The College of Physicians & Surgeons

Reunion 2014

Friday & Saturday, May 16th and 17th
Reach out...  
reconnect...  
invite conversation & exchange news...  
recharge.

Find old friends...  
sit and chat...  
find meaning in reminiscences...  

Return to P&S!

ALUMNI SYMPOSIUM  
CLASS REUNIONS  
AWARDS GALA  
REGRADUATION CERTIFICATION
Greetings

Message from the Associate Dean

The world of medicine is changing at lightning speed, and P&S, your medical alma mater, is right at the vanguard. Come catch the fire. Our door in the Alumni Office is, of course, always open to you. But once a year we roll out the red carpet. It is a great pleasure to invite you back for the 2014 Alumni Reunion Weekend to celebrate at the source, recharge your intellectual batteries, rekindle old friendships and start new ones, and learn about the latest advances.

Remember when you first listened to the human heart through a stethoscope and deciphered cellular structure through a microscope lens? Every day we’re unlocking mysteries at the molecular level and translating new advances from bench to bedside.

Advances in biotechnology have furnished researchers with an extensive ‘parts list’ of the cell, but we still need to understand how it all works, how these parts (genes, proteins, and other molecules) interact to set in motion specific biological processes. A whole new perspective of thinking at the ‘systems level’ is essential to understand how cells function normally, how that function is disrupted when disease sets in, and how to restore diseased cells to a healthy state.

Under the chairmanship of Andrea Califano, the Clyde ’56 and Helen Wu Professor of Chemical Systems Biology, the newly established Department of Systems Biology brings together the Judith P. Sulzberger ’49 Columbia Human Genome Center and the Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics under a single umbrella. This year too, Clyde and Helen Wu have continued their outstanding philanthropic support of P&S through a generous endowment supporting two new assistant professorships and through their endowment of a new Clyde and Helen Wu Global Center for Health Initiatives at P&S. The Center initially will focus on research and teaching collaborations with Chinese medical schools and hospitals. This new Wu Center will coordinate and continue the decades long research and teaching exchanges initiated by Clyde and Helen Wu and Clyde’s brother, Sir Gordon Wu and is wife, Lady Ivy Wu.

Here, to whet your appetite are a few other highlights of what’s happening at Washington Heights:

Lee Goldman, MD, Dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Medicine and Executive Vice President for Health and Biomedical Sciences, announced that the Bard Hall Gym has received a long-awaited makeover with two levels of exercise equipment overlooking the basketball court. Groundbreaking for the new Education Building took place in the fall. The site overlooks the Hudson
River and the majestic span of the George Washington Bridge. Beyond the leadership gifts of P. Roy Vagelos ’54, Clyde Wu ’56 and the late Judith P. Sulzberger ’49, other generous alumni have stepped up to bat to make it possible.

Under the leadership of Ronald E. Drusin ’66, Vice Dean in charge of education and curriculum, our curriculum has undergone monumental changes the success of which is evidenced by excellent results on national tests. The Columbia-Bassett Program under the joint leadership of Walter Franck ’64 and Henry Weil ’86 has received 691 applications for ten slots and has quickly become one of the country’s most coveted medical school programs.

Stephen W. Nicholas, MD, Dean for Admissions and Chairman of the Admissions Committee, received 7,864 applications this year. The students hail from 31 states and 4 countries. Besides leading the monumental task of student recruitment and retention, Dean Nicholas also directs an impressive global studies program for students wanting to gain first-hand experience abroad.

This year I am also thrilled to report to you that the P&S Student Orchestra has arisen again, phoenix like, under the leadership of Hanjay Wang ’15, conductor, composer and a gifted performer himself. Hanjay received 100 applicants for auditions. Sixty talented musicians were chosen to perform Beethoven’s 5th Symphony on Sunday, November 17th, to a full house in the P&S Alumni Auditorium. We all look forward to the next performance.

This year’s reunion program will include, as part of the Alumni Day Program, on Friday, May 16th, a Re-Graduation Ceremony of members of the 50th anniversary class, a ritual we introduced several years ago. On popular demand, we have reintroduced an Alumni Symposium at which alumni will deliver papers. There will be class parties at private clubs and other venues around town on Saturday, May 17th. The weekend will wrap up with the Gala Dinner Dance and Awards Ceremony, held at The Palace as detailed in this brochure.

So please come home to where your medical adventure began. I have enjoyed meeting and befriending many of you over the past three decades. Please introduce yourself if we haven’t yet met. I look forward to welcoming you all back home to P&S.

With warm personal regards,

Anke L. Nolting
Associate Dean and Executive Director for Alumni Relations and Development
ALUMNI DAY PROGRAM
Friday, May 16, 2014

10:00 AM
REGISTRATION
Bard Hall Lounge, 50 Haven Avenue, First Floor

11:00 AM
WELCOME
Neil Freeman ’85
President, P&S Alumni Association

John N. Schullinger ’55
Honorary Chair, Alumni Day Program

Virginia Kneeland Frantz ’22
Distinguished Women in Medicine Award
Recipient
Ethel Siris ’71

Presenter
John N. Schullinger ’55
Honorary Chair, Alumni Day Program

AWARDING OF RE-GRADUATION CERTIFICATES TO THE CLASS OF 1964
Presenter
Stephen Nicholas, MD
Associate Dean for Admissions

“Reaffirming the Hippocratic Oath”
Re-Graduation Ceremony for All Alumni

Concluding Remarks
Neil Freeman ’85
President, P&S Alumni Association

12:30 PM
ALUMNI DAY LUNCHEON
Bard Hall Dining Room, 50 Haven Avenue, Lower Level

Alumni Symposium
Bard Hall Lounge, 50 Haven Avenue, First Floor

2:30 PM
WELCOME
Lee Goldman, MD
Executive Vice President for Health and Biomedical Sciences, Dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Medicine

A Lyme Disease Journey: From Discovery to the Present
Allen C. Steere ’69
Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

Columbia Bassett Medical School Program at P&S
Walter Franck ’64
Chief Academic Officer
Physician-in-Chief Emeritus
Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown, NY

Prevention of Colorectal Cancer: From Screening to Vaccines
Robert Schoen ’84
Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology, University of Pittsburgh

Neurology in Zambia
William Theodore ’74
Chief of the Clinical Epilepsy Section, NINDS, NIH

Development of the Vaccine for Hepatitis B
P. Roy Vagelos ’54
Retired Chairman and CEO, Merck & Co., Inc.
Chair, Columbia University Medical Center Board of Advisors
Alumni Gala Reception & Dinner Dance

Friday, May 16, 2014

The Palace, 455 Madison Avenue
(at East 50th Street)
Parking: East 50th Street bet. Madison & Park

7:00 pm Cocktails
8:00 pm Dinner

WELCOME

Neil Freeman ’85
President, P&S Alumni Association

REMARKS

Jeanne W. Baer ’64
Chair, Fiftieth Anniversary Class

Krishn Khanna ’14
Member of the Graduating Class

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Presenter

Kenneth A. Forde ’59
Jose A. Ferrer Professor Emeritus of Clinical Surgery, CU College of Physicians & Surgeons
Trustee, Columbia University
Trustee, New York Presbyterian

Recipients

Larry Norton ’72
For Outstanding Achievements in Medical Research

Thomas R. Frieden ’86
For Outstanding Achievements in Clinical Medicine

Recipients, contd.

Martha G. Welch ’71
For Meritorious Service to the College of Physicians & Surgeons and its Alumni Association

Allen Costa ’14 & Nicholas White ’14
To Graduates in Recognition of Interest In and Devotion to the College of Physicians & Surgeons and its Alumni Association

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Lee Goldman, MD
Executive Vice President for Health and Biomedical Sciences, Dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Medicine
All class reunion dinners are being held on Saturday, May 17, 2014


COLUMBIA CLUB
15 West 43rd Street (at Fifth Avenue)
6:30 PM Cocktails
7:30 PM Dinner


UNION CLUB
101 East 69th Street (at Park Avenue)
7:00 PM Cocktails
8:00 PM Dinner

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
For your convenience, the P&AS Alumni Association recommends:

Hotel Belleclaire
250 West 77th Street (near Broadway)
212-362-7700

Hudson Hotel
356 West 58th Street (near Seventh Avenue)
212-554-6000 or 800-697-1791

When reserving, please mention "Columbia" to receive the best rate.

Other Suggested Hotels:

Hotel Beacon
2130 Broadway (at West 75th Street)
212-787-1100 or 800-572-4969

Hotel Newton
2528 Broadway (at West 96th Street)
800-643-5553

The Lucerne
201 West 79th Street (at Amsterdam Avenue)
212-875-1000 x80 or 800-492-8122
REGISTRATION
Register online at www.psalumni.cumc.columbia.edu indicating which activities you and your guest(s) plan to attend. Or, you may return the enclosed registration form in the envelope provided.

REFUNDS
We must receive written notification of your cancellation by May 8, 2014, in order to issue a refund. We are sorry but refunds cannot be made after this date.

QUESTIONS?
If you have questions or need additional information about Alumni Reunion Weekend 2014, please contact:

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On September 16th, Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) broke ground on its new Medical and Graduate Education Building, a crucial resource for the future of education at the College of Physicians and Surgeons (P&S). The 14-story, state-of-the-art glass tower will be located at 104 Haven Avenue, and is expected to open to students in spring 2016.

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