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# What Are You Famous For?

Do you remember your first clinical rotation? After two years of accumulating tremendous amounts of knowledge during the basic science years, we were excited to finally apply that knowledge to a live patient. Learning to perform a history and physical exam on a classmate or simulated patient prepared me to be a competent physician, but it did not make me a complete one. The final step was to actually interact and connect with a real live patient. In the beginning it was exciting and exhilarating to meet new patients and try to come up with a differential diagnosis and treatment plan that would solve their problems. However, with experience, I realized that the science of medicine had to be balanced with compassion, otherwise true healing was not

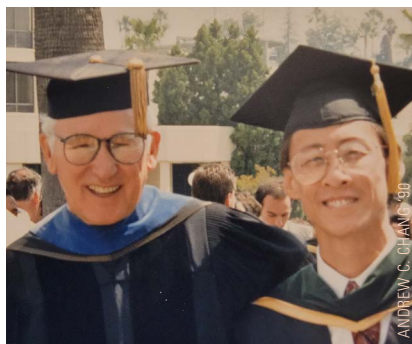
**SHOULDN'T WE BE FAMOUS FOR HOW WE REFLECT GOD'S LOVING, COMPASSIONATE CHARACTER?**

achieved. How do you care for a patient and simultaneously show them that you care? How do you look beyond their problem list to the source of their problems? The concept of whole person care exists to help crack this code. The motto, "To make man whole," is integral to Loma Linda University, but what does that truly mean on a practical daily basis? How do we get from motto to bedside?

For me, the answer came when I met **WIL ALEXANDER '93-HON** a kind, gentle, and insightful person. He was not a physician, but he was God's healing servant. I, along with countless other medical students, residents, and attendings, had the privilege of rounding with him on multiple occasions. To watch him interact with a patient, listening quietly, giving appropriate feedback, reflecting their own insights, and seeing the response he received as

the patient opened up to him was both impressive and inspiring. He demonstrated that whole person care is not a motto or an algorithm. It is delivered by a gentle and caring attitude. It is driven by genuine compassion for the person, who is seen not just as a patient but as a precious child of God who we have the privilege to meet and help. The things I learned from Dr. Alexander over 30 years ago are still being applied in my practice today. I was blessed to develop a friendship with him. He would call me up long after I graduated and moved away from Loma Linda just to check in, catch up, and let me know he was praying for me. He was once again teaching me what whole person care is all about, but this time, I was the recipient.

We often grade a physician's career in terms of fame, awards, publications, or financial and academic success. But if we truly believe that our highest calling is "To make man whole," then shouldn't we be famous for how we reflect God's loving, compassionate character to all we encounter? As we look at the priorities in our lives, perhaps Dr. Alexander's trademark question to patients should be applied to physicians: "What are you famous for?" ■



**WIL ALEXANDER '93-HON** (left) champion of whole person care, smiles with his mentee **ANDREW C. CHANG '90** at Dr. Chang's medical school graduation.



Andrew C. Chang '90  
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# Pandemic to Endemic

As physicians, the past two years have impacted each of us in ways previously unimagined. Regardless of where you are in your career, from residency to retirement, COVID-19 likely affected you in a personal way. Our colleagues on the front-lines of the pandemic response have endured incredible strain dealing with the stress of the unknown, navigating the creation of new treatment protocols, and educating patients on the benefits of preventive care. Others in the elective fields of medicine have

**I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR MY MEDICAL EDUCATION AND THE COLLEAGUES I LEANED ON IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS OF MEDICINE. WE HAVE AN AMAZING ALUMNI COMMUNITY.**

dealt with juggling reduced clinic volumes, the stress of canceled procedures, and balancing fixed overhead expenses with variable productivity. And across the board, virtually all aspects of medicine have been adversely impacted with staffing shortages and delays.

Thankfully, the pandemic looks very different in 2022 than it did in 2020. Treatments are advancing, vaccines are working for those who get them, and the virus currently seems much less lethal. Worldwide the likelihood of surviving COVID-19 has improved, and in the U.S. there were nearly four times as many positive cases for each death this year when compared to last winter's peak. The rearview mirror is coming into focus as we transition from pandemic to endemic, and we are now better equipped to navigate the previously unknown.

Nonetheless, the disruption of the past couple of years has given us time to contemplate what we value and hold dear. For many of us, that list includes our chosen career paths, our families, and our use of time. As I consider these aspects of my life in the context of very uncertain times, I am reminded of the text, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest," Joshua 1:9 (KJV).



(From left) **JESSE A. DOVICH '03**, Alumni Association president; Calvin Chuang, executive director; and **JON R. KATTENHORN '74**, past president, smile for a group photo at the 2022 APC Gala.

I, for one, am extremely grateful for my medical education and the colleagues I leaned on in the various fields of medicine. We have an amazing alumni community, connected through our roots at Loma Linda. While we tend to have the strongest bonds with fellow classmates, many alumni from differing classes share hospital privileges with one another across the country. If you haven't done so in a while, I encourage you to pull out your *ALUMNI DIRECTORY* and look up the other alumni in your state or city. If you would like to be involved in an alumni event or dinner in your region of the country, please contact our office. We would love to support and connect our alumni across the entire country and around the world as we all support each other and the legacy of Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Our past three Alumni Association presidents: Drs. Schutte, Stottlemeyer, and Kattenhorn, have worked incredibly hard to pivot our organization into a relevant association that not only helps us stay connected with the past but also establishes a framework to allow us to care for the next generation. I am honored to be the current Alumni Association president and look forward to building on their legacy by continuing to find creative ways to improve the interconnectedness of our alumni body. ■



Jesse A. Dovich '03  
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# Care With Compassion

I recently had the opportunity to see the other side of the health care system firsthand when my mother had a stroke. Experiencing the “other side” through this reversal of roles helped me realize what is most important to the patient. I was particularly touched when providers took the time to hear my mother’s story—the physical therapist who took the time to hear about the 12K race she participated in, the sensitive nurse who recognized her fears, and the physicians who not only accurately diagnosed her condition but talked with her about what she was experiencing. It is clear that when health care providers care about the patient it impacts their experience significantly.

When considering how we provide care, a key question to ask is, “Does compassion really matter?” After considering more than 1,000 scientific abstracts and 250 research papers, physician scientists Stephen Trzeciak, MD, MPH, and Anthony Mazzarelli, MD, JD, MBE, were surprised to find the answer is a resounding “yes.” In their book “Compassionomics,” they determined that when health care providers take time to make human connections to help end suffering, patient outcomes improve and medical costs decrease. Among other benefits, compassion reduces pain, improves healing, lowers blood pressure, and helps alleviate depression and anxiety. In addition, Dr. Trzeciak and Dr. Mazzarelli also learned that compassion doesn’t just benefit its recipients but those who give it as well.<sup>1</sup> What’s more, researchers at the Wharton School of

the University of Pennsylvania found that when people spend time doing good for others, it actually changes their perception of time—leaving them feeling they have more of it.

In the newly implemented Loma Linda University School of Medicine curriculum, whole person care is not just a concept but a core competency. Compassion, empathy, and practical steps to connect with patients are integrated into our students’ formal medical school training. In addition, we now use evaluation outcomes around such concepts. A standard academic assessment tool, the Objective Structured Clinical Examination, is used for whole person care in order to provide essential feedback and evaluation to all students in the class.

It strikes me that more than 11,000 of our alumni have gone on to treat patients by implementing the whole person care approach, particularly focusing on the heart of the concept—people matter. It really makes me proud to be a part of such a significant legacy. Thank you to all of you who make a difference in your patients’ lives every day. ■

Endnotes

1. Trzeciak, Stephen, and Anthony Mazzarelli. *Compassionomics: The Revolutionary Scientific Evidence That Caring Makes a Difference*. Studer Group, 2019.



Tamara L. Thomas '87  
School of Medicine Dean

## PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

In February 2022 we sent out an email to each of our alumni inviting you to guess the name of the influential alumnus, pictured to the left. Those who answered correctly were entered in a drawing for a chance to win an item of their choosing (up to \$50 value) from the Alumni Association merchandise store. The drawing winners are listed below. Be sure to watch your email for more contests like this!



### Congratulations,

MARY L. SMALL '66 and PRASIT B. VASSANTACHART '85!

The Alumni Association office will be in touch to arrange your prizes.

Did you miss the email but still want to venture a guess? Here are a few hints: This alumnus was a member of the class of 1934 and is pictured here in front of the Loma Linda University campus building named after his father. FIND THE ANSWER ON PAGE 15.

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## New Board of Directors Members

Meet the newest members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

**JOHN E. BOHLMAN '79-A** recently retired from full-time practice at Adventist Health Tillamook and continues to serve part time as medical officer. He has practiced on the Oregon Coast for 40 years in roles ranging from primary care physician to surgeon. He and his wife, Paula, have four children.



**RICHARD D. CATALANO '76-B** has served on the faculty of LLUSM since 1981 and directed the LLUMC Level I Trauma Center from 1984–2015. He currently practices general surgery (half-time) on the LLU acute care surgery service. He previously served on the board of directors in the 1990s.



**MOLLY K. ESTES '13** completed a residency in emergency medicine (EM) and a fellowship in medical education at Stanford University. She currently serves as assistant professor and academic faculty at LLU and directs both the EM student clerkship and the EM medical education fellowship.



**ROBERT A. HARDESTY '78-A** served as chair of the department of plastic surgery at LLU from 1987–2003. Since then he has been in private practice in Riverside, California, and is medical director of both Imagine Plastic Surgery and Riverside Outpatient Surgical Institute. He previously served two terms on the board of directors.



**HELGI HEIDAR '67** was born in Iceland. After medical school he served in the U.S. Public Health Service and later completed an ophthalmology residency at LLU. He went into private practice and co-founded Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute. Now retired, he lives in Chehalis, Washington.



**DAVID W. HODGENS '76-A** completed a surgical internship at UC San Diego and a residency in radiation oncology at the Naval Regional Medical Center in San Diego. He subsequently practiced radiation oncology at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, California, until retiring in 2011. He and his wife, **LINDA K. OLSON '76-A**, live in La Jolla.



**KARIN D. JONES '98** practices OB-GYN at Kaiser Permanente Riverside; she focuses on minimally invasive gynecologic surgery. She leads in several roles and is an assistant professor for UC Riverside School of Medicine. She is happily married to her husband of 26 years, Boris Jones, and has two amazing teenagers.



**STEVEN S. KIM '97** is the chair and medical director of the emergency department at Riverside Community Hospital (RCH) and a founding faculty member of the RCH/UC Riverside emergency medicine residency program. He resides in Loma Linda with his wife and their two boys.



## New Holding Fund Board of Directors Member

Meet the newest member of the Holding Fund Board of Directors.



**PAUL Y. CHUNG '91** is an adjunct assistant professor of ophthalmology for the School of Medicine and works at Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute in Chehalis, Washington. He and his wife, **IRIS CHUNG '95**, have five children and hope some of them will study at Loma Linda University (LLU). He appreciates the training he received at LLU and wants to do what he can to help the School of Medicine continue providing excellent education.

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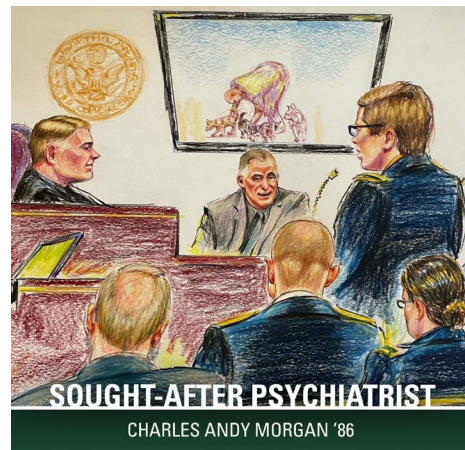
## LLUSMAA Social Media Highlights Notable Alumni CHARLES ANDY MORGAN '86 and WILLIAM J. SANDBORN '87

From the war in Afghanistan to the chemistry of the human brain and its performance in high stress situations, **CHARLES ANDY MORGAN '86** is a sought-after expert by the media. As a forensic psychiatrist, former intelligence officer, and neuroscientist, he has been interviewed for international news stories, providing insight into PTSD, resiliency, truthfulness, the chemistry of the brain, and how humans react to stress. His research has identified psychological traits critical to the selection of U.S. military operations candidates. He is frequently called to testify at high-profile court cases, including the International Court Tribunal regarding war crimes in former Yugoslavia at the Hague, the Bowe Bergdahl trial, and the case of a former South Carolina police

officer charged with murder in the shooting of an unarmed motorist.

After medical school, Dr. Morgan went on to Yale University, where he completed a psychiatry residency in 1990, a master's degree in the History of Medicine and Science in 1996, and a forensic psychiatry fellowship in 2001.

Dr. Morgan is an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Yale and a professor in the Department of National Security at the University of New Haven's (UNH) Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences. The focus of his teaching at UNH is national security (domestic and international intelligence analysis), issues in deception, and psychological operations. At UNH he is director of the National Security



Research Laboratory. His research, funded by U.S. government grants, is focused on enhancing the detection of deception and on improving the indirect assessments of human personalities. ■



Following medical school and completion of residency, **WILLIAM J. SANDBORN '87** continued his training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He later returned to the West Coast and became chief of the division

of gastroenterology and director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center at University of California, San Diego (UCSD). For over a decade, Dr. Sandborn led the division of gastroenterology at UCSD. In 2020, UCSD was ranked first for gastroenterology and hepatology research by U.S. News & World Report.

Recently, Dr. Sandborn's career has gone in a new direction. He is now chief medical officer and co-founder of the biotechnology company Shoreline Biosciences. Focused on immuno-oncology, the company creates genetically engineered induced pluripotent stem cells differentiated into NK (natural killer) cells and macrophages. He continues to hold an academic appointment at UCSD, seeing a limited number of patients.

"Attending Loma Linda University

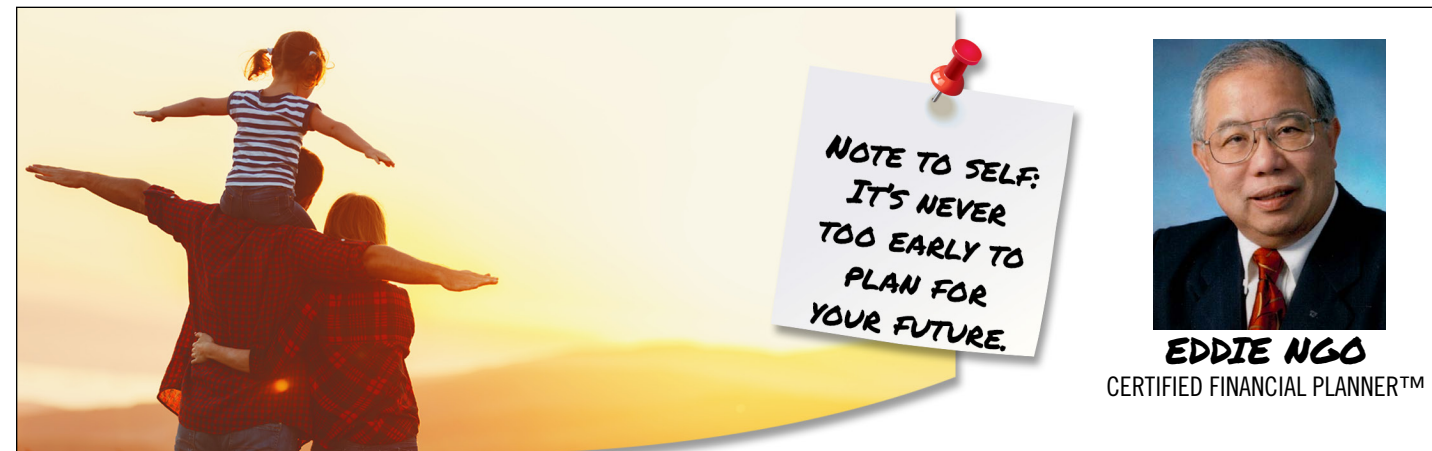
(LLU) had a pivotal effect on my life," he says. "At LLU you learn to treat the whole patient, not just their disease. That philosophy made all the difference in my career as a physician. In addition, I had my first research experiences in gastroenterology at LLU with Drs. Richard Strong and Ralph Cutler. That early research training in the pharmacologic treatment of gastrointestinal (GI) diseases, including ... Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, set the course of my professional career. I published two original research articles during my internal medicine residency at LLU, which led me to the Mayo Clinic for GI training, and there I found my calling." Dr. Sandborn's research has resulted in approximately 860 publications, including 15 in the New England Journal of Medicine. ■

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# ALUMNI News

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**FRANK S. DAMAZO '48** stands outside the Frank and Anna Damazo Conference Center. He holds a framed photo of himself and his late wife, Anna.



**RICHARD W. MARTIN '79-A** (center) along with colleagues from the San Francisco Police Department on the day of his retirement.

## 1940s

**FRANK S. DAMAZO '48** has long been a devoted supporter of Loma Linda University (LLU). Since 1998, LLU has been continually blessed by his generosity, which has funded several facilities on campus, including the Frank and Anna Damazo Centennial Complex Amphitheater, and impacted thousands of students, faculty members, and patients. On Dec. 29, 2021, the Damazo family took a tour through the various facilities Dr. Damazo and his late wife, Anna, made possible through philanthropic gifts. Dr. Damazo shared the inspirational story of his humble beginnings and how through hard work, determination, incredible sacrifice by his parents, and a School of Medicine degree he was able to fulfill his dream of serving others. He expressed how God's continual guidance and blessings throughout his life have compelled him to give back. Seeing the impact of these gifts has been one of the most meaningful parts of his and Anna's lives. Dr. Damazo and his family recently made a commitment which will name the Frank and Anna Damazo Conference Center on the top floor of the adult tower in the Dennis and Carol Troesh Medical Campus and the Anna May Damazo Memorial Terrace—attached to the conference center. Dr. Damazo is excited that the conference center and terrace will serve as a beacon of hope to all that come to LLU and hopes they will inspire others to pay it forward for future generations as well.

## 1970s

**RICHARD W. MARTIN '79-A** retired from his position as police physician specialist for the San Francisco Police Department in October 2021. He served the department in this unique position for 10 years.

**MARK B. JOHNSON '79-B** was sworn in as president of the Colorado Medical Society (CMS) on Sept. 17, 2021. Dr. Johnson has served as a member of the CMS Board of Directors since 2016 and in many other leadership capacities within CMS since 1993.

## 1990s

**TODD A. WESTRA '96** was recently appointed assistant regional medical director of physician leadership development at Southern California Permanente Medical Group. He has been a part of the group since 1999.

## 2000s

**MARK A. ASHLEY '00** recently took on a new role at Southern California Permanente Medical Group. In addition to his other roles, he now serves as physician leader of physician development. He has been a part of the group since 2003.

**HEATHER R. MCKENZIE '05**, previous issue editor of the *ALUMNI JOURNAL*, has been promoted to chair of obstetric anesthesiology at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. ■

# Meet a *Paying It Forward* Donor and Recipient

The Alumni Association *Paying It Forward* Scholarship is a tangible way to reduce student debt. *Paying It Forward* Scholarship donations of \$10,500 are double-matched by the Alumni Association and the School of Medicine to create a scholarship of \$31,500 (approximately 50% of tuition and fees for one academic year) for a junior or senior medical student. Additionally, the alumni donor has the opportunity to mentor the student who receives their gift.

## WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO SPONSOR A PAYING IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP?

**ANTON N. HASSO '67:** Having graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine nearly 55 years ago, I have happily reached the mentoring and giving stages in my life.

To combine these two stages, there is no better way to both help medical students achieve their goals and support my alma mater than that offered by the *Paying It Forward* scholarship program. This campaign adds the benefit of offering continuous support to one or more students, helping them through graduation and beyond in their own choice of medical specialties and a chance to connect with that student. Caring for, connecting with, and mentoring these students through the Alumni Association enhances and promotes Loma Linda University's motto, "To make man whole," by relieving some of the burden of financial debt. Showing kindness and generosity is a virtue in itself and gives me great satisfaction. ■



Scholarship recipient and donor pair **JOYCE MCRAE '21** and **ANTON N. HASSO '67** at the Alumni Association office.

## WHAT HAS RECEIVING A PAYING IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP ALLOWED YOU TO DO?

**JOYCE MCRAE '21:** There are innumerable ways that being a recipient of the *Paying It Forward* scholarship program has blessed me. One, the immediate financial benefit of being able to return nearly half of my student loans for my final year of medical school brought monetary relief, but also an alleviation of the stress associated with the many details that concluding a degree entails. I was able to immediately turn my focus to preparing financially for residency and begin to save for an emergency fund and ensure housing arrangements. Two, it allowed me to connect with a generous

alumni mentor who has encouraged me in my career pursuits even though we are in different specialties. Three, it will ensure that I will stay connected to Loma Linda University School of Medicine and have a posture of generosity toward a future student as I will have the ability to support them both financially and emotionally due to the opportunity given me through this scholarship. ■

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## School of Medicine Incorporates Whole Person Care Model into OSCEs

As Loma Linda University School of Medicine teaches the next generation of Christian physicians practical and highly effective ways to incorporate spiritual care in the practice of medicine, it recently incorporated a whole person care component into the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). This new addition was developed by select faculty, mentors, and fourth-year medical students.

Last fall during the second-year medical students' two-week clinical skills block, students were presented with a case of an overwhelmed patient at the Clinical Skills Education Center. Each student was placed in an examination room with a standardized patient and recorded to assess competence as well as identify areas for improvement and practice.

Learning objectives of this particular OSCE are to incorporate and practice using the CLEAR Whole Person Care™ model to guide conversations that engage the whole person, as well as becoming familiar with the soul, spirit, and FICA (Faith and belief, Importance, Community, Address in care) spiritual history tools. The students had to show a personal connection with the standardized overwhelmed patient and practice empathetic listening. After listening to the standardized patient's concerns and

identifying sources of strength, the students responded by offering prayer or other sources of encouragement. The second-year medical students were evaluated and participated in debriefing sessions with clinical and religion faculty and fourth-year students to assess their clinical skills, knowledge, and ethics of spiritual care. Students were grateful for the opportunity to practice the skills they learned in their whole person care religion class in a safe, simulated environment. Many commented on their increased comfort and confidence in providing spiritual care after the OSCE. ■



The goal of the whole person care curriculum transformation is to improve long-term learning, alignment with mission, and to better equip our students to serve the world into which they will graduate.

## LLUSM Family Day and Freshman Dedication

The School of Medicine's annual Family Day and Freshman Dedication was held Feb. 18–19, 2022. This event is an opportunity for parents and family members of our medical students to visit the Loma Linda University campus, attend lectures, and share the classroom experience with their medical student. Visiting families were also invited to tour the Simulation

Center, Clinical Skills Education Center, and the Anatomy Lab for a firsthand look at medical school.

The day concluded with the Freshman Dedication, held in the University Church. Each first-year medical student received a Bible, and then the class took the Physician's Oath, in which they promised before God to carry on the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ. ■



(Left) A medical student shares skills with his parents during Family Day tours. (Right) The freshman class recites the Physician's Oath at the Loma Linda University Church.

## LLUH Residency Programs Awarded Over \$3.5 Million to Attract Physicians to Region

Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) Education Consortium has been awarded over \$3.5 million by Physicians for a Healthy California (California Medical Association Foundation), the highest amount received this cycle from CalMedForce to support medical training, expand residency programs, and grow the physician workforce in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

"This funding allows LLUH to accept 20 additional residency positions to serve the needs of medically underserved groups across our communities," said **DANIEL W. GIANG '83**, associate dean for Graduate Medical Education.

Since 2016, LLUH Education Consortium has received nearly \$13 million through CalMedForce grants to support resident physicians that stay and serve the growing Inland Empire region.

Currently, there are over 900 residents and fellows training in over 60 accredited training programs at LLUH. Many of these physicians and dentists will practice in the Inland Empire and throughout California. ■



LLUH residency programs that will receive this funding include family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine, and OB-GYN.

## TRAVIS E. LOSEY '02 Named Chair of the Department of Neurology



The School of Medicine (LLUSM) has appointed **TRAVIS E. LOSEY '02** chair of the department of neurology. Dr. Losey joined the LLUSM faculty in 2008, currently serves as an associate professor of neurology, and previously served as vice-chair for the department of neurology.

"Dr. Losey will lead the department's efforts in research, medical education, and patient-centered neurological care," said **TAMARA L. THOMAS '87**, dean of LLUSM. "His leadership and knowledge will help us continue to shape and educate the next generation of researchers and physicians in neurology." In addition, Dr. Losey

serves as an assistant chief medical officer at Social Action Community Health System, is co-director of the Epilepsy Center, and is medical director of the EEG Lab at Loma Linda University Health.

Dr. Losey is a graduate of Washington Adventist University and LLUSM. He completed an internship in internal medicine and a residency in neurology at Loma Linda University Medical Center. He also completed an epilepsy and clinical neurophysiology fellowship at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. Losey is a fellow of the American Epilepsy Society and is board certified in neurology, epilepsy, and clinical neurophysiology.

He replaces **BRYAN E. TSAO '96**, who chaired the department since 2007. ■

## Medical School Opens in Rwanda

A team of faculty physicians and staff members from Loma Linda University School of Medicine recently visited the new Adventist School of Medicine East-Central Africa (ASOME) in Rwanda to celebrate with the first cohort of medical students.

**TAMARA L. THOMAS '87**, along with emergency medicine faculty physicians Drs. Dustin Smith, **BESH RHYL B. BARCEGA '90**, and **MINDI J. GUPTILL '06** participated in the inaugural White Coat Ceremony.

The ASOME is the second school of its kind on the continent of Africa and the seventh in the Seventh-day Adventist Church worldwide. ■

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# AIMS Report: AHI Global Campuses

BY RICHARD H. HART '70

*Editors' note: For this AIMS Report, we invited Dr. Hart and the Adventist Health International (AHI) office to highlight the four Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) Global Campuses. These campuses are located at a limited number of LLUH's international partner sites to help strengthen health care within the countries and surrounding regions and to serve as hubs to concentrate LLUH service and global outreach activities. Several School of Medicine alumni currently serve at these locations.*

In retrospect, the first half of the last century was an incredible time of growth for health care in the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church. Around 100 hospitals, two per year, were established between 1900–1950, most by Loma Linda University graduates as they answered the call to service. The next 50 years saw some of these hospitals flourish, while many others suffered from decaying buildings, broken equipment, and difficulty recruiting professional staff. In response to this situation, Adventist Health International (AHI) was created to reverse these trends and provide a continuing opportunity for our graduates to fulfill their dream of service abroad.

AHI now works with over 40 mission hospitals around the world, repairing and replacing equipment, upgrading staff, strengthening finances, and supporting all the other requirements for institutional survival. Over the past decade, it has become clear that the SDA Church would be greatly benefited by having a few larger hospitals to serve as educational and referral centers on each continent. Malamulo Adventist Hospital in Malawi was chosen as the first institution to become a Global Campus for Loma Linda University Health. This has worked very well, with a growing list of specialty services provided there, along with a residency program in surgery, with others planned.

Now, three additional sites are being upgraded to Global Campus status: Haiti Adventist Hospital in Haiti, for the Americas; Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital in Nepal, for Asia; and Béré Adventist Hospital in Chad, to serve French-speaking Africa. This endeavor will require considerable financial support to replace old buildings and expand clinical services. This process has begun with some major financial commitments to each site. These institutions, in turn, can provide training options for physicians and other staff from adjoining countries. ■

## Elements of a Global Campus

A Global Campus should have the capability to model new techniques, participate in research protocols, provide quality training for both local and international personnel, and demonstrate best practices in management, clinical care, and community engagement.

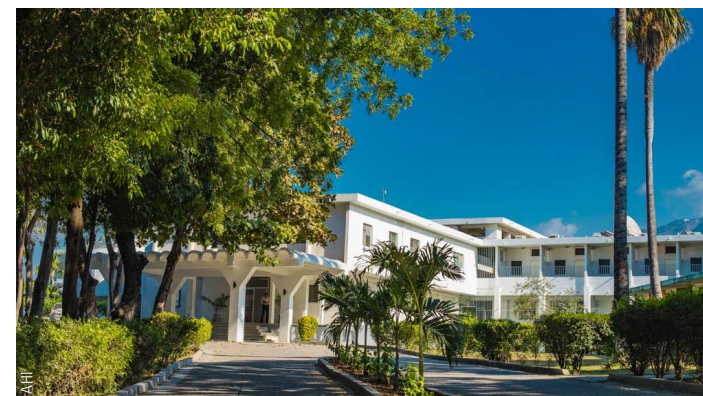
A Global Campus should possess these elements:

- It should be a mutually beneficial partnership, with stakeholder interest and support from both the international site and LLUH.
- It should support interdisciplinary activities which include education, health care, and research components.
- Activities should include broad involvement from LLUH, including collaboration with one or more schools, hospitals, and/or entities.
- It should have a range of practice settings, including hospital, school, and/or satellite clinics.
- Other considerations include: physical accessibility, political stability, inviting culture, openness to new ideas, capacity for growth, multiple donor agencies, diverse expertise, research capacity, broad spectrum of diseases, educational programs, and supportive government and church system.



### MALAMULO ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Malamulo Adventist Hospital was recognized as the first Global Campus of LLUH in 2012. It is a 275-bed hospital in the rural location of Makwasa, in Southern Thyolo District of Malawi. The Malamulo Mission was founded in 1902. The hospital started as a clinic in 1915, then as a leprosarium in 1925, and developed into a referral hospital by 1953. The hospital is a surgery residency training site through the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons.



### HAITI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Haiti Adventist Hospital is an urban 70-bed facility. What began in 1968 as an outpatient clinic has since expanded into a full-scale multi-specialty hospital. Haiti Adventist Hospital is able to offer accredited rotations to medical students as well as residency/fellowship level training in orthopedics, advanced limb-lengthening, and reconstructive surgery. As of 2022, it is officially recognized as a LLUH Global Campus.



### SCHEER MEMORIAL ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital is situated in the semi-urban setting of Banepa, Nepal. Established in 1960 by the first Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in Nepal, **STANLEY G. STURGES '55** and his wife, Raylene, Scheer Memorial Adventist Hospital began as a modest 20-bed hospital. Today it is a 150-bed facility offering a range of specialties to the severely medically underserved region. As of 2022, it is officially recognized as a LLUH Global Campus.



### BÉRE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Béré Adventist Hospital (BAH) is a rural, 70-bed institution that was established in 1980. This site currently hosts the most deferred mission appointees from Loma Linda University and offers surgical, OB-GYN, family medicine, and emergency medicine services. BAH regularly hosts a variety of different student and resident rotations. This hospital is in the beginning stages of building a new surgical block and is working toward becoming a Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons training site in the future. As of 2022, it is officially recognized as a LLUH Global Campus.

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## DEPARTMENT REPORT Psychiatry

BY **WILLIAM G. MURDOCH JR. '73-B**, CHAIR,  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, LLUSM

The department of psychiatry at Loma Linda University (LLU) is constantly growing, changing, and improving. With a dedicated

faculty serving as the backbone of our department, we strive to meet the psychiatric needs of the Inland Empire while giving our students and residents rich learning experiences.

In recent years, we have added a number of faculty members to our department. **MARK D. ARD '16** now directs the adult consultation service for Loma Linda University Medical Center and **JAMIE L. SNYDER '87** directs the pediatric consultation service at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. Additionally, **JO P. EVERETT '17** has taken responsibility for the new neuroscience and human behavior course in the basic science curriculum—we thank **STEPHANIE L. BOLTON '03**, who held this position from 2008–2021, for years of excellent instruction. Lastly, we are pleased to have Aaron M. Gilmore, DO, and Kevin J. Chun, MD, join our child/adolescent division.

Other faculty activities include Mark G. Haviland, PhD, professor emeritus of psychiatry, publishing his 100th peer-reviewed article and **WILLIAM H. MCGHEE '72** named among the Alumni Association's 2022 Honored Alumni.

Over the past several years, we have considerably expanded our clinical programs. Our new and strengthened programs include: an addictions fellowship, utilizing faculty from psychiatry and preventive medicine; intensive outpatient programs and partial psychiatric programs, which include substance recovery, adult, and child services; and the Managing Each New Direction program. Our department also covers community psychiatry services at Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans' Hospital and Patton State Hospital. Additionally, we offer specialty clinics for medication assisted treatment, lifestyle psychiatry, and Christian psychotherapy.

In June 2022, we will celebrate the second graduating class of the child fellowship—a two-year, ACGME approved program directed by **ARA M. ANSPIKIAN '05**. We offer four available positions per year. The program aims to train excellent child and adolescent psychiatrists to become community leaders and strong patient advocates. Our partnerships with the LLU Behavioral Medicine Center, the LLU Children's Hospital, and the San Bernardino

Department of Behavioral Health have been critical for program support. The inaugural class graduated last year, and we are very proud to see them confidently enter the psychiatric workforce.

Over the past few years, the School of Medicine focused on strengthening the basic sciences, emphasizing one organ system at a time. This new curriculum went into effect with the class of 2024. Dr. Everett directs this initiative in psychiatry. Our department has partnered with the neurology department to help students

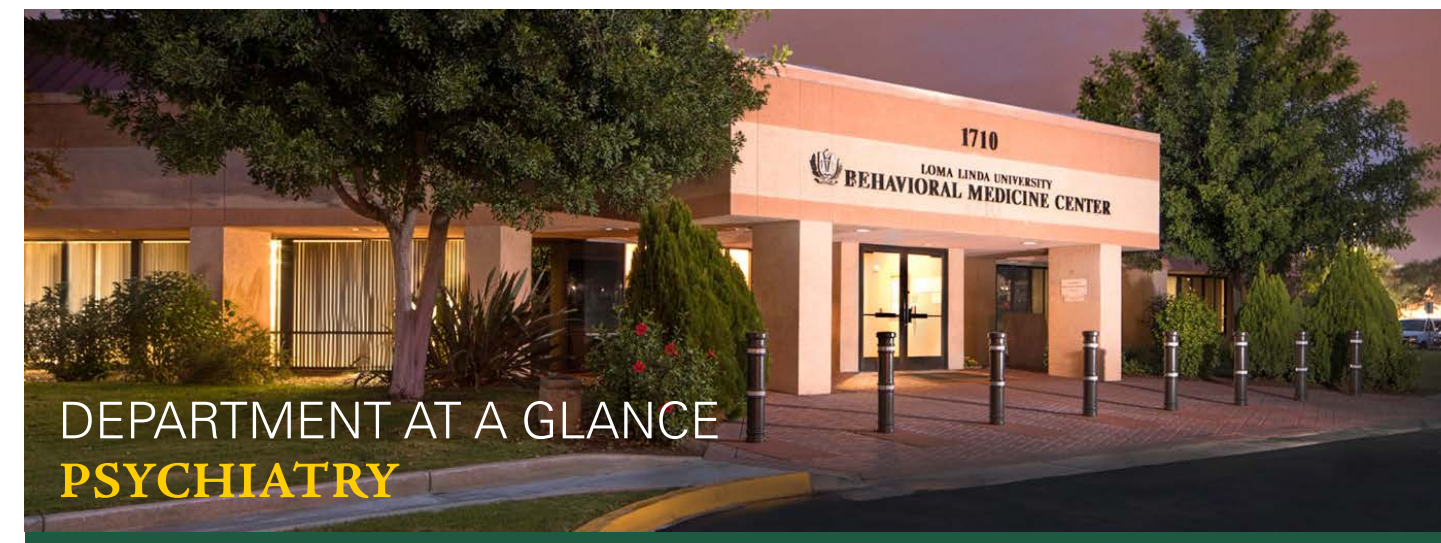
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understand the brain and nervous system. Students study the brain for a full nine weeks. In that time, they are exposed to traditional lectures, hands-on brain dissections, case studies, and interactive group discussions, which accommodate a diverse range of learning styles. Students learn the details of psychotic disorders one day, followed by the microbiology of encephalitis the next, allowing them to create diverse differentials between the fields of psychiatry and neurology.

The department of psychiatry has also begun offering its first selective course for second-year medical students. This year, the selective course focused on a variety of therapeutic modalities, including cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and dialectical behavioral therapy. This undertaking has been as rewarding as it has been challenging.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge Timothy Lee, MD, for seven years of leadership as residency training director and **MELISSA J. PEREAU '04** for seven years as associate residency training director and clerkship director. I'd also like to recognize those not mentioned: our remarkable students and residents, the rest of our dedicated faculty, and our patients who trust us with their care. Their adaptability and flexibility have been inspirational. ■

*Dr. Murdoch has chaired the department of psychiatry for 12 years. In his spare time he can be found gardening or spending time with his grandchildren.*



## DEPARTMENT AT A GLANCE PSYCHIATRY



### LOCATIONS

Our department covers nine clinical rotation sites. The majority of these sites exist within 3.5 miles of Loma Linda University Medical Center, making it convenient for our residents to experience a variety of clinical settings.



### VISITS

In 2021, our department was responsible for approximately 10,000 outpatient visits.



### PROVIDERS

Currently, the psychiatry department consists of 27 primary and secondary faculty members. We also have 36 residents and 8 fellows supporting our clinical operations.



### RESEARCH

Mark G. Haviland, PhD, remains active in research and has published his hundredth peer-reviewed article. He continues his widely cited psychometric work with Steven P. Reise, PhD, (Department of Psychology, UCLA).

## Alumni Faculty Members

- ARA M. ANSPIKIAN '05
- MARK D. ARD '16
- STEPHANIE L. BOLTON '03
- KELSEY BULLOCK '15
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The 2021–2022 PGY-1 psychiatry residents pose for a photo at a welcome party hosted by **MELISSA J. PEREAU '04** in June 2021.





## DEPARTMENT REPORT

# Neurosurgery

BY WARREN W. BOLING, MD, CHAIR,  
DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSURGERY, LLUSM

**The department of neurosurgery has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past five years, growing from a humble**

neurosurgery faculty of four to 15 current neurosurgeons, plus several active faculty recruitments. Nine advanced practice professionals, five neurosurgery residents, and several fellows support our clinical operations. We serve the region with outpatient clinics and clinical operations throughout the Inland Empire, allowing for exceptional access to neurosurgical subspecialty care. The neurosurgery clinical program has breadth and expertise unsurpassed in the Inland Empire, encompassing four main areas of clinical operation: functional/oncology, spine surgery, neurovascular surgery, and pediatric neurosurgery. In addition, we have separate divisions of neurosurgery based in Riverside and in Rancho Mirage.

The department serves the community with several active patient support and advocacy groups, including the pediatric brain and spine tumor support group, the stroke/aneurysm support group, and the total spine health support group. Department

**THE NEUROSURGERY CLINICAL PROGRAM HAS BREADTH AND EXPERTISE UNSURPASSED IN THE INLAND EMPIRE.**

faculty lead the only ThinkFirst and ThinkFirst Baby chapters in the Inland Empire to educate the community in head injury prevention. We also have plans in place to launch a comprehensive multidisciplinary brain tumor program in collaboration with the Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) Cancer Center this summer. Additionally, we run a spine surgery center in partnership with the department of orthopedics.

The department of neurosurgery includes four world-class research laboratories which carry out cutting-edge neuroscience research seeking to address challenging neurological conditions. John H. Zhang, MD, PhD, runs a neuroscience research laboratory focusing on cerebral vascular diseases. It is equipped for animal surgery, molecular biology, morphology, physiology, and

neurological functional studies. Dr. Zhang's lab has had more than 13 National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants and Department of Defense grants with over \$26 million of funding in the past 15 years. His lab typically publishes over 50 peer-reviewed papers each year.

Wolff M. Kirsch, MD, serves as professor and director for the Neurosurgery Center for Research Training and Education. His lab focuses on investigating treatment of Alzheimer's disease (AD), device development, and novel uses of chitosan for treatment of various diseases and nanoparticle-based drug delivery. Dr. Kirsch's lab is also defining the role of iron metabolism aberrations in the pathogenesis of AD. His lab is NIH supported for microparticle therapy for cerebral amyloid angiopathy. Dr. Kirsch also has a Small Business Innovation Research grant from the NIH.

Konrad Talbot, PhD, studies the causes of dementia in his lab. Specifically, he investigates brain insulin resistance—a common and profound feature of AD and closely associated with accelerated cognitive decline. An increasing body of evidence suggests that brain insulin resistance is a core abnormality in AD, the alleviation of which may slow disease progression by exerting potent therapeutic effects on a broad spectrum of AD pathologies and cognitive deficits. Dr. Talbot's lab is funded with \$2.4 million in NIH Research Project Grants.

Helen Huang, MD, studies stroke due to cardiogenic causes and hypoxia. Her funded research focuses on brain response and treatments for cardiogenic shock and hypoxic brain injury. Additionally, Dr. Huang is the department's director of research. In this role she guides and mentors our residents in research and academics.

The rapid growth of our department has necessitated expanding our main outpatient facility on the LLUH campus to a 7,600 square foot space in the Faculty Medical Clinic on Anderson Street, across from the Medical Center. The renovations are expected to take about six months, and our entire team is excited to make use of the new premier clinical space. ■

*Dr. Boling has chaired the department of neurosurgery since 2016. He attended medical school at Texas Tech University and completed his neurosurgery residency at University of Kentucky College of Medicine.*



## DEPARTMENT AT A GLANCE

### NEUROSURGERY



#### LOCATIONS

Our main sites are Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) and Children's Hospital. We also have busy practices at Riverside Community Hospital, LLUMC–Murrieta, and Desert Regional Medical Center. We see patients in Loma Linda, Riverside, Rancho Mirage, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Hesperia, and Banning/Beaumont.



#### VISITS

In 2021, our department was responsible for approximately 11,000 outpatient visits and our providers performed around 1,900 procedures.



#### PROVIDERS

Currently, the neurosurgery department consists of 15 neurosurgeons, nine advanced practice professionals, and four research faculty. Additionally, we offer ACGME-accredited residency (seven residents per year) and fellowship (two fellows per year) programs.



#### RESEARCH

The department of neurosurgery's research is currently focused on ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke, global cerebral ischemia, neonatal hypoxia, and neurological complications of surgery and anesthesia.

## Alumni Faculty Members



#### JUSTIN DYE '07

*Specialties: neurological surgery, endovascular surgery, and cerebrovascular surgery*



#### CLIFFORD C. DOUGLAS '89

*Specialties: neurological surgery, spine surgery, and movement disorder surgery*

## Alumni Residents



#### VADIM V. GOSPODAREV '18

*PGY-2  
Special interests: functional neurosurgery, skull base, pediatric, and complex spine*



#### ANDREW SONG '18

*PGY-4  
Special interest: pediatric neurosurgery*



# APC 2022 in Review

MARCH 3-7, 2022

BY DAVID H. CREAMER '04, APC GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIR

**W**e were ecstatic to see the familiar faces of our alumni back on campus for the 90th Annual Postgraduate Convention (APC), in collaboration with the Loma Linda University Health Homecoming. While our hybrid event offered Continuing Medical Education both in person and online, it was delightful to connect with one another and attend events in person once again.

“Advancing a Healthy Community: The Latest Trends in Medicine,” was the theme for this year’s plenary sessions, which guided the selection of engaging presenters representing a variety of specialties and relevant topics. Lectures covered topics including, immunotherapy, ethics at the end of life, lifestyle medicine, digital health, pediatric mental health, global surgery, and a host of other plenary and specialty offerings.

Several classes hosted reunions throughout the weekend, meeting both in person and through Zoom. I’d like to extend special

recognition to the Gold (50th) and Silver (25th) Anniversary classes, the class of 1972 and the class of 1997. What a treat to meet together and reminisce over these milestone anniversaries!

The Sunday night Gala was a phenomenal night—providing space and time for connection and reconnection among alumni and our soon-to-be alumni, members of the class of 2022. We enjoyed several musical offerings from the senior class, featuring **TORI CRESS ('22)**, **MATTHEW DELLEN ('22)**, **SAMUEL BOLIVAR ('22)**, **RYAN DAVIS ('22)**, **JORRDAN BISSELL ('22)**, and **MATTHEW LOPEZ ('22)**. It was also an exciting opportunity to recognize our esteemed alumni for their dedication and excellence in medicine through several Alumni Association awards.

Though the events of the weekend are too numerous to list here—suffice to say, the 90th APC was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees, and we hope to see you all next year at the 91st APC! ■

*LEROY A. REESE '72 gives his acceptance speech shortly after being named the 2022 Alumnus of the Year at the APC Gala on Sunday, March 6, 2022.*



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# CLASS REUNIONS

## GOLD YEAR HONORED CLASS: Class of 1972 | 50th Anniversary



- LEFT TO RIGHT:
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|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Elber S. Camacho   | 9. Alfred F. K. Lui      | 18. Myron Mills      | 27. Milton Dick              |
| 2. Ernest Ngo         | 10. Ronald L. Warnell    | 19. Anne G. Shull    | 28. Lorna Turner Lukens      |
| 3. James E. Carter    | 11. Anna Mae Crowder     | 20. Derald W. Rochat | 29. Gordon D. Lewis          |
| 4. Jeffrey A. Bounds  | 12. Wayne E. Hurley      | 21. Marilyn Oakes Yu | 30. Csaba L. Mera            |
| 5. Leroy A. Reese     | 13. Bruce V. Anderson    | 22. Melvin Stump     | 31. Mary Ann Kimmel McNeilus |
| 6. Tom N. Mullen      | 14. Anette P. Johnson    | 23. Alvin L. Hensel  | 32. Ronald A. Smith          |
| 7. Ronald M. Sterling | 15. Arthur L. Calhoun    | 24. Beverly S. Ching | 33. Harold P. Luke           |
| 8. Douglas L. Bechard | 16. T. Douglas Flaiz     | 25. E. Gary Raines   |                              |
|                       | 17. D. Frederick Hermann | 26. Clyde A. Cooper  |                              |

### Class of 1957



- LEFT TO RIGHT:
1. David J. Baylink
  2. Harvey A. Elder
  3. Glenn L. Foster

### Class of 1962



- LEFT TO RIGHT:
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| 1. C. Randall Dupee | 5. Richard D. Dunbar |
| 2. William E. White | 6. George H. Petti   |
| 3. Wayne B. Isaeff  | 7. Arthur L. Dick    |
| 4. Jack L. Bennett  | 8. Harley D. Miller  |
|                     | 9. Hubert C. Watkins |

## SILVER YEAR HONORED CLASS: Class of 1997 | 25th Anniversary



- LEFT TO RIGHT:
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| 1. Kelli J. Westcott       | 7. Jill R. Chripsens         | 14. Julienne R. Jacobson   | 21. Diane A. Connelly       |
| 2. Jill Bensonhaver Healey | 8. Traci A. Honaker-Williams | 15. Louis Phi Tran         | 22. Shellee R. Lazar        |
| 3. David K. Tan            | 9. Josif Borovic             | 16. Julia M. Berrospi-Chia | 23. Anselm Lu Sing Hii      |
| 4. Mark R. Carter          | 10. Denison A. Felix         | 17. Brian G. Klokeid       | 24. Rosarin Kriengprarthana |
| 5. Melissa R. Peoples      | 11. David Z. Hall            | 18. John W. Samples        |                             |
| 6. Michele L. Babaie       | 12. John A. Griffin          | 19. Sonia So Yung Lee      |                             |
|                            | 13. Steven S. Kim            | 20. Richelle K. Marracino  |                             |

### Class of 1982



- FRONT ROW (ALL FROM LEFT):
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|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Karen S. Ulloth       | 10. Melinda S. Skau    | 17. Keith R. Hallock    |
| 2. Debra D. Craig        | 11. Linda Wat Jacobson | 18. Kenneth A. Lombard  |
| 3. Sharon Riesen Stevens |                        | 19. LaVonne R. Nickel   |
| 4. Sherrie D. Yhip       |                        | 20. Wendell M. S. Moses |
| 5. Pamela E. Anderson    |                        | 21. Darryl D. Tan       |
| 6. Leilani C. Norton     |                        | 22. Randell S. Skau     |
| 7. Ranae L. Larsen       |                        | 23. Jonathan A. Cheek   |
| 8. Carolyn A. Kimura     |                        |                         |
| 9. Kathleen M. Lau       |                        |                         |
- SECOND ROW
- |                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 12. Keith Cheng      | 17. Keith R. Hallock    |
| 13. Brett C. Branson | 18. Kenneth A. Lombard  |
| 14. Beth L. Drake    | 19. LaVonne R. Nickel   |
| 15. Lee H. Meadows   | 20. Wendell M. S. Moses |
| 16. Eric W. Shadle   | 21. Darryl D. Tan       |
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| 24. David C. Grellmann     | 38. William D. Gruzensky |
| 25. James L. Greve         | 39. David J. Ormerod     |
| 26. Cynthia L. Christoph   | 40. Stephen P. Roesler   |
| 27. Richard E. Chincock    | 41. Timothy Patchett     |
| 28. Jonathan Erich         | 42. Anees J. Razzouk     |
| 29. James P. Larsen        | 43. Peter A. Smars       |
| 30. Ronald D. Woodard      |                          |
| 31. Douglas G. Clark       |                          |
| 32. Thomas K. Lidner       |                          |
| 33. Guy P. Guilfooy        |                          |
| 34. Erin G. Stone          |                          |
| 35. Connie Casebolt Carver |                          |
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| 36. Daniel L. Bouland |
| 37. Bradley L. Baum   |





(1) **DERALD W. ROCHAT '72** and **MYRON MILLS '72** reminisce at their 50th anniversary class reunion.

(2) **TORI CRESS '22** shares her vocal talent at the Gala.

(3) **MARTI F. BAUM '79-B** presents a lecture during the plenary sessions.

(4) **RICHARD H. HART '70** (left) interviews **MICHAEL J. MATUS '11** (middle) and Paul Marquez (right), a previous COVID-19 patient, during the Friday night vespers program.

(5) Classmates **BRUCE N. ANDERSON '64** (left) and **WILFRED D. WELLS '64** (right) catch up between APC events.

(6) (From left) **JESSE A. DOVICH '03**, **HOWARD V. GIMBEL '60**, and **PAUL Y. CHUNG '91** together at the Gala photo booth.

(7) Student poster presenters gather for a group photo with **JARED C. INMAN '04** (left) and **D. DUANE BALDWIN '91** (second right, back row).



(1) (From left) Judith Lacy Hewes, **ROBERT C. HEWES '76-B**, and **RUTH SWAN STANHISER '75** at the "Grand Rounds" book signing, hosted by the School of Medicine.

(2) (From left) Michael Healey, DMD, **JILL BENSONHAVER HEALEY '97**, and **DAVID K. TAN '97** catch up during their 25th anniversary class reunion.

(3) (From left) **TIFFANY C. PRIESTER '04**, Tina Robinson, **MICHAEL J. ROBINSON '95**, and **STEVEN W. HILDEBRAND '80-A** at the annual AIMS Symposium, where Dr. Robinson received the 2022 AIMS Award.

(4) Alumni participate in a campus tour, taking in the ever-growing Loma Linda University campus.

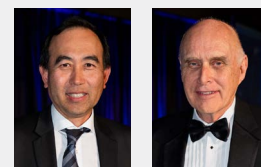
(5) **PETER A. SMARS '82** (middle) and **GEIR P. FRIVOLD '81** (right) share a laugh with another attendee after a plenary session.

### Weldon D. Schumacher Award

The Weldon D. Schumacher Philanthropy Award was created to recognize the individual(s) with the highest contribution to the Alumni Association in the past year, and this year we were pleased to recognize two alumni for this award: **E. GARY RAINES '72** and **ERNEST M. FUJIMOTO JR. '55**.

### Raymond Herber Award

**RAYMOND HERBER '57** found ways to encourage perpetual membership and continually sought to promote the Alumni Association. The Raymond Herber Loyalty Award recognizes the individual(s) who pledged the highest upgrade in perpetual membership status in the past year. This year we recognized (left) **TAE-WOONG IM '90** and (right) **GARY M. WERNICK '73-B** for this award. ■



### Student Awards

Established and funded by the class of 1990, the Heart For Service Award is given annually to a senior medical student who exemplifies the character of Christ and demonstrates a commitment to service, either at home or abroad. The 2022 Heart for Service Award recipient is **DANAE SMART ('22)**.

The SAC Representative Award is presented to the student representative from the graduating class to recognize their collaboration with the Alumni Association throughout medical school. This year's recipient is **AURRIEL FENISON ('22)**. ■







(Left to right) Alumni Association president, **JESSE A DOVICH '03**, and LLUSM dean, **TAMARA L. THOMAS '87**, pictured next to the 2022 Honored Alumni: **RICHARD E. CHINNOCK '82**, **WILLIAM H. MCGHEE '72**, **DANIEL W. YOUNG '78-A**, **MARILENE BETH WANG '86**, **ANDREW S. KENNEDY '91**, **ELBER S. CAMACHO '72**, and **D. DUANE BALDWIN '91**.

# 2022 Honored Alumni

## D. DUANE BALDWIN '91



After medical school, Dr. Baldwin remained at Loma Linda University (LLU) for residencies in surgery and urology. He then served five years at Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews Air Force Base and went on to a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery at Vanderbilt University. In 2002, Dr. Baldwin joined the LLU department of urology. He is extensively published and served four years as assistant editor of the *Journal of Nephrology*. He has presented over 500 times and continues to pursue urologic research. An innovator, Dr. Baldwin holds 18 patents and recently developed a laser-guided percutaneous access needle, which significantly decreases radiation exposure during urologic surgery.

Today, Dr. Baldwin continues to serve as director of urologic research as well as program director of the endourology fellowship at LLU. He enjoys mentoring the next generation of urologists. He and his wife, **JENNIFER DUNBAR BALDWIN '91**, live in Loma Linda with their two children.

## ANDREW S. KENNEDY '91



Following medical school and internship at Loma Linda University (LLU), Dr. Kennedy completed a radiation oncology residency and fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Recognition began early for him. In 1991, he

received the Walter E. Macpherson Society Outstanding Student Researcher Award and later the prestigious Radiological Society of North America Roentgen Resident/Fellow Award. He is active in numerous national societies and served on the Board of Chancellors for the American College of Radiation Oncology.

Today, Dr. Kennedy is an internationally renowned radiation oncologist known for his role in developing yttrium-90 treatment beads, now used around the world to treat hepatic tumors. Since 2012, he has served as the physician-in-chief of radiation oncology at Sarah Cannon and the director of radiation oncology research at Sarah Cannon Research Institute in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Kennedy resides in Brentwood, Tennessee, with his wife, Elaine. They have three children and recently welcomed their first grandchild.

## MARILENE BETH WANG '86



After earning her medical degree, Dr. Wang took a residency in head and neck surgery at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and subsequently joined the faculty. She continues to teach at the David Geffen School of Medicine today. She co-directs the rhinology and skull base program and runs an active cancer research laboratory.

Dr. Wang is frequently published and has presented over 300 times at national and international meetings. She is on editorial review boards for two journals, and reviews for several others.

In 2013, she received a Distinguished Service Award from the American Academy of Otolaryngology and was named a Cochrane

Scholar in 2014. She currently serves as vice president of the Western Section of the Triological Society, the premier academic society in otolaryngology.

The Alumni Association has been fortunate to have Dr. Wang serve on our board of directors. She and her husband, **JAMES P. WATSON '86**, have two daughters, **WAYANNE WATSON '20**, and Whitney, who passed away in 2015.

## RICHARD E. CHINNOCK '82



Dr. Chinnock initially planned to avoid pediatrics and the pressure of living up to the legacy of his father, the inaugural chair of pediatrics at Loma Linda University (LLU). However, after rotations with **B. LYN BEHRENS '63-AFF**, he recognized his calling to care for children.

After medical school, he served as a battalion surgeon at Camp Pendleton. He later completed a pediatric residency at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. In 25 years of naval service, he took several short-term assignments and served active duty during operation Desert Storm.

In 1989, Dr. Chinnock joined the LLU pediatric heart transplantation team. He directed the pediatric residency for 12 years, and chaired the department of pediatrics for 18. He was the first president of the medical staff and helped develop the bylaws for Loma Linda University Children's Hospital (LLUCH), and currently serves as the chief medical officer.

Dr. Chinnock and his wife, Ruth, live in Oak Glen, California. They have two grown sons, **TIMOTHY J. CHINNOCK '08** and Todd.

## DANIEL W. YOUNG '78-A



Dr. Young stayed at Loma Linda University after medical school for a diagnostic radiology internship and residency. He then served three years at the U.S. Air Force Hospital in Ellsworth, South Dakota, leading as chief of radiology and deputy chief of hospital services. He earned an Air Force Commendation Medal and promotion to major prior to honorable discharge in 1985. Then it was off to Harvard Medical School for a pediatric radiology fellowship.

Dr. Young accepted a teaching position at the University of Alabama and stayed for over 30 years—holding leadership positions from co-director of pediatric radiology resident education to clinical professor and medical director of MRI. In 1989, he was awarded special competency in nuclear radiology by the American Board of Radiology. Throughout his career he has repeatedly

earned recognition as an outstanding educator and holds multiple designations as a top doctor.

Dr. Young resides in Mountain Brook, Alabama, with his wife, Madeline. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.

## ELBER S. CAMACHO '72



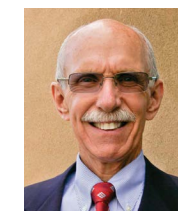
Following medical school, Dr. Camacho took an internship at the University of Pennsylvania before returning to Loma Linda University (LLU) for a residency in internal medicine. Then he moved to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York for two fellowships: immunology and hematology/oncology. In 1980, he joined the faculty at LLU and skillfully instructed medical students and residents for several years.

In 1994, he joined the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs. He was subsequently named medical director and continues to lead in this role today. Dr. Camacho's vision and dedication have helped to transform cancer care in the Coachella Valley. His research contributions include numerous journal articles and contributing to more than 170 research projects.

In 2003, he was the recipient of the El Sol Aztec Award, recognizing his contributions to the Hispanic community.

Dr. Camacho resides in Palm Springs, California, with his wife, Ludim. They are proud parents of three daughters and grandparents to four grandchildren.

## WILLIAM H. MCGHEE '72



Dr. McGhee completed medical school and a psychiatry residency at Loma Linda University (LLU), then served as chief of psychiatry at Riverside General Hospital. He later returned to LLU as director of inpatient psychiatry and the psychiatry residency training program director.

Dr. McGhee has a heart for missions—he has participated in 33 mission trips and served eight years on the Adventist International Medical Society board (AIMS Council). He and his wife, Julie, served two years at Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, and in 2009, he began recruiting others for mission service as the director of the Deferred Mission Appointee Program.

Dr. McGhee has taught generations of medical students and residents at LLU. He was awarded the Harrison S. Evans and Ruth Harding Evans Endowed Chair in Psychiatry and held the title until 2021. Today, he is professor of psychiatry at LLU and a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

He and his wife, Julie, reside in Loma Linda. ■



# Alumnus of the Year: LEROY A. REESE '72

BY DONNA L. CARLSON '69

LEROY A. REESE '72 was named the 2022 Alumnus of the Year at the 90th Annual Postgraduate Convention Gala.

It was a medical problem of his own—an evanescent heart murmur—that set 8-year-old Leroy Reese firmly on the path to a career in medicine. “There must’ve been 11 people in white coats in that New York hospital room, all checking my heart,” he recalls, “listening for a murmur that had been present earlier but that now nobody could hear.” After he was released, as they rode home on a city bus, he told his mother: “I’m going to be a doctor.” An immigrant from the American Virgin Islands who worked as a housekeeper, she had little education herself, but she supported his dream. Through more than 20 years of Adventist education—at the Manhattan elementary school, at Northeastern Academy in Harlem, and Atlantic Union College in Lancaster, Massachusetts, plus four years in California at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM) and residency training in Los Angeles—he never wavered from commitment to his chosen profession. Nor did he waver from his commitment to Adventist education: “I applied to only one college, one medical school, and one residency program: at the *Ellen G. White* (emphasis original) Memorial Hospital ... Next to the Bible, “Ministry of Healing”<sup>1</sup> was my most important textbook in medical school.”

In addition to medicine, a young Leroy Reese had another passion: to end racial imbalance in the profession, beginning with his own school. During their sophomore year, he and classmate FITZGERALD JENKINS '72 decided to “do something” about the low number (three) of Black students in their class. They weren’t sure if they would have much influence, Dr. Reese says, “After all, we were only students.” But they knew they had



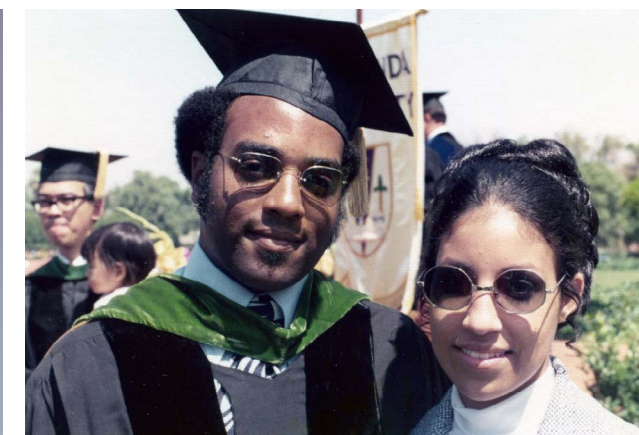
LEROY A. REESE '72 gives his acceptance speech shortly after being named the 2022 Alumnus of the Year at the APC Gala.

to try. Over the next few weeks, with help from a couple of Black senior medical students, they put together a “document” which they presented to LLU president, David J. Bieber, PhD, and to vice president for academic affairs, Robert Cleveland, PhD. The document outlined the problem and suggested the university create a position for a Black assistant admissions officer whose job it would be to search for bright Black students in Adventist academies and colleges and encourage them to consider a career in medicine. It was Cleveland, Dr. Reese says, who told them they needed an advisor and who arranged for the students to present their document to the LLU Board of Directors. Wisely, the students chose Elder Calvin Rock to advise and to accompany them to the board session: “We gave the members two weeks to respond—and they did! They adopted our document without any changes and created the new administrative position.”<sup>2</sup>

After finishing an obstetrics and gynecology (OB-GYN)



(Left) Dr. Reese and TAMARA L. THOMAS '87 along with a Minority Introduction to the Health Sciences program participant during the closing ceremony for the annual summer program. (Right) Dr. Reese and his wife, Ruth, at his medical school graduation.



residency at “the White,” Dr. Reese settled in Los Angeles where, until his recent retirement, he practiced for more than 50 years. His specialty, he points out, provides unique opportunities for physicians to bond with their patients. Obstetrics care requires regular visits over nine months, generating relationships that can last through generations. Not infrequently, he has delivered the children of children he had delivered 25 years earlier! Similarly, gynecology lets him follow his patients through menopause and beyond. The bonds thus formed often become friendships that reach outside the hospital. He recounts as examples two stories: the first is of a patient, an operating room nurse, who asked him to officiate at her wedding vow renewal ceremony (feeling he was not properly trained as a clergyman, he refused); the second is about a patient who invited him to speak at her large family reunion, where about a hundred relatives came from all over the country (this time he accepted).

Throughout his years of clinical practice, and despite his busy schedule, Dr. Reese served in many administrative capacities at the White. He was president of the medical staff for two years, chair of the OB-GYN department for 27 years, and associate dean of the School of Medicine’s Los Angeles campus for 30 years. He also served for 30 years as a member of the LLU Board: 20 as a voting member and 10 as an emeritus member. And he has received numerous professional honors. A skilled instructor, he has twice been recognized by the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology<sup>3</sup> for excellence in teaching. Both the School of Medicine and the university have given him Distinguished Service awards. In 1987, the Black Alumni of Loma Linda (“BALL”—an organization he helped found) chose him Black Alumnus of the Year.<sup>4</sup> In 2001, he was recognized as an Honored Alumnus by the Alumni Association, School of Medicine of Loma Linda University.

Notwithstanding the accolades, Dr. Reese has never forgotten his early commitment to the cause of advancement for Black and minority medical students and alumni. In 1999, he pioneered the

Minority Introduction to the Health Sciences program. Every summer, 20 minority students from both Adventist and public schools come to the Loma Linda campus for three weeks. As part of a financially subsidized program, they live in the dorms with a mentor, eat in the cafeteria, meet current LLU students, and are introduced to the health sciences career programs available here. Over the years, 350 students have participated, and many have become alumni of the university. In 2021, an endowment was established in Dr. Reese’s name to support the continuing work of the program. This year, in a separate program, a four-year minority medical student scholarship was awarded to its first recipient.

To this day, though he carries a special burden for minorities, Dr. Leroy Reese remains involved in promoting Seventh-day Adventist Christian medical education for all students—and waxes enthusiastic when he talks about it! “I love this school and I remain committed to the Loma Linda mission ‘To make man whole’ and to the practice of medicine in a way that demonstrates the love of Jesus.”■

#### Endnotes

1. Author: Ellen G. White.
2. Dr. Gaines Partridge was chosen to fill the slot, which he would hold for 21 years, Dr. Reese says, diligently searching for qualified Black undergraduates to join the medical school. It was Dr. Partridge who suggested the construction of the Good Samaritan statue that now stands at the center of the campus.
3. The Council is a unit of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG), the national accrediting body of the specialty.
4. BALL includes alumni from all of the LLU professional schools, not just the School of Medicine.



Dr. Carlson has a long history of involvement and leadership within the Alumni Association. She has served as president of both the Alumni Association (1996–1997) and the Holding Fund (2013) and served years as an associate editor of the JOURNAL.



## 2022 AIMS Awardee



**MICHAEL J. ROBINSON '95** grew up in the African mission field where evangelism was a way of life. Watching his father serve as a hospital and school administrator solidified his decision to one day return to international service. In his adult years, he would recall his father's patience, fortitude, and faith, and strive to approach leadership in the same way. Dr. Robinson was also inspired by several alumni missionaries who demonstrated the power of witnessing through medical ministry.

After completing medical school at Loma Linda University (LLU) and a family medicine residency at Florida Hospital Orlando, he moved his family across the Pacific Ocean to join Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic. He has served there for over 20 years, with one brief hiatus. Dr. Robinson has filled numerous positions at the clinic and currently serves as medical director. He also chaired the department of family medicine at Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. He has overseen the clinic through tumultuous times and continues to lead as they launch a new building project.

Dr. Robinson currently resides in Guam with his wife, Tina, and Joshua, their youngest son. Their two older children, Hannah and Andrew, are in school at LLU. ■

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## Dr. Stottlemeyer Receives Iner Sheld-Ritchie Presidential Award

*The Iner Sheld-Ritchie Presidential Award is granted to individuals of exemplary character and commitment to the vision and mission of the Alumni Association.*

**DEBRA L. STOTTEMYER '86** has been actively involved with the Alumni Association since 2008. Early on she showed an aptitude for all things financial and served on the Holding Fund, becoming its president in 2014. She also served on the Alumni Association board, joined the executive officer track, and became president in 2020. She guided the Alumni Association through the COVID-19 pandemic and played a key role in the complete and revolutionary reorganization of the Association's financial structure, which has proved invaluable.

Additionally, with a certification in clinical informatics, she has shared her data skills to help simplify and clean up the

record keeping of the Alumni Association, ultimately providing more accurate and timely records of our esteemed alumni. She served as co-editor of the *ALUMNI DIRECTORY* for the past two years and has undertaken a thorough examination of the Alumni Association bylaws, updating all the subtle details.

Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Stottlemeyer possesses a deep passion for supporting our alumni family. She played an integral part in refining the focus of the Alumni Association's mission and incorporating the "Connect. Create. Care." mantra—which she continually demonstrates and pushes our organization to embody. ■



**JON R. KATTENHORN '74** and **DEBRA L. STOTTEMYER '86** pictured above shortly after Dr. Kattenhorn named Dr. Stottlemeyer the recipient of the Presidential Award.



**RENDON C. NELSON '80-A** (right) with his teacher, mentor, and friend, **GEOFFREY A. GARDINER '49**, in 2020.

## Rendon C. Nelson '80-A

### RADIOLOGY

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

### FOR WHAT ARE YOU FAMOUS AMONG FRIENDS AND FAMILY?

In the fall of 1997, I was in the operating room at Duke University Medical Center, performing an intraoperative ultrasound. There was a photographer there during the case, which didn't strike me as being too far out of the ordinary. Later, I learned the photographer worked for Time magazine and was writing a feature story about Duke Medicine. I was surprised when the media office called me that Sunday night to inform me that I was going to be on the cover. My mother was particularly pleased to tell all her friends at the retirement home about the magazine cover, not really understanding what I did as a radiologist.

### WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEDICAL SCHOOL MEMORY?

Almost every Tuesday evening a group of my classmates would gather at Baker's Drive-Thru for the amazing burrito special. There was always a rich and often colorful discussion about our experiences in medical school, and the food was both plentiful and affordable.

### WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE IN YOUR MEDICAL CAREER?

Although it is tempting to consider the awards, titles, administrative positions, and number of publications I garnered during my academic career at Emory University and Duke University, I must say, being thanked by a former resident or fellow who appreciated something they had learned from me during our time together eclipses all other accomplishments!

### IF YOU WERE TO HAVE WORKED IN A FIELD OUTSIDE OF MEDICINE, WHAT WOULD IT HAVE BEEN? WHY?

I think I would have enjoyed being an engineer. Much of this notion has to do with my extensive research collaboration with the department of engineering at Duke. This experience taught me a lot about the development of intellectual property and entrepreneurialism, which was not typically emphasized by medical schools in the late 1970s. Medical schools are only now starting to recognize the incredible potential for physicians to succeed in this arena.

### IF YOU COULD LEARN TO DO SOMETHING NEW OR BETTER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Although my parents encouraged all six of their children to play musical instruments, which for me was the piano and French horn, I essentially discontinued my involvement with music performance at the end of my residency when I left Loma Linda. I have always enjoyed music over the years and wish I had continued to participate in the rewarding experience of listening to, practicing, and performing music.

### WHAT IS THE BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?

I met my mentor, **GEOFFREY A. GARDINER '49**, in my first year of medical school at Loma Linda as we both played the French horn in the Brass Society. Although he never really gave me any specific career advice—the way he practiced radiology and medicine and the way in which he lived his life have spoken volumes to me over the years. When I returned to Loma Linda in March of 2020 for my 40th medical school reunion, I had the wonderful fortune of spending time with Dr. Gardiner, who at the age of 95 was absolutely brilliant. Unfortunately, my mentor passed away the following year. ■



# Whole Person Care Today

BY JEFFREY GANG, DMIN, AND ROGER D. WOODRUFF '81

The motto, “To make man whole,” has been used pervasively throughout Loma Linda University (LLU) for generations. Heard so frequently, it is easy to assume everyone knows the origin and significance of these four words. But how did this phrase become the motto of Loma Linda University? How is it incorporated into our medical school curriculum today? Will its meaning change over a physician’s career? Is it relevant to medicine today?

## TO MAKE MAN WHOLE

In the March 1955 edition of the College of Medical Evangelists’ (CME) *ALUMNI JOURNAL*, **R. THEODORE BERGMAN '30** reflected on the phrase “To make man whole.” It had recently been chosen as a theme for the yearlong celebrations to commemorate CME’s 50th anniversary. Apparently, there were some

who doubted the choice of the theme at the time. As Dr. Bergman admitted, they were slow to grasp the significance of the words, “To make man whole,” writing, “Perhaps we thought it a bit trite.” However, he acknowledges, “as we thought further, we realized the theme was not trite—but ageless. It is a guiding star which takes an institution through all the years of its existence.”<sup>1</sup>

Looking back more than a half century later on the school’s choice to use the phrase, “To make man whole,” we see Dr. Bergman’s foresight. Within a few years, the phrase would become the official motto of the institution. Today, it is ubiquitous throughout LLU, continually reminding us of our mission to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus. One of LLU’s founders, Ellen G. White, once reminded us, “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”<sup>2</sup> White’s wisdom may be applied to founding ideas as well, and “To make man whole” is such an idea. While our world has changed vastly since the phrase was chosen nearly seventy years ago, the vision certainly has not.

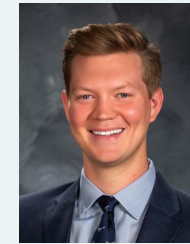
We may use different language now to describe what it means to be human, but the original idea remains “a guiding star” as Dr. Bergman suggested and **JACK W. PROVONSHA '53-A** affirmed almost 25 years after “To make man whole” became our motto. Reflecting on the One who came to make us whole, Dr. Provonsha wrote, “His healing expressed His total concern for the persons for whom He ministered. Jesus saw little of the sharp distinctions sometimes made in other cultures and times between the soul and body of man. He could say, ‘Whether is it easier to say thy sins be forgiven thee or take up thy bed

and walk?’ for He knew that man was a unity even in his illness.”<sup>3</sup>

## INTEGRATION INTO LLUSM CURRICULUM

Championed by **WIL ALEXANDER '93-HON** and strongly supported by **B. LYN BEHRENS '63-AFF**, who was serving as Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM) dean, a new religion class was added to the LLUSM basic sciences curriculum in the late 1980s. Students were divided into groups of 12–15, co-led by a physician and a pastor. In these classes, they worked through pertinent gospel stories to understand how the ministry of Jesus was relevant in meeting the spiritual needs of patients in the practice of medicine. This formal addition to the medical school curriculum was well received and led to further class development. Over the years, courses such as an introductory class for all first-year medical students titled, “Orientation to Religion and Medicine,” (following the same model of pastors and physicians working together with small groups of students), “Whole Person Care,” and “Wholeness for Physicians” have been important platforms for teaching whole person care (WPC). The CLEAR Whole Person Care™ model developed by Carla Gober Park, PhD, has recently been incorporated into the curriculum to guide the process of providing WPC.

Through the LLUSM Committee for Spiritual Life and Wholeness, there has also been an ongoing effort to encourage resident and attending physicians, many of whom are not graduates of LLUSM, to model WPC and to encourage medical students to practice WPC skills during their clinical rotations in outpatient settings and in the hospital. Several residency programs have formal “wholeness” rounds on a regular basis, with students, residents, and attendings participating along with a chaplain. In family medicine, Dr. Alexander rounded regularly on the resident hospital service—starting in 1987



**KARL WALLENKAMPF '21:** Burnout is pervasive. It is easy to become overwhelmed by the seeming conveyor belt of admissions, the past medical histories that challenge even the longest biblical “begats.” Yet the simple questions I learned from **WIL ALEXANDER '93-HON** at LLUSM give moments of clarity to help me see through pathophysiology to personhood.

“What are you famous for?” I ask them. The answers are diverse, inspiring, and beautiful. Once, a young mother with hemolytic anemia—her baby now at home—barely spoke above a whisper, “I’m not famous for anything.” Her mother sitting nearby disagreed. “No!” She told me, “She’s so strong, a wonderful listener, incredibly kind.” They began to cry together. Dr. Alexander’s question has helped me meet retired musicians, prophetic poets, proud grandmothers, and even one patient who claimed she was the most innovative user of curse words during arguments. I decided to never argue with her.

These questions and my patients’ vulnerability, laughter, or even tears deliver me from the vagaries of electronic medical records and frenetic paging into the immanence of the patient before me and who they are, not just what they may have. Whole person care saves our patients, and it may yet save us, too.



**JENNY M. JAQUE '04:** “But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” Luke 10:33–35 (NIV).

I am particularly fond of the Good Samaritan sculpture on the LLU campus. All through my medical school years, that statue was a reminder of what my professors worked hard to impress on young, motivated medical scholars—the need to provide whole person care. The need to not only arrive at an accurate and precise diagnosis, but to also discover any limitations that prevent access to, and success in providing care. This at times meant dealing with underlying depression, anxiety, distrust, history of abuse, limited funds, and low literacy.

To me, whole person care is seeing more than the diagnosis in front of you, it is seeing the person in front of you.

and continuing until his death just a few years ago. Residents renamed the experience, “Love Rounds,” as they observed Dr. Alexander’s gentle approach with patients. Though by their nature in the teaching setting these patient encounters are intentionally longer in duration, many faculty and residents model the practice with their patients—demonstrating that meeting this need can be accomplished in brief moments within visits.

## RELEVANCE TODAY

Demonstrated by research and now widely accepted in the medical community, addressing the spiritual needs of patients

## What Does Whole Person Care Mean to You?

We asked a medical student, a resident, a mid-career alumna, and a recently retired alumnus to consider this question. Their thoughtful responses illuminate a spectrum of perspectives on this approach to medicine.



**HALEY KEMPF ('24):** A few months back, volunteering for Loma Linda University’s street medicine team, I personally experienced the necessity for whole person care. My patient, a middle-aged man in an oversized jacket, presented with the simple request of having his glucose levels checked. Pressed to get through the litany of patient interview questions first, I brushed aside his comment. Twenty minutes later, with my completed note in hand, I asked if he had any other concerns. To my surprise, he explained that his doctors from the clinic managed his constellation of issues, so he simply needed his glucose levels measured to ensure proper dosing for his schizophrenia medication.

Humbled, I was left to ponder: what does health care look like when we listen and prioritize our patients’ goals rather than our own agenda? In my efforts to be efficient, this doctor-centered approach failed to allow me to be present for my patient. Being genuinely curious about our patients’ stories allows us to be more perceptive and efficient when empowering them to make well-informed decisions. Compassionate care does not have to take more time, it simply requires humility to allow the patients’ goals to guide the conversation.



is critical in providing care for the whole person. However, the general approach, even if formally addressed, is often from a humanistic perspective. LLU uniquely teaches and encourages this work from a Christian perspective. The motto, “To make man whole,” is meaningful and well-known. When taken in its full context, “To continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ, to make man whole,” it comes to life. For teachers and learners at LLU and for graduates around the world, this enriched meaning adds a dimension rarely found in medical education. It moves the focus to the One who can make the real difference in patients’ lives. During his long tenure as dean of LLUSM, **H. ROGER HADLEY '74** championed WPC—having been the first medical student during training to round with Dr. Alexander. A wonderful illustration of how this approach to patient care impacts the world today and how LLUSM students, alumni, and friends are making a tangible difference in the lives they touch is the series of devotional books edited by Dr. Hadley’s wife, Donna: “Morning Rounds,” “Evening Rounds,” and most recently, “Grand Rounds.” These books contain countless examples of WPC in action.

### CONCLUSION

What began as a simple motto is now the central tenet of education and health care at LLU. From Dr. Alexander’s early rounds with **HARVEY A. ELDER '57** to the formalized classes offered today, practical application of WPC has blessed and will continue to bless countless patients and physicians. This concept is especially relevant in a world where technology prioritizes efficiency over connection; where it is



**JON R. KATTENHORN '74:** When I was a medical student, and then an intern, I had two medical oncology rotations in which **WIL ALEXANDER '93-HON** was ever present. I learned so much from him about whole person care, though I am not sure it was called that then! I was inspired by his influence and encouragement as we cared for patients with either life-threatening or terminal illnesses.

Of course we prayed with them, but more importantly, we listened, we interacted, we learned about their families, their beliefs, and how they approached death. Not all of them had hope. For some, it was like approaching a precipice with no way to avoid falling off. Others were able to smile through their tears, and perhaps even rejoice in the promises they held dear.

During my years of practice, I was fortunate to be a part of many of my patients’ most joyous milestones: the birth of a healthy baby. I was often asked to help them celebrate that time with a prayer—what a privilege that was! Unfortunately, as we know, when the occasion is not a joyous one, it is often a tragedy. In those moments, sensitivity to our patient’s feelings and beliefs is integral to supporting them during their personal crisis. They don’t need a Bible study at that point. They need someone willing to hold their hand, understand their grief, and care about them—perhaps offer a simple prayer. I think our willingness to step outside our clinical focus and fulfill these needs is the heart of caring for the whole person.

easy to lose our grasp on the personal touch of medicine.

Whole person care pushes us to focus on thoughtfully searching for ways to address the spiritual, emotional, and physical issues of the patient so they can be more completely healed. When we are able to achieve that, we realize what a privilege it is to serve as the hands and feet of God as we endeavor “To make man whole.” ■

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# Arthur N. Donaldson, Class of 1915

## A VIGNETTE OF THE MAN AND HIS CHARACTER

BY **DENNIS E. PARK, MA, '07-HON**, CONSULTING HISTORIAN

The early days of the College of Medical Evangelists (CME) were very dark, with little hope that the “one-horse medical school”<sup>1</sup> would succeed.

Nevertheless, “Students came, and stayed, even though they had little status offered them. They were taught by highly motivated teachers, some of whom were graduates of American Medical Missionary College (AMMC), and they studied with do-or-die enthusiasm.”<sup>2</sup> To fulfill the need for qualified faculty, a few Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) physicians who were graduates of other medical schools were carefully recruited. In addition, the college leadership made note of the medical students who demonstrated keen intellect and leadership potential. It was their desire to groom those students, should they be interested, toward faculty and administrative roles.

One such recruit was **ARTHUR N. DONALDSON '15** who was asked to join the faculty to head the physiology department and serve on the staff at the sanitarium. His tenure at the struggling college, 1915–1927, was during a pivotal juncture in CME’s history. Dr. Donaldson accepted his responsibilities with enthusiasm and was not timid in speaking his mind. As an author and editor, he employed a sharp pen. As a speaker, he held the

brethren accountable. As a researcher, he led by example by being the first CME alumnus published in the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

Dr. Donaldson was a dedicated proponent of research. His first JAMA article was titled, “Simplified Apparatus for Obtaining Arteriograms.” It should be noted that this article appeared just one year after CME received a “B” rating. Through the late 1920s he goaded Loma Linda leadership to fall in line with the more progressive medical schools that recognized the importance of research.<sup>3</sup> In 1922, several months before CME received the coveted “A” rating, Dr. Donaldson’s research paper debunking one of J. H. Kellogg’s pet ideas on the cause and remedies of constipation was published in the March 25, 1922, issue of JAMA. The paper was titled, “Relation of Constipation to Intestinal Intoxication.”<sup>4</sup>

Donaldson took the editorial reins of the Medical Evangelist a Journal Devoted to the Promulgation of Health Reform Principles (ME) in 1919, a role he held until 1922. He was tasked with reviving the periodical after a lapse in its publication schedule. The ME was published first by the College of Evangelists beginning in 1908, then by the CME, and finally, by Loma Linda University. The final issue was published in 1962. During his tenure as editor, Dr. Donaldson favored a sharp pen, and was not shy in using it. From “Call for Reform in Medical Practice,” to “Flesh Diets Condemned,” his articles voiced his passion for pushing CME forward.

From the archives of the university, we can glean from minutes and other papers that Dr. Donaldson was a visionary; he thought outside the box. In one ME editorial, “A Hope for the Future,” he outlined his ideas for real medical evangelism, which may sound somewhat familiar today:

Instead of pills and tinctures, a well-appointed treatment room with tactful attendants administer to ambulatory cases, and available nurses carry the same healing art into the home. The medical workers are community educators and their services



**ARTHUR N. DONALDSON '15** (in black suit) instructs medical students. His son, **A. NORTON DONALDSON '43** (third from left), stands behind him, looking over his shoulder.





(Left) The College of Medical Evangelists (CME) classes of 1914 and 1915. (Right) **ARTHUR N. DONALDSON '15** and his wife, **ORPHA S. DONALDSON '15**, both CME graduates.<sup>11</sup>

have a prominent place in every evangelical effort put forth... This sort of a program is worth thinking about... Who will pioneer the way?<sup>5</sup>

He was just as direct with his words as he was with his pen. During his 1926 medical director's report before the Loma Linda constituency, he made several incisive comments about the inequities of the sanitarium and hospital having to continuously bail out the medical school. He bluntly asked,

Why should this sanitarium and hospital be picked out to play Santa Claus to a denominational school to the extent that each year it [the sanitarium and hospital] faces a deficit, and is compelled to crawl up to the powers and beg for money for facilities that it could well provide for itself, were it not for the present policy? ... We think we have been, and are, quite an asset to the denomination, and deserving a lot of consideration. For instance, every dime we have made has gone into the education of doctors for general denominational consumption, and the denomination is getting a lot of them—all it asks for ... This institution helped pay the bill that makes it possible for them to return big money to the cause...<sup>6</sup>

Dialing back the tenor, he continued by acknowledging the Lord's blessing on the institution.

The Lord has been good to us and has abundantly blessed our plans and efforts. For our successes we give Him our heartfelt thanks and credit, realizing full well that this is His institution, His work, and we His servants, grateful for the opportunity to serve as medical missionaries in this station.<sup>7</sup>

Then, Dr. Donaldson extolled the college's steady growth, again reiterating that the patient clientele was shifting toward the sick and suffering. In the next breath, he bluntly stated what others in

the room might have been thinking, but were too afraid to say in such a forum: "The boarders, the idle rich, and the tourists have gone, and for this we are thankful."<sup>8</sup> Then he again ratcheted up his rhetoric,

We have more sick patients in this institution today than at any time in its history, and with a more rapid turnover as indicated by the decrease in length of stay: 1924–25, 21 days; 1925–26, 17 days. ... Instead of catering to the whims of money, we are enjoying the scores of interesting cases that come to us to learn the secret of living better. ... This class is furthermore, much more profitable than the rest-cure crowd. It simply means that more service is demanded by the sick patient, and the various divisions of the medical department are being built up by the demand, the institution as well as the patient profiting thereby.<sup>9</sup>

What was the response to Dr. Donaldson's constituency report? Apparently, it worked. The institution began shifting away from the "rest-cure" clientele and toward the acutely ill. This change in patient care anticipated by Dr. Donaldson was also one that other similar institutions throughout the country were beginning to understand and implement. To implement this new shift, the new college needed to expand its patient care facilities.

Dr. Donaldson's fervent plea evidently had a therapeutic effect, for by the end of that decade there appeared on the crest of the hill a beautiful new Spanish-style structure which combined features of sanitarium and hospital. The bed capacity of the new structure was 50 percent greater than that of the former facilities.<sup>10</sup>

By 1927, Dr. Donaldson decided he had given back all he could to CME. He and **CHARLES R. CAMPBELL '17**, along with their wives **ORPHA S. DONALDSON '15**, and **LENORE DILL CAMPBELL '17**, moved to San Jose, California, where

they set up practice and a clinic in nearby Mountain View. From San Jose, the Donaldson family headed south to Long Beach. After taking postgraduate work at Yale, Dr. Donaldson entered practice at the well-known Harriman Jones Clinic (HJC), where he also served as clinic director. Choosing to leave HJC, he set up a practice in Santa Ana, California, where he practiced until his death on Dec. 16, 1945.

The Donaldson family roots to the School of Medicine run deep. Following medical school, sons **A. NORTON DONALDSON '43** and **CLARENCE M. DONALDSON '44-B** joined their father's practice in Santa Ana. The familial legacy continued with the brothers' sister, Doris, marrying **FRANZ H. SIEMSEN '51** and their grandson, **KEVIN J. SCHULTZ '09**, now practices obstetrics and gynecology. Grandson **ARTHUR N. DONALDSON '70** (son of A. Norton Donaldson) is a retired ophthalmologist. Sons of Clarence M. Donaldson, **JAMES S. DONALDSON '78-B** is a semi-retired radiologist and **THOMAS K. DONALDSON '84** is an orthopedist and the current chair of the department at Loma Linda University Health—continuing generations of Donaldson heritage in the institution.

For his exceptional contributions during the formative years of the college, Dr. Arthur Norton Donaldson must be remembered as one of the giants who contributed to steering a once failing college into a world-renowned institution known today as Loma Linda University Health.■

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Dr. Ryckman, PhD, was a professor of basic sciences at Loma Linda University for more than 30 years and one of the pioneers of research at the university. In 2008, he received the University Distinguished Service Award from LLU president Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH (photo: Dr. Ryckman is on the left).

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# The Call

BY BRUCE N. ANDERSON '64

In the United States, April is recognized as National Donate Life Month. One of our own alumni, **BRUCE N. ANDERSON '64**, has experienced this life-giving gift firsthand. This is his story.

It was 9:58 p.m. on a rainy October evening in 2018 in Centerville, Ohio, when I got the call. My wife, Audrey, and I were temporarily living with my cousin, Arthur Caviness, and his wife, Karen, while hoping for a liver transplant. We were getting ready for bed, expecting to attend Kettering Adventist Church the next day, when the phone rang. A man named Nick, from the Indiana University Liver Transplantation Program, introduced himself. Nick recommended getting into our vehicle as soon as possible and driving to Indiana University Hospital, two hours away. The potentially life-saving news was so unexpected that in all the excitement I forgot my wallet and driver's license until we had been on the freeway for ten minutes.



**FRANCES Z. GUTIERREZ '64** and **BRUCE N. ANDERSON '64** together in Angwin, California, in June 2018. At that time, Dr. Anderson was dying of liver failure and in need of a transplant.

We were instructed to go directly to the fourth floor to the liver transplantation admissions and the transplant ICU. There we learned surgeons aboard a charter flight were on their way to a hospital in a neighboring state to obtain a donor liver, a liver that might be for me.

We had hoped and prayed and waited for this day since Aug. 24, 2018, when I was placed on the Indiana University liver transplantation list. My hopes had since faded. My Model for End Stage Liver Disease (MELD) score of 16 barely qualified for transplantation. However, while I was dying of liver failure, my weekly blood chemistries unaccountably improved. We knew that if my MELD score fell below 15 within 90 days of the listing date, I would be removed from the transplant list. Patients with higher MELD scores were considered sicker and would be selected for transplantation before me. Additionally, the donor had to share my blood type of A-positive.

I was comforted by 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV), which Paul seemed to have written with an awareness of my symptoms of muscle atrophy accompanying liver failure: "Therefore we do not lose hope. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." This text was reassuring, though we knew without liver transplantation my death was certain and would be relatively soon.

We also knew that three days before the call came, my Loma Linda University School of Medicine (LLUSM) classmates had prayed for me. My classmates **FRANCES Z. GUTIERREZ '64** and **GEORGE D. CHEN '64** organized a prayer event at 8:00 p.m. (PST) on October 9. Joined by schoolmates from Pacific Union College and even Lynwood Academy, these and other friends prayed for either miraculous healing of my liver disease or early transplantation. We had no idea how quickly and miraculously those prayers would be answered.

I met the enemy on December 13, 2016, nearly two years prior. The enemy was Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC). Of unknown cause, this autoimmune disease of small bile ducts causes cirrhosis of the liver with associated complications, liver failure,

and death. It may, as in my case, go undetected for ten years or more. There is no effective treatment save liver transplantation. On this day, because of dark urine, I consulted my urologist and friend **JAMES L. WOOLLEY '80-A** at St. Helena Hospital. He took one look and announced "Hey, you have jaundice." Lab studies confirmed an elevated bilirubin of 10.5; normal is less than 2. Then things began to happen.

I was referred to California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, where I was carefully and thoroughly evaluated. My December 20 liver biopsy confirmed the diagnosis of PSC. Next I was evaluated for liver transplantation at the excellent Stanford University transplant program. Audrey and I knew there were too few livers for those who needed transplantation, and we were aware of the possibility of living donor liver transplantation. Our three children share my blood type, and each offered to donate a lobe of their liver. However, by the time the transplant committee met, I was judged too well to transplant. We attributed the improvement mainly to the prayers of friends and family, including an anointing led by a friend, Ron Bunch, and our son, **JOHN C. ANDERSON '00**.

Within a year, the disease reasserted itself. I developed ascites (abdominal fluid accumulation), weakness, and progressive muscle atrophy. This time the Stanford transplant committee concluded that, at 79 years old, I was too old for transplantation. We explored other transplantation programs, all of which declined to consider

**WE KNEW WITHOUT LIVER TRANSPLANTATION MY DEATH WAS CERTAIN AND WOULD BE RELATIVELY SOON.**

evaluating me. I was sure somehow there was an answer. I was not giving up. Fortunately, I was referred to Indiana University Medical Center, one of our country's leading transplant centers, and they agreed to see me. They had no age requirement and were well known to Paul Kwo, MD, my Stanford hepatologist. After extensive studies, placement of two cardiac stents, and repeated banding of esophageal varices (dangerously dilated veins at risk for fatal rupture), I was listed for transplantation on Aug. 24, 2018. A long wait was expected.

Then here we were, at Indiana University Medical Center at 1:30 a.m., Oct. 13, 2018. We were told that if the liver was satisfactory, it would be mine. Early that Sabbath morning I was wheeled into an operating room in the basement of the hospital. Before drifting from consciousness, I noticed a metal basin containing a large brown liver, soon to be mine. Surgery proceeded promptly, and I received what my surgeon later described as a "pristine" liver. Here is yet another miracle. This liver had been passed over by

## Awareness Months

In the United States, April is recognized as National Donate Life Month, a gift Dr. Anderson miraculously experienced firsthand. The Alumni Association frequently highlights other awareness months/days on our social media. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to catch these upcoming features.

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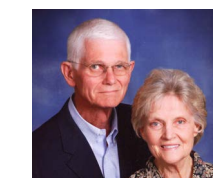


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one or more transplant programs and very easily might have been wasted. My surgeon believed the CT of this liver could have been "over read" and insisted on reviewing the CT himself. The liver biopsy at Indiana University Hospital was normal, and so I am the grateful recipient.

I have since recovered uneventfully. I returned home and resumed part-time medical practice. I celebrate every day of life as a gift from heaven. I believe prayer opened heaven's doors, giving me life rather than further decline, inevitable liver failure, and death within a year or so. This is a miracle for which the only appropriate response is profound gratitude. I have been blessed, and though undeserving, received what a friend called "the mother of all Christmas presents." Another friend compared my experience to one of Jesus' Sabbath healings.

I am specifically grateful for the normal miracles of chemistry and physiology which daily sustain each of us. I am further grateful for miracles of medicine such as organ transplantation which occur as we begin to understand the miraculous ways our God created the human body. And I am most grateful to a God who, for His own reasons, on occasion does intervene in our lives. For all these gifts I express gratitude, and especially for the miraculous gift of the divine Son who heals the malignant disease of human sinfulness. ■



*Dr. Anderson and his wife, Audrey SN '63, live in Angwin, California. His interests include writing and walking with Audrey.*



## Brian S. Bull '61

**BELOVED ALUMNUS BRIAN S. BULL '61, AN INVENTOR AND ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING EXPERTS ON HEMATOLOGY, WHO SERVED AS DEAN OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (LLUSM) FOR A DECADE, DIED FEB. 22, 2022, AT AGE 84.**

Dr. Bull was born in Watford, a suburb of London, England, on Sept. 14, 1937. He attended high school in Jamaica where his father served as a school administrator. He then attended both Pacific Union College and what is now Walla Walla University before coming to LLUSM.

Graduating in 1961 at the top of his medical class helped him land residencies at Yale University and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), where he collaborated on numerous groundbreaking research projects. He also completed fellowships at the NIH and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London. He returned to LLUSM as an assistant professor of pathology in 1968, became associate professor in 1971, and served as department chair for 40 years, beginning in 1973.

Dr. Bull was a prolific inventor, creating numerous methods and instruments to better understand blood platelets and their function, including clotting. His colleagues estimate he was granted 17 patents and authored 230 papers. At the NIH, he helped invent the Coulter Counter analysis, an electrochemical cell with a small hole in it to count blood platelets as they pass, similar to what had already been invented for blood cells. He also created "Bull's Algorithm" in the 1970s, an equation for blood lab technicians to quickly determine if equipment is working correctly, still widely used in most lab equipment today. He published the algorithm instead of thinking to patent it, which he later laughed about.

He is also credited for increased monitoring of how cardiopulmonary bypass patients metabolize heparin to reduce post-operative bleeding, enabling the medical community to significantly reduce mortalities in the early days of open-heart surgery. His lab served as the nation's reference laboratory for blood counting and measuring equipment for many years. He also served on an FDA committee that evaluated devices for blood coagulation.

As LLUSM dean (1994–2003) he sought to empower students and increase graduation rates. His approaches included



creating systems for more students to perform well on national exams and to better pinpoint key attributes of successful medical students, which colleagues then used to more effectively interview applicants. He was a thoughtful leader and caring professor—known to offer tutoring to any medical student, even meeting as early as 5:00 a.m.!

His numerous awards over the years include Walla Walla University Alumnus of the Year in 1984, Honored Alumnus (1987) and Alumnus of the Year (2009) by the Alumni Association, the Community Commendation and the Humanitarian Award from the School of Medicine in 1991, and the William L. Cover, MD, Outstanding Contribution to Medicine Award from the San Bernardino County Medical Society in 1994.

Dr. Bull was perpetually curious and known for being incredibly knowledgeable about nearly any subject. He enjoyed playing tennis, studying geology, discussing theology, and had a broad spectrum of interests. He particularly enjoyed visiting mineral and rock shows in Arizona, where he was known as a strong negotiator with sellers, using skills he had learned as a teenager in bustling Jamaican markets.

Dr. Bull remained active in his work through December 2021, including a series of journal articles highlighting new research on the pathology of COVID-19 infection.

He is survived by his wife, **MAUREEN H. BULL '57**, and daughters, Beverly and **BERYL H. HARRISON '94**. ■

## ALUMNI

# Remembered

**ROBERT EARL BOLTON '43** was born



Oct. 3, 1914, and passed away Jan. 13, 2022, at age 107. Dr. Bolton attended Walla Walla College and went on to graduate from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1943. Following medical school, he served in Italy during World War II. Upon returning to the U.S., he joined his brother in private practice in Wenatchee, Washington, where he practiced until 1985. An avid mountaineer, he completed the Washington section of the Pacific Crest Trail and climbed Washington's five big volcanoes. Dr. Bolton had a delightful sense of humor and enjoyed reciting Scripture and poetry. He was gifted musically and often played the piano for worship services and entertainment. He and his wife, Marjorie, adopted healthful living principles, including a mostly vegan diet and a regular exercise regimen. He jogged regularly until age 87, then walked for health until age 102. During 30 years of devotional reading, he paraphrased the entire Bible, published as "A Physician's Paraphrase." He was preceded in death by his three brothers, **GLENN C. BOLTON '40**, **RALPH W. BOLTON '53-A**, **WARREN FLOYD BOLTON '44-B**; his wife, Marjorie; and daughter, Elsie Quittmeyer. He is survived by his children, Erlene Lau (Ray), Alice Brown, Bob Bolton (Rhonda), and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**GEOFFREY A. GARDINER '49** died Sept. 19, 2021. He specialized in radiology.

**FRED B. MOOR '53-A** died Jan. 9, 2022. He specialized in orthopedic surgery.

**ALLEN R. BOTIMER '55** died Nov. 22, 2021. He specialized in general surgery.

**PAUL W. SUNDIN '55** died Jan. 31, 2021. He specialized in family practice.

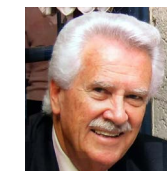
**BEVERLY G. GIEBEL '56** died Feb. 9, 2022.



Dr. Giebel was born in Illinois to Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) parents. Her heart for mission work was awakened early on from mission stories she heard in Sabbath School classes. Having decided to become a missionary doctor, she attended Emmanuel Missionary College and then the College of Medical Evangelists to pursue her goal. After her residency in anesthesiology, she and her husband, **HARALD U. GIEBEL '55-AFF**, embarked on a lifetime of service together. They served in Pakistan from 1958–1963 and from 1971–1981, Ethiopia from 1989–1995, Papua New Guinea from 1995–2004, and India from 2010–2012. Her husband passed away in November 2011, and Dr. Giebel completed their term in India. Dr. Giebel was recognized as an Alumni Association Honored Alumna in 1996 and received the Alumni In Mission Service Award in 2002. When not serving abroad, the Drs. Giebel settled in Ukiah, California. There Dr. Beverly Giebel was an active member of the Ukiah SDA Church, where she shared her musical talents and was a faithful volunteer.

Dr. Giebel is survived by her three children, Rita, **ARTHUR GIEBEL '91**, and **HERBERT N. GIEBEL '88**.

**G. CARLETON WALLACE '56** was born June 19, 1930, in Madison, Tennessee, and passed away in Murrieta, California, on Nov. 21, 2021, at age 91.



Dr. Wallace graduated from

Pacific Union College in 1952, then attended the College of Medical Evangelists. In August 1953, he married Patricia Helen Shryock, daughter of **E. HAROLD SHRYOCK '34**. After medical school, he interned at Santa Clara County Hospital and spent two years in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

Following his military service, he moved his family to Northern California to briefly serve as a locum tenens for **OLAVI J. ROUHE '34**. He subsequently continued his training in Southern California where he took an orthopedic surgery residency at White Memorial Medical Center. He went on to practice orthopedics in Corona, California, for 40 years.

Dr. Wallace founded Corona-Temecula Orthopaedic Associates, and recruited several Loma Linda University School of Medicine alumni to join him. He also had a heart for missions and took 81 trips to El Fuerte, Mexico, to perform surgeries in partnership with Liga International. He served as Alumni Association president from 1991–1992 and was named the 2008 Neufeld Society Orthopaedist of the Year.

Dr. Wallace will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He is predeceased by his wife, Patricia, and youngest daughter, Jill Hanson. He is survived by two daughters, Patricia and Pamela, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**SVEN C. MARKOFF '58** was born in Los Angeles and passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 26, 2021, in San Luis Obispo at age 91. He graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1958 and subsequently practiced general medicine and surgery in Visalia until 1974, when he moved his family to Tennessee in order to do an ophthalmology residency. After completing his residency there, they moved back



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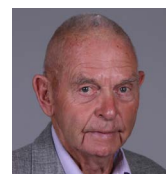
to Visalia where he practiced ophthalmology for many years. He was a lifelong active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and his retirement years were happily spent in San Luis Obispo. Outside of his family, his greatest enjoyment was traveling. He lived a full life as a wonderful husband, father, and physician. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jane; three children, **DAVID D. MARKOFF '86** (Tricia), Debra SD '87, and Arne (Holly); and by five grandchildren.

**HARVEY E. HEIDINGER '60** was born in



1934 and passed away Dec. 7, 2021, at his home in Silverton, Oregon. Following medical school, Dr. Heidinger spent two years in public health service in Alaska, seven years as a mission doctor in Ethiopia, and two years in Tanzania. In addition, he taught international health at the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University and was the director of student health services at the University of California, Riverside, before he retired in 2000. He considered his years in overseas mission service as some of the best and showed keen interest and support for those in need, particularly children and young adults, throughout his life. He is survived by his three children, six step-children, his "adopted" Ethiopian children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**ELDEN D. KEENEY '60** was born March 19,



1934, in Michigan and died Feb. 6, 2022, in Loma Linda, California. After graduating from Andrews University in 1956, he, his wife, Geraldine, and their newborn daughter moved to Loma Linda. Dr. Keeney graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1960 and subsequently began private practice in Grand Terrace, serving the community for 10 years.

From 1973–1977 he took an OB-GYN residency at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC) and was invited to join the OB-GYN group at LLUMC. He then took a

gynecology/oncology fellowship in Houston, Texas, at MD Anderson Cancer Center. He returned to LLUMC as an important part of the surgical team with **ALAN KING '58** and **ROBERT J. WAGNER '69**, retiring at age 78.

Dr. Keeney loved connecting with his residents, hosting a water skiing trip every summer at Lake Havasu. His church family, his medical family, and his neighbors were very important to him. He looked forward to every medical class reunion and attended whenever possible.

Dr. Keeney enjoyed sharing stories, exercising, photography, mission trips, tending to trees in his orchard, and sharing the fruit with all who would come and pick it. Many times he was found sticking his head out of the top of his trees, just enjoying the view. His kindness was returned many times over by his neighbors, his medical family, both his church families, and his very large extended family.

He is survived by his children, Cheri, Evan, Sandy, and Wendy; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many extended family members.

**C. IAN NELSON '60** died March 13, 2021, in Phoenix, Arizona, at 94 years old, surrounded by family. He completed a general surgery residency at White Memorial Hospital following graduation from medical school and subsequently moved to Ukiah, California, with his family in 1965. He practiced general surgery there for about 10 years and then practiced in St. Helens, Oregon, and Kirkland, Washington. He eventually finished his practice years in Stayton, Oregon, retiring when he was 70 years old. He lived with his second wife in retirement in the Phoenix, Arizona, area until her death at age 80. He remained there until his passing. His first wife, Cora Lee (Simkin) Nelson, predeceased him in 2016.

He is survived by his sons, **EDWARD I. NELSON '85**, **STEVEN L. NELSON '78-B**, Philip Arne Nelson, and Kenneth Lawrence Nelson; 10 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

**DOUGLAS P. DAVIES '62** was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1936, the oldest of

four children. He grew up in Stoneham, Massachusetts, where his father taught music. He graduated from Greater Boston Academy and Atlantic Union College before attending Loma Linda University. He married Nell Rittenhouse in 1956, and they had three sons. Dr. Davies interned at Washington Adventist Hospital and was drafted into the U.S. Army immediately after his internship. He was stationed at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington, for two years before going into practice with his father-in-law, **LEON K. RITTENHOUSE '38**, in Northborough, Massachusetts, in 1965.

In 1980, he joined the U.S. Army again—serving in Darmstadt, Germany, for three years and at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey for one year. He remained in the Army Reserve until he retired in 1999. The family moved to Maine in 1987, and he continued practicing general medicine in the Greater Portland area.

He died May 26, 2021, and is survived by his former wife, Nell; sons, Scott, Steven, and Michael; and grandchildren, Sarah, Shaun, and Joshua Davies.

**ALFRED A. FAYARD '62** passed away Dec.



11, 2021, at age 88. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he immigrated to the United States at age 14 with his family. They settled in Mountain View, California. Dr. Fayard was a proud graduate of three Adventist institutions—Mountain View Academy, Pacific Union College, and Loma Linda University, where he earned his medical degree in 1962. Following an anesthesia residency at Stanford Medical Center, he worked at San Mateo County General Hospital before spending 35 years at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, California, where he was loved and respected by his colleagues and co-workers. He was a private pilot and passionate about flying. Selling his Beechcraft Debonair (350 Charlie Tango) in the mid-2000s was a sad day for Dr. Fayard. He enjoyed traveling and reading novels, newspapers, and the nightly news. He was particularly fond of "Jeopardy!" and crossword puzzles after retiring from medicine in 2002. He was outra-

geously generous to those he loved—and he deeply loved his family.

He had a kind heart and was known for his quick wit and curmudgeonly Christmas letters. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Glenda; his eldest son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Sheri Fayard; and his youngest son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Wendy Fayard. He is also survived by his brother, Carlos Olinto, and several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

**ROBERT HAROLD WEAVER '62** died



peacefully at home on Dec. 7, 2021, at the age of 86.

Dr. Weaver enjoyed over 50 years serving the Gentry, Arkansas, community as a family physician and an active church member. He also loved his country and served two years active duty at Granite City Army Depot, Granite City, Illinois. Dr. Weaver played hard, loved generously, served well, and prayed without ceasing. He will be missed. He is survived by his wife, Molly; sons, Robert and Russell; daughters, Sheri and Sandra; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**EVERET W. WITZEL '62** died April 23,



2021. Following medical school, he interned at Hinsdale Hospital, followed by a year at the University of Chicago starting work on a PhD in neuroanatomy. Due to his wife's illness, the family moved back to Loma Linda where he continued his PhD work. In 1965, the family embarked on two years of service in Vellore, India. Back in Loma Linda, Dr. Witzel finished his PhD while teaching anatomy.

Later on, a family practice became available in Ukiah, California, which he quickly built to overflowing with patients. Then, Hinsdale Hospital asked Dr. Witzel to develop a family practice residency. They moved to Hinsdale in 1974, and within four years the residency was accredited. Florida Hospital then invited him to help get their residency accredited. This was accomplished in just two years. In the spring of 1980, the family attended the General

Conference and **SAMUEL L. DESHAY '59** asked if Dr. Witzel would move to Singapore to serve as health director of the Far Eastern Division—the family started packing as soon as school was out for the summer. In six years in Singapore, Dr. Witzel developed a hospital system with guidelines for the 21 hospitals and 39 clinics in the Division. He also started a monthly newsletter and set up hospital accreditation surveys to improve hospital administration, nursing care, and other departments.

When the family returned from Singapore, Dr. Witzel went into practice again. He retired in 2000 in Ridgecrest, California.

He is survived by wife, JoAn; four children; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**FRANK P. LIVOLSI '63** died Feb. 4, 2022.

He specialized in obstetrics and gynecology.

**JAMES C. HABENICHT '64** died April 30, 2021. He specialized in family practice and preventive medicine.

**CHARLES H. WILKENS '65** died Dec. 26, 2021. He specialized in general surgery.

**JERROLD A. VEST '70** died Jan. 9, 2022. He specialized in anesthesiology.

**JAMES J. MULDER '73-A** died June 30, 2021. He specialized in obstetrics and gynecology and psychiatry.

**JAN F. CHRISTENSEN '74** died July 14, 2020. He specialized in family practice.

**T. GALEN COMSTOCK '74** died Nov. 13, 2021. He specialized in family practice.

**STEPHEN CHENG '76-A** passed away Jan.



15, 2022, in Dekalb, Illinois. Dr. Cheng immigrated with his family from Hong Kong to Sydney, Australia, at age 6. Upon finishing high school, he completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney. Moving to San Francisco with his wife and two children in 1971, he

attended Pacific Union College for a year before joining the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. After his internship year at LAC+USC Medical Center, Dr. Cheng worked as an emergency and trauma physician in various hospitals for some 45 years. Well liked by both coworkers and patients, he was devoted to a profession that brought him great satisfaction. His last position was in North Dakota where he practiced at CHI St. Alexius Health Devils Lake Hospital for about 16 years.

He will be missed by his family, friends, patients, and coworkers.

**ROBERT A. MELASHENKO '78-A** was



born Sept. 9, 1951, in Minot, North Dakota, and died Jan. 12, 2022, in Kettering, Ohio.

Dr. Melashenko finished his anesthesia training at Loma Linda University (LLU) in 1982 and completed critical care fellowships at LLU and Massachusetts General Hospital. Boarded in anesthesiology and critical care, he worked at LLU and was a beloved teacher and colleague. In 1987 he became an oral board examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology, which he performed until 2016. In 1987, he left LLU for private practice in several locations. He made his final move to the Kettering Health Network in 2008 to revive their anesthesia residency program.

He was a systems medical director at four hospitals as well as facility medical director at Soin Medical Center Kettering Health. Dr. Melashenko was a skilled negotiator and tireless innovator. His colleagues loved his sense of humor, his unpretentious leadership, his daily banter, and his ability to laugh at himself. His quiet presence reassured nervous patients and inexperienced providers.

In 1972, he married his academy sweetheart, Connie Nies, who was the love of his life and partner in all things. They were to celebrate their 50th anniversary in August. In addition to Connie, Bob leaves behind his daughter, Dana, her husband, Travis, and stepson, Griffin; brother, Vince; sister, Gaylene; and a large Melashenko family.



**DENNIS L. RICH '79-A** was born on April 25, 1949, in St. Helena, California, and passed away Oct. 19, 2021, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. In the fourth grade (1959) he met his love of a lifetime, Shirlee Jean Dupper. They were married in 1970, the beginning of a 51 year partnership of love and dedication.

After attending Newbury Park Adventist Academy and La Sierra University, Dr. Rich completed his medical degree and radiology residency at Loma Linda University. He and Shirlee were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Stacey Renee, in 1975, and son, Dustin Lee, in 1980. After living a short while in Bellingham, Washington, Dr. Rich found a permanent home for his family and his career as a radiologist in Bozeman, Montana.

He is survived by his wife, Shirlee; daughter, Stacey (Chris); son, Dustin (Heather); and several grandchildren.

**PAUL K. WON '91** died June 1, 2021. He specialized in psychiatry.

**VICTOR J. AAEN '93** died Jan. 20, 2022. Dr. Aaen attended Pacific Union College and earned a Doctorate of Public Health as well as a medical degree from Loma Linda University. While in medical school he joined the U.S. Air Force, serving in Minot, North Dakota, and in South Korea. He separated from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Having spent time in the Indonesian mission field as a child, Dr. Aaen returned to international service in 1974, when he and his wife, LouAnne, moved to Borneo to serve as missionaries.

Upon returning to the United States in 1980, Dr. Aaen joined his brother as a partner in Aaen Construction, which they operated for nine years. While co-managing the construction

company, he found time to form Howell Mountain Mutual Water Company, serving as chairman. He also found time to travel to Mexico five times for InterHealth Consultants.

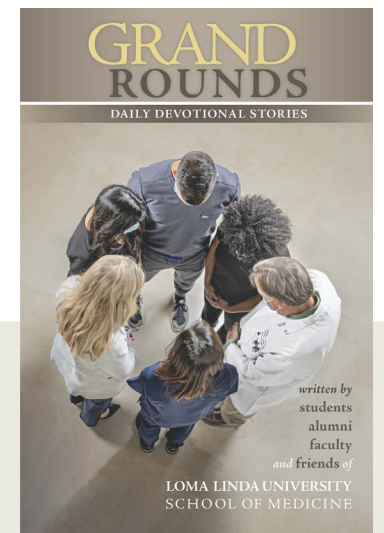
For over 20 years, Dr. Aaen worked as a physician at the California State Department of Veterans Affairs, both at the Yountville Veterans Home and in designing and implementing a new statewide information system. He also served in several roles for Napa County Health and Human Services.

Dr. Aaen was a true renaissance man. He was fluent in German and Malay and was studying Norwegian and Spanish. He was an accomplished artist and carpenter and traveled all over the world to identify birds for his extensive life list.

Dr. Aaen is survived by his wife, LouAnne; his children; and several grandchildren. ■

# GRAND ROUNDS

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 4:6-7, NKJV*



**M**y husband, Reggie, is an avid golfer. He plays, reads, watches and talks golf.

January 24, 2017, found Reggie at Torrey Pines, San Diego, watching a golf tournament. He had a successful and enjoyable day, but having walked excessively, he returned to his motel exhausted. The next morning, feeling no better, he proceeded home. He realized he was thirsty, and pulled off the freeway at an *ampm* store. With his drink in hand, he pulled up at the stop sign before entering the freeway on-ramp. The next thing he remembers is waking up in an ambulance heading for Palomar Hospital.

When our son, Brandon, and I arrived, we pieced the story together. Reggie had had a cardiac arrest at the stop sign. Some wonderful "good Samaritans" noticed him. Unable to open the car door, one broke the right back door window, climbed in, turned off the ignition, and unbuckled the seat belt. Reggie was pulled out of the car and laid on the ground, where a nurse did chest compressions. Miraculously, the fire station was across the street, so paramedics arrived soon after.

We tried to contact the two "good Samaritans" through the CHP, but were unsuccessful. We returned and had a moving experience thanking the paramedics, and found out that they don't usually have people return and thank them. At the *ampm* store we asked if they remembered the event. Yes, they did, and the person who broke the window was working over the freeway. We were surprised to find, not an ex-EMT, as we had been told, but a homeless, Black man who lived in his truck.

In December of 2017 Reggie again had a cardiac arrest while greeting at church.



*Pictured:  
Reggie Allen (right) and his angel*

In February 2018 Reggie had his third cardiac arrest at home. Statistically surviving three cardiac arrests outside a hospital setting is one in a thousand. The decision was made to have a LVAD, or left ventricular assist device, placed. Once the decision was made, we were at peace. Staff and friends shared prayers, comfort, and best wishes. Reggie voiced, "Whatever happens, it will be OK." On the morning of the surgery Brandon and I went to the hospital to accompany Reggie to the OR. His surgeon personally came and prayed with us; preoperative staff prayed. We were bathed in prayer and felt that "peace which surpasses all understanding."

The nine-hour operation went well, and his recovery was uneventful. Now six months later, if you ask Reggie how he is, he will say, "Better than wonderful." We are so grateful for the wonderful LLUMC staff, whose exceptional care has made this journey successful. Psalm 9:1, NIV, means so much more to us now. It says, "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." And so we do. Every. Single. Day.

*This devotional can be found on March 6 in the Grand Rounds book. It was written by Janette Whittaker-Allen, who was born in New Zealand. She received her nursing education at Sydney Adventist Hospital, and later completed a cardiothoracic course at the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney. After working with LLUH's overseas heart surgery team in Saigon, Vietnam, in 1974, she immigrated to the U.S., where she worked for more than 40 years in LLUMC's cardiac services, including serving as a heart transplant coordinator. She is now retired. March 6, 2018, was the date Reggie received his lifesaving LVAD implant at LLUMC. He carries a battery pack 24/7.*



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