May 2009

**Match Day 2009**

This year’s Match Day festivities took place on March 19 at the Pearl Street Grill and Brewery in downtown Buffalo, where students, their families and friends and faculty gathered to celebrate.

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**Ajiy Prakash Ahad**

Internal Medicine

University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital

Buffalo, NY

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**Stephanie Lyn Andrus**

Internal Medicine

North Shore, Long Island Jewish Health System

Manhasset, NY

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**Colleen Elizabeth Bell**

Psychiatry

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Pittsburgh, PA

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**Virginia Bevitz**

Neurosurgery

Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD

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**Bai-Chung Cheng**

Orthopedic Surgery

University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital

Buffalo, NY

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**Andrew Michael Kaschnagel**

Emergency Medicine

Johns Hopkins Hospital

Baltimore, MD

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**Deborah G. Crouch**

Emergency Medicine

University of Illinois College of Medicine

Chicago, IL

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**Margherita Bruni**

Otolaryngology

University of South Florida College of Medicine

Tampa, FL

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**Jason C. Choi**

Internal Medicine

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Boston, MA

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**Usman A. Desai**

Family Medicine

New York Presbyterian Hospital

Columbia (Columbia)

New York, NY

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**Arielle Kurzweil**

Internal Medicine

Mount Sinai Hospital

New York, NY

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**Sandeep Rao Harkwani**

Internal Medicine

Stony Brook Teaching Hospitals

Stony Brook, NY

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**Jee Bang (continued)**

Internal Medicine

University of Texas Medical Branch

Galveston, TX

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**Jee Bang (continued)**

Internal Medicine

University of Maryland Medical Center

Baltimore, MD

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**Jee Bang**

Internal Medicine

University of Massachusetts Medical School

Worcester, MA

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**William Frederick Revillacqua**

Internal Medicine

University at Buffalo

Buffalo, NY

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**Jesse Bang**

Internal Medicine

Johns Hopkins Hospital

Baltimore, MD

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**Kelly D. Berkou**

Internal Medicine

University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital

Buffalo, NY

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**Two first choices for best friends**

Janet Yeh, left, who will train in medicine (preliminary) at New York University’s School of Medicine–Preliminary

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“Friends since the first day of school” are, from left, Amy Doran, Christine Kassis, Dina Huang, Laryssa Herry and Witzard Joseph.

Betty Huo and Jason Choi celebrate that they will be in Boston together. This will train in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital and Choi will train in internal medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.
Pictured clockwise are good friends Saracchi Thakore, Zilla Hassan, Drew Runci, Stephanie Chow and Alvin Yau.

Elizabeth Meinert discovers she will train in pediatrics at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, Florida, her first choice. Pictured with her is Keith Hehr.
GRADUATION

2009
MEDICINE

The 163rd commencement for the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences was held on May 1, 2009, at the Center for the Arts on the North Campus.

This year, the school conferred 149 MD degrees; three MD/PhD dual degrees; four MD/MBA dual degrees; and two MD/oral maxillofacial surgery degrees.

The honored speaker was Daniel Levy, MD.*

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*Turn to page 33 for to learn more about Dr. Levy.
The Undergraduate and Graduate Biomedical Sciences Commencement for the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences took place on May 7, 2009, at the Center for the Arts on the North Campus.

This year, 17 PhD, 46 master’s and 215 baccalaureate candidates were eligible for degrees.

The commencement address was delivered by Ronald M. Evans, PhD, investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and professor at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. Degrees were conferred by UB President John B. Simpson, PhD.

Candidates completed work in the following School of Medicine and Biomedical Science departments or programs: biochemistry, biomedical sciences, biotechnical and clinical laboratory sciences, medical technology, microbiology and immunology, neurosciences, nuclear medicine technology, pathology and anatomical sciences, pharmacology and toxicology, physiology and biophysics, and structural biology. Also included were the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Graduate Division programs in cancer pathology and prevention, cellular and molecular biology, molecular pharmacology and cancer therapeutics, natural sciences, and pharmacology and therapeutics.
Plans for Downtown Campus Advance
KALEIDA, UB BREAK GROUND ON VASCULAR INSTITUTE, RESEARCH BUILDING
By John Dell'Antonio

The effort to transform Buffalo into a world-class health-care destination and expand UB’s Downtown Campus took a major step forward on August 3, 2009, when Kaleida Health and UB broke ground for a new 10-story global vascular institute and research building.

HE $291-MILLION combined facility, to be located next to Buffalo General Hospital at Goodrich and Ellictott streets, will bring together Kaleida Health physicians and UB researchers in a collaborative effort to deliver state-of-the-art clinical care, produce major breakthroughs on the causes and treatment of vascular disease, and spin off new biotechnology businesses and jobs. "Today marks a new era for health care delivery in Western New York," said James R. Kaskie, president and CEO of Kaleida Health. "Kaskie also serves as president and CEO of Great Lakes Health, the governing body overseeing the integration of Kaleida Health and the Erie County Medical Center Corporation (ECMCC).

"Through a physician-led process, we have delivered on reform and, just as important, the start to build the pre-eminent flagship medical center in upstate New York," Kaskie added. "Our new global vascular institute is destined to be the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, with improved quality and better access for the patients that we serve."

This is a major milestone for UB and for Buffalo," said President John R. Simpson. "This collaborative endeavor greatly advances our plans to expand UB’s academic and clinical health science programs in downtown Buffalo—a key element in our UB 2020 vision. Together with our strong clinical and research partners in the region, we are steadily transforming Buffalo into a major hub for the best in medical care, education and research, and revitalizing our region’s economy in the process."

As a true public-private partnership, this project owes much to the leadership of our Western New York legislative delegation," Simpson added. "This project would not have been possible without the delegation’s efforts to secure the transfer of previously approved capital construction funds to the Buffalo 2020 Development Corporation, which will allow us to move forward with our partnership with Kaleida Health."

Construction of the building, designed by Cannon Design, Architects and Engineers, is expected to take approximately two years, with doors opening in late 2011. Turner Construction is the general contractor for the project. In 2007, the Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21st Century, also known as the "Berger Commission," ordered the closure of Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital. Kaleida Health decided to shift the hospital’s cardiovascular and stroke-related services to the soon-to-be-built facility on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

"We must take the necessary steps to fix our broken health-care system so that all New Yorkers receive the high-quality care they need and deserve," said Governor David A. Paterson. "It is for this reason that I applaud Kaleida Health, University at Buffalo and Great Lakes Health for their vision and commitment to improving access and quality of care for the people of Western New York."

Construction of the building also helps advance the UB 2020 strategic plan, which is focused, in part, on bringing UB health sciences programs to downtown Buffalo, advancing UB’s strength in the biomedi- cal sciences and other research fields, and increasing the university’s economic impact in Buffalo. Expanding the UB campus in downtown Buffalo would bring an estimated 13,000 faculty, staff and students to downtown.

The building will house four floors of Kaleida Health’s $173 million merger of Millard Fillmore Gates Circle Hospital with ECMCC and Great Lakes Health were planning to announce a significant investment in the global vascular institute, further consolidating heart programs in Western New York.

For UB, the Clinical and Translational Research Center will expand the university’s focus on translating basic medical research into new treatments and technologies made available for patients. The Biosciences Incubator will provide laboratories and workspace, and startups to companies spun off from UB medical discoveries. UB’s incubator is expected to be at full occupancy after two to three years, with 120 employees. According to studies on the economic effect of biomedicine and biotechnology research, the UB CTRC and Biosciences Incubator are projected to produce an annual economic impact of $68,750,000.

Kaleida Health and UB officials say the new building will help transform Buffalo into a regional destination for excellence in health care, on par with medical research centers available in Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Flexibility and Economic Growth Act, introduced into the state legislature this year by the Western New York delegation. The new building also advances the goals of the Berger Commission, which mandated Western New York organiza- tions to significantly improve the quality and availability of health care by ending expensive duplication of services, filling gaps in the region’s health-care system, recruiting top-level researchers and physicians, and providing state-of-the-art training to UB medical students.

When complete, the Kaleida Health-UB facility will house nearly 600 patient beds, 30 operating rooms, 17 interventionals for cardiac, vascular and neurological procedures, as well as four CT scanners and four MRS. It is anticipated that the new emergency department will accommodate more than 60,000 visits, while the hospital will discharge nearly 27,000 patients.

In June, Kaleida Health received two key approvals to build the facility. The New York State Department of Health’s Hospital Review and Planning Council approved Kaleida Health’s final certificate of need for the 10-story structure and the City of Buffalo’s Planning Board unanimously approved the site plan for the project.