



Medical Leadership Academy

N. LYNN ECKHERT, MD '70, DrPH, DELIVERS INAUGURAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS

On October 11, 2007, the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences launched its inaugural Medical Leadership Academy, an ambitious forum designed to encourage leadership development among medical students, residents and faculty.

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America's first female physician, was performed in Butler Auditorium for the 2007 Lawrence and Nancy Golden Lectureship in Mind-Body Medicine. See article below.)

The leadership forum, which convened after the performance of the play, brought together chief residents, members of the UB residents committee, student members of the Professional Conduct Committee, student-government representatives and junior faculty nominated by their department chairs.

"You have an excellent history of people taking leadership roles at UB, or when they leave UB," said Eckhert, who is one of two alumnae of the school to have served as chair of the



N. Lynn Eckhert, MD '70, DrPH, and Dean Michael E. Cain, MD

Association of American Medical Colleges, a position she held in 2004-05. "I think you can envision great things for yourselves, and lots of doors will open for you."

Developed as an annual forum, "Pathways to Leadership" is intended to explore components of medical leadership in such areas as community service, research, organizational medicine, teaching and public health. It aims to teach medical leaders how to adapt and respond to factors that impact health-care delivery in the region. These factors include hospital mergers, the growing number of underinsured and uninsured patients,

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"A Lady Alone"

PLAY WRITTEN BY N. LYNN ECKHERT PERFORMED FOR GOLDEN

BY NICOLE PERADOTTO

SINCE ITS INCEPTION six years ago, the annual Lawrence and Nancy Golden Lectureship in Mind-Body Medicine has provided a platform for some of the country's most progressive medical professionals.

In a departure from form—but not content—the 2007 Golden Lectureship featured a one-woman play about the life of America's first female physician, Elizabeth Blackwell.

Written by first-time playwright N. Lynn Eckhert, MD '70, DrPH, "A Lady Alone" chronicles Blackwell's pursuit of a medical career in the 1850s, an era when, as her character puts it, "any woman who stepped out of role was suspect." Still, despite being rejected by 17 medical schools—as well as countless doctors, patients and women—Blackwell went on to found the New York Infirmary for Women and Children.

"In many ways she was a social activist," says Eckhert, director of academic programs for Harvard Medical International, a former chair of the Association of American Medical

Colleges and a past recipient of the UB Lifetime Achievement Award (see related article above).

"She took on causes that she felt were important for social justice. I think it's important for physicians to look at that—to see where our patients need our advocacy—so I wanted her story told."

Eckhert was inspired to write the play more than a decade ago while touring Blackwell's medical school alma mater, Hobart and William Smith College (then known as Geneva College). She began the project by researching

Blackwell's life, poring over the doctor's papers and family letters, reading newspaper accounts of her accomplishments and imagining what it must have been like for her to defy society's expectations to follow a dream that had nothing to do with perfect embroidery stitches or a well-tended garden. One particularly poignant newspaper article she found describes Blackwell's graduation from medical school and refers to her as "a lady alone."

The more Eckhert immersed herself in Blackwell's world, the more she found herself relating to her predecessor's struggles. As one

of only 10 women in her UB medical school class in the late 1960s, she was far outnumbered by her male counterparts. During a medical rotation, Eckhert recalls the resident in charge turning to her and declaring, "I hate women in medicine."

"Right then I knew I was in for 12 weeks of a really good time," she says.

In 1984, Eckhert became the first female chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. "For 15 years, I was alone. In hospital meetings and executive meetings, I

was the only woman department chair. So I'm sure Blackwell's story resonated with me," says Eckhert, who later served as the medical center's vice chancellor and dean of international and public health programs.

At Harvard Medical International, Eckhert does the sort of trailblazing work that would no doubt have resonated with Blackwell. Since joining the not-for-profit subsidiary of Harvard Medical School in 2003, she has joined colleagues in developing 50 medical education programs in 30

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Eckhart leads a small-group discussion with students from a variety of health-science backgrounds

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the region's aging population and the influx of biotech companies into the area.

According to Dean Michael E. Cain, MD, lessons learned from the forum will help medical school leaders achieve the strategic initiatives outlined in UB 2020, the institution-wide plan for achieving enduring academic excellence.

"If we don't learn to understand what our patients need and what research projects and research directions we as physicians

and physician-researchers need to take, we must be content with the terms imposed on us," he says.

Through small discussion groups, forum participants explored characteristics of an effective medical leader, compared experiences and challenged each other to contemplate the direction of their own leadership. Another goal was to link emerging medical leaders with established leaders in their field who can serve as potential mentors.

"I have been impressed with the talent and commitment of our faculty, staff and students," notes Cain. "Our inaugural Leadership Academy further stimulates their growth and leadership potential by exploring components of medical leadership." **BP**

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countries on five continents. Collaborating with faculty and administrative leaders of medical schools, she helps them modernize their curriculum, meet international standards and stay on the cusp of medical education trends.

Currently, she is working with faculty and administrative leaders at universities in the Dominican Republic and Lebanon who are establishing medical schools within their respective institutions. "It's very stimulating work with very bright people who are innovative thinkers trying to do the best for their students," says Eckhart, a pediatrician who has a doctorate of public health from Johns Hopkins University. "It doesn't get much better than that."

Still, moonlighting as a playwright comes in as a close second. Since its premiere in 2005, "A Lady Alone" has been presented at five medical schools, at the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges and for several historical societies.

Its Buffalo debut took place after Pam Golden, daughter of Nancy and the late Lawrence Golden, MD '46, happened to see the play at a library in Marshfield, Massachusetts. It was only when she approached the actress who portrays Blackwell, Linda Gray Kelley, that Golden learned the playwright was a UB medical school alumna. Not only that—Eckhart's father, brother and uncle are graduates of the medical school as well.

"It was like it was meant to be," Golden says. The success of "A Lady Alone" has emboldened Eckhart to begin another play, this one about the discovery of the birth control pill. To prepare her for the rigors of crafting dialogue, she took a playwriting course at Sarah Lawrence College. Once she's completed her draft, she plans to have it critiqued by members of the writing group she joined while writing the first play.

"I've had a fantastic career in medicine—just extraordinary," Eckhart reflects. "But this has given me a wonderful new world of people with whom to work and collaborate." **BP**

Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Training ground for health-care practitioners

Approximately 1,500 state employees participated in a New York State Health Department training exercise November 8, 2007, on UB's South Campus to help public health officials rehearse a public health response in the event of a medical emergency.

The state health department conducted a point-of-dispensing (POD) exercise to evaluate the state's emergency response when rapidly delivering vaccines to nearly 1,500 state employees in a short time period.

"The department's mass flu-vaccination exercise served as a training ground so health care practitioners will be ready for all types of public health emergencies," says State Health Commissioner Richard F. Daines, MD.

During the exercise, state health department employees provided flu shots or Flu Mist® intra-nasal vaccine, free of charge, to state and UB employees who previously registered to get vaccinated.

In addition to administering vaccines, volunteers were assigned to help fill out forms, give people directions, keep track of supplies or perform other essential tasks.

"Every county in New York State has already identified locations that could serve as PODs for local residents, if necessary," Daines explains. "This event is part of the department's public health preparedness initiative that is improving New York's ability to respond to a naturally occurring or man-made health crisis. Preparedness is crucial, and we are committed to enhancing our readiness in every way possible.

"In a true emergency, we'll need to ensure that state employees whose jobs

are critical to protect public health and safety continue to have the ability to provide services and care to those in need. We must be prepared to respond quickly with antibiotics, antiviral medications or vaccines to stop the spread of disease."

UB's participation in the exercise involved much more than simply serving as the host site, according to David L. Dunn, MD, PhD, UB vice president for health sciences. UB worked closely with the state Department of Health to organize the exercise and encouraged UB employees to participate as exercise volunteers and recipients of flu vaccinations.

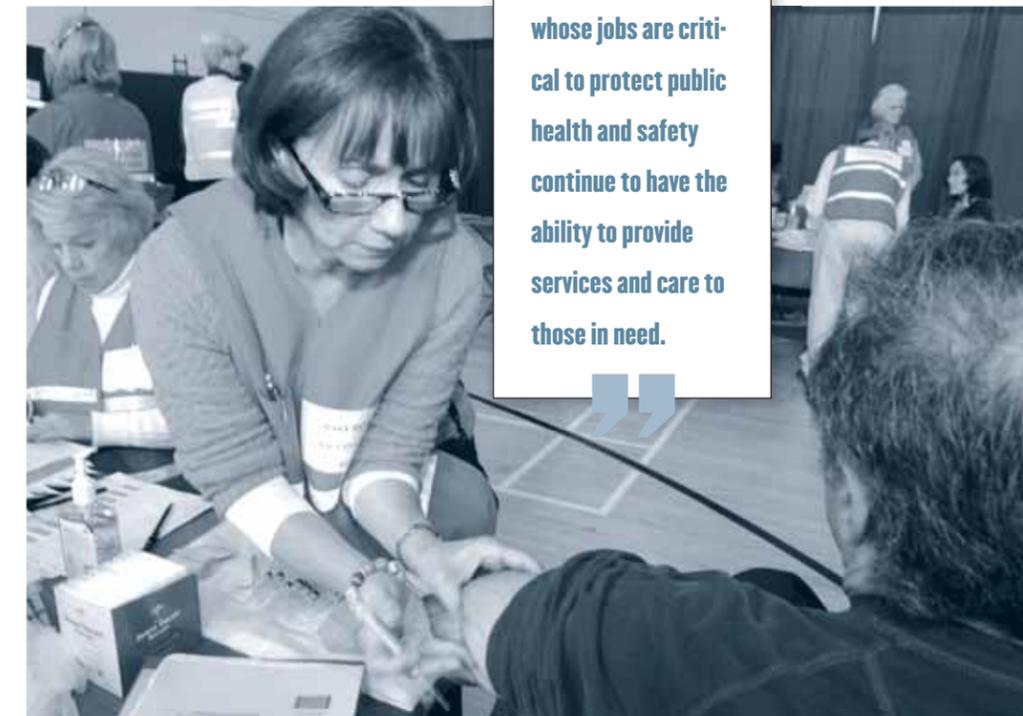
"UB's participation in this very important event reflects our longstanding commitment to improving the health and well-being of the Western New York

community," Dunn says. "The goals of this exercise complement the goals of our UB 2020 strategic vision, which calls for leveraging UB research strengths in health and wellness, civic engagement and disaster mitigation, among other strengths, to help solve some of the most pressing problems of our community and the world at large."

For more on New York State's emergency preparedness efforts, visit the state health department's website at www.nyhealth.gov. **BP**

—JEFFREY HAMMOND

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Mary Beth Quinn vaccinates Ernest Sternberg, professor of urban and regional planning



Ira G. Ross Eye Institute Opens

BY LOIS BAKER

Combines community outreach, patient care and research



The new home of UB's Ira G. Ross Eye Institute—a collaboration of the Department of Ophthalmology in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, the Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted, M.D., Center for the Visually Impaired, and University Ophthalmology Services—opened November 1, 2007, at 1176 Main Street.

Located on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, the institute is an integral part of the university's major initiative to grow by 40 percent between now and the year 2020, in part by creating a more vibrant presence in downtown Buffalo.

The institute is dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of adults and children with diseases of the eye and the vision system. While its research component will be located on UB's South (Main Street) Campus, patient care and training of physicians will take place at 1176 Main Street. That work will be overseen by faculty in the university's Department of Ophthalmology, who constitute University Ophthalmology Services, a practice plan that is part of UBMD. The adjacent

Olmsted Center, to which the institute is physically linked, provides vision services, rehabilitation, job training and social services for those with visual disabilities.

The close collaboration between the institute and the center will make it possible to meet the needs of the visually impaired at one location, an approach to vision care thought to be unique in the U.S.

"We believe this is one of the first true collaborations between a medical school department and a social-service agency," said James D. Reynolds, MD, professor and chair of the UB Department of Ophthalmology, who heads the institute. "Our work will span the entire spectrum of vision care, from community medicine to high-powered research."

In a program marking the opening of the institute, he noted: "This arrangement opens up a new world of possibilities for clinical research," citing as examples potential studies of rehabilitation protocols and the causes of macular degeneration.

The institute would not have been possible without the vision and philanthropic leadership of Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Ross, MD, a 1939 graduate of UB's School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, who died in September 2007. An ophthalmologist and nationally renowned champion for the blind and visually impaired, she offered a \$3 million challenge grant to UB in 2003 to establish the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute and subsequently followed up with an additional \$1 million challenge grant. Olmsted Ross provided a major gift to the Blind Association of Western New York in 1999 to renovate its facility, which now bears her name.

The institute is named in honor of her late husband, Ira G. Ross, who was an innovative scientist and engineer responsible for establishing aerodynamic and in-flight simulation techniques that still are used in testing commercial and military aircraft. He was head of Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, which became Calspan and is now Veridian.

Olmsted Ross' challenges were met through additional major gifts, including \$1.2 million from the John R. Oishei Foundation; \$400,000 from the Lions Club of Western New York, which is funding the institute's cutting-edge diagnostic technology; \$1 million from the New York State Senate; \$225,000 from the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation; \$220,000 from Research to Prevent Blindness;



From left: Dean Michael E. Cain, MD; State Senator Dale M. Volker; and James Reynolds, MD, professor and chair of the UB Department of Ophthalmology

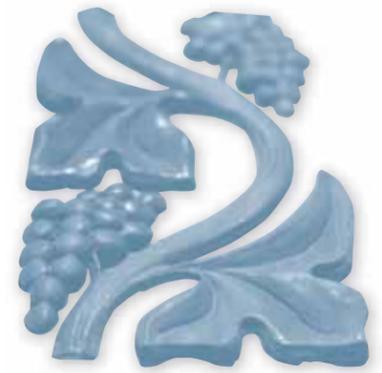
and \$150,000 from the Cummings Foundation. The City of Buffalo has provided \$300,000 to enable the final completion of the project.

"The Ira G. Ross Eye Institute is destined to be a leading center of its kind, and a model for medical research and clinical care," UB president John B. Simpson said at the institute's grand opening program. "The vision behind this center brings community outreach, patient care and leading-edge medical research together in innovative ways.

"For UB, the Ross Eye Institute represents a very significant extension of our longstanding commitment to groundbreaking research with a far-reaching public impact," Simpson noted. "For our Western New York community and for the patients it serves within and beyond our region, the institute represents access to the most advanced clinical research, diagnosis and treatment available.

"There is really no distinction between those two outcomes," he added. "The future of our university and our community are really one and the same."

Praising Olmsted Ross' philanthropic leadership, Simpson noted that her vision



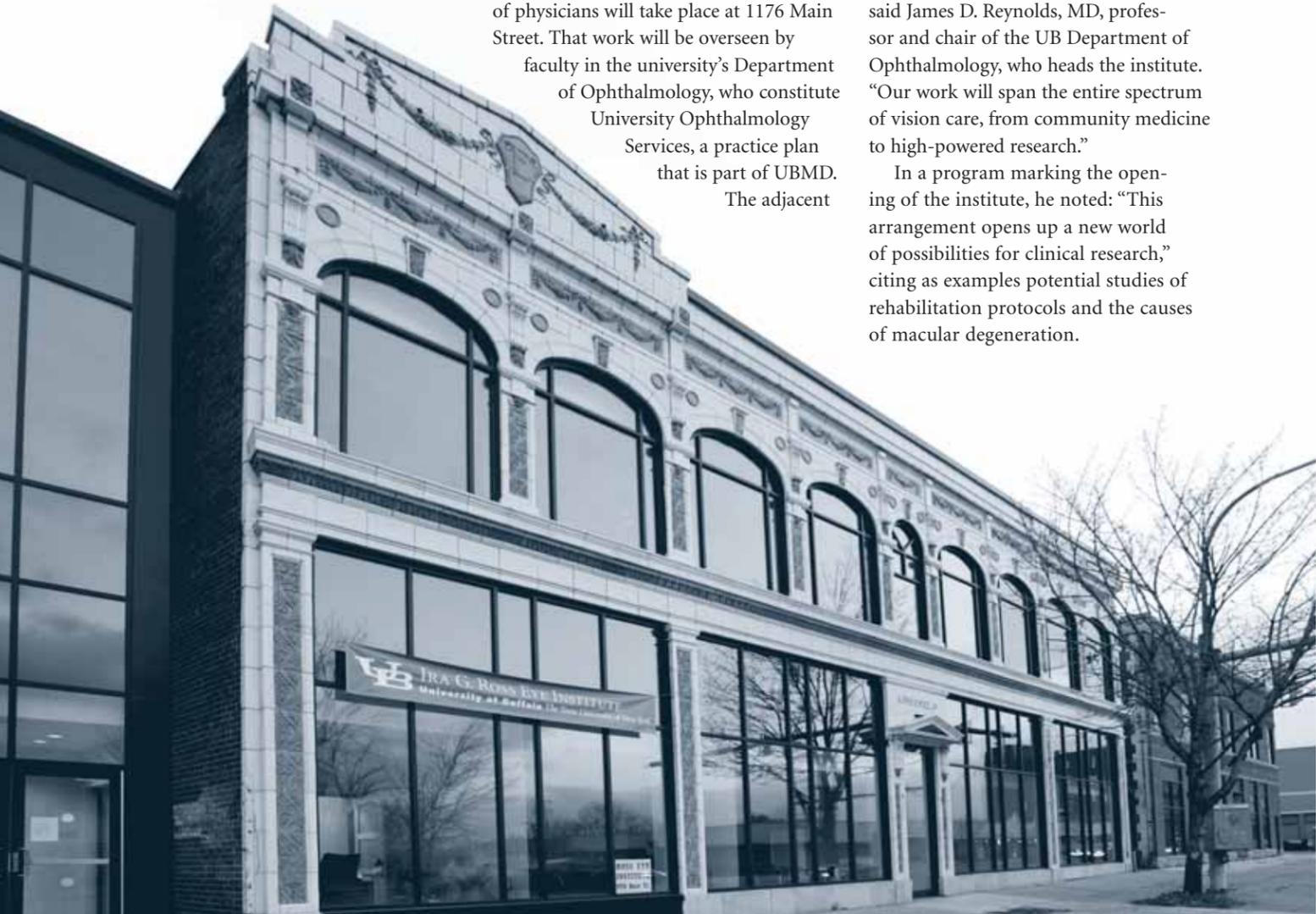
for the institute "is perfectly aligned with the vision that guides UB as a public research university: a vision of excellence that is grounded in our commitment to improving the quality of life for people in our region and beyond. We are deeply grateful for her leadership in advancing this critical university mission."

Michael E. Cain, MD, dean of the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, described the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute as "an excellent example of the three interwoven aspects of a strong medical school—medical research, teaching and clinical care.

"Dr. Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Ross knew well the importance of high-quality facilities for research and teaching, and she thought carefully about the location of a clinical site for patients with eye disease," he noted. "Her determination to locate this significant medical resource in downtown Buffalo is a testament to her lifelong support of her community and, in recent years, to her commitment to the medical school and the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

"The Ross Eye Institute simply would not have come to fruition without Dr. Olmsted Ross' vision and philanthropy," Cain added. "Today we recognize the results of her bold leadership and unflappable spirit—and what she has made possible for generations of medical researchers and students and the patients who will ultimately benefit from their research and care."

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State Senator Dale M. Volker, whose initiative led in 2006 to the UB medical school

receiving \$1 million in state funding to complete a \$9 million campaign for the institute, said that in its new, accessible location on Main Street in downtown Buffalo, "the Ross Eye Institute will have a significantly positive impact on the neighborhood, while being located ideally to provide care for Buffalo's underserved populations. It has been rewarding for me to play a role in making this project become a reality and part of UB's growing investment in downtown Buffalo."

Buffalo mayor Byron W. Brown presented Simpson and Reynolds with a

check for \$300,000, representing the city's commitment to the project.

"The opening of the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute is another important addition to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, which continues to evolve and fulfill its promise of contributing positively to Buffalo's growing health-care corridor," Brown said.

"I commend President Simpson and the University at Buffalo for continuing to expand and strengthen the university's presence in the medical campus, as well as elsewhere in Buffalo. The institute will play an important role in the diagnosis and treatment of adults and children with diseases affecting their vision."

The new two-story home of the Ira G. Ross Eye Institute is located in newly

created space in the Louis Engel Jr. Building, which originally housed Engel's Studebaker truck and auto dealership and, in more recent times, was the home to another auto dealership.

The first floor contains a large reception area and adjacent eyewear center, the Lions Diagnostic Center, several state-of-the-art imaging and diagnostic facilities, 12 exam rooms, laser and minor surgery areas, plus faculty offices and a conference room.

The second floor pediatric reception area contains video-game stations and other amusements for children, eight exam rooms, a pathology lab and a surgical lab used for resident training, and computer stations, plus offices and conference rooms. **BP**



FROM LEFT: Michael E. Cain, MD, dean of the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Helen M. Cappuccino, MD '88, president of the Medical Alumni Association; and Francis J. Klocke, MD '60, 2007 Distinguished Medical Alumnus

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2007 DISTINGUISHED MEDICAL ALUMNUS

FRANCIS J. KLOCKE, MD '60

FRANCIS J. KLOCKE, MD '60, *an internationally recognized leader in cardiovascular research, is the recipient of the University at Buffalo's 2007 Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award.*

A dinner in his honor, hosted by the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and the Medical Alumni Association (MAA) was held October 25, 2007, at the Buffalo Club. In attendance were MAA officers and other alumni; Dean Michael Cain, MD; faculty; and friends of Klocke.

A native of Buffalo, Klocke received his medical degree from the UB School of Medicine in 1960. His interest in an academic career had been stimulated by Hermann Rahn, PhD, then-chair of the Department of Physiology, with whom he worked as a student research fellow throughout medical school. Following medical house staff training at Yale University and a cardiology fellowship at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), he joined the faculty of UB's Department of Medicine in 1965.

Based initially at Buffalo General Hospital and then at Erie County Medical Center, Klocke led an interinstitutional cardiovascular research program that secured NIH program-project support for 20 consecutive years. His research centered on coronary circulation, including both normal control mechanisms and abnormalities in coronary artery disease and other pathologies.

In 1971 he became professor of medicine, and in 1976 was named chief of cardiology for the university. He received the medical school's Stockton Kimball Award for Academic Achievement in 1981, and in 1983 was named the initial holder of the Albert and Elizabeth Rekate Professorship in Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease.

In 1991, Klocke was recruited to Northwestern University Medical School as director of the newly established Feinberg Cardiovascular Research Institute. The institute was charged with

expanding and coordinating cardiovascular research programs and training throughout the medical school and university.

When he stepped down as director in 2006, the institute had grown to include more than 100 faculty members within 13 academic departments, and external support had increased from \$6.6 million to \$25 million annually.

During his tenure, Klocke was particularly involved in the institute's development of cardiac magnetic resonance imaging, including a high-resolution technique for imaging myocardial infarctions which is now being utilized for both clinical and research purposes by more than 50 institutions in the U.S., Canada, Europe and South America.

Throughout his career Klocke undertook major assignments for the NIH's National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI); the American College of Cardiology; the American Heart Association (AHA); and other academic centers and external organizations. He served on the NHLBI's National Advisory Council and more than 15 of its major advisory committees and boards. He is also a past-president of the American College of Cardiology and former chair of the AHA Council on Circulation. His memberships include the Association of American Physicians, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the American Physiological Society and the Association of University Cardiologists.

Klocke continues to teach at Northwestern at the student, house staff and postdoctoral levels and to participate in the Feinberg Institute research as Professor of Medicine Emeritus. He also continues clinical practice as a member of Northwestern's Division of Cardiology and a consultant to the Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation (the Medical School's 450-physician practice group). **BP**

Ross Eye Institute

In 2003, Elizabeth Pierce Olmsted Ross, MD '39, issued a challenge grant of \$3 million to establish the Ross Eye Institute named in honor of her late husband,

Ira G. Ross. The opening of the institute on November 1, 2007, was made possible by her extraordinary philanthropic gift and the contributions made by the following individuals, corporations and foundations.

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Honors Convocation

Recognizing Medical Students' Achievements

The Annual Honors Convocation recognizing academic excellence among first- and second-year students in the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences was held in Butler Auditorium September 29, 2007.

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.

Biochemistry

Allana Marie Krolkowski, '11, received the Edward L. Curvish Award, established by the Department of Biochemistry to recognize the student with the highest average in biochemistry.



KROLIKOWSKI

Microbiology/Immunology

Swathi Gopalakrishnan, '09, received the Ernest Witebsky Award, which is given to the students achieving the highest grade in



GOPALAKRISHNAN

Ben Briggs, '13 (MD/PhD), received the Marek B. 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.



BRIGGS

Pathology and Anatomical Sciences

Amy Lynn Zielinski, '10, received the James A. Gibson, Wayne J. Atwell and Oliver

microbiology and immunology. Dr. Witebsky was founding chair of the Department of Microbiology.



ZIELINSKI

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.

Sameer Madhav Deshmukh, '09, 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.



DESHMUKH

Richard Sarkin/Emeritus Faculty Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society

At the end of each academic year, based on peer nomination and faculty selection for qualities of exceptional compassion and dedication, junior students are selected for membership in the Gold Humanism Honor Society. The following students were inducted in the spring of 2007:

SADDAM S. ABISSE	PAUL R. HOSKING
CHRISTOPHER C. BATTAGLIA	MICHAEL R. JOYNT
KIRAN BHARADWA	GEETA G. LAUD
CHRISTOPHER J. CANCRO	YUK MING LIU
JENNIFER E. COSTELLO	FRANCIS J. O'CONNELL
JENNA L. GILES	REBECCA L. SIMONS
KASSONDRA S. GRZANKOWSKI	EMILY K. SLOTKIN
HEKMAT HAKIMAN	LORI M. WITTMAN
CARLA R. HENKE	

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society

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. This year's inductees to the AOA are:

JENNA LYN ARNDT	AMY BETH DEVLIN
MEGAN K. BARNHART	LAUREN M. DUNFORD *
ADAM R. BROD	KATHERINE JOY DUNHAM
ANTHONY JOHN CERMINARA *	MATTHEW MICHAEL FERNAAYS
MICHAEL JOHN CIPOLLA	MARIAM IMNADZE
JENNIFER E. COSTELLO	PRAVEEN KADIMCHERLA *
JILLIAN JEAN DELMONT	MOHAMMED FARAZ KHAN

Benjamin J. Green, '09, received the John B. Sheffer Award, which is given to the student who, according to faculty, has achieved academically and demonstrated particular aptitude in the pathology laboratory setting. The award was initiated by the board of Deaconess Hospital to honor Dr. Sheffer for his many years of service to that institution. It is now sponsored by the Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences.



GREEN

Physiology and Biophysics

Sameer Madhav Deshmukh, '09, received the Donald W. Rennie Physiology Award, which is given to the student 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.

McGraw-Hill Book Awards

Terrence P. Lester, '10, and **Amy Lynn Zielinski, '10**, received the McGraw-Hill Book Awards, which is given to the two highest-ranking students in the first-year curriculum.



LESTER

VICTORIA A. LILLING
ANDREW W. MARINO
BENJAMIN P. MCGREEVY
FRANCIS JAMES O'CONNELL
JENNIFER HELEN PAUL
REBECCA LYNN RYSZKIEWICZ *
CHRISTOPHER KEVIN SCHOTT *
DANIEL A. SLEVE *
HILARY ANNE SOUTHERLAND *
ALAN VAINRIB
LORI MARIE WITTMAN
STEFANIE S. WU
JUSTIN MARK ZBRZEZNY

*Denotes inducted as juniors

Dean's Letters of Commendation

Years 1, 2 and 3

Dean's Letters of Commendation recognize exceptional coursework. In years one and two, they are awarded to students who earn honors grades in 75 percent of required courses or achieve 75 percent of available honors points each year. In year three, students who earn at least four honors and two high satisfactory grades are honored.

First Year

JOSHUA ARBESMAN
GREGORY S. CANFIELD
ERIN ELIZABETH CONWAY
MARY KATHLEEN CORBETT
DANIEL C. DESIMONE
SARINA R. DOYLE
XIAOHONG FANG
JOHN J. FARIA
SIMON D. FUNG-KEE-FUNG
JENNIFER S. GALL
KELVIN ANG GOLD
ELIZABETH ANNE GRUBER
COLIN M. HAINES
ALLEN W. HO
DARREN MICHAEL HUFFMAN
SARA A. HYLWA
ZACHARY ALEXANDER KASPEREK
ALEXANDER KOYFMAN
ALLANA MARIE KROLIKOWSKI
JENNIFER H. LEE
EVAN S. LEIBU
TERRENCE P. LESTER
JIA LIU
NATALIE J. MASON
SEO Y. MOON
MOROMOKE OLWABUKOLA ODINA
JEET PATEL
JONAH H. PATEL
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ALAN J. HSU
LARSON D. HSU
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JASON M. ROTOLI
ADAM T. RYAN
CORALYNN S. SACK
SUJATA SOFAT
CHRISTIAN SPANO
LISA ANN STEKETEE-WEAVER
KATHLEEN LOUISE WANIA
ALEXANDER EVAN WEBER
MARC A. WEISKOPF
JAN R. WONG

Third Year

JENNA LYN ARNDT
MEGAN K. BARNHART
ADAM R. BROD
ANTHONY JOHN CERMINARA
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