

Wolf and Doust Honored at Commencement

A noted cardiac researcher and a philanthropist and long-time friend to Upstate Medical University were presented with honorary degrees at Commencement on May 20.

Philip A. Wolf, MD '60, nationally recognized for his research studies on stroke and cardiovascular disease, is a professor of neurology and research professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, specializing in epidemiology and preventive medicine. He is also professor of public health at Boston University School of Public Health. For more than 35 years, Dr. Wolf has been affiliated with the Framingham Heart Study, serving as co-principal investigator from 1983 to 1989 and as principal investigator from 1989 to the present. He received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree.

A Vietnam War veteran and successful businessman, Richard W. Doust is a member of a distinguished family of eight "Doust doctors" affiliated with Upstate Medical University. He serves as chair of the Medical Alumni Association finance committee and has provided major financial support for various programs at the College of Medicine. In 2000, he established the Alfred W. Doust



Richard W. Doust receives his honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Upstate President David R. Smith, MD.

Endowed Program in Otolaryngology in honor of his father, a 1935 alumnus who served as professor and chair of Upstate's Department of Otolaryngology from 1946 to 1983. He received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

In addition to these special honors, President David R. Smith conferred medical degrees on 150 College of Medicine graduates.

FIFTH-ANNUAL JOSEPH C. FISCHER, MD '79, MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Calla M. Bassett, MD '80, Eleanor Fischer Quigley, scholarship recipient Byron Patton '08, and Kathy Fischer



Joe's son, John Fischer '09 (second from left) and his foursome.

THE PHYSICIAN'S OATH,

in the Tradition of Hippocrates and Elizabeth Blackwell

I solemnly commit my life to serving humanity.

I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude that is their due, and share my knowledge with those who follow me.

I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity.

The health of my patient will be my first consideration; may I never see in the patient anything but a fellow human in need.

I will treat all patients with compassion, no matter how much they differ from me.

I will respect the secrets patients confide in me.

I will remember that the physician's duty is both to prevent disease and to treat it.

I will work together with my colleagues as brothers and sisters in service of our patients.

I will maintain the honor and the noble traditions of the profession.

I make these promises solemnly, freely, and upon my honor. May I keep this oath and, in so doing, experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

Medical School Graduates Recite New Oath at Commencement

In addition to receiving their medical degrees, a highlight for 2007 College of Medicine graduates was reciting a newly revised Physician's Oath. The new oath, which borrows from the writings of Hippocrates and of Elizabeth Blackwell, MD 1849, replaces a version of the Hippocratic Oath that had been recited by medical students at SUNY Upstate commencement since the early 1990s.

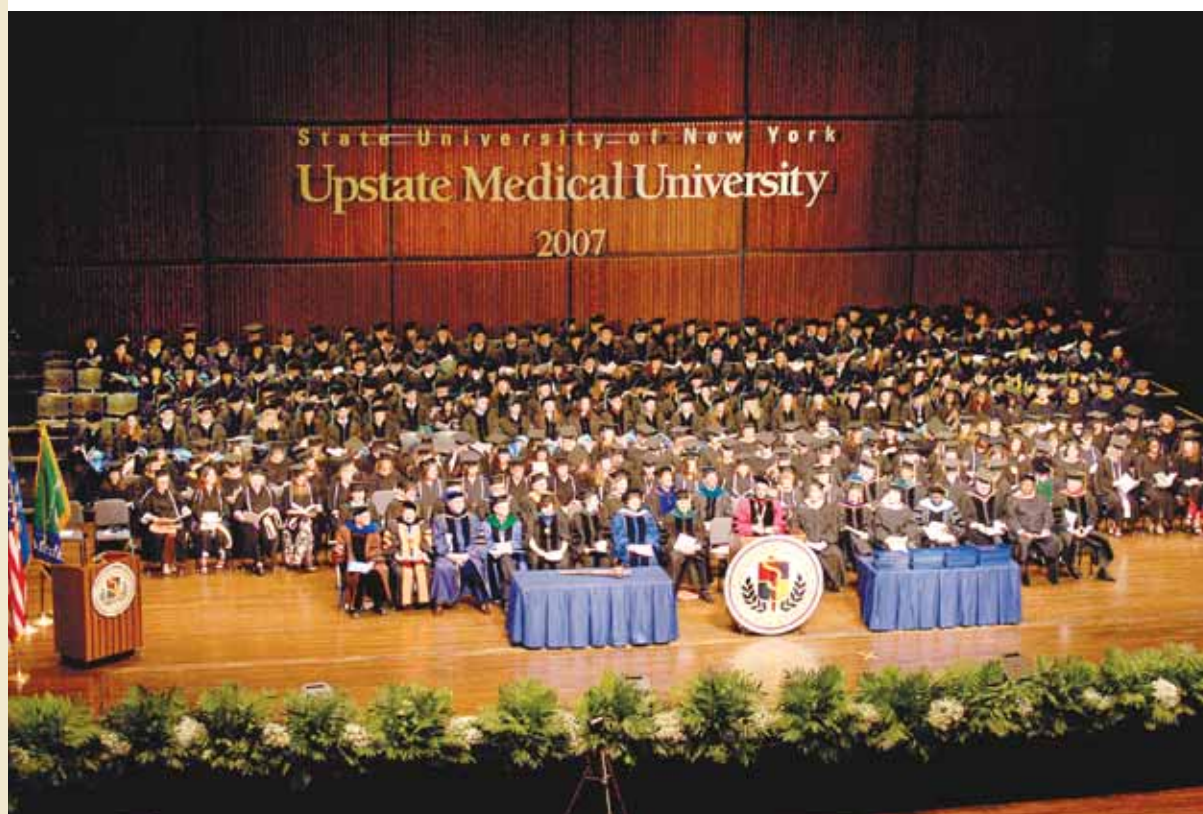
The decision to change the oath came about last year when an informal poll of students found that many were not certain what some of the phrases meant. "If the 120 or so students reciting this oath aren't sure of its meaning, then it was time to put it to rest," says Kathy Faber-Langendoen, MD, chair of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities and Medical Alumni Endowed Professor of Bioethics, and a member of the committee that crafted the new oath.

While there is no single oath that all physician's

take upon receiving their degree, most recite some version of the Hippocratic Oath, derived from the 4th-century BCE writings of Hippocrates. "The recitation of an oath upon graduation is a ceremonial recognition that this milestone represents more than simply the granting of an academic credential," says College of Medicine Dean Steven J. Scheinman, MD. "Medicine is a noble profession that carries both privilege and great responsibility, and the oath reinforces this."

A committee of faculty members and two medical students met to craft a new oath with greater clarity of message that would be more meaningful to today's students. But even as it sought to bring the oath into the 21st Century, the committee relied on the teachings of medicine's most prominent names from the past, including Blackwell.

"Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell has such strong meaning for this campus that it seemed important that her vision of the medical profession should be incorporated in this new oath," said Faber-Langendoen.

**Upstate Matches Gifts to Increase Student Support**

Upstate Medical University has launched a \$3.2 million matching gift campaign to strengthen the university's scholarship opportunities, patient care, and research initiatives.

Under the campaign, the university hopes to raise \$1.6 million from donors, while pledging to match contributions dollar for dollar, bringing the total amount of the campaign to \$3.2 million. "This campaign is a partnership with the community," says David R. Smith, MD, president of SUNY Upstate Medical University.

A major goal of the campaign is to increase the university's scholarship support for students. "Just as we invest in bricks and mortar, we must also invest in students," says Smith. "The immediate future shows that we face a significant shortage of trained healthcare professionals from physicians to nurses to technicians. It is imperative that institutions that are in a position to educate and train individuals in the health professions make every attempt to remove the financial barriers to success and improve access to education for all."

Currently, Upstate Medical University awards approximately \$1.08 million to students annually, below the average \$2.66 million in annual scholarship support offered by other public medical schools. Additional scholarship support will lessen the debt burden that many students face upon graduation.

Here's how the matching gift campaign works:

- Contributions must be made to existing endowments or earmarked to start new endowments. Endowments are funds created to earn a return of income, a percentage of which is used yearly for a specific purpose, such as scholarships, patient care and research.

- While any amount can be contributed to the campaign, the dollar match is initiated at certain levels, depending on the fund being supported. For example, matching-gift levels for College of Medicine Scholarships start at \$5,000 toward existing endowments or \$12,500 to create a new endowment. A minimum gift of \$1,000 toward the general fund will also be matched. The maximum gift eligible for matching funds is \$150,000.

For more information, contact Vincent Kuss, executive director of medical alumni relations and giving, at (315) 464-4361, or kussv@upstate.edu.

Upstate Researchers Collaborate on Federal VCFS Study

SUNY Upstate Medical University researchers Robert J. Shprintzen, PhD, and Wendy Kates, PhD, are participating in a four-year, \$2 million National Institutes of Health-funded study of how Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome (VCFS) manifests itself within the human body.

VCFS is a multiple congenital anomaly disorder characterized by life-threatening heart defects, learning and/or behavioral disabilities, craniofacial malformations, immune deficiencies, and hypocalcaemia. It has also been linked to psychiatric disorders. Findings from the study may lead to the development of new therapies to help manage the effects of the syndrome, researchers say.

Shprintzen, director of Upstate's Communication Disorder Unit, and Kates, associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, are collaborating with researchers from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Rockefeller University on the study, "Genetic Modifiers for 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome." The study is funded by the NIH's Heart Development and Structural Disease Branch, Division of Cardiovascular Diseases of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.



Robert J. Shprintzen, PhD



Wendy Kates, PhD

Medical Students Find Their Match

On March 15, 142 fourth-year College of Medicine students joined graduating medical students from across the country in learning where they will spend their first year residency in their chosen specialty.

- 43 percent of Upstate medical graduates will enter the primary care specialties comprised of internal medicine (18 percent), pediatrics (12 percent), family practice (8 percent), and obstetrics and gynecology (5 percent);
- 80 graduates will remain in New York State;
- 19 first-year residents will remain in Syracuse: 13 at University Hospital and six at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center. Five students will complete their first year of residency at Wilson Hospital in Binghamton, at SUNY Upstate's clinical campus.

In addition to matching its students to programs throughout the country, SUNY Upstate filled its own residency positions. "We are thrilled with the high quality of our incoming class and for filling 15 percent of our positions with our own graduates," says Sara Jo Grethlein, MD, associate dean for SUNY Upstate's graduate medical education.

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