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## My Fellow Alumni,

**A**s my term as president of the Medical Alumni Association comes to the end, I am happy and proud to share with you the many highlights of this past year.

In February, we launched our newest program, UB HOST, which is designed to assist fourth-year medical students in their search for a residency program. See page 43 for information on how alumni from across the country can help by providing housing, transportation, or a meal. This year we also made a concerted effort to educate our students about the outstanding residency programs available here in Western New York by inviting department chairs, attendings and current residents from various specialties to speak about these programs. In the years ahead, we will continue expanding this successful series.

Congratulations to the Class of 2008! Events like Match Day and graduation were great to be a part of and served as a reminder of the quality of students we continue to graduate. We should also be proud of the local medical teams that achieved great things in their treatment of professional athletes, while under the scrutiny of the national media. Now everyone knows what we all already knew—Buffalo is a great medical community! Turn to page 36 to read about some of the positive coverage our medical community has received.

Building on Dr. Mahoney's work last year, we also continued to add new features to our website, including events and job postings. As my term as president comes to an end, I welcome Charles Niles, MD '83, as our incoming president, and thank fellow board member John Bodkin, MD '76, for his commitment to the Practice Giving campaign to benefit the Medical Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund, which helps UB enroll the best students. Please keep the next generation of physicians and scientists in mind when you think about ways to support the school.

During the next year, I plan to continue my work with representatives from the School of Public Health and leaders of the university community and Roswell Park to make UB smoke free. Inspired by smoke-free universities nationwide, area hospitals and the Wegmans grocery chain, which banned all tobacco products from its shelves, it seems time to make this happen at our university. As part of UB's Greener Shade of Blue Campaign, we hope to institute the "Breathe Free" campaign. Please join me in making this initiative a reality.

Finally, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been wonderful to work closely with our new administration and other members of the university community during this exciting time for our school. I am convinced that with the visionary leadership of our dean, Dr. Michael E. Cain, and vice president for health sciences, Dr. David Dunn, health care in Western New York will be taken to a higher level through the advancement of the university.



Sincerely,  
*Helen Cappuccino*

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