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MOTIVATIONS | CONTINUED CONNECTION

## DR. RICHARD S. FRANKENSTEIN, CLASS OF '74

Einstein's new Alumni Association president says Einstein can lead in modeling justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion

BY JOE LEVINE

From the stage of Carnegie Hall, Richard S. Frankenstein, M.D. '74, welcomes members of the Class of 2022 to the Einstein Alumni Association.

**R**ichard S. Frankenstein, M.D. '74, has served as an intern, resident, and fellow at Montefiore; practiced pulmonology and internal medicine; and served as the chief medical officer at two California hospitals. He is also a past president of the California Medical Association, the chair of the Joint Commission's Standards and Survey Procedures Committee, and the governor for Southern California of the American College of Physicians.

### **Why did you want to be president of the Alumni Association?**

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "You must do what you think you cannot do," and Einstein helped me do that.

### **How so?**

I'm a product of New York City public education. I went to Brooklyn College in a class of 5,000, where you wrote your student number on your exam papers. And Einstein was so different. I had



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world-famous scientists in the laboratory. Harry Eagle, M.D., who invented a synthetic cell culture called Eagle's medium, taught me how to administer a smallpox vaccine.

### Have there been moments when you've since thought, "That's my Einstein training at work"?

At the University of California at Irvine, a student said, "Our friends don't do as much work as you make us do." I said, "I want you to be the best doctors you can be." And that came from Einstein's Juden Reed [M.D.] and Phil Rogal [M.D.], who'd say, at the end of the day, "OK, nice job, guys," and then take us to see patients who had findings we could learn from.

On day one at Einstein you were taught, "Your patient comes first. Before you figure out how to get breakfast, you take care of your patients." And by the end of your internship year, you were confident you could safely care for every patient you might see. I interned in Morrisania on the inpatient service. On my last night, an emergency room nurse—a real tough lady, six feet tall, who literally knocked heads together—said, "Hey, Frankenstein, I've been watching you; you're gonna make it." And then I knew I would.

### Why should alumni engage with Einstein right now?

At the American College of Physicians, we talk about justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion—JEDI, as we call it. This country has taken some steps backward, but we think that if healthcare can get it right, the nation will, too. Because healthcare is like the Transportation Security Administration line at the airport. Even the rich and mighty have to



Clockwise from top left: Michael J. Reichgott, M.D. '65, Ph.D., Einstein professor emeritus of medicine, and his wife, Lynn, enjoy the Alumni Association's dinner-dance at Wave Hill in the Bronx in May; Dionna W. Williams, Ph.D. '14, with her son after receiving the Rising Star-Scientific Investigator Award (page 67); members of Einstein's Class of 1992 celebrate their 30th anniversary; Dr. Richard S. Frankenstein addresses dinner-dance attendees; and Einstein student speaker Nicholas Forelli, Class of 2023, and his mother, Marie Forelli-Ausili.

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take off their shoes and walk through. Everyone, sooner or later, needs to see a doctor—and people listen to doctors, especially now.

And Einstein, in particular, can be influential. When I was a student, we were mostly white and Jewish, but it was decided that this should change. The Martin Luther King Jr.–Robert F. Kennedy Program for Special Studies [established in the wake of their assassinations in the late 1960s] was designed to help college students from groups that were underrepresented in medicine prepare for medical school. The program enrolled excellent students—future leaders at many institutions.

Meanwhile, Montefiore and its affiliates basically were the definition of healthcare during the height of the pandemic in the Bronx—the epicenter of the epicenter of COVID-19. During the first wave's peak, about 2,000 patients per week were being admitted to the health system, and the average resident saw more death than most doctors see in their careers. But our doctors did what doctors do: They cared for patients as best they could, with limited knowledge and at great risk.

So if we can tie people's respect for doctors to a respect for all Americans, we'll achieve the vision of America we thought we all believed in—the America to which my Lithuanian and Polish grandparents immigrated.

### **Governance in medicine has been important for you. Does that come from your commitment to diversity?**

As Michael Reichgott [M.D. '65, Ph.D.], an Einstein dean who took students to American Medical Association [AMA] meetings, used to say, “Watch out for

the politics, but learn how it's done.” Because even though people say, “Oh, the AMA is a very conservative organization,” it has evolved. In 2021 it documented its own history of discrimination and the need for change. And again, that's because of progress made by trailblazing places like Einstein.

### **What do you want to achieve as president?**

Here's my vision of a strong alumni connection. A friend of mine died in 2000, and his widow still occasionally goes to his prep school reunions. And she was his second wife, who married my friend decades after he went to prep school!

Now maybe we won't quite achieve that, but there's potential for vastly greater engagement. At Einstein, you knew everyone in your class within two weeks, and during the preclinical years, you helped one another in the lab. You leaned on one another the first time a patient died on your service.

But then we got atomized to the wards and further atomized when we spread out across the nation. If Einstein can reconnect people to those intimate friendships, we'll generate a much greater commitment among alumni. So, for example, EinsteinConnect.org [an online alumni directory and mentoring platform created during the pandemic] not only links students to alumni mentors but also links alumni to one another. It could be even more effective if we trained mentors or expanded our availability to graduates who are wondering about, for example, the climate for a practice

in Milwaukee, or whether a specialty is right for them.

### **You recently made a gift to Einstein to fund scholarships that blends scholarship support with planned giving. Why is that combination important?**

Over several years, I'll create a specific scholarship as part of the endowment, because that's money in the bank for Einstein and helps students right now. We really don't want great student applicants to go elsewhere over a “few” tuition dollars that, for them, can be significant money. Professor Albert Einstein said we need a college of medicine that's open to everyone, and this school *is* just that. We see that for ourselves each year at graduation. **E**



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# The Dean's Society

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The Dean's Society is a new annual leadership giving society, celebrating the alumni, parents, and friends who generously provide critical unrestricted support to Albert Einstein College of Medicine each year.

The generosity of this community of benefactors enables us to meet pressing needs in our classrooms and laboratories and elsewhere across campus so that we can invest in scholarship, innovation, research, and the academic and practical opportunities that benefit our students' and scientists' growth at Einstein.

## Annual Society Levels

<b>Benefactor</b>	→	\$50,000 +
<b>Founder</b>	→	\$25,000 – \$49,000
<b>Patron</b>	→	\$10,000 – \$24,999
<b>Sustainer</b>	→	\$5,000 – \$9,999
<b>Partner</b>	→	\$2,500 – \$4,999
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Members of the Dean's Society will receive a variety of benefits, including invitations to special events; recognition on campus, on the website, and in the annual report; and regular news and updates. The first 216 contributors making gifts to the Dean's Society at any level will be named "Inaugural Members" and will receive recognition in our annual report and an invitation to an exclusive update event with the Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Learn more about the Dean's Society at [einsteinmed.edu/deanssociety](http://einsteinmed.edu/deanssociety).





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A hand with a black wristband points towards a computer monitor displaying a blue interface. The background is a blurred recording studio.

# New Tools for Teaching

The Patel Recording Studio will help address the digital demands of 21st-century medical education

BY GINGER SKINNER

Since September 2021, equipped with just his cell phone and laptop, second-year medical student Justin Olivera has recorded a podcast every two weeks from his Einstein apartment. The episodes—interviews with physicians of color from diverse backgrounds—are intended to inspire the next generation of doctors from groups that are underrepresented in medicine.

Now, thanks to a gift from Amit Patel, M.D. '88, and his wife, Lisa, Mr. Olivera will soon be able to record his podcasts in a professional studio equipped with two soundproof booths and an advanced mixing and editing station. The Patel Recording Studio, located on the fourth floor of the Van Etten Building, is expected to open later this fall.

## INDEPENDENT LEARNING

The recording studio is the brainchild of Joshua Nosanchuk, M.D., Einstein's senior associate dean for medical education, who was looking for a way to

enhance how educational materials were being delivered to students. "Einstein requires medical students to engage in independent learning in advance of small-group active learning, such as anatomy laboratories and physical-exam practice," he explains. "High-quality online learning requires on-demand content that engages our learners."

The new studio will also help the office of medical education produce videos and other effective online learning resources for students, says Dr. Nosanchuk, who is a professor of medicine and of microbiology & immunology at Einstein as well as an infectious-disease clinician at Montefiore. Also, he notes, students will be able to use the studio to practice their presentations, speeches, and thesis and dissertation defenses and to develop e-portfolio materials.

He says that in addition to being employed for curricular activities, the Patel Recording Studio will be used to interview faculty members about their research discoveries, advances in patient

Second-year medical student Justin Olivera works with Einstein information technology support analyst Ralph Rodriguez at the Patel Recording Studio in the Van Etten Building.

Photos by Jason Torres



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Amit Patel



**"The podcasts, videos of lectures, and other programming recorded in this studio not only will help today's students but also will be available to benefit students in the years to come."**

— DR. AMIT PATEL

care, and developments in community programs.

### ADDRESSING STUDENT WELL-BEING

Dr. Patel says that he hopes the innovative space will encourage creativity and nurture a sense of community on campus. A vascular surgeon at Morristown Medical Center in northern New Jersey, he says he enjoyed his time as an Einstein student and Montefiore resident and wants current students to have good experiences as well.

"Today's medical students are under many stresses—more so in the era of COVID-19, when so much learning is remote and there's more social isolation," he says. "During the first months of the pandemic, my nephew and his fiancée graduated from Einstein and my son was finishing his master's degree in business administration. We were all at home discussing Einstein and the needs of its students—and I

felt motivated to help."

Those family conversations gave way to discussions with Einstein's leadership, which led to the creation of the on-campus recording studio. Its design and construction began in 2021. Besides its purpose as a tool for medical education, the studio will be available to Einstein students, faculty, staff, and alumni to produce superior-quality podcasts, interviews, narrations, voice-overs, speeches, alumni programming, and videos for training and professional development.

A special hope, says Dr. Patel, is that more alumni will see the studio and be inspired to fund similar projects designed to better support Einstein students and enrich campus life.

### AN ENGINEER AT HEART

The studio fits well with Dr. Patel's long-time interest in engineering. "My father's an engineer, and I was always tinkering with things, fixing things," he says. He enrolled as an engineering major at



Going over a script in the Patel Recording Studio's soundproof booth are medical student Justin Olivera and Einstein information technology support analyst Kevin O'Brien.





Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., but eventually switched to biology. “In a way, medicine was always in the back of my head,” Dr. Patel says.

Dr. Patel’s more than 25 years as a vascular surgeon—diagnosing, managing, and treating diseases of the arteries and veins—has allowed him to take advantage of his aptitude for engineering. “Surgeons are engineers to a degree,” says Dr. Patel. “Vascular surgery in particular involves a fair amount of engineering, from the fluid dynamics to even the equipment. Where engineers might focus on reestablishing water flow, vascular surgeons reestablish blood flow.”

Those combined skills and interests have enabled Dr. Patel to give this valuable gift to the Einstein community. “I especially like the fact that the podcasts, videos of lectures, and other programming recorded in this studio not only will help today’s students but also will be available to benefit students in years to come,” he says.

Meanwhile, Mr. Olivera’s podcast, Med MentoRx, is steadily gaining listeners, and he’s looking forward to recording his second season in the studio. “I’m really excited because the advanced recording technology will allow for high-quality audio and video projects here at Einstein,” he says. “I can’t wait to see how the studio will improve the sound.” **E**



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## Inside the Patel Recording Studio

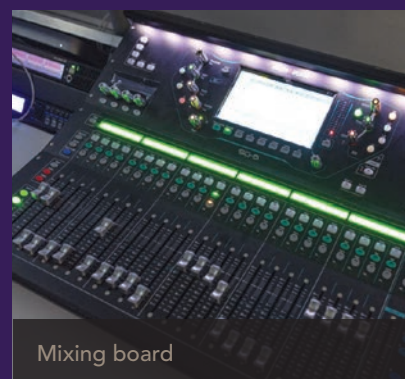
Podcasters and videographers at Einstein—from amateurs to pros—will be able to take their work to the next level at Einstein’s new Patel Recording Studio, which will initially offer audio recording capabilities and later add video options. The studio is currently equipped with two soundproofed recording booths—one that accommodates a single person and another that fits two. People will be able to make audio recordings in three ways:

- By bringing in their own laptops to make any audio presentation—narrating a slideshow, for example—sound more professional;
- By reading their scripts using a tablet provided by Einstein’s information technology (IT) department to eliminate distracting sounds, such as rustling paper or computer fans;
- By taking advantage of the audio and video expertise of the IT department and medical education innovations team.

“The third option allows for a lot more sophistication,” says Shailesh Shenoy, assistant dean for information technology at Einstein. “We can use a control board to capture the recording, filter what’s coming through, and adjust the tone in real time. A lot of processing can be done after you’ve recorded, but the better the recording quality you begin with, the better the end product will be.”



Digital audio workstation



Mixing board



Microphone



Soundproof booth

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# CLASS NOTES

## 1950s

**Lou Aledort, M.D. '59**, retired in May 2022 after 56 years at Mount Sinai and the Icahn School of Medicine. For the past nine years, he and his partner, Natasha, have traveled a great deal, recently spending time in Turks and Caicos, and they plan to go to Amsterdam in the spring to see the tulips in bloom.

Health grant to study the effect of carotid endarterectomy on cognitive performance after surgery. He currently is looking into volunteer positions.

**David Wisotsky, M.D. '74**, is the chief executive officer and medical director of Tenafly Pediatrics, a private pediatric practice with 10 locations in northern New Jersey. He is looking forward to seeing all his classmates at their 50th reunion in the near future.

to meeting two more: a brother for the twins in October and a sister for Samuel in November. Dr. Levy is still working full time at CareMount Medical in Mount Kisco, and he spends his free time at Candlewood Lake.

**George Y. Wu, M.D., Ph.D. '76**, received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach the Egyptian medical community about challenging problems in liver disease. He is spending four months at the National Research Centre in Cairo. Dr. Wu is a professor emeritus at the University of Connecticut Health Center, former chief of gastroenterology-hepatology and director of the hepatology section there,

## 1970s

**Miriam Levitt, M.D. '71**, is the medical director of the school district in Bronxville, N.Y. She has an active pediatric practice and serves on the voluntary staff and faculty at Einstein and Montefiore. Approved for COVID-19 vaccine administration, she has given 1,097 doses since the vaccine's release. She is co-chair of the Class Ambassadors Committee of the Einstein Alumni Association board of governors. Dr. Levitt and her husband, Harvey, live in Scarsdale, N.Y., where she has served as the fire commissioner, police commissioner, and mayor. She and her husband have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

**Eric Heyer, Ph.D. '74, M.D. '75**, is an emeritus professor of anesthesiology and neurology at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He entered with the Einstein class of 1972 and retired in 2016. Shortly after retiring, he was awarded a National Institutes of

**Ross Levy, M.D. '76**, will be adding to his collection of grandchildren this fall. Currently he has three: Samuel and twins Mae and Margot. He is looking forward

## ALUMNA SHARES JOURNEY FROM EINSTEIN TO OXFORD



**Ruth Muschel, M.D., Ph.D. '78**, was the featured speaker at Einstein's annual alumni reunion in May. She is a professor emerita of molecular pathology in the department of oncology at the University of Oxford in England and previously served as the deputy director of the Oxford Institute for Radiation Oncology. Dr. Muschel's research has focused on cancer metastasis and tumor response to therapy, including radiation therapy.

Her talk in Robbins Auditorium, in which she shared her journey from Einstein to Oxford, was presented by the Alumni Association in partnership with Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center.

During commencement on May 25, Dr. Muschel was given the 2022 Distinguished Ph.D. Alumna Award (see page 67).



and the former Herman Lopata Chair in Hepatitis Research.

**Sten H. Vermund, M.D. '77**, has been named vice president/president-elect of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering. He has served as the dean of the Yale School of Public Health since 2017. Dr. Vermund also is a member of the Einstein board of governors.

## 1980s

**Steven Merahn, M.D. '82**, wrote and published *Care Evolution: Essays on Health as a Social Imperative*, a collection of essays based on his diverse career across the healthcare system that presents an “aspirational vision for the health of our nation.” A review called it “an intensive, mindful critique of modern healthcare that confronts its flaws and proposes solutions.”

**Debrah Aronson-Simkovic, M.D. '83**, and Neal Simkovic report that they were thrilled to celebrate the marriage of their daughter Sherry to Marty Feuerstein-Mendik on June 26, 2022.

**Stuart Marcus, M.D. '83, Ph.D.**, is dedicated to the treatment of cancer. He is the founder and chief medical officer of SonALAsense, a California-based company founded in 2019 that provides a drug-device combination treatment for recurrent glioblastoma multiforme and other deadly cancers.

**Marc Berger, M.D. '87**, is a co-chair of Commission 52, which is leading the procurement of sponsors for two bills to award Congressional Gold Medals to the 52 Americans who were held hostage for

444 days by the Islamic Republic of Iran from 1979 to 1981. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest award that Congress can bestow.

**David P. Eisenman, M.D. '89**, has been selected to serve as a member of the National Academy of Sciences' engineering and medicine standing committee for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Center for Preparedness and Response. The committee will discuss the scientific, technical, and social issues related to public health emergencies. Dr. Eisenman is an internist, a health services researcher, and a professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine and the Fielding School of Public Health at the University of California—Los Angeles. He also is the director of the Center for Public Health and Disasters at the Fielding School and the deputy director of the Center for Healthy Climate Solutions.

**Lane Palmer, M.D. '89**, is a professor of urology and pediatrics at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and the chief of pediatric urology at Cohen Children's Medical Center at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. He recently finished his term as president of the Societies for Pediatric Urology and is currently serving as president of the New York section of the American Urological Association. Dr. Palmer's wife, **Lisa Menasse-Palmer, M.D. '89**, is happily retired after many years as a pediatrician and clinical geneticist. They have three children: Samantha, a veterinarian who will be married this fall; Robert, a consultant at Deloitte; and Elisabeth, a junior at the University of Michigan.

## STAY IN TOUCH

Keep your classmates up to date by submitting your news to *Einstein* magazine. We look forward to including you. Email us at [einsteinalumni@einsteinmed.edu](mailto:einsteinalumni@einsteinmed.edu).

## 1990s

**Reynaldo Alonso, M.D. '91**, was named the chief of internal medicine at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center in August 2021.

**Hugh Bases, M.D. '94**, is a clinical associate professor of pediatrics at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and the program director of the developmental-behavioral fellowship. He reports being happy to have had a mini-reunion this year with classmates **Caroline Gessert, M.D. '94**, and **Jeff Hurwitz, M.D. '94**!

**Sherry C. Huang, M.D. '94**, has been appointed the inaugural vice chancellor for graduate medical education and the enterprise-wide designated institutional official at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences in Newark, N.J. In this role, she will be involved in integrating the Rutgers and RWJBarnabas Health graduate medical education programs. She will help design a statewide training environment for more than 1,600 residents and fellows.

**Kim Landzberg, M.D. '95**, and **Brian Landzberg, M.D. '95**, report that they had a great time at their 27th Einstein

reunion. They got to mix and mingle with alumni from surrounding classes and had fun meeting new alumni as well. They hope to see more classmates at the next reunion!

**Camille A. Clare, M.D. '97, M.P.H.,** has been appointed the new chair of the department of obstetrics and gynecology and a professor at the State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University College of Medicine and the School of Public Health.

**Vicki L. Goodman, M.D. '98,** has been appointed executive vice president, product development and medical affairs, and chief medical officer at Exelixis, a genomics-based drug-discovery company. She will lead Exelixis's clinical development and medical affairs efforts and play a leadership role in building an Exelixis team that will expand the company's development activities on the East Coast.

**Jennifer Meyer, M.D. '98,** specializes in preventive medicine, women's health, and eating disorders at the Medical Clinic of Houston. She is also a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine and assistant professor of clinical medicine at the Houston Methodist Institute for Academic Medicine.

**Stefanie J. Schluender, M.D. '99,** is a colorectal surgeon at Colorectal Surgical Specialists in Tucson, Ariz. She was named a top doctor by *Tucson Lifestyle* magazine, according to the Castle Connolly Regional Top Doctors listing, and cited in its Exceptional Women in Medicine list.

## 2000s

**Kenneth A. Goldstein, M.D. '00,** has been appointed regional medical director of ambulatory surgical services for Northwell Health's northern region. He served as chief of vascular surgery at Phelps Hospital and Northern Westchester Hospital in Westchester County, N.Y., for the past six years. Dr. Goldstein is married and has two children.

**Neeta Ogden, M.D. '00,** is a nationally recognized allergy, asthma, and immunology specialist. He is a member of the medical-scientific council of the Allergy and Asthma Foundation of America, a fellow and spokesperson for the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, and a member of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

**Neelufar A. Mozaffarian, M.D., Ph.D. '01,** has been appointed chief medical officer at GentiBio, a biotechnology company. She has more than 25 years of pharma and biotech experience and has worked with multiple small- and large-molecule immunology/autoimmunity programs that cover all phases of drug development.

**Steven E. Helft, M.D. '02,** is a gastroenterologist at CareMount Medical in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He is looking forward to a hiking trip in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.

**Daniel Cousin, M.D. '05,** co-founded Doctors for Providers, a company that connects providers with collaborating physicians. It acts in a matchmaking capacity, allowing more people to receive

healthcare while there is a shortage of physicians. He reports that he finds it rewarding and fulfilling, like academics and teaching.

**Shelly-Ann Sharpe, M.D. '05,** was selected this year for the clinical quality fellowship program of the Greater New York Hospital Association.

**Josh Levitsky, M.D. '08, M.S.,** has been named president-elect of the American Society of Transplantation, which has more than 4,000 members. The society is the largest transplant organization in North America and is a recognized authority on research, advocacy, education, and organ donation. Dr. Levitsky, a professor of medicine in the division of gastroenterology and hepatology at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, is also a professor of surgery in the divisions of organ transplantation and of medical education. His research involves liver transplant immunosuppression, transplant organ tolerance, and biomarkers. He is the principal investigator or a co-investigator for several National Institutes of Health, pharmaceutical, and investigator-initiated trials.

## 2010s

**Benjamin J. Levy, M.D. '14,** joined the department of orthopaedic surgery at Einstein and Montefiore in May 2022. Before that, he had been an orthopaedic surgeon at UBMD Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine in Cheektowaga, N.Y., and was a clinical assistant professor in the department of orthopaedics at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo. Dr. Levy received the Arciero-



## ALUMNI HONORED AT COMMENCEMENT

The Einstein Alumni Association honored several alumni with awards during Einstein's 64th commencement on May 25 in Carnegie Hall. They are:



### DOMINICK P. PURPURA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD:

**Anne E. Goldfeld, M.D. '81**, professor of medicine and of pediatrics, Harvard Medical School; senior investigator in the program of cellular and molecular medicine, Boston Children's Hospital; professor of immunology and infectious diseases, Harvard T. C. Chan School of Public Health; infectious-disease physician, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.



### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA/CLINICAL PRACTITIONER AWARD:

**Nereida C. Correa, M.D. '85, M.P.H.**, associate professor of obstetrics & gynecology and women's health and of family and social medicine, senior adviser to the Hispanic Center of Excellence, and co-director of the Summer Undergraduate Mentorship Program, Einstein; attending physician, North Central Bronx Hospital of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.



### DISTINGUISHED PH.D. ALUMNA AWARD:

**Ruth J. Muschel, M.D., Ph.D. '78**, professor emerita of molecular pathology in the department of oncology, University of Oxford, the United Kingdom (page 64).



### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

**Jerry A. Winkelstein, M.D. '65**, professor emeritus of pediatrics, of medicine, and of pathology, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; professor emeritus of immunology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



### LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD:

**Janina R. Galler, M.D. '72**, professor of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; senior researcher, division of pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition, Massachusetts General Hospital for Children.



### EINSTEIN HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD:

**E. John Gallagher, M.D.**, founding chair of emergency medicine and professor emeritus of emergency medicine, of medicine, and of epidemiology & population health, Einstein.



### RISEING STAR—CLINICAL PRACTITIONER AWARD:

**Adam J. Friedman, M.D. '06**, professor and chair of dermatology, founding residency program director, director of translational research, and director of the Supportive Oncodermatology Program, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.



### RISEING STAR—SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATOR AWARD:

**Dionna W. Williams, Ph.D. '14**, assistant professor of molecular and comparative pathobiology, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; assistant professor of molecular microbiology & immunology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; co-director of the Central Nervous System Dysfunction Scientific Working Group, Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research.

Warner Research Award from the New England Shoulder and Elbow Society and was named an emerging leader by the American Orthopaedic Association.

**Sabriya Stukes, Ph.D. '14**, is the new chief scientific officer at IndieBio in Manhattan, where she is creating a community of scientists and engineers dedicated to designing innovative and inclusive solutions for unmet clinical needs. Previously she was the associate director of the City College of New York/City University of New York master's degree program in translational medicine to train scientists and engineers in medical technology innovation and commercialization.

**Evan Tamura, M.D. '16**, and her husband, Chris, are expecting a baby in mid-October. Dr. Tamura is still working at a federally qualified health center in Columbus, Ohio, practicing full-spectrum family medicine. More than 75% of her patients are monolingual Spanish immigrants, and she reports that she is grateful to be able to keep working with the patient population that drew her to primary care in the first place. She also serves on the board of directors of the Refugee Health Alliance in Tijuana, Mexico.

## 2020s

**Jenny Lu, M.D. '22**, married Cameron Rotblat on Feb. 20, 2022, at the Camden County Boathouse in Pennsauken, N.J. About a month later, she matched to a neurology residency at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City. **E**

## IN MEMORIAM

**Martin W. Adler, Ph.D. '61**, age 92, Einstein's first Ph.D. graduate in pharmacology, an internationally recognized pioneer in opiate pharmacology and substance abuse research, and emeritus professor of pharmacology at Temple University School of Medicine, July 5, 2022, Warminster, Pa.

**Herman Buschke, M.D.**, age 89, professor in the Saul R. Korey Department of Neurology and in the Dominick P. Purpura Department of Neuroscience at Einstein, whose seminal contributions to the National Institutes of Health-funded Bronx Aging and Einstein Aging studies established a blueprint for the scientific study of degenerative dementias that has since been adopted worldwide, June 29, 2022, New York, N.Y.

**German A. Camejo, Ph.D. '68**, age 85, globally recognized lipoproteins investigator who started a new era in atherosclerosis research, Nov. 29, 2021, Gothenburg, Sweden.

**Raymond Damadian, M.D. '60**, age 86, builder of the first magnetic resonance imaging scanner, which revolutionized doctors' ability to diagnose cancer and other illnesses, who received the National Medal of Technology in 1988 and was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 1989, Aug. 3, 2022, Woodbury, N.Y.

**Sidney L. Goldfischer, M.D.**, age 95, distinguished university professor emeritus, chair emeritus of pathology, and associate dean for scientific operations at Einstein, who authored hundreds of scientific papers and made seminal discoveries in cell biology, April 29, 2022, New York, N.Y.

**Peter Satir, Ph.D.**, age 85, distinguished university professor emeritus and former chair of anatomy and structural biology, distinguished university professor emeritus of developmental and molecular biology, a pioneer in cilia biology, and a member of the Einstein faculty since 1977, July 17, 2022, Greenwich, Conn.

**Liang Zhu, Ph.D.**, age 64, former interim chair and professor of developmental and molecular biology, of medicine, and of ophthalmology and visual sciences at Einstein, who made seminal contributions highly relevant to cancer and to our understanding of how the cell cycle is regulated, June 7, 2022.

To honor his memory, Einstein has established the Liang Zhu Memorial Fund to support basic scientific and medical research and training in developmental and molecular biology. Learn more at: [einsteinmed.edu/giving/liang-zhu-memorial](http://einsteinmed.edu/giving/liang-zhu-memorial).



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## The Alumni Association Gets Its Start

Sixty years ago, in 1962, a group of New York City–area graduates took the first steps toward creating the Einstein Alumni Association. Pictured here are alumni and staff attending an early organizational meeting. From left: Stanley Ames, M.D. '60 (deceased); Caroline Benima; Seymour Rothman, M.D. '62; Irwin Singer, M.D. '62; Lucille Madonia, dean's representative; Martin I. Rosenthal, M.D. '59 (deceased); Robert Grenitz, M.D. '61; Margit L. Weiss, alumni secretary; Michael Zales, M.D. '64 (deceased); Neil Barton, M.D. '62 (deceased); and Edmund Zahn, M.D. '60. Today more than 10,000 Einstein M.D., M.D./Ph.D., and Ph.D. graduates, who become members of the Alumni Association upon receiving their diplomas, serve as physicians, medical educators, and biomedical scientists. The Einstein Alumni Association provides scholarships to current Einstein students, and it sponsors milestone events such as the annual white coat ceremony.

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