student from high school who is interested in medicine.

What would you tell others who are interested in UB Medical School?
The program is GREAT! I have absolutely no regrets. If I had it to do over again, my decision would be the same. I feel that UB's strong point is clinical skills. Doing my summer internship at another hospital in New York City (between my first and second years), I felt well prepared and comfortable interviewing patients.