Bridges
A magazine of people, connections and community for alumni of the OHSU School of Medicine

Rural Medicine Rising

Mark Richardson, remembered (1949-2016)
Culture of community

OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D. ’82, M.B.A., appointed John Hunter, M.D., F.A.C.S., interim dean of the OHSU School of Medicine in the wake of Dean Mark Richardson’s tragic and untimely death September 2, 2016. (See page 4.) A school search committee will select a permanent dean, with the goal of having that leader in place by the start of the 2017-2018 academic year.

I T IS HUMBLING TO FOLLOW IN MARK’S FOOTSTEPS. HIS ARE BIG SHOES TO FILL. MARK and I were good friends, and we worked together closely ever since arriving at OHSU as new department chairs around the same time 15 years ago. He was a wonderful man and a great leader.

As interim dean, I am honored to serve OHSU and the School of Medicine. First, let me tell you a little about myself. I am Mackenzie Professor and Chair of the school’s Department of Surgery. In July, I became chair of the American Board of Surgery. My clinical interests include the management of diseases of the esophagus and stomach. My research activities concentrate on Barrett’s esophagus, esophageal cancer and on improvements in the techniques of minimally invasive surgery for gastroesophageal reflux disease.

I earned my medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania. I did my surgical residency at the University of Utah and a fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital before returning to Utah in 1988 to launch the university’s surgical endoscopy and minimally invasive surgery program. In 1992, I left for Emory University in Atlanta, where I served as chief of gastrointestinal surgery and vice chair of surgery (clinical). In 2001, I came to OHSU as chair of surgery.

My primary mission as interim dean will be executing on the plans that have been previously created by our leadership, including Dr. Richardson and Dr. Robertson. There are a number of pressing issues facing the OHSU School of Medicine, but none as critical as coming together around the school’s shared missions.

Very few institutions have a culture of community as strong as OHSU. Great things happen when everyone is pulling on the oars. Alumni are part of our culture of community, and I look forward to working with you as we carry on the good work of the school. Thank you for everything you do for the School of Medicine. I invite you to contact me anytime.

John Hunter, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Interim Dean

I invite you to learn more at www.ohsu.edu/som and contact me at somdeansoffice@ohsu.edu.
HSU experienced a foundational loss with the death of Mark Richardson, M.D., M.Sc.B., M.B.A., dean of the OHSU School of Medicine, Sept. 2. Dr. Richardson died from critical injuries suffered in a major fall while completing a home repair on Aug. 13. He was 66.

“Mark was a devoted clinician, an inspiring and accomplished leader, a warm, caring and engaging person and a dear, dear friend,” said Joe Robertson, M.D. R ’82, M.B.A., president of OHSU, who stepped in as acting dean following Dr. Richardson’s accident.

Dr. Richardson, a pediatric otolaryngologist, was the 14th – and longest-serving – dean in modern school history. He had a distinguished faculty career in Seattle and Baltimore before coming to OHSU to chair the school’s Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery in 2001. He was named interim dean in 2006 and dean a year later.

Dr. Richardson led with distinction, steering the school through economic recession and creating a sound platform that led to unprecedented innovation and achievement across the school’s missions of clinical care, education and discovery. He set into motion transformation of the M.D. curriculum to better prepare future physicians to be leaders in a rapidly changing health care delivery and discovery environment.

He championed the school’s presence in the Collaborative Life Sciences Building as it was built on Portland’s South Waterfront. He led integration of the faculty clinical practices into the school, building a nimble organization positioned for the modern era of health care. He guided the establishment and growth of the Knight Cancer Institute, the Knight Cardiovascular Institute and the Bob and Charlie Moore Institute for Nutrition and Wellness. He advocated for the school’s research enterprise, creating a stable and rich environment for scientists to do their best work. He helped foster dynamic, new research collaborations with companies such as Intel and FEI. Above all, he prioritized faculty success through executive support of university-wide initiatives and led the school with wisdom, optimism and good humor.

A celebration of Dr. Richardson’s life on Sept. 30 drew hundreds of faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and family to the OHSU Auditorium. At the event, Mary Stenzel-Poore, Ph.D., senior associate dean for research in the school, spoke of the oak tree in front of Mackenzie Hall that suddenly split and fell to the ground days after Dr. Richardson died. “As the grounds crew began to remove what remained, a faculty member observed, ‘The tree was heartbroken from the loss of Mark,’” shared Dr. Stenzel-Poore. “Since that time, we have heard this over and over. We all are heartbroken.”

Wood from the oak tree is being preserved to create a memorial. President Robertson appointed John Hunter, M.D., F.A.C.S., interim dean (see page 2). Dr. Richardson had identified Dr. Hunter as his selection for interim dean prior to his accident. Dr. Richardson had been planning to retire in December.

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Dr. Mary Stenzel-Poore
Speaking out

In the late afternoon rain on Oct. 4, university leaders, faculty, staff and students gathered together to mark an OHSU-wide commitment to address gun violence as a public health issue. Second-year medical student Brianna Ennis addressed the crowd, reading a poem she wrote. “I fear for my dad, my brother, my future son. Any one of them could be next./And I am not immune; I fear for myself too…/We are called today to stand together as healers,/to throw compassion at darkness and rise to the light,/and to practice what we preach.”

M.D. Class of 2020 largest, most diverse in school history

By Jennifer Smith

On Aug. 12, 153 future physicians from the school’s M.D. Class of 2020 – the largest class in the school’s history – received their white coat before family, friends and OHSU faculty. In addition to being the largest, this year’s class is the most racially and ethnically diverse ever. Approximately 19 students (12 percent) in the class identify as part of a racial or ethnic group under-represented in medicine: African American, Latino (originating from Mexico, Central or South America, or Caribbean cultures), American Indian/Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. The school also includes in its definition of diversity persons from rural environments and those who have experienced significant disadvantage or adversity.

The highly competitive program supports the work of early career researchers who want to influence the future of open, scientific communication and data sharing within their communities. Mozilla.org is a nonprofit organization that promotes an open and accessible Internet. The fellows are chosen for their demonstrated commitment to this issue. Already a student leader in this area, Robinson has championed openness and collaboration as a co-organizer of Open Insight PDX and Science Hack Day Portland. She is a founding member of Women in Science Portland.

Center for Radiochemistry Research opens

The Center for Radiochemistry Research is the newest research building to be constructed on OHSU’s Marquam Hill campus since the Biomedical Research Building opened in 2005. The center includes new labs, a cyclotron for isotope generation and cleanrooms for synthesis of diagnostic agents for translational imaging and personalized medicine, all housed within a state-of-the-art facility that adds modern flair to the central research courtyard.

The suite of powerful imaging tools enhances OHSU’s capabilities in advanced imaging, helping scientists and physicians improve their understanding of disease processes and enhance the development of treatments and therapies.
Four-corner care

The OHSU Physician Assistant Program marks 20 years of workforce impact in Oregon – from high desert to lush coast.

By Amanda Waldroupe

There is no such thing as a typical day for Rob Soans, P.A.-C. ’97.

Soans works as a physician assistant at Manzanita Urgent, Primary and Specialty Care, a family practice and urgent care clinic in Nehalem, Ore., population 271. The clinic is 25 miles from the nearest hospital, making Soans and his colleagues primarily responsible for the small coastal community’s health needs, everything from immunizations to treating multiple, co-morbid medical conditions.

Then there’s the unexpected. “People come in with heart attacks, lacerations, fractures, you name it,” Soans said. A member of the first graduating class of OHSU’s Physician Assistant program, Soans credits the program with giving him the preparation and knowledge to be nimble and responsive in a rural setting.

OHSU’s P.A. program celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. It is among the nation’s most highly-ranked and academically-rigorous programs; U.S. News & World Report ranked it fifth among 210 accredited programs in 2015.

The 26-month program, which graduates 42 physician assistants each year, was created by legislative decree in 1995 as a way to increase access to health care, especially in rural parts of Oregon. “When I was recruited to start the program, we chose a mission that reflected the desire to educate physician assistants to provide primary care to medically-underserved communities,” said Ted Ruback M.S., P.A., program founder. “If you look beyond the I-5 corridor, there are a lot of areas [in Oregon] that are medically underserved. [Reaching them] is a keystone of our mission.”

P.A. students complete 12 months of rigorous academic work – an abbreviated version of the first two years of medical school. “It’s very intense, very condensed,” said Pat Kenney-Moore, Ed.D., P.A.-C., the program’s academic coordinator and co-founding director.

But it is the clinical rotations students complete in their last 14 months, primarily in rural and underserved areas, which are the program’s hallmark. Rob Soans describes his clinical rotations as “the four-corner tour,” spending time in the Oregon communities of Medford, Hood River, Ontario and Newport.

Early on, when Ruback traveled across Oregon to create the rotations, he “really had to explain what a physician assistant was,” he said.

Now, physician assistants increasingly make up a cornerstone of Oregon’s health care workforce. Approximately 600 physician assistants worked in Oregon when the program first began offering classes in 1996. That number has since nearly doubled, according to the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute. OHSU-educated physician assistants account for nearly a quarter of that workforce, with 40 percent working in primary care and 28 percent practicing family medicine.

“I’d like to think that the program has had a significant impact,” Ruback said.

As access to health care expands due to the Affordable Care Act, Ruback and others say that physician assistants will become even more vital in ensuring access to primary care.

Soans has worked along Oregon’s Central Coast since graduating. Going through the OHSU program inspired him to work in rural Oregon and, he said, changed his life. “Being able to connect and be invited into a patient’s world at their best and worst times has shaped who I am and how I respond to the world,” Soans said. “It’s been a gift.”

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the elderly woman arrived at the small emergency room with rib fractures and a collapsed lung. Jessica Carlson, M.D. ’11, inserted a chest tube and stabilized her, while thinking ahead to next steps.

Dr. Carlson is one of two general surgeons covering the Level 4 trauma center at Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach, Ore., a community hospital serving the 22,000 residents of Curry County along Oregon’s remote South Coast.

Knowing the patient’s high risk of contracting pneumonia and the hospital’s limited capacity for critical care, Dr. Carlson concluded: LifeFlight to OHSU. She remembers the patient’s response: “I don’t want to go up there because if I die, I’ll be by myself. If I’m going to die, my family is here.”

So Dr. Carlson and the nursing staff sprang into action, pulling a ventilator and telemetry and suction equipment into a room adjacent to the nursing station to create a temporary ICU. With the help of a respiratory therapist and nurse with critical care experience, they cared for the woman over several days and released her, much recovered, to her family.

It’s outcomes like this one that reinforce why Dr. Carlson practices rural surgery in Gold Beach and why she carves out time to teach OHSU medical students on rural rotation. Rural providers matter. Across Oregon, communities big and small are grappling with systemic changes in health care. But rural medicine faces additional challenges: limited local resources in equipment, staffing and specialty expertise; patient populations with higher mortality and low birthweight rates, according to Oregon Health Authority; a continual thirst for providers; and long travel times – in some cases, a six-hour drive to specialized treatment.

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When Marcel Curlin, M.D. ’95, was a resident at the University of Washington during the early 1990s, he watched as he and fellow doctors could do little to stop their patients, infected with HIV, from dying. Remembering back to that time, Dr. Curlin, an erudite and soft-spoken man, struggles to find words to describe the epidemic. “It was a medical... emergency,” he said. “Effective treatment was just coming on board. There was a terrific rending of society.”

Next year, Dr. Curlin, 49, associate professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, OHSU School of Medicine, will begin running the first, phase-1 clinical trial that, if successful, will discover the Holy Grail of infectious disease: a vaccine for HIV.

Dr. Curlin has spent his entire career studying HIV, first treating HIV and doing basic research, then working in Thailand, heading up an HIV/Sexually Transmitted Disease lab for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2015, Louis Picker, M.D., associate director of the OHSU Vaccine and Gene Therapy Institute,* recruited Dr. Curlin to lead clinical trials for the new vaccine candidate developed by Dr. Picker’s OHSU research team.

HIV vaccine trials have a dismal past. While Dr. Curlin was a faculty member at the University of Washington, a large phase III clinical trial to test a possible vaccine developed by Merck failed. Data showed that in some people the vaccine may have actually increased the risk of infection.

“It was a huge catastrophe,” Dr. Curlin said. “Many researchers in the field were very discouraged. It was a back-to-the-drawing-board situation.”

The Merck trials used a common approach to vaccine development: helping a person’s immune system create the antibodies to fight the virus upon infection.

Dr. Picker’s approach is different. His team’s vaccine adds genes – which look like HIV genes – into the cytomegalovirus (CMV), a common herpes virus that rarely makes people sick.

“We have a long, co-evolutionary history with CMV,” Dr. Curlin said. “Our immune system has learned to cope with CMV, and CMV has learned to coexist with us.”

The added HIV gene or genes produce a protein on the surface of the CMV virus that will train the immune system to recognize HIV without actual exposure to HIV.

“Our immune system recognizes and becomes experienced with features it might encounter in an HIV exposure and goes after those cells and kills them,” Dr. Curlin explained. “It’s like training the immune system.”

The method has been tested on non-human primates. Half the animals given the vaccine “completely cleared the virus,” Dr. Curlin reported. “It’s a shocking result. It’s really eye-opening. The question is: Can we do it in people?”

The trials will follow approximately 70 people – half of whom will be given the vaccine and the other half a placebo – over the course of two years.

“It’s been a complete turnaround from the earliest days of the HIV epidemic,” said Dr. Curlin. “We have promising results that are not in question. We are proceeding with a lot of hope and expectation.”

*Particulars: Dr. Picker holds joint appointments in pathology and molecular microbiology and immunology in the OHSU School of Medicine.
At the tip of her saber

By Rachel Shafer

Sabers don’t rattle, it turns out. They click. Click. Click. Click.

At a Beaverton, Ore., fencing gym, the delicate clicking of thin, steel blades fills the room. Then, beep! A successful touch. Electronic point recorded.

“Nice one, Cheryl,” said a fencer. “Thanks, Rick,” came the reply. Cheryl is Cheryl Maslen, Ph.D. ’87, a geneticist and professor of medicine in the OHSU School of Medicine. In her professional life, Dr. Maslen runs a successful lab on the 14th floor of OHSU’s Center for Health & Healing, where her team studies the molecular genetic basis of congenital heart defects.

Outside the lab, though, Dr. Maslen studies her opponent on the fencing strip, looking for a vulnerability to exploit. A fencer for seven years, she practices three to four times a week, in group and private lessons, fencing anyone who comes to the gym.

“I know the 15-year-old will cream me, but I’ll learn from that experience and take it to my age group,” she said.

Dr. Maslen says she fell in love with fencing after seeing a demonstration. Moreover, she credits it with saving her life. “I was obese. I was pushing diabetes, which is rampant in my dad’s family. As a geneticist, I know better than to get overweight, and yet I did,” she says she lost 60 pounds after she began to fence, reclaiming her health.

A biomedical lab and a fencing gym seem worlds apart. Yet there are similarities, Dr. Maslen explains. “In both fencing and science, you have to be willing to take risks and put yourself and your ego on the line. You can’t score a point in fencing without taking the risk of being hit yourself. And you can’t make significant achievements in science without taking intellectual risks either.”

This year, Dr. Maslen parried her way to a gold medal in saber fencing at the State Games of Oregon. She says she hopes to one day earn a spot on the U.S. Women’s Saber World Cup team in the 60-69 age group, adding with a confident smile, “It’s not beyond the realm of possibility.”

And then, the click, click beckons. She clamps on her mask, grips her saber and strides back to the practice floor.

Honor alumni

The Alumni Awards program recognizes exceptional members of the school’s 17,000-member alumni community. The accomplishments of alumni deserve to be recognized – which is why your participation in this program is crucial. Throughout the year, we accept nominations in several categories. Nominate a classmate or a colleague by Dec. 16 for the 2017 awards. Instructions and more details can be found at www.ohsu.edu/somalumniawards.

Ph.D. career connection

How did you get to where you are? What’s the most rewarding thing about your job? Are you hiring?

For the third year in a row, doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows attended Career Networking Night to connect with professionals and alumni about future career paths. The event is sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association. Interested in sharing your own career insights with students? Email alumni@ohsu.edu.

Happy Birthday, Doernbecher!

Donnerbecher Memorial Hospital for Children opened its doors in 1926, thanks to the generosity of Portland industrialist Frank Doernbecher and community support. Early founders had the foresight to locate the state’s first, full-service children’s hospital next to the University of Oregon Medical School – OHSU’s precursor – to augment quality of care, provider training and research. Today, U.S. News & World Report ranks OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital one of the nation’s top children’s hospitals.

WANTED: M.D. reunion coordinators

If you are interested in coordinating your M.D. class reunion in 2017, or would simply like more information about the role, please email alumni@ohsu.edu.
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“Fritz passionately pursued and succeeded in all aspects of our tripartite mission,” said OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D. R ’82, M.B.A. “I can’t imagine him anywhere but a university setting. Being an educator pervaded everything he did.”

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Portrait of a visionary

By Rachel Shafer

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1960s
Terry Yamauchi, M.D. ’67, wrote, “I’m semi-retired from the Arkansas Children’s Hospital and was elected president of the Board of Directors for the Arkansas Heart Department. My senior softball team won the world championships last year and seeded number one this year in Las Vegas.”

1970s
The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine awarded Wayne Burton, M.D. ’74, and fellow researchers the 2016 Centennial Kammer Merit in Authorship Award. Their research was cited for its focus on metabolic syndrome and the study’s rigorous design, which produced results with the potential to impact occupational and environmental medicine.

1980s
Larry Len Peterson, M.D. ’80 R ’85, wrote, “After going into private practice, I continued to work at OHSU in melanoma research. I retired in 2009 and donated my practice to OHSU, which today is the OHSU Lake Oswego Dermatology clinic. Earlier this year, I was honored with the 2016 C.M. Russell Museum Heritage Award in art history, which recognizes significant contributions in interpreting and documenting Charles M. Russell’s West. I’m an avid art collector and have published on art and art history of the American West.”

Mike Powers, M.D. ’85, R ’88 R ’91, was appointed president-elect of the OHSU School of Medicine Alumni Council for the 2016-2017 academic year. Dr. Powers is professor of pediatrics and division head of pediatric pulmonology in the OHSU School of Medicine.

Maggie Bennington-Davis, M.D. ’89 R ’93, was invited to testify at an April hearing of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee regarding the state of mental health care in America. Dr. Bennington-Davis is senior medical director of HealthShare of Oregon.

1990s
Kathleen Bakke, M.D. ’95, wrote, “We moved to New Zealand in 2009. I practice as a ‘GP’ and have become a fellow of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners. I work in Kaitaia, a subarctic area at the north end of the north island with beautiful beaches and no winter. My husband, Doug, is retired. He enjoys sailing and teaching/performing music. Our daughter Rowena is graduating this year from the University of Auckland with a degree in biomedical engineering.”

2000s
Stephen Boehm, Ph.D. ’02, is a professor of psychology and director of the neuroscience undergraduate program at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He wrote, “Work in my lab seeks to understand how developmental and genetic factors influence binge alcohol drinking, as well as sensitivity to delta9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive component in marijuana.”

2010s
Barry Brown, M.B.A. ’12, was named executive director of Answer Health on Demand. OHSU Partners hired Scott Johnson, M.B.A. ’13, as its chief financial officer. Prior to working at OHSU Partners, Johnson served as chief financial officer for St. Luke’s Hospital near St. Louis, Mo. OHSU Partners is an affiliation of integrated clinical services between OHSU, Salem Health and Tuality Healthcare.

In memoriam
Sam Niles, M.D. R ’52, died April 25, 2016, at age 91. Dr. Niles was a professor emeritus of pathology in the OHSU School of Medicine.

Mark Richardson, M.D., M.S.e.B., M.B.A., of Portland, Ore., died September 2, 2016, at age 66. Dr. Richardson served as dean of the OHSU School of Medicine from 2007-2016.

Jeffrey Arnold, M.D. ’79, of Cottonwood, Ariz., died July 8, 2016, at age 63.

Fred Brickman, M.D. R ’77, of Tucson, Ariz., died May 19, 2016, at age 70.

Robert Clark, M.D. ’63, of Huntington, Calif., died June 17, 2016, at age 79.

Terence Cochran, M.D. ’41, of Banks, Ore., died March 19, 2016, at age 100.

Thomas Conklin, M.D. ’63, of Albany, Ore., died September 1, 2016, at age 69.

Sally Fleming, A.H.C. ’69, of Bend, Ore., died September 1, 2016, at age 69.

Peter Ford, M.D. ’51, of Portland, Ore., died August 17, 2016, at age 91.

Thad Furlong, M.D. ’55, of Bend, Ore., died July 16, 2016, at age 85.

Nancy Gerhardt, M.S. ’71, of Portland, Ore., died May 31, 2016 at age 88.


Richard Havel, M.D. ’48, of Greenvale, Calif., died April 9, 2016, at age 91.

Mitchell Heinemann, M.D. ’44, of Portland, Ore., died July 4, 2016, at age 98.

Tyra Hutchens, M.D. ’45, of Lake Oswego, Ore., died August 28, 2016, at age 94.

Howard Johnson, M.D. ’67, of Lebanon, Ore., died August 29, 2016, at age 78.

Charles King, M.D. ’51, of Ross, Calif., died April 14, 2016, at age 95.

David Koon, M.D. ’75, of Vancouver, Wash., died August 20, 2016, at age 73.

Robert Kroeger, M.D. ’58, of Spokane, Wash., died in May 2016 at age 82.

Additional listings are online at www.ohsu.edu/alumni.

Calender

2017 OHSU Marquam Hill Lectures

For more details, visit www.ohsu.edu/mllectures. Each lecture is recorded and posted to the website.

MARCH 16
7 p.m. COLLABORATIVE LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING, ROOM 34003 A AND B
What Goes Wrong with Brain Control of Balance?
Fay Horak, Ph.D.

APRIL 20
7 p.m. OHSU AUDITORIUM
Inside the Developing Brain
Damien Faur, Ph.D., P.A-C.

Upcoming Events

For the latest information and more events, visit www.ohsu.edu/som/alumni.

DEC. 4
2-4 p.m. THE TOWN CLUB, PORTLAND
School of Medicine Alumni Association Holiday Reception
For more information and to RSVP, please call 503-552-0667.

2017 CME

Schedules are subject to change. Please contact 503-494-8700 or cme@ohsu.edu for brochures and program updates. For the latest information on these and other CME events, visit www.ohsu.edu/som/cme.

FEB. 6-10
SENTINEL HOTEL, PORTLAND
48th Annual Primary Care Review

MARCH 17
SENTINEL HOTEL, PORTLAND
Mental Health for the Primary Care Provider

APRIL 20-21
MULTNOMAH ATHLETIC CLUB, PORTLAND
24th Annual Internal Medicine Review

MAY 11-12
MULTNOMAH ATHLETIC CLUB, PORTLAND
Sommer Memorial Lectures/OHSU School of Medicine Alumni Scientific Meeting
LEADING SO OTHERS CAN FOLLOW

Inspired by the visionary leadership of Edwin Cadman, M.D. ’71 his classmates in the OHSU School of Medicine M.D. Class of 1971 decided to endow a scholarship in his memory. Similar to the example set by Dr. Cadman over his lifetime, scholarships like this empower the next generation of medical professionals to become future leaders in health care. Dr. Cadman died in 2015, and the Edwin C. Cadman, M.D. Endowed Scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2016 to OHSU student Leah Savitsky, fourth-year medical student.

“Thank you so much to the class of 1971! I deeply appreciate your generosity, and am honored to be the inaugural recipient of the scholarship in Dr. Cadman’s name,” said Savitsky.

We are grateful to the M.D. Class of 1971, who understand the critical need for student financial aid. You, too, can establish a named endowed scholarship fund, and help empower the next generation of torchbearers – who will lead the way to a healthier world for us all.

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