When he looks back on that February night in his living room in New Bern, Chris feels that, in many ways, he observed his father’s heart attack from a safe distance, as a medical incident. “I honestly think I detached there—doing what had to be done. There was no time to reflect, so many things happened so fast; thumping him, running the code on him at the community hospital in New Bern, shipping him to Pitt, then the emergent surgery.”

But Chris also remembers it as a signal event. “Once we survived that incident, even though I was still fulfilling my requirements for residency, I felt that I’d succeeded as a physician.”

Chris says that having treated his father in emergency gave him a new degree of conviction when he told a family what he’d do if it were his father there in the emergency room.

The whole experience also vividly demonstrated a truth Chris already knew. “You don’t practice medicine by yourself,” he says. “It’s the team that does it. Everyone along the chain worked together and did an unbelievable job: My wife, who says, ‘It’s the team that does it. Everyone along the chain worked together and did an unbelievable job.’”

Some things Jerry knows just as certainly is that he was lucky, as the survival rate for an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is less than one percent.

“Just this last summer one of my friends, a very esteemed colleague here in the Department of Internal Medicine died of sudden cardiac arrest,” he recalls. “There just wasn’t enough time to get him the effective treatment, and that was it.”

Joelle doesn’t even like to finish the thought—“If this had happened a day earlier, when Chris and Andrea were still away and we were there with Gracie, or a day later when we would have been driving to visit friends…”

Jerry was cleared for rehabilitation and both he and Joelle wanted to get home so they arranged for this phase of his care to take place at the VA in Buffalo, where Logue had been chief of staff and where he had rehabbed before—after a near-fatal car accident in 1987. They flew home in an air ambulance in April, and he went back to work eight weeks later.

In July 2005 Chris Logue started a fellowship in undersea and hyperbaric medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Father and son remain the best of friends, and colleagues.
Honors Convocation

Recognizing Medical Students’ Achievements

The 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 15, 2005.

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

Departmental Awards

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

Ajay N. Panchal, ’08, received the James A. Gibson Award, established 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.

David A. Liebner, ’07, received the H. Edward C. Calkins Primary Care Achievement Award, which is given to the students with the highest average in pathology and anatomical sciences.

A. Gibson, Wayne J. Atwell and Oliver Zaleski’s high standards of scholarship and integrity.

Microbiology/Immunology

Michael C. Zang, ’07, received the Ernest Witebsky Award, which is given to the students achieving the highest grade in microbiology and immunology. Dr. Witebsky was the founding chair of the Department of Microbiology.

Primary Care Achievement

Amy L. Garner, ’08, 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

Ajay N. Panchal, ’08, received the McGraw-Hill Book Awards, which is given to the students achieving the highest grade in microbiology and immunology. Dr. Witebsky was the founding chair of the Department of Microbiology.

Biochemistry

Arsalan Q. Shabbir, ’08, 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.

Physiology and Biophysics

David A. Liebner, ’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.

Class of 2006 Inductees to Alpha Omega Alpha are:

- Daniel E. Bender
- Mary Catherine Berkowski
- Stephen H. Cohn
- Christopher A. D’Angelo
- Thomas Martin Foreberg
- Katherine Jennifer Frachetti
- Pamela Jean Frank
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- Janet Christina King
- Derek Lynn Lough
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- Jordan Marc Rush
- Jacob M. Tallman
- George M. Watson

Class of 2006 Students Inducted as Juniors

- Sarah Nicole Aminoff
- Jessey M. Bianchi
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- Sarah Nicole Aminoff
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Dean’s Letters of Commendation

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 in year three. Students who earn at least four honors and two high-satisfactory grades are honored. Students earning letters of commendation for their work in academic year 2004–05 are:

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- Jenna Lyn Arbut
- Sarah Caroline Baio
- Megan K. Hanahan
- Adam K. Brod
- Anthony John Cermak
- Lauren M. Dunford
- Jennifer Joy Curnan
- Geoffrey C. Hill
- Miriam Imnadze
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- Marco Michael Wittman
- Stephanie S. Wu
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- Justin Mark Zbrzezny

Year Two

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- Gwen Marie Bernacki
- Christopher V. Desimone
- Arjun V. Kerkhoven
- Ellen C. Fitzgerald
- Benjamin C. Gillen
- Aruna Rose Gorman
- Aarti Gupta
- Gerald Rajnish Gupta
- David T. Li
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