The Hippocratic Oath

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures which are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.
Dear Class of 2006,

First, let me say how very proud I am of each one of you. When I got to know you a little during the Dean’s Letter interviews, I was amazed at the life stories and the paths that led you here to UB. And then, as I watched you progress through the third year, make your career choices, and agonize over interviews and the match, your “journey” seemed even more remarkable. Remember orientation day of first year? And gross anatomy? How far have you come, and how far you yet are going to go! You’ll soon be signing “M.D.” to orders and scripts, with no one double-checking. Scary, isn’t it? The awesome responsibility will weigh heavily at first, and then will become just another part of your everyday life. Patients will come to you over the next 40 years or so, and to each of them, you will represent a source of scientific knowledge, a teacher, an advisor, and sometimes a healer, priest and friend. Wear the mantle of authority that society grants to you with dignity and with respect for those who seek your help.

As your “journey” here at UB nears its end, your stories will stick with us. You arrived here on the first day as a sea of faces; now you have writ your medical school story in vivid colors. It is the kaleidoscope of those colors, and your faces, your accomplishments and the difficulties you had to overcome, that remains forever as part of the history of our school. Just as we will, over the years, many times verify your training here, you will many times be asked where you went to medical school and we hope that “UB” or “Buffalo” comes out with pride. Do stay in touch - email works just fine.

On a deeply personal note, you have enriched my life. As the song from “Wicked” goes: “Because I knew you, I have been changed for the better; because I knew you, I have been changed ... for good.”

Nancy Nielsen, M.D., Ph.D.
Senior Associate Dean

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Dear Members of the Class of 2006,

A little more than four years ago about twenty five members of our medical school Admissions Committee sat in a conference room and listened, for the first time in most cases, something about you and your desire to become a physician. Two members, probably total strangers to you at that time, became your strongest advocates – I dare say at that moment in time, your “best friends”. They stood up at the table, and before the rest of the members, presented all you had accomplished. Although at school a strong academic performance is important, we were looking for more. After reading your letters of recommendation, reviewing your extracurricular activities, and comments you made during your interview that day, we learned what was in your heart. Examples of your selfless concern for the well-being of others, how during your volunteer experiences you could relate to the thoughts and emotions of patients, your personalities and reputations, and the feeling we had about your sincerity and honesty gave everyone an insight into your attributes of altruism, empathy, character, and integrity. Everything we would want in our physician. In some cases, some committee members in fact stated that wanted you for their physician.

I have realized in my 25 years at this school that there is this unwavering support for our students from many people. There have been individual looking out for you whose names or titles you will never know. Of course the largest group has been both our basic science and clinical faculty as well as the administration. I think we clearly realize the competitiveness associated with the admissions process and therefore make every effort to help those who have been fortunate enough to earn a place in our classes. When thinking about the support you have received one cannot forget your families. I know that some of you have lost family members during your tenure with us. I’m sure that when you consider the sacrifices that everyone has made toward your education, theirs will not be forgotten.

I think you should know that you as a class have already set a standard for “students supporting their fellow-students” that has served as a model for classes that have followed you. Your class, more than any I had known prior to your matriculation, developed a mechanism of academic and social support that has led to a camaraderie other classes now emulate. The countless emails outlining educational websites or notices of social activities I’m sure has made the four grueling years more palatable. For this you should be congratulated.

It is a privilege to become a doctor. When you consider your first interaction with a patient, you must have been impressed with the trust and openness people displayed even to you – a “student doctor”. You have witnessed, especially in the clinical years, a full spectrum of human emotions from the excitement surrounding the birth of a baby to the sadness associated with the death of a loved one. You have seen what it is like to be sick, to be cured, to win against all odds and to lose despite heroic efforts. In this era of managed care, you have been exposed to the reality that if you let it, you can allow medicine to become impersonal. I’m sure that during your tenure with us you have heard as well as seen problems facing medical care today. Everything from malpractice crises, to problems associated with health insurance, to never ending paperwork. Hopefully, despite these bureaucratic constraints the empathy and altruism, the character and integrity we saw on your first day will be over four years ago, has not left you. Yes, it is a privilege to be a doctor and I hope you remember that; not just on graduation day but when the excitement of the moment makes it easy to remember, but I hope you are reminded of the privilege from at least one patient, everyday, for the rest of your lives as physicians.

Congratulations, Best Wishes, and as I have ended all of my correspondence with you these past four years.

Take care,

Dr. Severin
A Timeline of the History of UB

The following pages present a chronology of UB History from its inception to the present. Many of the dates noted are "firsts" like the first African American to graduate (1880), the first and only undefeated season in football (1897), the first woman dean (1922), the first issue of the Spectrum (1950), the first student sit-in (1966), UB's first female provost (2000), etc. The timeline reflects the University's development from a small private University focused on medical education to the vibrant research institution that it is today.

1846: The UB Charter is granted by the NYS Legislature on May 11th with the authorization to grant any degrees whatsoever. The School of Medicine is established as the first division of the University as prominent physicians, Frank H. Hamilton, Austin Flint and James P. White, were among the founding faculty who persuaded the trustees that the Medical School should only be a portion of a full university.

1847: The first classes are held on February 24th. The school begins operations in a leased building at the corner of Seneca and Washington streets with 66 registered students and a faculty of seven physicians. The University's first commencement is on June 16th. Eighteen graduates received medical degrees.

1850: James Platt White, a professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and one of the founding faculty of the UB Medical School is the first in the United States to teach midwifery clinically.

1876: Mary Blair Moody, UB's first female graduate, receives her medical degree on February 23rd.

1916: Emma Elizabeth Deters becomes the first female administrator at the University, serving as a registrar from 1916-1965.

1922: Lillias M. MacDonald, the University's first female dean, is appointed "Dean of Women." Approximately 200 women attended the University in 1922.

1922: Samuel P. Capen, the University's first full-time, salaried Chancellor, is inaugurated on October 28th. In conjunction with the inauguration, Foster Hall and Rotary Field are dedicated.

1880: J. Robert Love, the first known African-American graduate of UB, receives his medical degree on February 25th.

1955: Clifford C. Furnas, the University of Buffalo's 9th Chancellor and the State University of New York at Buffalo's 1st president, is inaugurated.

1846: Millard Fillmore, a lawyer and a congressman, is named the University's first Chancellor. At this time the title is honorary only.

Firsts to be Remembered, a Timeline in Motion.
The years from 1964 to 1973 the University at Buffalo saw many student protests on subjects such as the Vietnam War, the ROTC presence on campus, racial bias in athletics, and the Department of Defense research (Themis). During spring semester 1970, the situation between the students, faculty and administration reached a boiling point. On February 24, 1970, during a Clark Gym sit-in to protest racial inequalities in the Athletic Department, the administration calls Buffalo police to monitor the campus. The next day students hold a rally of approximately 3,000 people in protest of the administration’s action to call non-University law enforcement. Protesters cause significant property damage and the administration calls the police again telling them to arrest any vandals. There is a confrontation between the police and about 500 protesters resulting in the arrest of several dozen people.

1928: Hayes Hall clock and chimes are set in operation on July 19th.
1985: Astronaut and UB Alumnus Greg Jarvis gives the commencement address at the graduation ceremony.
1989: On July 31st, eight years after the dedication of Slee Hall, the much anticipated C.B. Fisk Organ is delivered.
1990: The University Libraries launches BISON, Buffalo Information System Online, the library's online public access catalog.
Medicine was revolutionized in the 18th century by advances in science and technology, old ideas of infectious disease epidemiology were replaced with bacteriology.

Ignaz Semmelweis (A) in 1847 dramatically reduced the death rate of new mothers from childbed fever by requiring physicians to wash their hands before attending to women in childbirth. However, his discoveries were not appreciated by his contemporaries and came into use only with discoveries of British surgeon Joseph Lister (B), who in 1865 proved the principles of antisepsis. The name, Louis Pasteur (C), cannot be left out for he devised one of the most important methods in preventive medicine, when in 1880 he produced the vaccine against rabies. Pasteur also invented the process of pasteurization. Another noteworthy character is Robert Koch (D), who is famous for the discovery of the tubercle bacillus (1882) and the cholera bacillus (1883). The decline in the most lethal diseases was mostly due to improvements in public health and nutrition than to medicine.

It was not until the 20th century that there was a true breakthrough in medicine, with great advances in pharmacology and surgery. The 20th century witnessed a shift from a master-apprentice paradigm of teaching of clinical medicine to a more “democratic” system of medical schools. With the advent of the evidence-based medicine and great advances of information technology the process of change is likely to evolve further and will influence each and every one of us during our careers.

W. Swanenburg: Anatomical theater in Leiden, engraving (after drawing by Woudanus), 1610.
Words of Wisdom ...

To the Class of 2006

You were about to start another module during your second year. It was your eleventh module in the sequence, Neuroscience and Behavior. Maybe it was just another one to get through on your way to number twelve. Some of you were excited in anticipation of learning about that wondrous organ, the brain. Others were apprehensive, wondering how anyone could make any sense out of something so complex, something that people had studied for centuries, but still didn’t understand and perhaps never would. I was preparing to teach the module I had been teaching for the past 16 years, although in a somewhat different way with more content and more integration of material. We came to know each other over this short, but intense period of time. I guess the short duration of this period had little to do with the lasting memories and relationships I have from your class. These experiences make me realize how much individuals can affect our lives.

What makes your class so special for me? Isn’t it just the same old stuff year after year? My secret is to recognize each of you as individuals. This also is a way for you to make your life experiences fuller and richer. In just a few words, I want to share with you some of the things that made you special to me and some of my thoughts for you as you enter the next phase of your career and your lives.

For me, teaching is a personal experience between student and teacher. Although I may deliver a lecture to the class as a whole, I recognize that each of you hears and understands what I say on your own level. The teaching only starts there. It involves the process of sharing the knowledge I have accumulated with each of you. That process becomes much more meaningful for both you and me by establishing a personal connection, which is the reason I learned each of your names. This helps me to see you as individuals and I think it makes you realize that I have a personal stake in your learning and your future. Similarly, the personal connections you make with your students, colleagues, and patients will last you a lifetime of memories. It will change you and make you see the world differently in ways you could not have predicted.

Realize your special qualities that make you unique in what you can provide to others. Our lives are shaped both by our innate capabilities and our individual experiences as we go through life. We are the product of these factors, which are unique for each of us even amidst the 5 billion people that live on this planet. Recognize that these factors have come together in a special way to give you a perspective of life and a way to help others that no one else can have.

Being a physician requires you to be lifelong learners. New information on how the body works, elucidation of disease processes, new drugs, and new therapies promise to come at an ever increasing pace as technology advances. You will need to be aware of these changes and to be able to apply them to your patients’ problem. Because of the knowledge you will accumulate and the way it will change your perspective of medical issues, you will be sought by patients, students, and other colleagues to help them understand issues that go beyond their background. Thus, your path as lifelong learners will lead you also to be lifelong teachers. Think of the number of people you will influence in medical practice during your lifetime. Take this as a challenge. In your own way, you can help people see things that they could not see on their own.

So, you will all need to teach, but how do you start? Anyone can attempt to teach, but if you really want to stimulate learning, try to be thoughtful and personal in your approach. A good, simple rule, one that I always keep in front of me, is to try to see things from the listener’s viewpoint. Put yourself in your learner’s seat and ask yourself if this is the way you would like to be taught. If you keep that in mind with your patients, students, and colleagues, you will always be challenged to improve yourself and you will never forget the person you are teaching.

Perhaps my comments may help you on your own personal path of growth. They also may help you touch the lives of others and encourage them. I know each of you have changed my life and made me a better person for it. Each of you has changed the way I see the world and that is something that lasts a lifetime.
Sites Around Buffalo
UB South Campus

Just a few recognizable places where some of us studied while others slept.

Dr. DeWitt Halsey Sherman (1864-1940), Professor of Pediatrics, 1909-1929.

In our comings and goings, much of our time was spent inside this building.

Cost: $1,600,000
Size: 87,608 sq. ft.
"There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning."  -Louis L'Amour

Whether being a recent graduate or enjoying life with a little time off, all of us took the same path to arrive at this destination. All of us completed the premedical requirements of chemistry, biology, and physics and endured the eight-hour MCAT. All of us were scrutinized by interviewers at various medical schools. Let us not forget all the other life experiences that made us more well rounded individuals. We eventually convinced the faculty and administration at the University at Buffalo that we should be the ones to occupy the seats in the Class of 2006. From the point of initiation in the White Coat Ceremony, it became clear that we would eventually become doctors and ultimately be responsible for saving lives - a task that was not only exciting but had life altering implications. Along the way, many formed friendships and some even found life-partners. It all started here during orientation week. This began the fulfillment of a dream long overdue.
Hi, My Name Is...
Where Are You From?

Nice to Meet You.

“A true friend is the greatest of all blessings, and that which we take the least care to acquire.”
— La Rochefoucauld (1665)
The Start of a Long Journey

White Coat Ceremony

Since its inception in 1993 at Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons, the white coat ceremony has become a national and international phenomenon. At the University at Buffalo School of Medical and Biomedical Sciences, it has been a tradition for every first year student since the new millennium. It is a rite of initiation, not one of graduation or completion. We are engrained with the idea that we are just a part of a greater whole. As students, we are part of a class, as a class, we are already part of a profession. The white coat itself is a symbol of history, science, trust and medicine. When we walk through the hospital it is not too unfamiliar to hear “Hello, Doctor!” despite the fact that our coats are half the length of the real thing. A new identity is adopted as one dons the white coat; we tend to forget about ourselves and realize we are part of a community. The ceremony is also a symbol of trust and support from the faculty to its students. It lets us know that they believe in us and will support us as we go through school to learn what we must in order to best serve our future patients. And all began right here even before the first day of school. We each had our own ideas about what we wanted out of medical school and our chosen professions. But it was the common thread of professionalism and humanism that the white coat represented throughout medical school that truly was our goal.

Group of students just after the ceremony with hopes of a bright future.

Dr. Severin presenting an award in humanism to Dr. Toni Ferrario.
Professors on stage at the ceremony looking toward a proud new generation of future physicians.

Dr. Sarkin, a beloved pediatrician, mentor and friend who will not be forgotten.
The Path to being a Physician Starts With Putting on the Coat

THE OATH OF MEDICINE

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I will respect the scientific gains of those physicians and scientists in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who follow.
I will remember that there is both art and science to medicine.
I will pursue the expansion of knowledge throughout my life for the benefit of my patients.
I will practice medicine with conscience and dignity.
I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.
Most especially, I will tread with care in matters of life and death. If it be merely in my abilities to help ease suffering at the end of a life, may I face this awesome responsibility with humility and awareness of my own frailty.
I vowed to always act to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and I long to experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

Young physicians-to-be gathered in the lobby of Slee Hall anticipating a long standing tradition.

A proud day for Josh and Ron donning their white coats for the first time.
Josette bearing the book, *On Doctoring*, a copy of which was given to every student during the ceremony.
How many medical students does it take to find the ever elusive superior petrosal sinus?

Who knew studying for anatomy could be this much fun?
Medical School Initiation

Upon stepping into the gross anatomy lab for the first time, we were flooded with sights and smells that were unforgettable. Beneath each hooded table lay someone’s mother, father, son, daughter, brother or sister. These courageous individuals instead of choosing a resting place where loved ones can come and pay their respects, donated their bodies to the advancement of our medical education. This single selfless act gave us an invaluable resource and was the true start of our medical education. We never knew their names; we only knew the cause of their death. Since the unwrapping the bodies until the end of the semester, gross anatomy became more than a course but an all consuming endeavor. It was the most tangible subject we had throughout the first two years. At any given moment, we were holding somebody’s heart or lungs as we would a book. Aside from the macabre some of fondest memories of medical school came from this time of gross anatomy. It was during these long hours spent in the gross lab that we truly bonded and honed our friendships. We learned about each other’s strengths and weaknesses, but most importantly we learned to work as a group. The friendships that developed from this experience blossomed and some will be lifelong. In addition to these friendships, the knowledge that we gained from this gift is immeasurable and priceless.
....a timeless gift.

In Remembrance of...

Knowledge of anatomy is essential for physicians, dentists and other health related professionals. The demand for bodies for teaching this essential information is great. Therefore, medical schools across the country are having to depend on the generosity of citizens to make their bodies available for this necessary education. There are two types of Memorial Services held by the University and the Anatomical Gift Program: Interment Memorial Programs and Student Memorial Service. Student Memorial Service organized and run by the students, occurs at the conclusion of the Fall Gross Anatomy Course. Medical and Dental Students conduct a service during which they remember those generous individuals from whom they have spent a semester learning. The students use poetry, prose and song to express an appreciation for the knowledge they have gained from individual donors and how deeply the experience has changed their lives.

Dr. Severin delivering powerful words as the room reflects on a memorable experience.
Dave, Milton, and Sarah playing a heartfelt "Golden Slumbers" by the Beatles.

Students passing on the flame in the candle lighting ceremony as the program concludes.
Spooky and Scary

Pam, Lynne, and Kim in a Midsummer Night's Dream.
Hippie chic
Josette and Danielle fluttering by.

Milton as the world's ugliest girl.

Michelle's sunny personality is too much for Benny.
"Go ahead, take your best shot. I bought this costume at the Dollar Store."

A Royal Tannenbaum (?) meets the lovely Little Red Riding Hood.

Kyu: Dude, where is your costume?

Tiger Woods is ready to tee off. Silence please.

Kirk Scirto: International Man of Mystery.
Welcome to the Freak Fest

G.I. Pat vs. Unabomber
Steve: run for cover.

Four fabulous ladies that you don't wanna mess with.

Patrick: Big Pimpin spendin' G's.

Serving up the Lobster Boy. Don't be upset, John, if you were supposed to be Michael Jackson.

Dave as gum under the shoe (No really!); Laura being Laura, Roy being unforgettable.
Jennifer, Jenny, and Sonya:
back in black.

Lori, Sonya, Kai, Jodi, Liz, and
Tejal looking better than ever.
Shiny Happy People
Holding Hands

John and Kate in matching reds.

Hun is either singing his favorite song or someone stepped on his foot.

Among these snappy dressers, it is hard to say who is the best dressed.
Tze, Jeff, Kyu, Steve and Dave representing the "Asian mafia."

Joan Rivers would have nothing bad to say about these fashionable ladies.
Dressed to Impress with an Open Bar.

These male medical students are looking sharp in suits and ties.

Looks like they already found the open bar.
Class of 2006 softball team with winning smiles.

Girls proving that they can be just as tough as the boys.
Some of the World's Greatest Athletes...

1st & goal: the team takes a time out to pose for a picture.

Now that's big time football! But where are the cheerleaders?
Funmi jammin' on the booze cruise in Jamaica.

Benny, Jordana, Alla and Pam taking in the fresh air on a nature hike.

Michelle and Kim tearing up the bunny slope.
All Around The World

Aimee on an adventure with flamingos.

Jodi and Lori need no umbrella on this island vacation.

Kathy, Stephanie, Milton, and Dave are preparing for the worst.

Dave cruising the San Francisco Bay.

Nancy and Michelle getting a good start on their tans.
Katie, Matheni, and Mary are all smiles as they wait for their meals to arrive.

Warning: Jamie is about to eat Pam’s head.
Witness the side effects of ETOH intoxication.

Study Hard, Party Harder

Kim is trying to make off with the keg.

Toasting to a night they will soon forget.

Kate in a man-sandwich.
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Somewhere between exams...

**Living La Vida Loca**

Going for a dip after anatomy.

Mark as the world's tallest cherub.

Channa and Connie performing the flashdance like champs.

Lori, Jodi, and Liz - creatures in our natural habitat: NYC!!!

This picture says it all.

Jen and Teresa chillin' at a BBQ.
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Jen and Teresa chillin' at a BBQ
John, Anthony, and Benny after a night of fun.

Dancing queens.
"It's the friends that you can call up at four a.m. that matter." - Marlene Dietrich

Good Food. Great Friends.

Friendship

~by Renee Donna Bufete

A friend is a person
to laugh and cry with,
An inspiration.
Someone who lends a helping hand,
though friends may not be forever,
And they may not end up together,
the memories of a true friendship will
last forever.
A friend is not a shadow nor a
servant
But someone who hold
a piece of a person in his heart.
Someone who shares a smile,
Someone who brightens up your day
What makes a person a friend?
Is by saying your Love will stay.

Good beer.

Great buzz.

Thank
goodness it's
Friday!

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Matt makes a rare appearance!

Peace, love, and happiness.
"Work hard and play harder!" That was the philosophy by which we lived during the four years at University at Buffalo School of Medicine. No justification was required to go Downtown, any reason would suffice from surviving the first anatomy exam to it's Wednesday... let's party! There are favorite hangout spots, but we were always willing try new ones, especially if the drink specials were right. During these times, we learned more about our fellow classmates than we cared to know. We learned even medical students can enjoy karaoke and how much alcohol it took before we lost our inhibitions. All the times spent were worth the price of tuition alone. These are the moments that made us cohesive. All our pressures dissolved away in one of the most powerful solvents, ethanol, in any of the myriad forms that we could do at one time. Some of the biochemistry, physiology, and certainly biostatistics might be lost as we continue our education during residency and beyond, but the friendships we formed during these times may last a lifetime.
Dr. Schimpfhauser, Assistant Dean for Research and Evaluation.

James J. Rosso, Admissions Advisor.

Dr. Severin, Interim Associate Dean For Medical Education and his wife, Dr. Tamberlin, Research Assistant Professor, who are actively involved in skills sessions.
Advanced Life Support

From our arrival to medical school the Office of Medical Education staff has played a critical role in providing the necessary support services required for our development and successful completion of our medical education. These services ranged from assisting us with course scheduling to providing us with personal, academic and career counseling.

The Office of Medical Education is also responsible for coordinating the admission process, housing the office of minority affairs, maintaining the official record of each student and providing information regarding academic and curricular affairs. For all of their time, patience and effort, we are eternally grateful.

Members of the OME staff - Dr. Severin, Debbie Stamm, Kim, Debbie G, Phillipa, and Dr. Milling.

Nancy Cronk, Curriculum Coordinator, and Bernice Lavin, Senior Stenographer.

Dr. Karen L Zinnerstrom, Training Program Coordinator, who makes sure we are all well prepared in clinical skills.
Murray J Etinger, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Biochemistry as well as Interim Chair Of Biochemistry.

Dr. Duffey, Professor Of Physiology & Biophysics.

Dr. Cohan, Professor of Pathology And Anatomical Sciences standing next to Dr. Brownie, Senior Curriculum Advisor, as well as Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, Biochemistry.

Dr. Alan M. Reynard, Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology.
Without Whom.....
This Would Not be Possible

Often it has been argued that the most crucial part of our education as medical students occurred during the first two years of medical school. It was during this time that the foundation of our knowledge was tested, developed and perfected. Students learned the fundamentals of numerous disciplines in a short period of time such as Biochemistry, Genetics, Physiology, Microbiology, Pathology and Anatomy. Anatomy was the first and probably the most important of these disciplines as learning was facilitated by dissecting cadavers. This experience signified our privileged status as physicians-in-training. To our instructors, we are eternally grateful.

Kevin Matthew, Instructional Support Associate and Thomas Wietchy, Laboratory Aide.

Dr. Frank Mendel, Vice Chairman Pathology & Anatomical Sciences as well as Adjunct Associate Professor, Rehabilitation Sciences.

Dr. Robert Hard, Associate Professor, Pathology And Anatomical Sciences.

Cynthia A Dlugos Assistant Professor, Pathology And Anatomical Sciences.
PROUD TO PRESENT...

"One of the essential qualities of the clinician is interest in humanity, for the secret of the care of the patient is in caring for the patient."

-Frances Weld Peabody in "The Care of the Patient" (1881-1927)

THE CLASS OF 2006
Dear Vyachislav (Steven),

Congratulations on your graduation!
We wish you a world of joy in all your endeavors, knowing that whatever you shall strive to attain in life, success is likely to follow. Just know that although these may have been the most meaningful years of your life, the best is yet to come.

With much love,
Your grandma Nina, your parents Igor and Bela, your brother Yanik, wife Irina and your daughter Abigail Yafta.

Major happy events that took place during my medical school years were: My wedding and my daughter.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to everyone that helped me to get to where I am now...THANK YOU!!!
Thanks to everyone who has been with me in the journey; I could not have done it without you.

My two oldest friends.

Thank you to my family for their support and love, and for always being there whenever I’ve needed them.
Formerly, when religion was strong and science weak, men mistook magic for medicine; now, when science is strong and religion weak, men mistake medicine for magic. —Thomas Szasz
Amber M. Anderson, M.D.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
-Maya Angelou

Thank you to all my family and friends for all the love and support throughout the years.
Marilyn Augustine, M.D.

May my heart always be open to little birds who are the secrets of living whatever they sing is better than to know and if men should not hear them men are old

May my mind stroll about hungry and fearless and thirsty and supple and even if it's Sunday may I be wrong for whenever men are right they are not young

And may myself do nothing usefully and love yourself so more than truly there's never been quite such a fool who could fail pulling all the sky over him with one smile

—E. E. Cummings
"I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart." -E.E. Cummings

"I am thankful for laughter except when milk comes out of my nose." -Woody Allen

"Dear Buffalo, it's been a tremendous eight years. Thanks for the wings." -Roy

1. Abba, Eema, and Oren, thank you for the support, love, and cash...they were all appreciated.
2. Jeanie Bean, thanks for being my daily dose of reality, love, fun, and laughter.
3. Good morning...what, I'm still wearing my beeper...I hate call...get me some coffee.
4. See ma, I told you I was studying.
5. The good old days with the study buddies, before the Barnes became too commercial.
Erin M. Banta, M.D.

Thank you to my family and friends for all of your love and support!
Katherine Batt, M.D.

...i am not the same
having seen the moon shine
on the other side of the world.

-maryanne radmacher hershey

It's never too late to be what you might have been.

-George Eliot

To my family and friends, esp. mom & dad:
Thank you for always believing in me.
Danielle E. Bender, M.D.

Danielle Bender MD

Shared joy is double joy.
Shared sorrow is half sorrow.

I want to thank my family and friends that have helped make these last four years less difficult and way more fun!! I especially want to thank my parents, my girls, and my wonderful boyfriend Steve. I love you guys!! Thank you for always being there for me through this crazy journey!

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To my classmates: Good luck to everyone—may you all find the success and happiness you deserve in life!! Keep in touch!
"Success is never a destination - it's a journey." - Sutenig St. Marie

Thank you: To the best parents one could ask for - you gave me love, support, inspiration, and laughter that got me through yet another chapter of my life. To Becky - my sister, my friend; you taught me how to follow my dreams. To Greg - if I had a big brother I'd want him to be just like you. To all my friends and family - you all have played a part in who I am today. To my friends from UB - good luck to all!! And most of all, to Jim - my true love, you make my heart smile and my soul dance. I love you.
Camille B. Sommer, M.D.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

~James Matthew Barrie

Mom, Veron, & JR: I will always hold dear the values & wisdom you've given me

To my friends:
Thanks for your camaraderie, friendship, & wonderful memories

Scales: Your constant love and support mean the world to me
Josette M. Bianchi, M.D.

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Bradley B. Block, M.D.

Bradley B. Block, M.D.
Pamela J. Boachiechio, M.D.

Pamela Boachiechio MD

In The House of God a dying physician wisely said, "We don’t cure. I never bought that either. I went through the same cynicism— all that training and then this helplessness. And yet in spite of all our doubt, we can give something ... What sustains us is when we find a way to be compassionate, to love."

Top Left: Enjoying life outside of the hospital

Middle: My wonderfully supportive parents

Top Right: Sweet beginnings

Bottom Left: The first official wearing of the white coat

Bottom Right: My friend, my love, my partner in crime
Danielle L. Morganti-Bonnevie, M.D.

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“It’s faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes a life worth living.”

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

For inspiring and motivating me throughout medical school, as well as throughout my life, I thank you Phillip, Mom, Dad, Heather. Thanks to all of my family and friends for your support and love.
Andrew J. Brenyo, M.D.

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(Top Left) 
To the golf gods”  
(Bottom Right)  
“The Boys”  
(Bottom Left)  
“Who knew, even then  
Cardiology was my thing, or was it OB/GYN?  
Sadly enough, I still don’t know the difference.”
Steven Cai, M.D.

Thank You God for you are the Provider of everything. Thanks mom and dad for your support in everything that I do. Thank you grandma and grandpa (who rests in peace) for if it were not because of your sacrifice I would not be where I am. Thank you auntie Victoria and uncle Oscar for all the love and care. Thank you Auntie Emily and uncle Yee for all your help. Thank you Uncle Alfredo and Auntie Min for taping Costa Rican soccer games for me. Thank you Angela for you are the best wedding manager. Last but not least, thank you Ivy, the love of my life, for your support, care and faith "000". Class of 2006, thanks for putting up with my type A personality. Thank you for you have all been AWESOME classmates. I truly LOVE each and every one of you. Thank you Dr. Dayton, Dr. Hasstett, Dr. Gibbs, Dr. Rajput for being mentors through med school. Thank you UB Department of surgery and all the residents whom I have had the honor to work with for your teaching and for being great role models to me. "Je me souvien.." I thank each and everyone in the OME, especially Dr. Severin and Dr. Nielsen, and the teachers, professors, attendings and residents who I have had the opportunity to work with. Thanks to my bros and sis from BCCC for providing me a home away from home.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
Psalm 23:1
The fellowship of green destiny has come full circle.

This wine is too good for toast-drinking, my dear. You don’t want to mix emotions up with a wine like that. You lose the taste. EH

Register at a hotel under a pseudonym, and then rent two convertibles - a Porsche and a green Cadillac - so you can switch cars when things start to go bad. Be sure to launch one of these cars off a steep hill. HST
Danielle Capece, M.D.

If your success is not on your own terms, if it looks good at the world but does not feel good in your heart, it is not success at all.

-Anna Quindlen
Kerry Cassel, M.D.

Thank you Mom and Dad for all your love and unending support. I am eternally grateful. To all my friends, you've always been there for me. I'll never forget all the good times we had.

(Top Right) Kayle & Derek August 2003 Balm Beach, Canada

(Top Center) Kerry & Lindsay Hoelscher Med School Formal Jan '04

(Bottom Left) Jake/Kayle Father Daughter Dance 1/24/04
Neeta Chaudhary, M.D.
Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things; and no good thing every dies.
- Andy Dufresne

(Top Left) Hired dancers for my 25th birthday. Look at Tsz having a seizure in the background!
(Top Middle) That's me playing hide-and-seek.
(Top Right) Crap! What is leptospirosis? I never learned this!
(Bottom Left) View from my future home in Hawaii.
(Bottom Right) That's Fuji playing dead while the intruder comes in.
Stephanie Chin, M.D.

"To dream anything that you want to dream. That’s the beauty of the human mind. To do anything that you want to do. That is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself to test your limits. That is the courage to succeed.” Bernard Edmonds

Thank you—to my family, for your unwavering support and encouragement...to my friends, for making me laugh until tears stream down my face...to Penny, for being the most perfect and lovable puppy...and to Tom, for giving me something to dream about. I love you all!
Invictus
by William Ernest Henley; 1849-1903

My head is bloody, but unbowed.
Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.
In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance

(Top Left) Family portrait
(Top Middle) Spending quality time with Dad
(Top Right) Hanging out with Sonya and Kai
(Bottom Left) Hanging with Grandmother and nephew
(Bottom Right) Chilling with his mother and girlfriend

Clyde Collins, M.D.
Erin Cooley, M.D.

(Top L) Key West, April 2003
(Top Center) Baseball in Toronto, 2005
(Top R) USCGA graduation, May 2003
(Bottom L) Buca di Beppo, February birthdays, 2005
(Bottom R) Pepsi Arena, Amherst, NY January 2003
Jennifer M. Coseo, M.D.

To my parents, thank you for getting me started on this path in life and always supporting me no matter what I was doing! To my sister and brothers, thank you for always being there when I needed you. And of course thank you to Denny. I would never have made it to this point without you. This is as much an accomplishment of yours as it is mine. I love you!

(Top Left to Right) Lisa and Mike circa 1988 or Denny and Jen at Halloween?
Good times first year with Kathy, Laura and Steph;
Having fun at Lighthouse Clinic;
(Bottom Left to Right)
My wonderful parents;
My sister and I having a good time;
My brothers looking so snazzy
"There is no such thing as a self-made man. You will reach your goals only with the help of others."

- George Shinn

To Danielle, Jenna, Danielle & Erin: No sentence could convey how proud I am of each of you, and how I cherish the time we've spent together. And, of course, to my Mom, Dad & Matt: Thank you for your everlasting support and love. I love all of you so much!
DOCTORS IN DIAPERS
Colin K. Dauria, M.D.

Ain't nothing wrong with going down, it's staying down that's wrong.

Special thanks to Sergio & Tara who amazingly stayed sane despite living with me for two years. You guys are great friends.

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Jeremiah DePue, M.D.

Thank you to all my friends and family

(Top center)
Luke Patrick
8 months old, Christmas 2004
I would like to use this opportunity to thank everyone for their support over the past four years. My husband, Vince, has been an endless source of encouragement through all of the trials both academic and personal. Throughout my life, my parents were always there to guide me and help me along the right path and I know they are so proud of where I now stand.

In Memory of
Bonita J.
Martin
1957 - 2004
Dear Mom, Dad, Michelle, Rob, and Melissa,

I am so grateful for all of your support through this and my other endeavors. Each of you, in your own ways, has made it possible for me to succeed and to be happy doing so. Anything that I achieve means so much more because of the roles you all have played.

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Love,

Brian
Orlando J. Encarnacion, M.D.

"My niece and nephew - Adamari and Aidan"

"Enjoying time on the hammock in Clearwater, Fl. I must go back..."
Sonya N. Ephraim, M.D.

I want to thank all of my family and friends that have supported me over the years. There are many people in my life who made sacrifices and went above and beyond to get me to where I am today, nobody makes it alone. I will never forget that.

I love you all.
Meghann M. Fitzgerald, M.D.

Mom, Dad, Brian, Erin,
Beth, Mikey, Kate & Troy,

My Nearest and Dearest,
It's been a long road. Thanks for helping me through the
tough times and for celebrating the wonderful ones. I
couldn't have done it without you!

Love, Meghann

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried
anything new.

-Albert Einstein

When there is no
peril in the fight,
there is no glory in
the triumph.
-Pierre Corneille

A problem is a
chance for you to do
your best.
-Duke Ellington

In heaven all the
interesting people
are missing.
-Friedrich Nietzsche
Thomas Forsberg, M.D.

“When a rich man goes driving at night with lights on his carriage, he sees a small area better than the poor man who drives in the dark—but he does not see the stars. The lights prevent that. It is the same with all intellectual understanding. It sees well close at hand but takes away the infinite outlook.”
-Kierkegaard

“The last shall be first and the first shall be last.”
-Jesus Christ

My best friend and future wife!
To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.
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1. Family Hike in Colorado, July '99
2. His and Hers, Boston Public Gardens, Sept 2005
3. (a) Tim & I, Summer '05; (b) Stephanie & I, Feb '05
4. (a) Angel and Devil, Laura & I, Halloween '05; (b) Dave & I, Halloween '05
5. (a) With my parents and sister, post-NYC Marathon, Nov '03; (b) Pumpkin Hunting, Oct '04
Pamela Horn, M.D.

These have been the most intense years of life. They have been filled with some of the greatest joys and stresses and have led me to discover so much about myself in the process.

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It's not just a daydream if you decide to make it your life - Train.
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Congratulations!
John Ginnetti, M.D.
Benny Hakim, M.D.

"That man is successful who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much, who has gained the respect of the intelligent men and the love of children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who leaves the world better than he found it; who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had." -Robert Louis Stevenson

My eternal gratitude to my family- who has been, and continues to be, my strength each day.

(Top left) 2002 - Cornell Graduation

(Top center) 1986 - first day of school

(Bottom left) 2002 - Cornell Graduation

(Bottom right) 1980
I would like to thank all of my family and friends who have helped me get to this point in both my education and in life. The last four years have been a long journey that I don’t think I could have undertaken without all of your love and support. I always look at it as nothing less than a blessing to have each and every one of you as a part of my life.

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DOCTORS IN DIAPERS
Michael C. Hawryschuk, M.D.

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1. Mah!
   Where in the world!?!?
2. Mi familia y mis gatos.
   Te amo!
3. Gina and Carrie being Gina and Carrie
Marc A. Hayes, M.D.

I'd like to thank my family for all their love and support. Through all the difficult times you always reminded me of what is really important in life. And to my beautiful wife, without her I never would have made it.
"And I won't be laughing at the lies when I'm gone
And I can't question how or when or why when I'm gone
Can't live proud enough to die when I'm gone
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here" —Phil Ochs
I'd like to thank all of those that were my friends when I arrived in
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others I don't quite know as well now, but I thank you all. Thank
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"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."

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Lindsay J. Hoelscher, M.D.

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Anita Hwang, M.D.

“But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...” Philippians 3:7-8a

Praise God for His abundant grace and unconditional love for me. He has sustained me through medical school! My dear family, I thank you for your prayers and undeserved encouragement. My dear friends, I thank God for the ways you have blessed me and always kept me grounded. God is so good!
James W. Ingraham, M.D.

"Set the gearshift for the high gear of your soul. You've got to run like an antelope out of control."

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Teresa M. Jones, M.D.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

For with God, nothing will be impossible. Luke 1:37

(Top center) Jennifer Lee and I
Student Clinician Ceremony 2004

(Bottom right) Me & Jasmin Bowling Trip

(Bottom left) Bible Study 2003-2004
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
~ Henry David Thoreau.

Having arrived at this long awaited achievement, I realize that I could not have endured the journey without the advice, support, and understanding from those who cared. Dr. B. Klein, Dr. Murray, and Dr. L. for your vision. Mom and Dad – for all of the sacrifices you made for me. Allen – for letting me follow in your footsteps. Christy – for being my oldest and dearest friend. To the one person who knew what my heart desired long before I knew it myself, my endless love and respect. Thank you for staying right beside me and being so generous with your time, patience, and affection. My heart will always belong to you, Nelson. I can’t wait to spend the rest of my life with you.

(clockwise)

Kindergarten graduation;

White Coat ceremony with my parents;

With my Babyluv;

Engagement dinner with my family and his.
Keith C. Kaplan, M.D.

I have learned a great deal about medicine in the past 4 years, but it is not the time spent in the lecture halls that I will remember. During my first year of medical school I was lucky enough to marry the woman of my dreams. In the second year, there was the anticipation of a baby on the way, and in the third year, he arrived. With medical school completed, I am both honored and humbled to be given the title of MD, but I am even more proud and thankful to be known as a husband and a father. I would like to thank my wife, Gretchen and my son Benjamin for their infinite love and support. I would also like to thank my parents, Michael and Marcia Kaplan, and my Brother Ted for everything they have done over the years. Lastly, thanks to the faculty and staff of UB Medical School and my fellow classmates. You have all proven yourselves to be fun, intelligent and compassionate individuals and it has been a pleasure going into battle with you.
With generations of hope, determination and much love, today I become a Doctor!
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Shana and Deena, I’m proud to be your sister! The best part of being in the middle is having you both on either side.
Kevin, my love and best friend, our time apart has made me certain that I want to be with you forever!

"A sister is love that you never outgrow."
Jessica Shand, M.D.

Mom and Dad: I finally have a job now! How can I ever thank you enough?
Daniel: "There's no way one can compare, all them scenes to this affair." I will always love you.
Valerie: Here's to the... well, to all these years!
Sergio and Tara: I'd drive up a mountain in the dark without guardrails for you any day. I love you both.
Colin: "Like a diesel engine, churning his wheels in anger."
The Muddy Calves: Thanks for showing me the damp, painful glory of 200 miles in 24 hours. Moo!

I am forever grateful for my experience with the Navajo people. Thank you for teaching a bilagaana girl from Buffalo the beauty of hozho.
Shine shaadliil, Hozhogo nadedishdaal.
Rashmi Kaul, M.D.

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DOCTORS IN DIAPERS
"It's not where you are but who you're with that really matters."

~ Dave Matthews
Channa M. Kolb, M.D.

You can know the name of a bird in all the languages of the world, but when you’re finished, you’ll know absolutely nothing whatever about the bird...So let’s look at the bird and see what it’s doing—that’s what counts. I learned very early the difference between knowing the name of something and knowing something.

by: Richard Feynman

1. Dr. Kelly and me performing stereotactic neurosurgery
2. Best friends on a European vacation: “ya ya”
3. Some bonds can’t be broken. L’chayim. Scott, you are truly my best friend for life.
4. When in Rome....
6. Switzerland
I’ve come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that’s as unique as a fingerprint and that the best way to succeed is to discover that you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service. H.G. Wells

I would like to thank all of my teachers and mentors throughout my years of education. Thank you, to my fiancée, parents, brothers and friends who helped me along the way by instilling in me confidence to become a success.
Tszyeung Lau, M.D.

"When you were born, you cried and earth rejoiced, live your life in such a way that when you die, earth cries and you rejoice."

(Top Left) The family picture
(Top Center) My wife and I
(Top Right) My wife, kids and I
(Bottom Left) My younger son
(Bottom Right) My older son
The whole strong clamour of a vehement soul
doth utter itself distinct. Earth’s crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God:
But only he who sees, takes of his shoes,
The rest sit round it, and pluck blackberries,
And daub their natural faces unaware
More and more, from the first similitude

~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Aurora Leigh VII

(Top left) To my family...and the two coming! I love you and thank you.

(Bottom left) A Rwandan refugee's hope in darkness

(Bottom right) Your Colochita
Hun Lee, M.D., M.B.A.

이현주 MD, MBA.

First, I would like to thank God for helping with the curves to let me pass ALL my exams (I still need your help for Step II and III, just two more). Second, I would like to thank all the faculties for their guidance and support. Lastly, I would like to thank all my friends who helped me to reach this goal.
"Get not your friends by bare compliments, but by giving them sensible tokens of your love"

- Socrates

"Let us make one point, that we meet each other with a smile, when it is difficult to smile. Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family."

- Mother Teresa
Connie Liang, M.D.

I would like to thank my parents and Keith for always being so supportive. You believed in me and taught me that everything is possible as long as I work hard for it. I could not have done this without your love and care.
To Mom, Dad, Bethany, Sarah, and Abbey: This success is also yours. I could not have done it without your unconditional love and support.

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"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather a skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, 'Wow! What a ride!'" -Unknown

This medical degree is in honor of JOSEPH A. LOVE
Debra L. Luczkiewicz, M.D.

"It's never to late to be what you might have been,"

George Sand

Thank you to my husband, Ken, and my children, Brian and Rena, for all of their support and encouragement.
"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body" Philippians 1:20

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5

I have been richly blessed to know you- Thank you to everyone, especially my family, and God who got me here in the first place....

"Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care."
Celeste Martin, M.D.
“Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie,
Which we ascribe to heaven: the fated sky
Gives us free scope; only doth backward pull
Our slow designs when we ourselves are dull.”
- William Shakespeare, *All’s Well That Ends Well* (Act I, Scene 1)

“No hay soledad inexpugnable. Todos los caminos llevan al mismo punto: a la comunicación de lo que somos.”

“Talent, Proust says. I would say luck, and much labour.”
Matthew McClure, M.D.

Matthew McClure M.D.
Nothing could have prepared me for the changes that would take place in my life when I arrived in Buffalo. I scoffed along with my now-husband when, during first-year orientation, some members of the faculty said some would marry classmates. Nevertheless, in addition to rediscovering my love for medicine and choosing a career in psychiatry, I did meet my soul mate here in Buffalo.

And now, as Milton and I await the birth of our first baby, we look also toward a future together with the same excitement to become physicians that we have always felt. It is extremely humbling to realize that after all these years of working toward a goal, that now that goal is only a short reach away. With all the medical knowledge I have (hopefully) amassed, I can only trust that I am able to treat my future patients with the same respect and skill I have learned here.

I love you, Milton. I cannot wait to meet our little 'Sprout'. Thank you, Buffalo. You have given me much. I am sure now that with the support of my husband and family all things are possible.
This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it.                        - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Mom, Dad, and my dearest sister Julia: Thank you for the love that you have given me each day.
In the end it is not to die, it is to die well. - Diane Carey
There are two things... no human being... can ever control...
You cannot control the decisions of others, and you cannot
control the actions of God... Get used to it... because if one
thing is certain in life, it's that God has a very peculiar sense of
humor... and an even more peculiar sense of timing.

- David M. Weber

To Mom, Dad, Rafia, Rabia, Salma: Thank you

You remind me of a poem I can't
remember and a song that may never
have existed and a place I'm not sure
I've been to.

- Abraham (Grandpa) Simpson

In that last dance of chances/When
I bid your life goodbye/I will hope she
treats you kindly./I will hope you
learn to fly... In that last dance of
chances/We shall know each other's
minds./We shall part with our
regrets/When the tie no longer binds.

- Robin Hobb
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Molly E. Moore, M.D.

Molly E. Moore MS

Dear Mom, Dad, Patrick, Katie, Daniel, Kelly, Michael, David, and Terrence,
I love you all!
Thank you so much for everything!
Love Always,
Molly
Celinae Morales-Ribeiro, M.D.

As this chapter nears an end and I begin writing the pages of a new one, I have come to realize...that there's so much beauty in the world. Sometimes I feel like I'm seeing it all at once, and it's too much, my heart fills up like a balloon that's about to burst. And then I remember to relax, and stop trying to hold on to it, and then it flows through me like rain and I can't feel anything but gratitude for every single moment of my crazy little life.

I'd like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to my family who helped start this journey and to my husband for his inexhaustible love & patience in the most challenging times. To all thank you for continually expecting greatness.

Queridos padres gracias por su apoyo.

Papi, Mami, Sam, Tonya, Sara, Omar, Joe, the Ribeiro Family:
Thank you doesn't seem to be enough.
Kellie M. Motschmann, M.D.

Medicine is the only profession that labors incessantly to destroy the reason for its existence. - James Bryce

If family were a fruit, it would be an orange, a circle of sections, held together but separable—each segment distinct. - Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Some people come into our lives and quickly go.

Others stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never ever the same.

- Unknown.
Joseph V. Mure, M.D.

Thanks to my wife, Maureen, and my boys, James and Matthew, for their constant love, support and encouragement.

The family hiking in the Adirondacks.
Kevin Myrie, M.D.

To all of those who saw me in the hospital, sent e-mails, helped me with food when I was home (and helped hold my leg), thank you. I'll never forget it. Good luck to everyone in their careers.
Anil Nair, M.D.

"The height of your accomplishments will equal the depth of your convictions" - William Scolavino

"There are 3 kinds of people: people that WATCH things happen, people that MAKE things happen, and those who wonder WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?"
Brian Neubauer, M.D.

Brian E. Neubauer MD

I would like to honor this achievement by sharing my thanks and gratitude... first and foremost to my beautiful wife Michelle, who stood alongside me every step of the way, sacrificing all of her time and energy towards steadying our home and family. Michelle, we have been through good times and some tough ones, too but together we made it. I love you. To my precious daughters, Jocelyn and Olivia, nothing could bring more joy, peace or relaxation to me than spending time with the two of you. Daddy loves you dearly. To my parents, who provided me with endless love and encouragement, who always pushed me to be the best I could be, and who both provided me with the utmost example of hard work and how to raise a family; I am forever indebted to you. And finally, to my brother Marc, although younger than I, I felt like we have gone through these years together, both working towards our ultimate goals. Thanks for your support and for lending me your ear.
Michelle L. Niescienko, M.D.

A heart is like a house, a big and beautiful house. A house with many rooms and a big fireplace to warm my friends when they come home. Each person who is a guest in my house shall have their very own room. Each room is decorated with the experience and emotions I've shared with them. These rooms are unique and will always be there for my friends whenever they come home.

Thanks to my friends in Buffalo—there is never a dull moment when we are together!

To my parents, my sister, and my brother—thanks for the love, support, laughs, and good times that have made medical school that much more fun.
Olufunmilayo Odunuga, M.D.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth: and with my song will I praise him."
Psalm 28:7

Olufunmilayo (oh-foo-n-meel-yoh): (n) God gives me joy. At this present time, it gives me great joy to realize my dream to become a M.D. is closely near. I would not be here today if it were not for the grace of God, love of my parents & enormous family, and the motivation of my mentors & close friends. And I thank you so much for your endless love and support throughout these years. To my UB Med girls: Thanks for bringing additional joy into my life. These past four years have been rough but I will cherish your friendship forever. And as Shania Twain would say “Looks like we made it, Look how far we’ve come my baby…”

(Top Left) Dr. Fum-luv.
(Top Middle) My Gals from the UR posing at Mrs. Shinikequa White’s Wedding. Luv u all.
(Top Right) Baba at Iya mi (aka My Dad and Mom in Yoruba).
(Bottom Left) Kai, Tanyka, Aparna, and I in Toronto celebrating my Bday. Fabulous times...
(Bottom Right) Aparna, Anita, and I attending “The Lord of the Rings Symphony” performed by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.
See Visions Again

Days when cares of life weighs heavily on my heart
Leaving hungry a mind a soul a’thirst
I journey back in time along Jack’s River bank
Drinking again the pure stream of beauteous memories
Earthly women washing clothes in river bed
Under the warm Caribbean sun
Old hopes old dreams welling up
Again within my soul along the river stream
With frolicking children pure unrestrained laughter
Bringing freshness and cleaness to my soul
I return only when I begin to dream
And see visions again. ~ Loraine Y. Gordon-Dale

(Top Left) Jodi and Lori hanging out at Caribana 2005.

(Top Middle) Aunt Rose with daughters Kristin & Abigail.

(Top Right) Kirtley as ringbearer; Cousin Shawn babysitting cousins Styan & Kestrel.

(Bottom Left) Brittany and cousins; Cousin Brittany with Aunt Gemilaine & Uncle Philip after a pageant.

(Right Bottom) Portrait of Twins with Mom and Dwight at the Jamaica Grande 2002.
Lori-Ann C. Oliver, M.D.

Freedom
And the caged bird
Soared to freedom
O what joy and strength
And power she feels
As she is set free
From that which imprisoned her
With wings outstretched
With face upturned into the winds
She ascends to new heights
Of her destiny
Her heart is glad

Her joy complete
Her Father laughs
At what he sees
His creation
Freed to be who
She was to be
One who soars
And climbs
Into new heights...

Karen L. McFarlane

(Top Left) Cousin Adrian and family chilling in Jamaica.
(Top Middle) Hanging with cousin Brittany after her beauty pageant in Toronto.
(Top Right) Cornell Graduation 2000: Farewell to life long friends.
(Bottom Left) Lori with Mother & Sister.
(Bottom Right) Lori at a wild bird reserve in the Florida Keys.
Congratulations to the UB Medical School Class of 2006! Wishing you all the best of luck for the future.

-Jennie
David A. Paine, M.D.

"And see, no longer blinded by your eyes."
- Rupert Brooke
Hang Kyu Park, M.D.

For my father, mother, Soyoung, Boyoun, and Ryan, I am wholeheartedly thankful for their unconditional love, encouragement, strong belief, and support for me to be a MD!

With Jiyeong, “May God Bless Our Journey Together.”

My sincere thanks to Jinoo and Hyukjoon, my two wonderful brother-in-laws

“Drugs without side effects are not drugs at all,” Dr. S. D. Sherman
Thanks mom and dad, Roshan and Chirag for all your support. Thanks to all my chicas up here in Buffalo, without you guys I would have gone crazy.
Matt – I want to thank you for your unending support and love. You have always been there for me, and I don’t know how I would have made it through these four years without you! I love you with all of my heart and soul!

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Beth and Jena – Who could ask for better sisters? You are both such incredibly talented, beautiful people! Both of you are so special to me – not only sisters, but best friends! Thanks for understanding and supporting my medical school adventure! I love you!

To my family and friends – Thanks for your love, support, understanding when I have disappeared for months at a time! Medical school friends – we have shared some crazy, stressful, & fun times. Gina – thanks for being my “twin” and such a great friend! Thanks for all the memories!
Jordana Phillips, M.D.

Thank you to my family and friends for their encouragement and support throughout this experience. I could not have done it without you.
Cassandra Pierre, M.D.

“Things that were hard to bear are sweet to remember.” — Seneca
"I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint - and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you." - Oprah Winfrey
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Thank you Mom and Dad for believing in me from the beginning, and for making all my dreams come true. This journey would not have been possible without your endless support and encouragement. All that I am I owe to you. Your love is the greatest blessing.

To my family- there aren't enough words to express my gratitude for the lifetime of love each of you have provided in a special way. Bookielicious- thank you for always loving me as I am. Your faith inspires me and gives me hope. Nana Rose- I miss you and I wish you were here.

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Troy Pittman, M.D.

"I learned this, at least, by my experiment; that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with success unexpected in common hours."

- Henry David Thoreau, Walden

Love and Thanks
Mom and Dad

Thank you to my
Buffalo
“family”: Kate,
Brendan, Kai
Meghann, Sarah and
Brantley
for all of your love,
support,
and sanity.
Andrew J. Plante, M.D.

To the students, faculty and staff at Buffalo, thank you for four memorable years. To my family, thank you for making them possible.

Enjoying a time with less responsibility

My best friend and the love of my life.
Aparna Prasad, M.D.

Aparna Prasad, MD

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

– Mohandas K. Gandhi

Thank you to my family – Mom, Dad & Alok for your endless support, encouragement and inspiration through the years. To my friends, both in and out of medical school, and especially Stan – thank you for being there for me through the good and the bad and for always believing in me. I wouldn’t be where I am today without you all in my life.

Love, Aparna
For my parents and family — I'd like to express my deepest gratitude for all your encouragement, endless support, and constant faith in my pursuit of my dreams. Mom and Dad, thank you and I love you both very much!

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My wonderful friends — We couldn't have done it without each other! Here's to...late nights in the study bunker, dinner at Family Tree/potlucks/food in general, and "if I only had another week!..." I love you all.

—Aimee

(Top L) All together for Camille and Yale's wedding.

With Mom, Dad, and Elli's family — Charmaine, Kaitlyn, Matthew.

(Top R) Mom and Dad visiting for Student Clinician ceremony.

(Bottom L) With my honey.

(Bottom R) Having fun in Toronto.
Lana Rayev, M.D.

“The art of medicine consists in amusing the patient while nature cures the disease.”
Voltaire (1694-1778)

Just walk beside me and be my friend.
Milish Risbood, M.D.

Milish Risbood MD

To Aai and Baba,
Thank you for all of the support you have given me and all of your sacrifices, which have allowed me to fulfill my dreams.

To Vineeta and my friends,
Thank you for all of the laughs and great memories, thank you for the little things which have made all of the difficult challenges turn into simple ones.

My parents wining and dining on an Alaskan cruise.
Jasmin M. Roman, M.D.

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” - Chinese proverb
— To my mother, who has been there since the first step, thank you. Te quiero mucho.

“Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there also is love of humanity.” - Hippocrates
— To my mentors and colleagues, thank you for showing me the truth of this quote. I hope we all keep this in mind as we go on our future paths.

“... but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”
- Isaiah 40:31

To my family and friends, especially those in these pictures, you have seen me through so much. I wouldn’t have gone this far without your love, prayers and support.
Anthony Roselli, M.D.

Thanks to my family for their neverending support...my sister Renee, my nonno, and especially my parents. I could never have done it without you!

Love Always

My grandpa, who sacrificed his life in Italy at 35 years old to immigrate to the US with my dad, and without whom nothing I have accomplished would have been possible.
Thank you to my friends and especially my family, mom, dad, Ann and Maria for all your love and support.
Dost Sarpel, M.D.

I can't believe four years of medical school have already come to pass. I want to thank my family first and foremost for all the support they have given me through the years. Especially my sister who attended UB med school before me, and who gave me all the advice a little brother could need. I also want to thank my friends outside of medical school for always keeping me grounded. Finally, I want to offer my congratulations and best wishes to all my friends who are graduating with me. I hope we can stay in touch in the future. Best of luck to everyone.

(Top Left)
One of the many times I called my sister for some guidance.

(Top Center)
Mitchapalooza, the greatest med school flag football team ever.

(Top Right)
Hanging out with my crew outside of med school during first year.
Thank you to Mom, Dad and Airani for your love & support. Congratulations to the class of 2006! Wishing you all the best in the future.
Kirk A. Scirto, M.D.

(Top R to L)
1. Thanks to Hands Across Borders
2. Thanks to Uganda Village Project
3. Latin American Medicine
(Bottom R)
4. Clean water as medicine
Nicole Scouras, M.D., M.P.H.

Michele Scouras, MD MPH

Medical school has been a time of so many ups and downs. There were so many days when I wondered if I would ever make it to the end. But now that the end is here, I can't believe how much I have done and how much I have learned in the last four years. Medical school taught me so much more than just anatomy and physiology, it taught me how to deal with hard times, how to take care of patients and most of all, it taught me a lot about myself. I am very grateful to everyone who helped me learn these things: my patients, my teachers, my friends, my family. It's too easy to forget to say "thank you" to the people that mean the most to you but I hope you know that without you, I would have never finished medical school and each day I continue to learn life's lessons from you...
Mom, Dad, Preeti, and Pooja – You are not only my family, but you are also my best friends. I am so grateful for all your love and support these past four years. Thanks for being so wonderful. I love you guys!

I would also like to thank all my friends and faculty at UB that have made this experience so memorable.
Sheetal Sheth, M.D.

I saw in Louisiana a live oak growing, all alone stood it—without any companion, it grew. But, I wonder'd how it could utter joyous leaves all its life standing alone without friend[s] or [family] near, I know very well that I could not.

—Walt Whitman

For thy sweet love remembered such wealth brings that then I scorn to change my place with kings.

—William Shakespeare Sonnet 29
Meliton B. Silva, M.D.

I first must make mention to the people who aren't pictured on this page: my parents and my grandparents. If I had to name role models in my life, it would be them. Their endless support and unconditional love made it possible for me to even think about pursuing medicine as a career. They never pushed, but rather were always there for me if I needed. I would not be here without them. I am eternally grateful.

I made three promises to myself before entering medical school: I would try to keep career options open and not focus entirely on wanting to be a surgeon, I would not get married, and I would try my hardest to go back to New York City for residency training. I managed to break all three promises but everything still turned out better than I could have dreamed. Life, honestly, shouldn't get any better than this, but I know it will. And with the support of my wife and family I know I can accomplish anything. Thanks to Buffalo for making it possible, but also thank you Class of 2006 for making it interesting and fun! It wouldn't have been the same without you.

Clockwise from top left: My brother (Dave) and I at his wedding, My best vacation, Sprout looking at the camera, My best friend (Bryan), My hamster (Peppy) and Oscar getting to know each other, My best day ever
Scott Soberaj, M.D.

Live life. Enjoy Family. Look forward to work every day, but don't let it control you. Be happy and your patients will benefit. Endless thanks to my mother and father.

(Top left to right) Reading his first copy of Harrison's; Channa, whose support & companionship is immeasurable; Grabbing the bull by the horns; 
(Bottom left to right) The main reason I am what I am; Justin, always a true friend.
Justin Spooner, M.D.

“We’re going to show this world a thing or two, maybe not today and maybe not tomorrow, but.....”

Tommy Boy

I’d like to thank my parents for supporting me always and believing in me. I’d like to thank Suzie for standing by me and my cat no matter how high maintenance we may be. Lastly, to my friends and classmates I wish you the success, the experiences and the sleep you all deserve.
"The guy up front who always has a question"

"People take different roads to happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost."
- H. Jackson Browne

(Top) My first experience in rural family medicine, Mayville, NY.

(Bottom) A nearby reminder that everything depends upon perspective, Royalton, NY.
Alla Tauber, M.D.

"At a certain point in our lives, we lose control of what's happening to us, and our lives become controlled by fates. That's the world's greatest lie. Whoever you are, or whatever it is that you do, when you really want something, all the universe conspires in helping you achieve it."

_The Alchemist_ by Paulo Coelho

To my family and friends featured here, thank you. I couldn't have made it so far without your love and support!
"Vision without action is but a dream; action without vision just passes the time; vision and action can change the world." Thank you to everyone who has helped me along the way—my family, friends, and classmates. Everyone has taught me something and made me a better person because of it. Some, however, have done more than others. To my friends, you’ve been there when I needed you the most, offering advice, company, and fun. I’ll cherish our relationships forever. To my family: thank you for all the love and support. I would never have made it here without you. And to everyone out there: this is just the beginning. You ain’t seen nothin’ yet!

1. The president and Vice-President of the Annex (unofficially, of course) slogging through the harsh reality of med school. Always remember, "Whose your daddy?"

2. Most of the crew, old and new, together again

3. Two Grand-inspirations

4. Nucleus of love and support

5. Most of the inner circle. Not pictured: NG and AV (sorry guys)
Nancy H. Tran, M.D.

My family and friends -
I want to thank you for caring about me.
Your love has led the way for me.
Your love has carried me through the times
I couldn't walk alone.
Your love has soothed and encouraged.
Your love has always reminded me that, no matter what,
I can get through it.
I'll never be able to thank you enough.

The most important people in my life
Kimberly Truax, M.D.

(Top far left) My favorite roomie on the day she became Pamela Horn.

(Top far right & bottom left) From first year to fourth, Halloween has always been our favorite holiday.
Christina Vaughan Vladutiu, M.D.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
—from Robert Frost’s “The Road Not Taken”

Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart.
—Confucius

Dad—You have taught me more than you’ll ever realize; I have always admired your courage, wisdom, and curiosity. I love you.

Mom—Your passion and sense of adventure have always inspired me; I have always found strength in your resilience and tenacity. I love you.

Cay—“Chance made us Sisters, hearts made us friends.” You are both my mirror and my opposite. I am so proud of you. I love you.
LOST IN THE WARDS

Beth Abel, D.D.S., M.D.

Christopher D'Angelis, M.D., Ph.D

Matthew Harris, M.D.

Arash Kermanshahi, M.D.

Dave Pak, D.D.S., M.D.

Heather Walker, M.D.
George M. Watson, M.D.

George M. Watson M.D.
Micah Watts, M.D.

Soon to be Dr. and Mrs. Watts
Kathryn L. Wheel, M.D.

I want to say thank you to my family for their support and understanding during these past four years, I could not have done it without them. To the friends I have met during this time, I thank you for all the great times we shared... bowling Tuesday nights during 1st year, the skiing trips 2nd year, random meetings in the hospitals in 3rd and 4th years, and of course the pot lucks and gatherings that always seemed to involve a ton of food. I wish you all the luck for the future. Rock on.

(Top Left) Mom and my sisters
(Top Middle) Me and dad
(Top Right) July 4th
(Bottom Left) DandB
(Bottom Right) Matheni’s house
Alicia M. Wiggins, M.D.

"There are four rungs on the ladder of success: Plan Purposefully, Prepare Prayerfully, Proceed Positively, Pursue Persistently" - African-American folklore.

My heartfelt appreciation and humble recognition is extended to my mentors, friends, and family. To my parents, especially; your limitless patience, emotional and financial support, continuous faith, prayers, and unconditional love, have truly made this goal and dream of mine possible. I will forever be grateful unto Him for blessing me with all of you in my life and I love you all more than words can ever express.

(Top R to L)
1. My brother,
Theron, and
sister-in-law,
Stephanie
2. A good friend,
Juireith, and me
3. Mom and I
(Bottom R to L)
4. My first
nephew, Xavier
5. Mom, dad,
and me
Jimmy Wong, M.D.

Thanks and love to my supportive family and friends. Best of luck to all of you in your future careers!
Thank you Dad and Mom for everything. I could not have done any of this without your support, love and prayers. I love you. To Julie, my best friend and the best sister I could have asked for, I love you! To Danny, you are my inspiration, I love you little brother.
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(Top Left to Right)
#1: Welcome to Cancun
#2: A night with Mike Keenan
#3: My Family

(Bottom L and R)
#4: Katie and I all dressed up
#5: Kevin and I having a good time
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**Stephanie,**

Congratulations on all you have accomplished...
And what you have yet to achieve!

We are so proud of you.
Wishing you a future filled with much happiness, good health, and continued success.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Caroline, and Theresa

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**We had always hoped you would become a cowboy.**
Where did we go wrong?
We are very proud of you,
Dr. Bradley B. Block.
Love, Mom and Dad

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"Carry the sun inside you, and reach out for the dreams that guide you. You have everything you need to take you where you want to go. You have the abilities and talents and attributes that belong to you alone, and you have what it takes to make your path of success...lead to happiness."

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Our love to you, Jessica,
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BELIEVE IN THE
BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS.
-ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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Brian,

We are so proud of you! Our love and best wishes for the future.

Michelle, Jocelyn, Olivia, Mom, Dad, and Marc

You made it!!!
Congratulations, Danielle.
We’re so proud of you !!!

Love,
Freddy, Mom, Maggie, Annie, and Layla

Kai,

We congratulate you on your passed successes, and we pray for your future endeavors in the medical field.

Love,
Your Grandfather and wife
Drs. Paul and Christina Holtsclaw

Kai,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
You have mounted your wings: may you run and not be weary; may you walk and not faint.
Mom, Dad, Oronde, and Nana
Dear Dr. Anthony,

Wow! You did it! We knew you would. I once told you that I couldn't imagine what it must be like to be you—to have made so many people happy and to have achieved your own dreams. What impressed us is that you never complained once (to us anyway) about how difficult it was or how tired you may have been. Your love of medicine and compassion for people will be your strength as you proceed to the next step. You have surpassed all our hopes and dreams for you and changed our lives. I know you will change the lives of many more people in the future. God bless and keep you as you move forward.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

We are so proud of you!
Grandpa and Velma Roselli
The Flowers
The Kurezios
All your family and friends

Congratulations to Troy A. Pittman, M.D.

May the memories of your classmates and the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences faculty and staff be with you always...

Your dedication to Medicine and the knowledge gained in your years of study at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences provides the basis for your continued success as you commence your Residency...

From Your Proud Parents
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations to the Class of 2006!

Kate

We are proud of your hard work, but just as glad you found time to have some fun with friends along the way.

Wishing you an "Absolutely Fabulous" future.

Much Love,
Mum, Dad and Julia

JORDAN—IT'S BEEN A LONG HAUL—BUT IT'S BEEN SO WORTHWHILE. WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU AND ALL OF YOUR AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS! WE WISH YOU ONLY THE BEST OF LUCK AS YOU FINALLY BEGIN YOUR CAREER.

ALL OUR LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AMY, BRANDON, & BENJAMIN
NANA & PAPA, GRANDMA (&GRANDPA, TOO)
ALL YOUR AUNTS, UNCLEs, & COUSINS

Congratulations, Alicia on your graduation. Best wishes and success in your future career as a physician. You will always be our little girl. We are proud of you and we'll always love you. God Bless you.

—Mom and Dad—

To our dear Patrick,
Your success is no surprise. We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Congratulations on your graduation. Your future holds endless opportunities. We hope you make the most of them.
All our love,
Dad, Mom,
Michele and Michael

Kate Melzer, Troy Pittman, and Meghan Fitzgerald
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Thanks for letting us live your dream with you. We're proud of you, Kim.

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Best of Luck and Congratulations, Ray
I love you!
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There are times in our life when someone special makes you the proudest parent, brother, sister or fill anyone could wish for. Your hard work and dedication to your dreams of being a doctor has paid off. You are a shining example to all, that dreams do come true.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to a bright future ahead of you!

We Love You,
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May God continue to bless you abundantly.
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in your pursuit of higher goals.
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Your mom would be proud!
I am so proud of you and your
accomplishments!
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Now...how about some grandchildren!!

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Congratulations for all your hard
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