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1930s

Henry H. Haines, MD '33, celebrated his 100th



birthday on May 4, 2007, surrounded by family and friends. Following graduation from UB medical school, Haines served an internship at the then-Buffalo City Hospital. From 1934 to 1938, he worked for the city and in private practice, after which he worked at Rochester State Hospital for four years. From 1943 to 1946, he served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. navy and was stationed at Parris Island, South Carolina. After World War II, Haines returned to Western New York, where he worked as supervising psychiatrist at Rochester State Hospital (1946 to 1948). He then returned to Buffalo, where he worked at Buffalo State Hospital

(1948 to 1973) in a range of capacities, including supervising psychiatrist, special release officer, clinical director, assistant director and acting director. From 1949 to 1976, he also served part-time as clinical psychiatrist at the Buffalo VA Hospital.

Haines' daughter, Christina H. Ehret, is this year's recipient of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' John P. Naughton Award for Professional Service (see story on page 32).

1960s

J. Brian Sheedy, MD '67, writes from Tallahassee, FL: "I'm still senior partner of a five-physician hematology-oncology group in Florida's capital city . . . Looking forward to slowing down! We missed the 40th reunion, as our son-in-law was deploying to Iraq and we were helping our daughter and their three children. I look forward to next

spring, perhaps!" Email address is haojbs@comcast.net.

1970s

Larry McCleary, MD '79, served as acting chief of neurosurgery at Denver Children's Hospital until he retired abruptly in March 1996 following emergency open-heart surgery necessitated by a coronary dissection suffered during the placement of a stent.

Over the last decade, McCleary conducted research of medical literature that led to his co-founding Advanced Metabolic Research Group and to



formulating various patented (and patent-pending) supplement combinations. His three initial products have each proved effective in double-blind placebo controlled clinical trials.

McCleary has also written a book, titled *The Brain Trust Program: a Scientifically Based Three-Part Plan to Improve Memory, Elevate Mood, Enhance Attention, Alleviate Migraine and Menopausal Symptoms, and Boost Mental Energy*, published in September 2007 by Perigee.

Christiane Northrup, MD, lecturer and author of *Women's Bodies, Women's Wisdom, The Wisdom of Menopause*, reviewed McCleary's book and stated: "*The Brain Trust Program* provides everything you need to know to ensure optimal brain functioning for a lifetime!" E-mail address is: www.drmmcleary.com.

1990s

John Pollina Jr., MD '94, has served as assistant professor of neurosurgery at UB since 2001. In June 2007, he joined the faculty in the Department of Neu-

rosurgery at Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI), where he specializes in the treatment of patients with tumors of the spinal cord and column.

After completing medical school and residency training at UB, Pollina served a fellowship in neurosurgical oncology/radiosurgery at RPCI.

His clinical interests

include use of Gamma Knife radiosurgery for the treatment of tumors and vascular malformations of the brain, and his research interests include reconstructive surgical techniques for patients with tumors of the spine.

Pollina is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, Congress of Neurological

Surgeons and the Spine Arthroplasty Society. He has authored or co-authored several peer-reviewed journal articles and abstracts.

Aaron Benjamin Hoffman, MD '98, has joined the UB Department of Surgery as assistant professor of surgery and Kaleida Health's Buffalo



General Hospital (BGH) as a general surgeon.

Hoffman is fellowship-trained in laparoscopic surgery and has expertise in gastrointestinal, colorectal, small bowel, biliary tract, bariatric gastric bypass and gastric banding treatments.

"The addition of Dr. Hoffman to Buffalo General Hospital is of great

value to our patients and the Department of Surgery team," says Merrill Dayton, MD, chair of the Department of Surgery and chief of Kaleida Health's surgery service. "His advanced training in laparoscopy and minimally invasive techniques further strengthens the minimally invasive program at Buffalo General, which now has three fellowship-trained laparoscopic surgeons."

"At Buffalo General, we see laparoscopic surgery employed in a growing number of procedures, all to the benefit of patients," says BGH President Michael Nagowski. "We are very pleased to have Dr. Hoffman join our medical staff and bring his exceptional skills to our patients."

Hoffman was born and raised in Buffalo. He earned his medical degree and completed his general

surgery specialty training at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. In 2007, he completed a fellowship in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at North Shore University Hospital/Long Island Jewish Health System, Syosset Laparoscopy Center, Syosset, New York.

—KRIS A. PIAZZA

2000

Jesenia Cruz, MD '00, has been appointed chief of adult medicine, Buffalo region, for Lifetime Health Medical Group. In her new role, Cruz will serve



as a liaison between adult primary care providers and the group's medical directors and work to improve quality control

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Tara S. Paolini, MD '95, writes: "On December 14, 2006, Ray (Class of 1990) and I welcomed Raymond Vincent III into our family. Dora is 6, Romy, 4, and Serafina, 3. Stepson Ben, 17, is off to college this fall. Email address is tsosa@yahoo.com.

In Memoriam

Howard R. Barnett, MD '44,

died on May 13, 2007 at his home in Williamsville, NY. He was 87. Barnett had a flourishing OB/GYN family practice in Buffalo for over 50 years.

Born in Lockport, NY, Barnett graduated from Lockport High School and completed his undergraduate studies at Houghton College, after which he completed medical school and residency training at UB. He then served as a physician in the air force during World War II.

Barnett is survived by his wife, Jean Nablo Keenan; three sons Dr. Paul H. (Carolyn) Barnett, Robert M. (Diane) Barnett, Michael J. (Elaine) Barnett and one daughter, Linda M.J. Barnett (Albert V. Cutter, MD). He is also survived by four stepsons; William L. Keenan, Michael J. (Cynthia) Keenan, David E. (Sarah) Keenan, John C. (Jackie) Keenan, and three step-daughters; Bonnie J. (Mark) Siezega, Catherine A. (Joseph) Qualiana and Mary A. (Carmen) Terranova. He was formerly married to the late Marjory Jean Patchen.

Theodore Jewett Jr., MD '45,

longtime chief of pediatric surgery at Children's Hospital of Buffalo, died May 12, 2006, after a long illness. He was 85.



A Buffalo native, Jewett was captain in the Army Medical Corps during World War II before earning his medical degree at UB. Following residency training at Children's Hospital Boston, he returned to Buffalo to serve as chief of pediatric surgery at Children's, a position he held for more than 30 years.

Jewett published more than 400 papers and taught at UB's medical school for more than 35 years. As a member of the school's Admissions Committee, he was an advocate

for those who showed a humane interest in medicine. His dedication to teaching led to the creation of the Jewett Chair of Pediatric Surgery at UB in 1982.

In addition to his work at Children's and UB, Jewett served on the boards of Child and Family Services and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and as president of the Blind Association of Western New York. He was also on the Burn Care Task Force and a member of the United Way House of Delegates.

Jewett is survived by his wife, Margaret, and three sons: Theodore C. III of Lancaster, NY, Carlton R. II of Helena, MT, and Adrian S. of Cherry Hill, NJ.

Frederic D. Regan, MD '45,

of Grasmere, MA, and Boca Raton, FL, died July 7, 2006, in New York Hospital, Manhattan. He was 84.

A native of Newburyport, MA, Regan was a cardiologist who practiced on Staten Island for 50 years. He attended Syracuse University on a football scholarship, after which he attended medical school at UB.

Regan began his medical career on Staten Island, where he served as an intern at the former U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, which later became Bayley Seton Hospital.

Before he could put down roots, he spent six months as the chief medical officer aboard the USS Northwind, the flagship of the Naval Nanook Arctic Expedition Task Force. Upon returning in 1948, he was stationed on Ellis Island for a year, at a time when the island was still an active entryway for immigrants.

Regan returned to the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in 1949 to serve as a resident in internal medicine and to complete a fellowship in cardiology. While there, he established the first lab of the National Heart Institute. Having risen to the rank of commander with the Health Service, he resigned his commission in 1952, receiving a citation from then-

President Truman. That same year he opened his private practice on Staten Island. He also was an attending physician in cardiology and internal medicine at the former Staten Island and Richmond Memorial hospitals and New York Hospital. He twice served as president of the hospital staff at Richmond Memorial and was chief of medicine there. He was instrumental in developing the first intensive care/coronary care unit on Staten Island and established the borough's first cardiac rehabilitation center.

A co-founder of the Staten Island Volunteer Ambulance Corps, he also founded the Volunteer Heart Association of Staten Island.

After the merger of Staten Island and Richmond Memorial hospitals, he became director of medicine at Staten Island University Hospital and associate director of medicine for the combined facility. He also co-founded the first outpatient hemodialysis facility on the island.

Regan retired in 1995, at which time he and his wife, Margaret, moved to Boca Raton, FL.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are his daughter, Denise Regan Picker; his son, Michael. He was pre-deceased by a son, Frederic Regan III, who died in 2001.

C. Vincent Treat, MD '48,

died April 15, 2007, in Yarmouth Port, MA. Treat practiced internal medicine and cardiology in Lexington, MA. After retiring from private practice in 1978, he worked with Prudential Life Co., serving as vice president and medical director in its Boston office. Treat is survived by his wife, Jean; three sons; two daughters; and six grandchildren.

Clay Burchell, MD '54, died August 8, 2007 at his home in Albuquerque, NM, surrounded by his four daughters and wife, Sally.

A native of Chicago, IL, Burchell attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the UB Medical School. After completing his

residency training in obstetrics and gynecology, he took a position at the University of Illinois, after which he moved to Connecticut, where he served as chair of OB-GYN at Hartford Hospital. He and his family then moved to New Mexico, where he worked at Lovelace Medical Center in Albuquerque.

Throughout his career, Burchell searched for better ways to practice medicine and pioneered surgical techniques in operative obstetrics. A lifelong proponent of women's rights, he also sought ways to make women more informed and comfortable in the male-dominated hospital setting. In later years, Burchell turned his reformist energies to more broad-based issues in medicine, in particular, ways to deliver better care for less cost. He summed up his views in a book he co-authored, titled *Reinventing Medical Practice* (MGMA 2002). At the time of his death he was still working, in collaboration with his daughter Molly, also a physician, on proposals he expounded in the book.

Jacob (Jack) Lemann Jr, MD '54, died July 30, 2007 in New Orleans, his hometown, after a brief hospitalization. He was 77.



Lemann devoted his professional life to understanding and treating diseases of the kidney. He was honored with the UB Medical Alumni Achievement Award at his 50th reunion in 2004, the Belding H. Scribner Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Society of Nephrology in 2003, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1991.

Lemann earned his undergraduate degree in biochemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 1950 and his medical degree from UB in 1954. He completed resi-

dency training at Tufts New England Medical Center and fellowship training in kidney and metabolic diseases with Arnold S. Relman, MD, in the Evans Memorial Department of Clinical Research at Boston University School of Medicine.

In 1963 he was appointed to the faculty of the department of medicine at Marquette University School of Medicine (now the Medical College of Wisconsin), where he remained until his retirement in 1994. Throughout that time he served as associate program director or program director of the General Clinical Research Center and chief of the Nephrology Division from 1970 to 1994.

Lemann's research primarily focused on acid-base balance in humans, among both healthy subjects and patients with kidney disease. Some of his most widely cited papers concerned the role of dietary calcium and phosphate on 1,25-dihydroxy vitamin D metabolism in healthy adults, in patients with kidney stones and in hyperparathyroidism. He also performed important studies on how potassium balance affects calcium metabolism, and on the use of urinary protein/creatinine ratios in assessing renal function in diabetics.

Over the course of his career, he authored over 150 journal articles and book chapters.

After his retirement from full-time work, Lemann returned home to New Orleans, where he held a part-time clinical appointment at Tulane University School of Medicine and saw patients at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in New Orleans.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary MacDonald Lemann; three children: Catherine, Jacob III, and Andrew; and five grandchildren: Mac, Alex, Madeleine, Ezekiel, and Maia; his sister, Mary Lemann Goldman; and her sons: Jonathan, Benjamin and Adam.

Albertus W. Rappole, MD '37, born on December 19, 1910, died on April 7, 2007.

Richard W. Egan, MD '44, born on April 3, 1919, died on March 14, 2007.

Frances R. Abel, MD '49, born on September 30, 1922, died on January 16, 2007.

On August 20, 2007, the school was notified of the death of Merrill C. Johnson, MD '56.

Joseph A. Cimino, MD '62, born on January 1, 1934, died on July 1, 2007.

Arthur L. DeAngelis, MD '69, born on September 11, 1943, died August 25, 2007.

Jack C. Lee, PhD '72, born on June 19, 1941, died on March 2, 2007.

Residents Honored

2007 Student Clinicians Ceremony

Six University at Buffalo residents were presented with the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award at the sixth annual Student Clinicians Ceremony held on July 8, 2007 at Roswell Park Cancer Institute's Hohn Lecture Hall.

The ceremony, sponsored by the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences' Professional Conduct Committee, was designed by the Gold Foundation to provide guidance, information and support to medical students as they transition to their clerkship years. Invited faculty speakers share insights, address collective fears and expectations and encourage the students to reflect upon their experiences in medicine to date. They also call upon the students to revisit the oath they took during the White Coat Ceremony as a means to underscore the challenges and imperatives they will encounter in providing care to patients that is both highly skilled and humanistic.

This year's keynote address was delivered by Charles Schaeffer, MD '88, assistant professor of clinical medicine at UB and recipient of the 2006-07 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. Additional remarks were made by Michael E. Cain, MD, dean of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Nancy Nielsen, MD '76, PhD, senior associate dean for medical education, and Charles Severin, MD '97, PhD, interim associate dean for medical education.

This year's Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented by Cini K. Thayil, Class of 2008. Recipients were chosen from among 23 residents who were nominated by third-year students based upon their having exhibited strong teaching skills and for having served as role models for compassionate, relationship-centered care. Final selection was made by members of the Professional Conduct Committee.

Opposite is a list of the award recipients, along with excerpts from comments made by about them by nominating students.

—S. A. UNGER



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Residents who received this year's Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award are: STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT, Joseph Kyle Betz and Melanie Ongchin; SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT, Patrick Martinucci and Sergio Hernandez. Not pictured are Derek Bell and Anthony DeVincentis.

Derek Bell, MD Surgery

Derek Bell received his medical degree from Upstate Medical University at Syracuse in 2003 and completed his general surgical training at UB, where he served as chief resident. He is currently completing a plastic and reconstructive surgery fellowship at the University of Virginia. Bell also received the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award in 2005.

STUDENT COMMENTS

"Dr. Bell's enthusiasm for the operating room is inspiring. He keeps core educational values in mind even when working under busy and stressful circumstances. He continually takes time out from the routines of the day to ensure that the medical students around him understand the management and procedures in which they are taking part. He is extremely thoughtful, and his careful effort to make medical students feel as though they are part of the team is very much appreciated."

Joseph Kyle Betz, MD Family Medicine

Joseph Kyle Betz received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in 2002, after which he completed a general surgery preliminary year at St. Louis University Hospital and an internship in family medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. He is currently completing his family medicine residency at UB.

STUDENT COMMENTS

"Dr. Betz is warm, generous and conscientious. He is supremely respectful of his patients while calmly managing their concerns in a congenial fashion. His gentle manner affords the patient a feeling of safety and strong advocacy. He is unconcerned with hierarchy, takes note of his students' interests and humanely addresses their fears."

Sergio Hernandez, MD Psychiatry

Sergio Hernandez graduated from the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 2006. He is currently completing the second year of his psychiatry residency.

STUDENT COMMENTS

"Dr. Hernandez displays all of the ideal characteristics one would look for in a resident: a sincere desire to teach, the ability to both motivate and encourage students on an individual basis, and the clinical skills and compassion necessary to serve by example. He has a very thorough knowledge base and, along with his calm nature, this makes him a very effective teacher."

Patrick Martinucci, DO Medicine/ Nephrology

Patrick Martinucci graduated from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2003. He completed his internal medicine training at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, in 2006. He will complete a nephrology fellowship at UB in 2008.

STUDENT COMMENTS

"Dr. Martinucci took the time to teach me [acid-base and fluid problems]. When we went through problems together, he didn't emphasize memorizing things, but instead wanted to make sure

I understood the pathophysiology of a disease process and how it manifests itself in clinical symptoms. He also seemed genuinely glad when I understood things or could make connections."

Melanie Ongchin, MD Surgery

Melanie Ongchin graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School, in 2006. She is currently completing the second year of her surgical training at UB.

STUDENT COMMENTS

"Dr. Ongchin was always there and willing to help us if we had questions, even if they had nothing to do with surgery. She enjoyed teaching us and took time out of her day to help us learn. At one point, there was a patient who we knew was not going to make it through the week and Melanie was very kind and compassionate in supporting the family and the patient. She also made sure the medical students were okay and let us know that she was there if we needed to talk."

Anthony DeVincentis, MD Ophthalmology

Anthony DeVincentis received his medical degree at Upstate Medical University at Syracuse in 2003, after which he completed his ophthalmology training at UB. He is currently completing a one-year glaucoma fellowship at the University of Wisconsin.

STUDENT COMMENTS

"Dr. DeVincentis was really dynamic and receptive to questions and never hesitated to answer them. He also encouraged me to be hands-on in ophthalmology, letting me use the equipment, perform exams and then share my findings with him." **BP**

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and clinical practices. Cruz joined Lifetime Health Medical Group in 2003 in the family medicine practice at the Hamburg Health Center (151 Elmview Avenue). She continues to see patients at the Hamburg Health Center and to oversee the center's Reach Out and Read program, a national early literacy initiative. Cruz earned her medical degree and completed her residency at UB. She is board certified in family medicine.

Antoinette Alonzo Beaman, MD '02, and her husband, Shawn T. Beaman, MD '02, welcomed their first child, Claire Justine, on April 7, 2007. After completing her residency in pediatrics at Pittsburgh Mercy Hospital in June 2005, Antoinette worked as a staff pediatrician at



Claire Justine Beaman

Children's Community Pediatrics until the time of Claire's birth. Shawn is currently assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He directs the department's internship and serves as the clinical coordinator for the medical student anesthesiology rotation at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Montefiore University Hospital.

Janell Lundgren, MD '02, writes: "[In August] I accepted a position as a unit attending taking care of criminally

insane patients at Summit Behavioral Hospital in Cincinnati. I am also working part time at the Veterans' hospital in Cincinnati and at a community mental health center. I graduated from the University of Cincinnati family medicine/psychiatry residency program on June 30, 2007. I will be starting a forensic psychiatry fellowship in July 2008 at the University of Rochester, NY. My son, Joshua, is attending the University of Cincinnati, majoring in English literature with a minor in Asian studies. He has been on the Dean's

list since starting there. Email address is jel4@bigfoot.com.

Garron J. Solomon, MD '04, writes: "I am finishing my fourth and final year of residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Cornell in NYC. I will be doing a fellowship next year in dermatopathology at the Ackerman Academy of Dermatopathology, also in NYC." Email address is gas9012@nyp.org. **BP**

Andrew Cappuccino, MD '88



ANDREW CAPPUCCINO, MD '88, orthopedic surgeon for the Buffalo Bills, found himself in the national spotlight in September after he performed

emergency spine surgery on the Bills' tight end Kevin Everett.

Everett was paralyzed from the shoulders down after attempting to tackle a Denver Broncos player during a game on September 9. He was attended to on the field by Cappuccino, who led the resuscitation effort, and John Marzo, MD, medical director for the Bills and member of the UB Sports Medicine Institute.

In the ambulance en route to Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, Cappuccino induced moderate hypothermia in Everett by infusing

him with a cold saline solution to lower his core body temperature. (Just a week earlier, Cappuccino had conducted a drill with the medical staff on how to treat such an injury should it occur.)

At the hospital, Cappuccino performed a closed reduction of the dislocation and operated for four hours to repair damage to Everett's spinal cord, which had been compressed at the C-3 and C-4 vertebrae. Everett had immediate, but modest, improvement to his motor function.

Two days after the surgery, Cappuccino spoke to the media, explaining that Everett—against steep odds—was able to move his arms and legs and might therefore have a better recovery than was initially expected. Within three days he was off the ventilator.

Barth Green, MD, chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Miami, who consulted on the case, surmised that Cappuccino's decision to lower Everett's temperature to 92 degrees immediately after the injury may have protected his brain and spinal cord, ultimately making a difference in his recovery.

As this issue of *Buffalo Physician* went to press in October, Everett's physicians were increasingly optimistic that he would walk again, but they also expressed caution, emphasizing the severity of his injuries.

—S. A. UNGER



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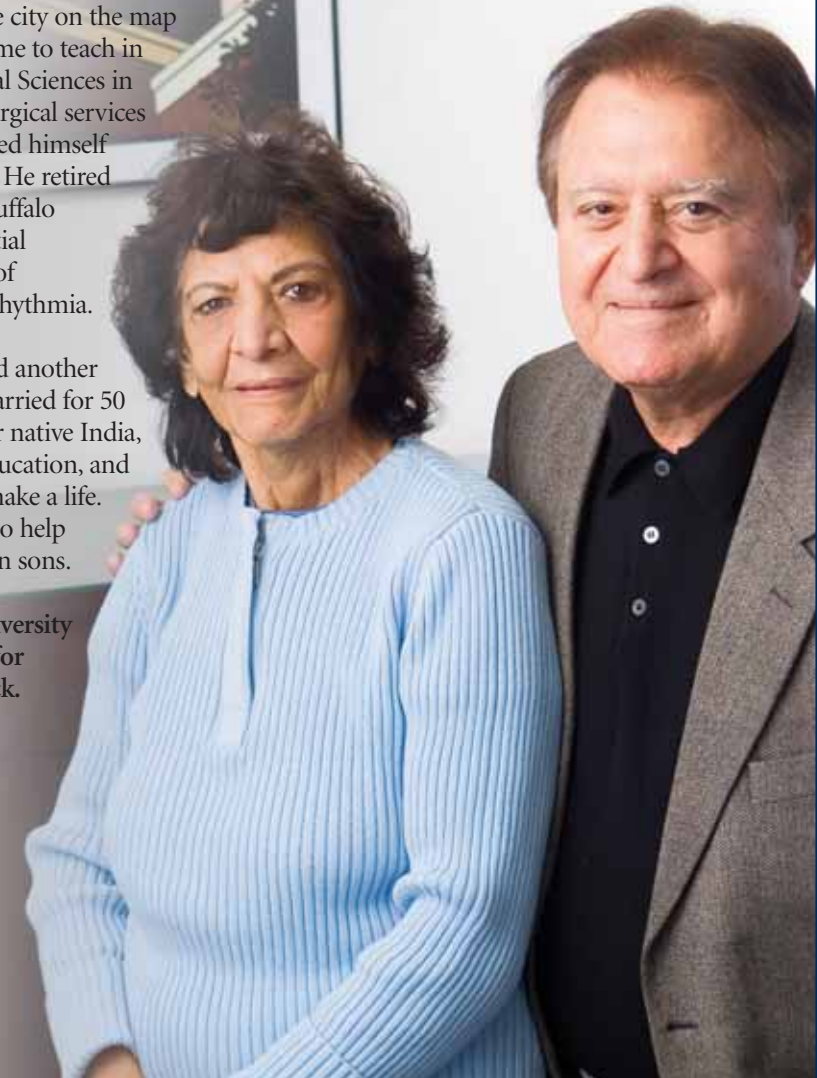
Dr. Joginder Bhayana knows all about the heart. Buffalo's first heart transplant surgeon, he put the city on the map as a heart-transplant center. Since he came to teach in UB's School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 1974 and to serve as assistant chief of surgical services at the V.A. Medical Center, he has devoted himself to the community and to the university. He retired as director of heart transplantation at Buffalo General Hospital, having made substantial contributions to the surgical treatment of coronary arterial disease and cardiac arrhythmia.

Beyond his work, Bhayana has cultivated another love. He and his wife, Ved, have been married for 50 years. They met as young people in their native India, where he received his medical school education, and came to America to have a family and make a life. While he was in residency, Ved worked to help support the family. They have two grown sons.

Because they appreciate all that the university and the Buffalo community has done for them, the Bhayanas wanted to give back. They chose to take advantage of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which allows individuals who are 70 ½ years of age and older to use IRA assets to make a gift of up to \$100,000 per year, to the University at Buffalo, free of federal income tax. Their gift will establish the Bhayana Family Student Scholarship, which will benefit students attending the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

“We want to give back to the community that has given us so much.”

~ Ved and Joginder N. Bhayana, MD
UB retired faculty



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