Faculty inspire a new generation of health professionals
**ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR**

**August 22**
Groundbreaking, Huntington Avenue
MCPSH – Boston

**August 31**
Alumni at the Red Sox
Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles
Pre-game dinner
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Trolleys depart: 6 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Game time: 7:05 p.m.

**September 14 & 15**
NHSPA 7th Annual Primary Care Conference
North Conway Grand Hotel
North Conway, N.H.
Alumni & Student dinner

**September 18**
CE & Alumni Networking Program
Classes of 2003 & 2006
2 Law CEUs
Fuller Conference Hall
MCPSH – Worcester
5:30 p.m.

**September 19**
Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Presidents Conference Room
MCPSH – Boston
5:30 p.m.

**September 25**
CE & Alumni Networking Program
Class of 2006
2 Law CEUs
Brant House, 700 Huntington Ave.
MCPSH – Boston
5:30 p.m.

**October 10 & 11**
Fall Interview Days, MCPSH – Boston
Class of 2008

**October 11 & 12**
New England Pharmacists Convention
Mohegan Sun Hotel & Casino,
Uncasville, Conn.

**October 12-14**
Maine Pharmacy Association Fall Conference
Samoset Resort, Rockport, Maine

**October 17**
College Corporation Meeting
White Hall, MCPSH – Boston
5:30 p.m.

**November 2**
Graduation Celebration MCPSH – Manchester
Class of 2008

**November 11-15**
AAPS Annual Meeting & Expo
San Diego, Calif.

**November 28**
Alumni Association
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5:30 p.m.

**December 2-6**
ASHP Midyear Meeting
Las Vegas, Nev.
Alumni & Student Reception, TBA

**December 15**
Leadership Gala
MCPSH – Boston

**February 13-17**
American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting
San Diego, Calif.
Alumni & Student Reception, TBA

**August 22**
Play Ball!
The Alumni Association is considering hosting an event, Alumni at Spring Training.

If you’re in Florida during the Red Sox spring training season, please e-mail alumnievents@mcphs.edu.

We’ll put you on the mailing list.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE REED**

On Thursday, March 13, 2008 at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., graduates will be honored with the Board of Directors’ Award and the Alumni Achievement Award.

The Board of Directors’ Award is given to an alumnum/a who exemplifies the highest degree of dedication and service to the College in both word and deed. The Alumni Achievement Award is presented to a graduate who has made significant contributions to his/her profession and to society and thereby has achieved a level of distinction that has brought honor to the College and himself/herself.

Alumni of the College are asked to submit their nominations. Please identify the candidate and the award and describe why this candidate should be chosen. E-mail alumnievents@mcphs.edu, or mail to Office of Alumni Relations, 179 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2007.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND an afternoon with Edward Hopper or exploring a butterfly oasis?**

The Office of Alumni Relations is offering discounted tickets to the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the Museum of Science for $15 each. Tickets to the MFA are valid until November 2007, and tickets to the MOS are valid until January 2009. If interested, please call 617.732.2902 or e-mail alumnievents@mcphs.edu. Hurry, they won’t last long!

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Yankee Dental Conference
Boston Convention Center

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Alumni & Student Reception, TBA

**May 12**
MCPSH Golf Tournament
TBA

**May 16**
Commencement 2008
Boston Campus

**May 18**
Commencement 2008
Worcester Campus

**May 29**
Recipes for Success
Scholarship Fundraiser
MCPSH – Boston

**June 6-8**
Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend 2008

For more information about MCPSH Alumni programs, contact the Alumni Office at 617.732.2902, or visit our website at www.mcphs.edu. Please note: Calendar subject to periodic updates.
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**Cover:** Joy Evans Leotsakos in front of the South End Community Health Center. Photo by Suzanne Camarata Photography.
Dear Alumni and Friends of the College,

In the last issue of The Bulletin, the focus was on our newest group of students, those in our postbacalaureate and post-PharmD programs. With this issue, we turn our attention to the faculty, who hold the keys to our students’ future successes. Many of us remember our former teachers with appreciation and fondness. In fact, one of the most popular attendees at this year’s alumni banquet was Professor Emeritus Ray VanderWyk PhD ’37 PhD ’39 MS ’42, who celebrated his 70th reunion.

Three members of the faculty are featured in this issue—one from each of our bustling campuses. I hope you enjoy reading about their professional interests and learning about their involvement in the communities that we serve.

With this issue, we mourn the passing of another member of the College’s old guard, President Emeritus Sumner M. Robinson BSP ’54 MS ’56 PhD ’61. Like many in the MCPHS family, I will miss his wise counsel.

There were faculty and students galore at our spring commencements in Boston and Worcester. When you include the physician-assistant students who graduated from the Manchester campus last December, the total number of graduates from all programs during the 2006–2007 academic year was 623 students—another record for the College.

There are special moments at every Commencement, and this year was no exception. At the trustees’ luncheon following the Boston ceremony, Chairman David L. Maher and I were pleased to recognize Liz Jordan, executive assistant to the President, who retired after 27 years at the College.

In this issue, we have several other administrative changes to report. Provost Janice P. Bel- lack has been appointed President of the MGH Institute of Health Professions, where she will also hold the title of John Hilton Knowles Professor. Dr. Bellack has served the College well during the last seven years, and I wish her all the best in her new position. I am very pleased that Dr. Michelle Kalis has agreed to serve as acting vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost (see below). I am confident that Dr. Kalis will provide great leadership as the College moves forward with new academic initiatives in the coming year.

As always, I look forward to seeing many of you at future College events. In the meantime, let us know about your personal and professional milestones such as marriages, births and promotions. Just drop a note or send an e-mail to The Bulletin—we’d love to hear from you. Have a great summer.

Charles F. Monahan Jr.
President

Michelle M. Kalis, PhD, was named acting provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, and professor of pharmacology. She received her undergraduate degree in pharmacy from the University of Georgia and a PhD from Emory University. She has held positions at Ciba-Geigy, American Cyanamid and Long Island University, before joining MCPHS as associate dean of pharmacy in 2000.
Any thoughts on this issue of The Bulletin? Write or e-mail us. We want to know what you think.

Please direct your correspondence to: Letters to the Editor, The Bulletin, MCPHS, 179 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115-5896; or e-mail: bulletin@mcphs.edu

Letters may be edited for style, clarity and length, and we give preference to those that address the content of the magazine.

Priceless
My wife, Garnet, and I [celebrated] our 50th anniversary on November 4, 2006. Attached is a lovely note I received from classmate-roommate Robert B. Sullivan who writes about the enduring association three of us have enjoyed—Bob, Gene Bruyette, and myself—since our 1951 graduation from MCPHS.

—Edward J. Berinstein BSP ’51
Los Angeles, Calif.

Friendship
In the late 40s, three young men of different faiths—Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish—met in college, and developed a friendship that endured throughout their lives. In their junior and senior years, they shared an apartment together.

Fellow students suggested that they must have had many discussions concerning their separate faiths, but such was not the case. They did observe religious traditions such as never having meat on the menu on Fridays (such was the case then) and never eating on certain occasions until after sundown.

They were among the leaders in their senior class, becoming the class president, vice president, and chairman of senior affairs. When the election became official, a “collect” telegram was sent to the faculty advisor—“The unholy three have taken over.”

Shortly after graduation, each found and married their lifetime partner, with each attending the other’s wedding, and both acting as ushers at the Jewish wedding.

All have been successful in their chosen careers, and all have had personal tragedies to endure. Sixty-odd years later, they remain good long-distance friends from California to South Carolina to Connecticut, sharing the ups and downs for the golden years. Is there a value to such friendships? Of course, but who can put it into words? Whatever the value, it is priceless.

—Robert B. Sullivan BSP ’51

And the Winner is…
Thank you for the wonderful lithograph of MCPHS and its campus circa 1920. It was fun solving the mystery of the six locales in the spring edition of The Bulletin and I was happy to learn that I had won.

Peg Johnson graciously delivered the picture to Norma and me and treated us to a fine luncheon last week. We enjoyed discussing the past and future of the College. Peg does a wonderful job representing the College and assisting President Monahan.

I have always thought of the city of Boston as the campus of MCPHS and considered all the opportunities available there as supplements to our pharmacy education: music, fine arts, history, performing arts, literature and sports.

Someone once said: “You should look into the past before looking into the future.” I am able to look into the past every day now that the lithograph is hanging over my desk, knowing that the great education I had at MCP will continue into the future.

—Lou Principe BSP ’51, MS ’53
Springfield, Mass.

Editor’s Note: The following is from an alumnus who is gearing up for his 25th reunion in 2008:

Who Knows Where the Time Goes…

…Life is flying by and I can’t believe that it has been 24 years since I graduated and a long time since we chatted. Life is good and the family is well. My oldest son is finishing his sophomore year at Lehigh University, where he is in the honor business engineering program. (He takes after his mother!) My youngest son is a high school sophomore and trying to figure out where he wants to go to school. Pharmacy doesn’t seem to be his thing. My consulting business is 8 years old (www.clinicaliq.com and www.criticalpoint.info) and focuses on helping pharmacists and technicians in the field of aseptic compounding. I was elected to the USP Council of Experts, Sterile Compounding Committee in 2005 for a five-year term. I’ve been traveling and lecturing internationally in Australia, New Zealand, Holland, the Czech Republic and Ireland on the topic of aseptics. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with MCPHS pharmacy students on a variety of topics…

—Eric S. Kastango BSP ’83
Florham Park, N.J.

Woops!
Our apologies to Dorothy Kay Bourdeau DH ’30, for incorrectly spelling her name in The Bulletin. And a big thank you to Catherine (Megerdichian) Murphy DH ’54 for catching it.
Mary Sullivan, PharmD, director of MassMedLine, was featured in the October 22 edition of “Worcester Academically Speaking” on WTAG-AM 580. She discussed the mission of MassMedLine, the services it provides, and the beginning of enrollment for the Medicare prescription-drug benefit.

A profile of Esther M. Wilkins DH ’39, DMD, who was honored by the Boston City Council on her 90th birthday, appeared in the Lowell Sun on December 12, 2006. Dr. Wilkins is a native of the Lowell area. She grew up in Tyngsborough, Mass.

On December 24, the Boston Globe included a feature about nursing student Richard Downey BSN ’08 (Boston campus) and his volunteer work at Boston Health Care for the Homeless’ Barbara McInnis House in Jamaica Plain. Mr. Downey runs a popular weekly barbershop/hair salon for McInnis House residents.

A profile of MCPHS alumnus Stephen Tocco BSP ’69, who was named chairman of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees in September, appeared in Boston Business Journal on December 8. Mr. Tocco also has served as chairman of the state Board of Higher Education since 1999, and is a former state secretary of economic affairs.

News of the two major gifts from Delta Dental and Procter & Gamble to the Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene was picked up by Boston.com, Forbes.com, the Boston Business Journal, the American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) website, and Yahoo! Finance (among other outlets) on February 9.

On February 12, Linda Spooner, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, appeared on the “Jordan Levy Show” on Worcester’s WTAG AM-580 to discuss cervical cancer vaccinations. A week earlier, Texas became the first state to require schoolgirls receive the vaccination.

The March 28 naming ceremony for the Joseph F. Frances P. Brant Academic Student Center in Manchester was covered by the Manchester Daily Express, New Hampshire Union Leader, WGIR AM-610 (Manchester), Duxbury Clipper, Palm Beach Post and the Stuart (Fla.) News.

An article about prescription errors in the Sunday Boston Herald on April 22 featured an interview with vice president of Institutional Advancement Dennis G. Lyons BSP ’75, as well as pictures of students working in the Boston campus’ advance practice lab. A Herald review found that prescription-related complaints in Massachusetts had dropped by almost 50 percent in the last year.

MCPHS Helps Lawrence Health Center Launch Telepharmacy
Thanks to the collaborative efforts of several MCPHS faculty and alumni, the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center (GLFHC) celebrated the opening of the first retail pharmacy in Massachusetts to use cutting-edge technology that increases access to prescription drugs via remote medication dispensers. GLFHC pharmacists Diane S. (Cormier) Gatchell BSP ’91 and David J. Barry BSP ’89 worked with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy and MCPHS faculty member Timothy R. Hudd BSP ’00, PharmD ’07, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, to design and evaluate protocols for the system. Patients are required to receive prescription counseling from the GLFHC pharmacist via a two-way audio and video system in a private counseling area. Also on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony on March 23 were George E. Humphrey, PhD, associate vice president for External Affairs; Douglas J. Pisano BSP ’81, PhD, dean, School of Pharmacy–Boston and associate provost for Pharmacy Education; and Joseph W. Ferullo BSP ’96, PharmD ’07, assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

MCPHS President Charles F. Monahan Jr. and the Board of Trustees took out ads in the Boston Globe, Worcester Telegram & Gazette, and New Hampshire Union-Leader congratulating the School of Nursing on the full initial accreditation of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), which was announced by Provost Janis P. Bellack, PhD, on April 21.
New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy Honors Four MCPHS Alumni

The New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy recognized four MCPHS alumni at its annual holiday reception at the Manchester Country Club in December. The event is held each year to recognize those pharmacists who have been licensed for 50 years. More than 60 guests were in attendance, including President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62 and several members of the MCPHS Board of Trustees, faculty and administration. The ceremony included the presentation of a framed, gold certificate of licensure that is engraved with the recipient’s name, as well as a signed citation from the governor. MCPHS alumni Leo A. Belleville BSP ’56, John R. Bilodeau BSP ’56 and Donald M. Messina BSP ’55 received the award.

The event also featured the presentation of the 2006 Bowl of Hygeia. Representatives from Wyeth Pharmaceuticals were on hand for the presentation to Richard J. Rochefort BSP ’70. As a special recognition to President Monahan, the board presented him with an active New Hampshire pharmacist certificate and license. New Hampshire Governor John Lynch, who was unable to attend, sent his good wishes and gratitude to President Monahan for the establishment of the Manchester campus and for the College’s commitment to health care education in New Hampshire.

State Representative Speaks To Boston Nursing Students

In February, Massachusetts State Representative Mary Grant, D-Beverly, spoke to 30 nursing students and faculty as part of the Office of Government and Regulatory Affairs’ ongoing Pizza & Politics series. Ms. Grant, who has a BS in nursing from Boston College and has worked in various community mental-health centers for more than 14 years, is a leading expert on health care issues on Beacon Hill since being elected in 2004. During the hour-long discussion, Ms. Grant answered questions from students and faculty about prescription drug costs, nurse staffing regulations and the state’s effort to provide health insurance for all citizens. She also encouraged the students to educate themselves and be active on policy issues affecting the nursing profession. Students or alumni interested in health care issues are encouraged to contact Kathy Keough, executive director of Government Affairs and Continuing Education, at katherine.keough@mcphs.edu.

Boston Campus Hosts 11th Annual Ordman Lecture

The School of Pharmacy–Boston, Department of Continuing Education and Tufts-New England Medical Center hosted the 11th Annual Michael J. Ordman Memorial Lecture.
Students and Alumnus Build Dreams for Habitat for Humanity

Under the guidance of their advisor, Paul Kiritsy BSP ’82, MS ’85, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, 22 members of the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity traveled to a Hillsborough County, Florida construction site during spring break to hammer and drill, and to erect fencing and siding. The group constructed two large fences, shingled a roof, sided an entire house, and garnered lifelong memories. The students were unaware that they were working alongside alumnus Edward L. Patnaude BSP ’55 and his wife, Sophie, who have been part of the Hillsborough County Habitat for Humanity for years. Thrilled and surprised when introductions were made, Mr. Patnaude said he had no idea so many students from his alma mater had become involved with Habitat. He said he was proud to see them “giving back” during their spring break.

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Lecture on March 29 at the Boston campus. The guest presenter was Robert A. Blouin BSP ’75, PharmD, dean and distinguished professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Pharmacy. Faculty, administrators, students, adjunct preceptors and guests, including members of the Ordman family, attended this important event held in memory of the late Michael Ordman BSP ’63, an alumnus and adjunct faculty member of the College.

Dean Blouin gave a presentation, “Educational Renaissance: The Odyssey of a Dean,” in which he shared his experience utilizing innovative online teaching methodologies at UNC to facilitate the learning process. He also included a demonstration of an online pharmacokinetic teaching module used at the pharmacy school. Dean Blouin received his BSP from MCPHS and completed his PharmD and residency training at the University of Kentucky. Prior to his 2003 appointment as dean at Chapel Hill, he was a faculty member and administrator at the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy.

MCPHS–Manchester Student Speaks at World AIDS Day Event

Along with representatives from the Greater Manchester AIDS Project, CityYear, the N.H. State HIV Prevention Bureau, and keynote speaker Theresa de Langis, PhD, executive director, N.H. Commission on the Status of Women, first-year pharmacy student Melissa Drye PharmD ’12 spoke at a World AIDS Day event in December on the steps of Manchester City Hall. More than 75 people gathered under umbrellas, undeterred by heavy rain and a strong wind. Among those present were MCPHS–Manchester first-year pharmacy students involved in service-learning who have been volunteering at the Greater Manchester AIDS Project. Ms. Drye and classmates Brandon Archibald, Justin Knowles, and Lee Davis played an integral role in organizing the event in coordination with students from other institutions, members of supporting organizations, and business sponsors.
Ms. Drye shared the words and the story of Jim, a man with AIDS who, slated to speak, died before the event. Ms. Drye described his service to others who were living with AIDS during his 15-year struggle with the disease, and spoke of the stigma placed upon those infected with AIDS.

MCPHS At The 111th Boston Marathon
College volunteers worked on the front lines and behind the scenes of the 111th Boston Marathon on April 16. For the second year in a row, Jessica D’Abrosca, of College Relations, organized a team of students and staff to join thousands of other volunteers for the annual Patriots Day tradition.

Approximately 25 student volunteers cataloged runners’ belongings at the starting line in Hopkinton and transported them back to Boston where runners were able to retrieve them at the Copley Square finish line. Meanwhile, 30 physician assistant students aided runners at several medical tents and medical vans.

MCPHS Director of Development Lonny Townley also happens to be the Boston Athletic Association course clocks liaison for the Greater Framingham Running Club, and as such organized 65 club volunteers to be out on the course throughout the marathon, making sure the official time clocks were properly maintained and working. Congratulations to Team MCPHS for braving the cold and rain to help make this year’s marathon another great success.

College Makes Donation to Fallen Officer’s Family
In a ceremony at Manchester City Hall last November, President Charles F. Monahan Jr BSP ’62 presented a check for $5,000 to benefit the family of Officer Michael Briggs, who was killed in the line of duty on October 16, 2006. Manchester Mayor Frank Giunta and Sgt. Maureen Tessier accepted the gift to the Officer Briggs Family Fund on behalf of the family. MCPHS has also established a special scholarship for Officer Briggs’ children, covering the full cost of tuition toward the completion of any academic degree available at the College’s Manchester campus.

“Michael Briggs served the people of Manchester with honor and courage, and we join the city and the region in mourning his loss,” said President Monahan in announcing the scholarship.

Manchester Holds PA White Coat Ceremony
The 46 members of the Manchester physician assistant studies class of 2008 received their white coats at the Manchester Country Club on February 20. The president of the class of 2007, Richard LaFlame, provided an inspirational message to the incoming students: “A year ago, when we were given our coats and stood together as a class, we felt the strength that comes when gathered talent finds common purpose.” MCPHS–Manchester’s fifth entering PA class recognized President Charles F. Monahan Jr. for facilitating the transfer of the PA program from Notre Dame College to MCPHS, which lead to the creation of the Manchester campus.

Worcester Team Wins Grant for Community Outreach Work
Irena Bond, MA, MALIS, assistant professor of library and learning resources and Worcester librarian, and Carolyn Friel, PhD, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, were recently awarded a grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine to fund a program called Kids to College through the Library. A health information outreach program for which professors Bond and Friel teamed up with the sixth-grade students from Burncoat Preparatory School in Worcester, the Kids to College program encourages inner city students to include college in their aspirations.

Students participate in six educational sessions developed around lead poisoning (a serious health issue in their community) through a community collaboration that includes the Worcester Public Library, the Worcester Art Museum Library and the MCPHS Blais Family Library. The goals of the project are to introduce sixth graders to the role of libraries in higher education, educate students about lead poisoning and to improve their ability to find, use and apply quality health information.

Monina Lahoz Awarded 2007 Institute for Healthcare Advancement Award
Monina R. Lahoz, PhD, associate professor of pharmacy administration and assistant dean of Curriculum and Assessment, was awarded the 2007 Institute for Healthcare Advancement/Health Literacy

Charles F. Monahan Jr. Day
President Monahan, a Worcester native and practicing pharmacist and businessman for 35 years, recently celebrated 10 years of leading the College. In recognition of his accomplishments, the mayors of Boston, Worcester and Manchester, N.H.—where the College campuses are located—all signed proclamations and resolutions declaring February 1 to be “Charles F. Monahan Day.” To further mark the occasion, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and the State Senate and House of Representatives issued congratulatory messages.
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Travels with President Monahan
President Monahan Receives Isaiah Thomas Award
Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62 was this year’s recipient of the Isaiah Thomas award from the editor of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette during an afternoon ceremony at Mechanics Hall on February 15. Lt. Governor and former Worcester mayor Timothy Murray formally congratulated President Monahan and delivered the keynote address. Following the award ceremony, the Col-

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Manchester Campus Walk for American Heart Association
On May 6, 10 members of the MCPHS–Manchester community walked in the Central New Hampshire Heart Walk, raising $830 for the American Heart Association. The team included pharmacy students Heather Bird PharmD ’08, Melissa Drye PharmD ’12, Gary Gach PharmD ’09, and Rich Luftin PharmD ’09, faculty Carroll-Ann Goldsmith, Paul Belliveau (and son), and Alok Sharma, and staff Wayne Hoitt and Josh Aiello. The five-mile scenic walk wound its way through Manchester, ending at the headquarters of the New Hampshire Union Leader. Organizers of the event hoped to raise more than $300,000, and spread information about the dangers of heart disease and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.
Join fellow alumni and friends of MCPHS for the journey of a lifetime. See the ancient and modern marvels of China’s 5,000-year-old culture in the fall, and share ideas on contemporary health practice. Continuing education credit is available.

**MCPHS China Tour and Conference – Highlights**

- **Hangzhou** – West Lake – Conference on Traditional Medicine and Western Health Care
- **Shanghai** – Bund – Jade Buddha Temple – Yu Garden – Nanjing Road – Jin Mao Tower
- **Xi’an** – Silk Road – Big Wild Goose Pagoda – Shaanxi Museum – Terracotta Army
- **Beijing** – Forbidden City – Temple of Heaven – Gate of Heavenly Peace – Tiananmen Square – Great Wall of China

To receive a priority mailing on the MCPHS China Tour and Conference, please send your name and contact information to [China08@mcphs.edu](mailto:China08@mcphs.edu) or call 617.732.2206.
MCPhS alumni outreach to their communities

MCPhS alumni pharmacists across the state are embracing a new opportunity to interact with members of their communities through MassMedLine, the toll-free medication help line based on the MCPhS–Worcester campus. Recently, MassMedLine extended its outreach efforts to engage local pharmacists in projects that offer enhanced clinical interventions to consumers through medication-safety presentations and brown bag medication-review sessions.

At a day-long health fair attended by more than 100 individuals, John Duval, BSP ’69, owner of Duval’s Pharmacy in Brockton, hosted an education table and partnered with MassMedLine to conduct its brown bag medication-review sessions. Alumni Steve Bernardi BSP ’77 (Johnson’s Drug, Waltham), Rocky Tenaglia BSP ’81 (Nantasket Pharmacy, Hull), Saad Dinno BSP ’93 (Acton Pharmacy, Acton) and George Ahlin BSP ’69, president of the Everett Foundation, plan to participate in other MassMedLine events scheduled for this summer.

Members of MCPhS faculty in both Boston and Worcester are also working with MassMedLine clinical pharmacists to include MCPHS students in outreach events where they can practice their counseling and clinical skills. Faculty participants have included Joseph Ferullo BSP ’96, PharmD ’07; Timothy Hudd, BSP ’00, PharmD ’07; Kathy Zaiken, PharmD; Steve Crosby BSP ’01, PharmD; Linda Spooner, PharmD; Fae Gwen Ganiron PharmD ’05; Donny John, PharmD and Catherine Taglieri BSP ’82.

Since 2001, MassMedLine has logged more than 78,000 phone conversations with patients seeking help regarding medication coverage, use and side effects. Recommendations for the many programs available have saved Massachusetts residents an estimated $40,000,000—a sure-fire sign that the program is reaching its goals. By including community pharmacists and members of the MCPHS community in its efforts, MassMedLine will continue to thrive and grow.

If you would like to partner with MassMedLine on a worthwhile and informative community event, contact Mary Sullivan, PharmD, MassMedLine director, at 508.373.5626 or through the toll-free number, 1.866.633.1617.

NEW! To Launch This Fall

MassMedLink to Health Toll-Free Information Line
Thanks to an $85,000 grant from the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, the MassMedLink toll-free line will focus on disease-state information related to diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular disease. The prerecorded telephone messaging system will be available in both English and Spanish, 24 hours a day, and will allow patients to leave messages with questions for the MassMedLine pharmacists.

Go Ahead and Ask the Pharmacist Website
Patients will be able to ask questions via e-mail surrounding their medications or access to their medications. Responses will be provided via e-mail or through whatever contact information the patient offers.

Watch for these additions on the newly revised website, www.MassMedLine.com, which will launch this summer.
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Alumnus John H. Duval BSP ’69, owner of Duval’s Pharmacy in Whitman, Mass., recently teamed up with MassMedLine at the third annual Senior Wellness and Safety Fair at the Standish Sportsman’s Club in East Bridgewater. Mr. Duval invited Jill Griffin of MassMedLine to lend her expertise at the education table hosted by his pharmacy, focusing on prescription medications and home health care needs for seniors. Mr. Duval, Craig Duval and Stephanie Waylor represented the pharmacy and were greeted by many of their long-time customers. Sponsored by the East Bridgewater Council on Aging in partnership with MassMedLine, this year’s community event drew more than 100 senior citizens, including families and caregivers, to obtain health information, watch demonstrations, take part in raffles and enjoy a buffet lunch.
“If I could make one recommendation to alumni, it would be to advocate for your profession,” said Joy Evans Leotsakos, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice on the Boston campus. “Nobody else is going to speak up for you. If you want to see a change, you’ve got to take the initiative and make it happen.”

Dr. Leotsakos spent many weekends as a child in a science lab on a college campus. “My father was a PhD biochemist and a professor,” she said. “My mom is a museum director, and she introduced me to the arts and classical piano, which I have always enjoyed. When it came time for college, however, there was no question that I was going into the sciences. Pharmacy seemed a natural choice and Virginia Commonwealth University, where my dad worked, offered a doctoral program.”

After Dr. Leotsakos completed her community pharmacy residency at University of Florida in Gainesville, she knew she wanted to work directly with patients. “I met Jack Reynolds ’80 PharmD BSP, then dean of the MCPHS School of Pharmacy, at several professional conferences,” she said. “In 2000, our shared interest in community pharmacy led to an interview for a position in Boston that was being created as part of a new venture for the College.”

Walgreens had agreed to co-fund a pharmacy faculty member to help create and run a patient-care center as a separate office in its Waltham store. The concept was that the pharmacist would monitor a patient’s illness or disease state through frequent, regular checkups at the center and work with the patient’s physician to make necessary medication adjustments. The services to be provided included blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol testing, bone-density screenings and smoking-cessation programs.

“This was a novel idea in Massachusetts, where pharmacists are not legally recognized as health care providers,” said Dr. Leotsakos. “In the south, where I was trained, pharmacists are much more
directly involved with patient care. In this day and age, physicians literally do not have time to review a patient’s complete medical history at each visit. The pharmacist’s role in medication management could and should be significant.”

After working for two years in the Walgreens Patient Care Center, Dr. Leotsakos was presented with an opportunity she couldn’t resist—the chance to open a new site, and ultimately to effect change in the way pharmacy services are delivered. The South End Community Health Center in Boston wanted to move its medication samples out of the office and next door to Walgreens, into a new ambulatory care pharmacy, for which she’d be responsible. “This was right up my alley,” she said. “I immediately saw the need to establish a follow-up and review process for anyone receiving the sample medications, but when I presented my idea to the health center’s administration, I met with a lot of resistance. In Massachusetts, a pharmacist cannot have access to a patient’s medical records without being connected with a doctor’s office, so unless I had a physician or nurse practitioner’s authorization, I had no way to see the patients’ files in order to assess their needs.”

Dr. Leotsakos was not deterred and initially established a relationship with the nurse practitioner in the center. She asked if she could review the records of patients, a day in advance of their office visits, and suggest appropriate modifications. Her proposals were well received, and eventually she was pulled into meetings relating to the adult medicine department, providing with clinical space in the health center, and established set clinic hours. She also began to include her MCPHS students on rotation in the review process.

“We started to identify numerous issues specifically related to diabetes therapy management, and our concerns were validated when the center received a negative report from Mass Health on how they were caring for their diabetic patients. Until then, I would review a patient's records, make a recommendation, and the physician or NP would write a prescription if a change was necessary. I really believed the outcome for our patients could be much improved if we established a protocol for taking care of diabetics that would enable the pharmacist following the patient to make necessary medication changes.” Citing Joslin Clinic and the ADA’s evidence-based guidelines, Dr. Leotsakos created a two-page document titled “Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM) Protocol for Diabetics.” “This was a huge step,” she said. “The physicians in our center signed off on it and authorized me to manage drug therapy for patients with diabetes if they fit all of the criteria outlined in the protocol.”

Five years since Dr. Leotsakos embarked on her professional journey, she speaks nearly fluent medical Spanish (everyone at the health center is bilingual, she said). Last year, she married Constantine Leotsakos, a man she met through her church. Both were raised in the Greek Orthodox faith and share the same traditional values. “My husband works in sales, and he is very astute when it comes to business. Those of us in academia are somewhat removed from the ‘real world,’” she laughed. “He helps keep me grounded, and although he offers his perspectives on the business challenges that pharmacists face, he never tries to dissuade me from pursuing my passion and continuing to expand the programs for patients at the South End Community Health Center. I’d love to see a formal protocol in place for smoking cessation and for an intensive counseling program to be fully integrated into the clinic. I would also like to establish an ambulatory care residency program at the health center at some point in the future. I know it will be a lot of work, but it can be done.”

Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM)
MCPHS is actively involved in the effort to pass legislation that would enable pharmacists in Massachusetts to take a more active role in the management of a patient’s drug therapy. If the bill is passed, An Act to Establish Collaborative Drug Therapy Management to Improve Pharmaceutical Care for Patients in Massachusetts would make Massachusetts the 44th state in the country to embrace CDTM. For more information, contact Kathy Keough, executive director of Government Affairs and Continuing Education, at 617.732.2789 or via e-mail: Katherine.Keough@mcphs.edu.
In 1975, as a student of chemistry and theology at University of Notre Dame, Kevin Kearney was asked to reflect on a question that most of us, even as adults, can never answer with certainty: Where will I be a decade from now?

“I really had no set plan,” he said. “I had been in the seminary for a number of years, but clearly changed direction when I met my future wife, Mary Mullaney, who was studying law, also at Notre Dame. Without much forethought, I wrote a paper describing myself as a teacher at a small New England college who directs volunteer services part time. Then, I proceeded to pursue a career as a chemist in a lab.”

For 15 years, Dr. Kearney commuted from his Worcester home into Boston, where he worked for several biotech and medical diagnostic companies. The time spent on the highway began to take its toll. “My family was growing, and I was really feeling disconnected from them and my community,” he said. “One of my friends told me that a Boston-based college was opening a satellite campus in Worcester and that they were looking for a half-time biochemistry professor. They were also searching for someone to work half-time directing their service-learning program. I really didn’t know what service-learning was all about, but after doing some research, I thought it would be a perfect fit.”

Dr. Kearney interviewed for the position and asked if MCPHS might be willing to combine the two half-time positions. Six months before the campus was set to open in 2000, he joined the faculty and

Kevin Kearney, PhD
Associate Professor and Director of Service-Learning, Worcester Campus
Teaching/Research Interests: biochemistry, nutrition, service-learning, learning outcomes, distance education
Personal Interests: family, which includes wife Mary and their seven children, the children’s extracurricular activities (mainly soccer), Boy Scouts (as an adult leader), photography, and bicycling

A Helping Hand

At left: Dr. Kearney speaks with a group of Rebuilding Together Worcester volunteers.
“This was an ideal mid-career change for me,” he said. “At MCPHS, for the last seven years, I have been able to focus on the science that I love while teaching our students, who are preparing for careers in health care, and how they can use their knowledge in the service of others. I’ve also had some time during the summers to write a few articles and editorials about service-learning in health care and pharmacy education.”

One article, “Students’ Self-Assessment of Learning Through Service-Learning,” was based on responses from a survey he hands out every year to gauge students’ attitudes about performing community service. “At first they’re skeptical,” he said. “They can’t fathom that working in a homeless shelter or soup kitchen, or tutoring or mentoring a struggling student in a local elementary school relates to their college education at all. My goal is to educate community-oriented pharmacists and health care professionals, and to show them how important it is to not only understand, but to immerse themselves in the population they are serving. They will be at the front lines of health care and should be able to relate to the people who will come to them for advice.”

Kearney is pleased to report that typically, by the end of the course, when the students present a synopsis of their experiences to the class, their attitudes, as well as their communication skills, have evolved.

The service-learning program continues to grow (students can now choose from among 30 organizations), and one group that Dr. Kearney is involved with has received well-earned recognition.

In his first year at the College, Dr. Kearney co-founded Rebuilding Together Worcester (previously called Christmas in April), an all-volunteer organization that renovates the homes of low-income residents each spring, as well as various shelters and community buildings in Worcester. “Seven years ago, I volunteered as a painter,” he said. “This year, I completed my first term as president of the Board of Directors.”

In 2001, 30 people (15 from MCPHS) renovated a shelter for homeless families. This past year, from April 20-22, 2007, 200 volunteers (40 from the College) restored eight properties, including the shelter, which the organization repairs every three years. “In the coming years we will really have to do some strategic planning to determine how large we are willing

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Giving Back to the Community

In addition to co-founding Rebuilding Together Worcester, Kevin Kearney sits on the Distribution Committee and is an outreach and evaluation volunteer for the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. He serves as a corporator of the Ecotarium, on the advisory boards of AIDS Project Worcester and Rainbow Child Development Center. He is a merit-badge counselor for Boy Scouts in greater Worcester, the chair of the parish council of the Cathedral of St. Paul, and a member of the of the Notre Dame Club of Worcester County Board of Directors. Since 2005, he has been involved in the organizing group for the Central Massachusetts branch of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship program. Dr. Kearney has received numerous awards for his teaching and research, including the 2005 MCPHS Faculty Research/Scholarship award in the scholarship of teaching and the College’s highest teaching award, the 2003 Trustees’ Award for Teaching Excellence.
“Teaching is just like parenting,” said Louise Lee, MHA, PA-C, assistant professor of physician assistant studies at MCPHS–Manchester. “It’s exhausting, but it’s rewarding, and basically, you’ve got one shot to get it right. I always remember that my students will one day be my colleagues, so I take my role as a teacher and mentor very seriously. It’s tough, but I am thankful for the opportunity to share my experience and knowledge in this field, and I can’t imagine doing it anywhere but here.”

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Ms. Lee, one of four Manchester PA faculty members, has been part of the MCPHS–Manchester community since its inception. She served as chair for three years after the College acquired the program from Notre Dame College, which closed in 2002.

“Initially, there was some discussion about moving it down to the Boston campus,” she said. “But the program really belonged here. In this region, there are no other degree programs for physician assistants. We are ideally located to serve the upper northeast population, and we make a valuable contribution to the local community, of which I’m now proud to be a part.”

In 1996, Ms. Lee and her husband relocated to New Hampshire from Long Island, N.Y., in search of a safe town in which to raise a family. With 13 years of experience in internal and emergency medicine, she

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“I think of my life as a meandering river,” said David Williams, BSP ’60, MS ’62, PhD, MCPHS professor emeritus of chemistry. “I never set an actual course; the people I’ve met along the way have influenced my path and ultimate direction.”

When David Williams climbed the front stairs at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences back in 1956, he couldn’t have imagined those first steps would lead him toward a career at the College that spanned 38 years—and counting.

As a senior in high school, Dr. Williams had taken an after-school job washing glassware in the research laboratory at E.L. Patch, a pharmaceutical company located in Stoneham, Mass. Robert Walsh, an MCPHS professor of public health, supervised Dr. Williams, observed his aptitude for chemistry, and suggested that he consider a career in pharmacy.

As a freshman, Dr. Williams worked with chemistry professor and Department of Chemistry Chairman Charles Bauer, who was impressed with his determination, and became his advisor, guiding him for the next four years. “Dr. Bauer helped me acquire a teaching-assistant position and encouraged me to consider graduate study,” he said. During this time, Dr. Williams also gained valuable experience as an intern at Smith’s Drug Store in Wakefield, which is now owned by MCPHS Trustee Maryesther Fournier BSP ’75.

While working on his master’s degree at MCPHS, a chance introduction to a co-worker added new dimension to his life. “Gail [Morand], secretary to deans Howard Reed and Mitchell Stoklosa, was looking for a carpool ride to work,” he recalled. “She lived only two miles away from me, so I volunteered to drive her. That was the best idea I’ve ever had.” That commute led to a lifelong romance; the two have been married for 45 years, and have four children, Kristine (Williams) Sateriale BSP ’86, Karen Williams BSP ’89, David Jr., and Kathleen, and five grandchildren.

After earning a PhD in medicinal chemistry at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Williams worked as an opium chemist at

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David Williams and his wife, Gail, on a recent trip to Thailand.
Pharmacy Research Fellowship Added to School of Pharmacy–
The School of Pharmacy–Boston has added a two-year fellowship in outcomes research and informatics to its current roster of unique postgraduate residencies in HIV/AIDS, hospital, community, and managed-care pharmacy.

The MCPHS Specialized Research Fellowship in Outcomes Research and Pharmacy Informatics at Brigham and Women’s Hospital (BWH), the second-largest non-university recipient of research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), becomes the fifth postgraduate program for the school. BWH is a founding member of Partners Healthcare System and a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School.

“It’s an innovative program in outcomes research,” said Caroline Zeind, PharmD, chair and professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, who also chairs the school’s Residency and Fellowship Committee. “The fellow is actively participating in research concerning patient safety.”

Classes in clinical effectiveness at the Harvard School of Public Health, which are designed for the clinician seeking quantitative and analytical skills needed for research and for health care administration, kick off the program. The MCPHS/BWH fellow then has the option of obtaining a master’s in science degree or an MPH at Harvard. David Bates, MD, chief of the Division of General Medicine and Primary Care, acts as the fellow’s mentor for this portion of the program.

Fellowship candidates must have a PharmD, a minimum of one-year residency training, two years of pharmacy practice experience, and be a U.S.-licensed pharmacist. The first fellow, Thomas Moniz PharmD ’05, is working on multiple ongoing BWH projects, including Electronic Prescribing Using a Community Utility: The ePrescribing Gateway, and Electric Health Record Medication Error Study. BWH is one of five U.S. sites with NIH funding to study electronic prescribing, which allows two-way communication in a paperless environment for drug prescriptions.

“I wanted to move my career toward improving care and reducing errors on a systems level,” said Dr. Moniz.

The fellowship program focuses on research, training, education, and experiences related to outcomes research and pharmacy informatics. The fellow is responsible for designing a research proposal, conducting the research, analyzing the data and preparing and submitting an abstract, manuscript, and presentation of the work at a professional or scientific meeting. The fellow also assists with research for the peer-reviewed papers published by BWH researchers and writes scholarly papers in his own name.

“We envision this fellowship as a way to train pharmacists to emerge as independent researchers,” said Andrew C. Seger BSP ’84, PharmD ’03, fellowship coordinator, and the senior research pharmacist at BWH. “The College and David Bates, MD, understand the contributions pharmacists can make in this regard. Tom will have many pathways open to him, when he completes the residency.”

School of Pharmacy–Boston faculty and students also benefit from the fellowship, which integrates teaching into the two-year program. The fellow gains experience

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—Hélène Hardy

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teaching at the College in the field of health care outcomes and pharmacy informatics, and students benefit from his timely research knowledge. For example, Dr. Moniz assisted Drs. Zeind and Seger, who co-developed a medication-safety professional elective course that was offered in the spring semester to fifth-year PharmD students. The fellow, along with other practitioners who work in the field of patient safety, participated in the course. Patient safety is being taught in the required and elective courses in the PharmD curriculum, and the Department of Pharmacy Practice is currently reevaluating and strengthening patient safety in the curriculum, according to Dr. Zeind.

"Tom has been invaluable in engaging the students and in developing course content," said Dr. Seger.

**MCPHS HIV Specialty Residency Program at the Center of HIV/AIDS Care and Research at Boston Medical Center**

The MCPHS HIV Specialty Residency program at the Center of HIV/AIDS Care and Research (CHACR) at Boston Medical Center, the teaching affiliate of Boston University School of Medicine, was designed and developed by Hélène Hardy, PharmD, adjunct associate professor of Pharmacy Practice, and director of HIV Pharmacotherapy Services and the HIV Specialty Residency program at CHACR.

The residency, co-sponsored by the School of Pharmacy–Boston, helps address the rapidly expanding needs and demands for medication-management programs designed to help HIV-infected patients better manage their disease and its treatment. It also helps to address the need for pharmacists who are equipped to respond to the challenges and opportunities of managing HIV therapies and adherence to complex regimens.

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Angela Stanic PharmD ’03, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, and HIV pharmacotherapy specialist and adherence clinic coordinator, is one of the CHACR residency preceptors. At the School of Pharmacy–Boston, where the resident participates in didactic and seminar courses, Dorothea Rudorf PharmD ’85, associate professor of pharmacy practice, serves as the key preceptor for the on-campus teaching activities. Under Dr. Rudorf’s guidance, the resident serves as a teaching assistant for the innovative Virology and Anti-Infectives course, for which the resident is responsible for developing a comprehensive patient case study, a lecture and presentation, student tutoring, and participation in review sessions.

In addition to providing direct patient care, the resident refines his/her skills in HIV pharmacotherapy; works with health professionals on the advancement of the pharmacy profession; and engages in practice-based research leading to new knowledge about HIV treatment strategies and adherence.

CHACR has 1,500 active patients, and nearly 80 percent belong to minority groups, said Dr. Hardy. Residents conduct one-on-one interviews with patients to assess the efficacy of and adherence to their current drug regimen and may recommend new, more effective treatment. The counseling activities are tailored to each patient, and many pharmaceutical interventions are centered around medication adherence, drug interactions and side effects.

**MCPHS Pharmacy Residency Program at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center**

The MCPHS Pharmacy Residency Program at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) provides structured and advanced education and training that supports pharmacists in the role on the health care team, where they work in partnership with physicians and other professions to provide optimal pharmaceutical care. BIDMC is a teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School.

"We offer a broad range of experience in acute-care medicine that goes beyond the six-year PharmD," said Kathy Cunningham BSP ’76, PharmD ’00,
program coordinator. “Our program has multiple teaching opportunities, including a required rotation where the residents are the primary preceptors for students on a six-week advanced pharmacy experience program in internal medicine. These teaching experiences, combined with clinical rotations, strengthen the residents’ training.” Snehal Bhatt, PharmD, BCPS, and Tulip Schneider PharmD ’03, both full-time faculty members at School of Pharmacy–Boston, are two of the pharmacy residency preceptors who maintain practice sites at BIDMC. Dr. Bhatt practices in cardiology, focusing in anticoagulation, and Dr. Schneider concentrates in infectious diseases, especially HIV/AIDS.

In the one-year program, residents learn to manage and improve the medication-use process; provide patient-centered medication therapy management with interdisciplinary teams; utilize medical informatics; and teach at the College. They gain skills in leadership and in practice and project management. The residents have the opportunity to participate as interim members of several hospital...
committees, such as the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and the Investigational Review Board, giving them first-hand knowledge of the formulary review process and the use of investigational medications.

Completion of a residency project is an important part of the residents’ training. A recent residency project involved an evaluation and implementation of a new dosing administration model for meropenem, a broad-spectrum antibiotic. The resident was integral in evaluating the utilization of the comparable formulary antibiotic, imipenem, and developing guidelines with the antimicrobial management team, so that a formulary change could be made.

In addition to the clinical and teaching focus of the program, the residents develop communication and presentations skills. This year, the two BIDMC residents, Philip Grgrurich, PharmD, and R. Wayne Shipley, PharmD, were selected to give one of the clinical pearls presentations at the Pharmacy Grand Rounds, a continuing pharmacy education program for hospital pharmacists, sponsored by the Council of Boston Teaching Hospitals.

Successful completion of the program facilitates the residents’ abilities to pursue varied career paths in pharmacy, as well as become leaders in the profession. Both Drs. Grgrurich and Shipley were accepted into critical-care specialty residencies, which they will begin after they complete the MCPHS/BIDMC program.

MCPHS Community Practice Residency with Walgreens

The one-year MCPHS Community Pharmacy Practice Residency with Walgreens is designed to prepare pharmacists for the realities of patient care in a rapidly changing community-care environment. A key goal is to contribute to the advancement of the profession and to improve patient care in the community setting. The resident engages in the clinical, educational, and administrative aspects of community pharmacy practice; develops precepting and teaching abilities, and management and leadership skills; and contributes to the development of clinical community pharmacy services. The program was one of the first community pharmacy practice residencies in the country and is dually accredited by American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) and the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA).

“The overall goal of the program is to emphasize the development of current and future practical skills needed to be a leader in community pharmacy,” said Matthew Machado PharmD ’01, director of the Community Pharmacy Practice Residency program.

Clinical and operational experiences are provided at two Walgreens Patient Care Centers in the Greater Boston area, where the resident performs various services such as over-the-counter recommenda-
tions, medication counseling, blood pressure readings, influenza vaccinations, and disease state education. In the process, the resident hones his/her skills in communication, health and wellness promotion, practice management, marketing and compensation strategies, and technology, and also engages in practice-based research. The rest of the resident’s time is spent developing their teaching skills and contributing to the College community. Amee Doshi, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, is one of the preceptors for a Walgreens’ practice site and for on-campus teaching activities.

“We are currently exploring the development of a new, two-year Specialized Community Pharmacy Practice Residency program that would prepare the resident for management and leadership positions in the community setting,” according to Dr. Zeind.

**MCPHS and Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates Pharmacy Practice Residency**

Established in 1991, the MCPHS and Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates (HVMA) Pharmacy Practice Residency was the first of its kind to be accredited under the current standard of the ASHP for pharmacy residencies with an emphasis on managed care. HVMA is a physician-lead multi-specialty group practice consisting of 1,800 clinicians.

“It’s a well-rounded program,” said Kathy Zaiken PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, who coordinates the program.

The goal is to attract and develop pharmacists with strong potential to assume leadership roles in managed-care pharmacy services. During the 12-month program, the resident completes a variety of rotations to gain both patient-care and practice-management experience. The residency consists of experiences and rotations in key areas of clinical practice, administration, pharmaceutical industry and academia. For example, this year’s resident, Rebecca Mann PharmD ’06 presented lectures at the College on migraines, OTC weight-loss supplements, and medical terminology. She also is dispensing drug information and providing patient counseling services at one of HVMA’s largest and busiest pharmacies where up to 1,200 prescriptions are filled daily.

The requirements include conducting a major yearlong research project; making a formal presentation of research methods and results at the Eastern States Residency Conference; and presenting at the ASHP midyear clinical meeting.

“The MCPHS–HVMA program opens the resident’s eyes to all future career possibilities,” said Dr. Zaiken.
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easily found a new position as a clinical physician assistant in office-based medicine and soon began working as a clinical preceptor for Notre Dame College. “My life changed completely after I received a call from an acquaintance at Notre Dame who asked if I was interested in interviewing for a faculty position,” she said. “I wasn’t certain I wanted to teach, but I needed more flexibility in my life and decided to take a chance.” She soon discovered she could make a difference as an educator and is pleased with her move to Notre Dame and ultimately MCPHS, where she believes she’s found her niche.
“I feel like my colleagues here are part of my extended family,” she said. “We are really a cohesive group; if one of us needs help in any area of our lives, it’s readily available. I never felt that sense of comfort and camaraderie in a corporate setting, and it really exudes a positive energy.”
“Since MCPHS has taken over, there’s been amazing growth,” Ms. Lee said. “We’ve really raised the standard.” The program is at full capacity, with 46 students, a 10:1 student - teacher ratio and a nationally diverse applicant pool that has tripled since applications have been accepted through CASPA (Central Application Service for Physician Assistants). “We want to give our students the best competitive edge possible,” she said. In order to accomplish this, the 24-month program starts in January and concludes in December, which gives graduates a head start to search for positions before other programs end in the spring. Also, now that the Manchester program draws students from across the country, many graduates head back to their home states to establish their careers after completing the program.
This year the first-year Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) pass rates for board certification hit 96 percent, exceeding the national average of 92 percent. “Curriculum-wise, we must be doing something right,” she said, stressing that a program’s passing PANCE rates are an excellent indicator of how well the school is meeting the educational needs of its students. “We are also encouraging our alumni to stay involved with the College and serve as preceptors for the current students,” she said. “This connection is integral to maintaining the close-knit community we have established.”
Ms. Lee is proud to share that due to the success of the Manchester PA program, an additional faculty member will soon be hired. “Good educators are difficult to find, though,” she said. “Especially in a small professional college setting, professors need to be easily accessible to their students, but also must hold them to extremely high standards. I know at times students feel frustrated by the difficulty of the work, but after they graduate, and really have to take responsibility for other people’s lives, they understand why we had to be so tough.”
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Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.                                                   |
| September 9, 2007 | New Hampshire Pharmacists Association Fall Continuing Education Program    | Highlander Inn, Manchester, N.H.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.                                                                           |
Wednesday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.                                                                           |
Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m.                                                                           |
| September 25, 2007 | Pharmacy Law CE for the Class of 2006                                     | MCPHS–Boston, Brant House; Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m.                                                 |
| September 29, 2007 | Diabetes Education for the Pharmacist: CE Workshops & Presentations        | MCPHS–Boston, White Hall; Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.                                                 |
| October 2, 2007   | Nursing CE: Conflict Resolution and negotiation Skills: Moving from Confrontation to Cooperation | MCPHS–Boston, White Hall; Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m.                                                 |
| October 20 & 21, 2007 | Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Review Course                      | MCPHS–Boston, Room 114  
Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.                                               |
| November 1, 2007  | Fourth Annual Fall Health Care Symposium                                   | Sheraton Colonial Inn & Conference Center, Wakefield, Mass.; Thursday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.               |
| November 8, 2007  | Radiological Sciences CE: Madame Curie Lecture Series                      | MCPHS–Boston, White Hall; Thursday, 5:15-8 p.m.                                                   |
| November 14, 2007 | Pharmacy Preceptor CE Program                                              | Doubletree Hotel, Westborough, Mass.  
Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.                                                                      |
| November 17, 2007 | Dental Hygiene CE: New Research: New Challenges                            | Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene at MCPHS–Boston  
Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.                                                                           |
| November 17 & 18, 2007 | Pharmaceutical Care Day I & II                                         | MCPHS–Worcester, Auditorium II  
Saturday & Sunday, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.                                                                  |
| December 1 & 2, 2007 | Pharmaceutical Care Days III & IV                                       | MCPHS–Boston, 2nd floor  
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| December 9, 2007  | New Hampshire Pharmacists Association “Last Chance” CE Conference           | Highlander Inn, Manchester, N.H.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.                                                                           |
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or visit our website at [www.mcphs.edu](http://www.mcphs.edu). Please note: calendar subject to periodic updates.
The Fourth Annual Face of Pharmacy event drew more than 200 pharmacists to the Massachusetts State House on March 27 to discuss pharmacy-related legislation with their local legislators. It was also an opportunity for MCPHS alumni, faculty and students to visit with legislators and view exhibits on health care subjects, including asthma, blood pressure, alternative medicine and Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM).

A highlight of the day was the presentation of the 2007 Safe-Rx award to Governor Deval Patrick. The award recognizes the state’s efforts to make the prescribing of medication as safe and efficient as possible, and is given annually by the nation’s community pharmacists to the top 10 electronic prescribing states. (Massachusetts had the highest rate of “e-prescribing” in the nation in 2006.) Senator Richard T. Moore, D-Uxbridge, chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, gave the keynote address, and Senator Joan Menard, D-Fall River, received the Legislator of the Year award for her efforts on behalf of pharmacists during the last legislative session.

“Today’s event was an opportunity for students, faculty and practicing pharmacists to show off the many facets of pharmacy in today’s health care arena,” said Dennis G. Lyons BSP ’75, vice president of Institutional Advancement at the College, one of the lead sponsors of Face of Pharmacy. “Many legislators still don’t realize that pharmacy students go through a rigorous six-year training program before they are licensed; nor do they understand the different areas of practice—such as long-term care, compounding, community, and ambulatory pharmacy.”

Students from the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA) student chapters assisted, as well as representatives from Alpha Zeta Omega’s MCPHS chapter. Organizers, in addition to MCPHS, included the Massachusetts Chain Pharmacy Council, Massachusetts Independent Pharmacists Association, Massachusetts Pharmacists Association, Massachusetts Society of Health-System Pharmacists, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Northeastern University School of Pharmacy, Retailers Association of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Extended Care Federation.

Mark your calendars for next year’s event, scheduled for March 25, 2008.

Fourth Annual Face of Pharmacy:
A Win-Win for Students, Pharmacists, and Legislators

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick (center) accepts the Safe Rx award from Senator Moore.

Pharmacy students checking blood pressure.

Delta Dental Makes $3 Million Gift

Endowed Professorship and Oral Health MPH Program Planned for Forsyth School

A generous $3 million gift from Delta Dental of Massachusetts will help the Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene at MCPHS establish an endowed professorship, develop a master’s degree in dental hygiene and broaden the Forsyth School’s role in the public health arena by increasing access to oral health care in underserved communities.

“Access to dental care and periodic oral examinations are the keys to preventing oral diseases,” said MCPHS President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62. “This is a fantastic opportunity for Forsyth and its students to reach residents in significant need of routine care. This endowment allows us to support our faculty and student hygienists in expanding community service programs and identifying new ways to reach vulnerable populations.”

In addition to adding a full-time professorship of community oral health and developing a master’s program that focuses on providing and administering community oral health care programs, the gift will facilitate:

- Increasing the number of advanced-educated dental hygienists to help offset the shortage of dental hygiene faculty
- Enhancing existing outreach services provided by Forsyth students in schools and institutions
- Developing new Forsyth initiatives to deliver preventive screening services to populations in nursing homes, homeless shelters, and other communal living environments.

“This gift is intended to address systemic problems we’re seeing in underserved areas; thousands of residents lack access to routine oral health care,” said Kathleen O’Loughlin, DMD, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Massachusetts. “We need more oral health professionals caring for people right in their neighborhoods. This is not about having a nice smile. It is a critical issue that affects overall health—millions of school days and work hours are missed each year due to dental disease.”

Catherine Hayes DH ’80, DMD, a member of the Forsyth Campaign Steering Committee, facilitated the interactions between the College and Delta Dental. Dr. Hayes is a professor and the chair of the Department of Public Health and Community Service at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

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DENTAL HYGIENE DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE

To find out what’s happening, sometimes you have to go see for yourself.

That’s exactly what MCPHS Forsyth students did on a Tuesday in late March, when the Massachusetts Dental Hygienists Association assembled at the State House to advance MDHA’s legislative agenda and protect dental hygiene’s interests. All 200 legislators were invited to attend. MCPHS Forsyth students participated, and the first-clinical-year dental hygiene students were there in full force. The purpose of the event was to spotlight legislation to expand the scope of practice for dental hygienists in public-health settings and to expand their representation on the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry. The day afforded an opportunity to introduce lawmakers to the dental hygiene profession and underscore the importance of preventive dentistry for all Massachusetts residents. Dianne Wilkerson, D-Boston, Senate sponsor, and Kay Kahn, D-Newton, House co-sponsor, submitted the bills to the legislature. Maine Forsyth alumna Linda Wacholz DH ’70, executive director of Preventive Partners, spoke on how Maine was able to institute public-health hygienists into their state system.

The keynote speaker was Myron Allukian Jr., DDS, MPH, past president of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, past president of the American Public Health Association and former director of oral health for the Boston Public Health Commission.

After the presentations, the first-clinical-year dental hygiene students performed blood pressure screenings, conducted head and neck cancer screenings for State House employees, and provided patient education. They also hand-delivered information to the offices of the state representatives and senators, and took advantage of the chance to speak with their legislators. It was a field trip par excellence!
REED STILL GOING STRONG AFTER 67 YEARS

In March, the College presented the 67th annual Howard L. Reed Conference at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. Speaking before a crowd of nearly 800 pharmacists and other health care professionals, keynote speaker Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino called upon all attendees to encourage young people to pursue health care careers. Following Menino’s remarks, continuing education sessions were presented by MCPHS faculty members Andrea Gancarz-Gojgini, MEd, RDH, CDA, assistant professor and Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene interim director; and Michael Angelini PharmD ’97, assistant professor of pharmacy practice. Additional continuing education sessions included top health care industry leaders, student guest speakers, and a state of the pharmacy address by John Gans, executive vice-president and CEO of the American Pharmaceutical Association (APhA).

“This conference demonstrates our commitment to providing quality continuing education while ensuring that our alumni and friends always have a good time,” said President Monahan during his lunch-time remarks. “The Reed is a great opportunity for alumni to catch up with old friends. Howard Reed would be honored that the annual conference is still going strong.”

The Reed Conference has become a favorite homecoming event for many alumni. In addition to the opportunities to network with colleagues and participate in the education sessions and poster presentations, alumni and friends rounded out the day at a reception that drew nearly 150 alumni and friends to a Gillette skybox where guests were greeted by Patriots alumnus Steve Grogan.

The conference exhibit hall housed almost 40 representatives of pharmaceutical companies, pharmacies and other health care organizations who provided information and demonstrated their newest products and services. Major supporters of the conference were Crest Oral B, Reckitt Benckiser, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Brooks-Eckerd Pharmacy, Merck, Novo Nordisk, Sanofi Aventis, Cardinal Health, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, and Sanofi-Aventis.

To view more photos from the conference and a list of sponsors and exhibitors visit the Continuing Education page on the MCPHS website, www.mcphs.edu.

Clockwise: Patriots legend Steve Grogan chats with Christine Perry BSP ’91; Mayor Menino and Trustee Gregory H. Labam BSP ’73 with MCPHS students Corin Penella PharmD ’07 and Paul LaRochelle PharmD ’07; APhA CEO John Gans addresses the conference.
the REED Conference
Today she is the chief of the Local Health Administration Branch in the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the link between the department and the state’s 82 local health departments, which serve the state’s 3.5 million people. Each of the local health departments has a mandate to carry out critical public health functions. Hired by Dr. J. Robert Galvin, MD, MPH, the Connecticut Commissioner of Public Health in 2004, she is responsible for maximizing public health staffing capacities to meet core functions as well as emergencies, such as a pandemic or a bioterrorism attack.

She and her staff oversee the Health Alert Network (HAN), which connects local health departments to one another and to other organizations critical for preparedness and response: community first-responders, hospital and private laboratories, state health departments, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal agencies. HAN has the capability of broadcasting information to thousands of public health officials nationwide. For Ms. Kilbey-Fox, the Dental Identification Response Team (DIRT), which identifies bodies based on their dental records, is a phone call away.

“I enjoy working in public health,” she said. “Every day is different; I never know what to expect when I come to work, and I feel we make a difference.”

After leaving private practice and moving to New London, Conn. in 1979, her first position as a dental hygienist in a city-run dental clinic made her realize the important connection between oral health and the overall health of the public. (“The mouth is the gateway to all types of disease,” she said.) She visited schools for fluoride swish-and-rinse programs and referred children back to the clinic for a complete prophylaxis. She also conducted oral health screenings and education programs.

In 1984, she was named community health coordinator for the city of New London. She wrote grant proposals to state and federal government agencies and private foundations for a variety of health care programs, and implemented the programs when the grants were approved and funded. A year later, she became the assistant director of health for New London, where she remained until 1994 when she was appointed the director of New London’s Health and Social Services. There she was instrumental in organizing Smiles Across Southeastern Connecticut, a coalition of health, dental and social service agencies that brings dental education and services to 21,000 students in the region. She also spearheaded oral and mental health programs for the homeless, and New London County Safe Kids, an injury-prevention program for children 14 and under.

She recalled her years at Forsyth with great fondness. At Forsyth her inspirational mentors were Pat Connolly-Atkins, assistant dean, M. Barbara Schulze, associate dean, and Esther M. Wilkins, DMD, who was a classmate of her father’s at Tufts.

“I loved dental hygiene; it was a stepping stone to all my positions in public health,” she said. “Whenever I give a speech, I mention Forsyth, and at the end I close with ‘Please don’t forget to floss.’”

Forsyth also holds an important place in her personal life. She met her husband, Arthur Fox, DMD, at the Forsyth Institute, when he was enrolled in the Harvard Dental School’s endodontic specialty program. They have two daughters and are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

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—Pamela Kilbey-Fox

Two of her Forsyth classmates became lifelong friends: Barbara (Clark) Wilson DH ’78, of Hingham, Mass., and Sue (Pelczar) Stamatein DH ’78, of Montville, Conn. Ms. Stamatein was her dormitory roommate at Northeastern University. “I see Barbara at every Yankee Dental Conference,” she said. “We have lunch at the Prudential Center and catch up.”

When Pamela Kilbey-Fox DH ’78, BS, MPH, graduated from Forsyth, she thought it would be her first stop on the way to dental school and a career in dental medicine. After her father, Charles Kilbey, DMD, a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, retired, she would take over his dentistry practice in Easton, Conn. Then her career plans changed.

“My interest in government was sparked when I worked in a dentally indigent area,” said Ms. Kilbey-Fox, who received her master’s in public health from the University of Connecticut in 1991. “I felt the need to serve indigent populations. I made the connection that a community’s dental health needs are population based and are all focused around total public health.”
ADHA ANNUAL SESSION
Lina Pagliuca DH ’08 was selected as the alternate student delegate from District 1 to the American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) annual meeting. Christine Dominic DH ’68 presented her research with a faculty member at the poster session, and Susan Jenkins, student ADHA advisor, attended with a group of students. The MCPHS Office of Admission’s booth in the exhibit area promoted the degree-completion program. Pat (Crane) Ramsay DH ’66 and Jan Selwitz-Segal DH ’65 hosted a breakfast for attendees, co-sponsored with Colgate and Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.

HU-FRIEDY/MCPHS RECOGNIZE ESTHER WILKINS
Esther Wilkins DMD, DH ’39 was recognized at a very special event celebrating her 90th birthday that was hosted by MCPHS and by Hu-Friedy®. The event, held during the Yankee Dental Congress at Turner Fisheries, was attended by many colleagues and friends from across the country. It was truly an elegant celebration of Dr. Wilkins’ accomplishments and contributions to the dental hygiene profession.

AAPA ALUMNI RECEPTION
In conjunction with the Office of Alumni Relations, the physician assistant studies department from Boston and Manchester held an Alumni Reception at the American Academy of Physician Assistant (AAPA) 35th Annual Physician Assistant Conference in Philadelphia, PA. on May 28, 2007. The event was attended by approximately 25 alumni and 20 students. Dennis Lyons, vice president of Institutional Advancement, gave the opening remarks followed by associate provost for Health Sciences Education Michelle Kalis, PhD. Dr. Kalis introduced and welcomed Gloria Stewart the new chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies, Boston. Faculty in attendance included Marianne Vail, chair of PA-Boston; Scott Massey, chair of PA-Manchester; and Wayne DiMatteo and Evelyn Graeff from PA-Boston. The event was followed by both teams participating in the annual PA student national challenge bowl tournament.

ARIZONA ALUMNI CLUB HOSTS DINNER
Arizona Alumni Club co-chairs Phil Leavitt BSP ’68 and Carol and Scott Krupinsky BSP ’88 hosted an MCPHS alumni gathering at the Camelback Inn in Scottsdale.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS
AAPA ALUMNI RECEPTION
Atlanta was the site for the 2007 annual meeting of the American Pharmacists Association on St. Patrick’s Day. The Alumni Association hosted a reception in conjunction with more than 130 alumni and students attending the reception at the Hyatt Regency. Vice President Dennis Lyons and Alumni Executive Director Dawn Ballou were on hand to greet alumni and bring them the latest news from the College. The Alumni Association sponsored “Kiss Me, I’m a Pharmacist” T-shirts for the student members of APhA and the T-shirts were worn proudly! The 2008 APhA meeting will be held in San Diego.

Physician Assistant Studies, Boston. Faculty in attendance included Marianne Vail, chair of PA-Boston; Scott Massey, chair of PA-Manchester; and Wayne DiMatteo and Evelyn Graeff from PA-Boston. The event was followed by both teams participating in the annual PA student national challenge bowl tournament.
John B. Walczyk PharmD ’06, Paula Walczyk and Stanley G. Walczyk BSP ’75.

The Board of Directors of the MCPHS Alumni Association honored two outstanding graduates during the 2007 Reunion Dinner celebration.

The Board of Directors’ Award was presented to Stanley G. Walczyk BSP ’75 of Dalton, Mass. Stan exemplifies the highest degree of dedication and service to the College. Stan has been a dedicated leader of the Alumni Association. He is a positive influence and presence and has worked tirelessly to increase alumni involvement on all three campuses. Stan co-chairs the College steering committee on fundraising, is a member of the legislative committee and President’s Circle. Stan promotes the mission of the College and its President wherever he goes.

The Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Tracey Applebee-Cole ’92 of Palmer, Mass. Tracey is a graduate who has made significant contributions to her profession and to society and thereby has achieved a level of distinction that has brought honor to the College. Tracey has been affiliated with the Holyoke Health Center which serves a predominately low-income Latino community. She was a vice president of operations for Louis & Clark Pharmacy, a 10-store, Western Massachusetts independent pharmacy chain. While at Louis & Clark, she worked to expand the practice to include compounding and long-term care. She is a preceptor, serves on the legislative and steering committees and is a member of the President’s Circle.

Arizona, If you live in Arizona for any part of the year, please update the alumni office with your Arizona address and we will be sure to add you to the mailing list for the next event. You can e-mail your information to alumnievents@mcphs.edu.

President Charles F. Monahan greeted alumni at the MCPHS Forsyth alumni reception at the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston in January. Approximately 150 alumni and friends of the College came together for an evening of camaraderie. Esther Wilkins DH ’39, DMD, presented the 2006 Esther M. Wilkins Award to Beverly (Panciera) Whitford DH ’59. Ms. Whitford was honored for her efforts as a clinical practitioner, as a past president of the American Dental Hygienists Association, and for her continued support of the dental hygiene program. Ms. Whitford is a member of the Forsyth Campaign Steering Committee. Many of her colleagues, including several ADHA past presidents, were in attendance to honor her. Pat (Crane) Ramsay DH ’66, director of Forsyth alumni programs, recognized the event sponsors:

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Andrea Gancarz-Gojgini with sponsors of the YDC Alumni Reception.

Tracey Applebee-Cole ’92, with family members.

32 THE BULLETIN SUMMER 2007
On May 12, at Mechanics Hall, MCPHS-Worcester graduated 38 students enrolled in the inaugural class of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Senator Richard T. Moore, D-Uxbridge, delivered the Commencement address, telling the students, “Nursing is a special calling. Society’s well-being depends on you.” First Honor Graduate Laura Walsh delivered the student address. In her remarks, she recognized the support of the graduates’ families and acknowledged the responsibilities of nurses everywhere. “I hope by now that we have conveyed to our family and friends the joy we feel when we help someone get out of bed and walk for the first time in weeks or months,” she said. Graduates hailed from six different countries, including, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Poland, South Africa, and Uganda; five graduates were from Worcester.

The accelerated 16-month nursing program, which was established in January 2006, is the only postbaccalaureate Bachelor of Science program of its kind in central Massachusetts. It features a curriculum developed in partnership with Saint Vincent Hospital and other selected clinical agencies in the Worcester area. The program’s graduates are eligible to sit for the licensing exam to become a registered nurse (RN). The program recently received notice for initial national accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), for the maximum period of five years allowed for new programs. The program also holds initial approval from the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

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The inaugural BSN class at Mechanics Hall with President Monahan and nursing faculty.
the communities we serve,” Dr. O’Loughlin said. “You are in a position to make a profound impact on your community and our society through your newly minted degrees.”

Board of Trustees Chairman David L. Maher presented the 2007 Trustees’ Award For Teaching Excellence to Beth Ellen Welch, assistant professor of pharmacy and director of the Non-Traditional PharmD (NTPD) program, for “providing leadership, teaching a number of its courses, and precepting students in their advanced clinical rotations.”

President Monahan also made two other presentations. Janis P. Bellack, PhD, who is stepping down after serving seven years as vice president for Academic Affairs and provost, was named provost emerita in recognition of “her leadership in expanding and strengthening the College’s programs in the health sciences.” George E. Humphrey, PhD, vice president for College Relations, was awarded the College Medal “for his tireless devotion of time, energy, and expertise in helping the College” achieve its mission over the last 27 years.

410 students received degrees at the 139th Commencement of MCPHS–Boston on May 18 at the Bayside Expo and Conference Center.

Stacey Hebert, a graduating pharmacy student from Merrimack, N.H., delivered the student speech. After board certification, she plans to work as a full-time pharmacist at Rice’s Pharmacy, an independent compounding pharmacy in Nashua, NH. In her speech, Dr. Hebert commended the Class of 2007 on its ability to balance the rigors of school and personal life. “We have met our best friends and our mentors, we have struggled together, and we have grown together,” she said. “Our small MCPHS community has become a second family to many of us, which makes today bittersweet.”

Kathleen O’Loughlin, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Massachusetts, delivered the commencement address. In her remarks, she encouraged the graduates to both acknowledge and embrace their responsibilities as health care providers. “We both come from organizations committed to creating positive change in
It has become a tradition for the College and the MCPHS Alumni Association to hold pre-graduation celebrations to congratulate and honor what is soon to be the newest members of the Alumni Association. Celebrations are held for each of the campuses prior to Commencement. The 2006 Manchester campus graduates gathered a month before Commencement to kick up their heels and celebrate. This year’s event was held at the Bedford Village Inn in Bedford, N.H. on November 3, 2006. Members and guests of the Manchester graduating class had a wonderful dinner, enjoyed stimulating conversation and received gifts. The 2007 Worcester graduates enjoyed their celebration high above the Worcester city lights in Fuller Hall, at the top of the Borysek Living and Learning Center. It was a wonderful evening to share stories and take pictures before gearing up for the final hurdles before Commencement. The 2007 Boston graduation celebration was held on Thursday, February 15 at Longwood Hall at the Inn at Longwood Medical. Graduates socialized, dined and enjoyed dancing to the music of a DJ. Many students have not seen each other for some time. They share memories of the beginning years when they were together for the required course of study. Many don’t have time to get together and have fun until the studying is over. The graduation celebrations are a way to reconnect before graduation, when alumni go their separate ways.
A record 154 students received Doctor of Pharmacy degrees at the fifth Commencement of the School of Pharmacy–Worcester/Manchester on June 15 in Worcester. The class of 2007 included the first group of pharmacy students to graduate from the PharmD program in Manchester, N.H.

The student address was given by Jenna Therese Cherchio, the First Honor Graduate whose hometown is Syracuse, N.Y. Dr. Guo Qing, president of Hangzhou Medical College (China), delivered the Commencement address. Dr. Guo described growing up in Zhang-Shu, a city known as the capital of traditional Chinese medicine. His grandfather made a medicinal wine designed to increase intelligence and stamina. “Today I have the honor and fortune to speak to you,” he told the graduates. “And I believe it might have something to do with the fact that I drank so much magical wine made by my grandfather.” Dr. Guo encouraged the audience to take a global approach to solving health care problems. “Let us join hands and work together to make positive contributions to the health of all human beings,” he said.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Dr. Guo, as well as pharmacists Thomas H. Borysek BSP ’65 and Vahrij Manoukian. Mr. Borysek was acknowledged for his “strong leadership as an alumnus of the College who has served his alma mater in several capacities” and for his long-term service in the Food and Drug Administration. Mr. Manoukian was cited for his contributions as a community pharmacist in New Hampshire and “for his lifelong commitment to the highest standards of professional practice and civic duty.”

President Monahan presented the College Medal to Trustee Judith P. Ronshagen BSP ’70 in recognition of her contributions to hospital pharmacy, her community service in New Hampshire and “for her dedication as an alumna of the College.”

Michael Malloy, dean of the School of Pharmacy Worcester/Manchester and Carolyn Friel, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences; Jenna Therese Cherchio, First Honor Graduate; and happy graduates and proud families.
FacultymembersPaulDiFrancescoandMichelleMatthewspresentcords tostudentswhowerepreviouslyinductedintothePhiLambdaSigma LeadershipSociety.

ViThuyVuandZachariahVanBuiofSanDiego,Calif. areseenwiththeirdaughteraftertheWorcester/Manchester SchoolofPharmacyCommencementattheDCUCenter. Thedateholdsaveryspecialmeaningforthecouple,whowerealsocelebratingtheirfifthwedding anniversary.

Dr. Guo Qing receiving an honorary degree from President CharlesF. MonahanJr.

“Let us join hands and work together to make positive contributions to the health of all human beings.”

—Dr. Guo Qing, President of Hangzhou Medical College
It could have been pure luck, but we don’t think so! The theme was Casino Night, and everyone was a winner at this year’s Reunion 07.
RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

The action-packed weekend was kicked off on Thursday, May 31, with Recipes for Success, a fabulous food-tasting event and live auction, hosted by “TV Diner’s” Billy Costa. Nearly 200 people arrived at White Hall to show their support for the MCPHS Alumni Scholarship Fund, sample a taste of what Boston’s finest restaurants have to offer, and bid on items such as a trip to Ireland, Red Sox tickets, a weekend getaway on Cape Cod, a beautiful garnet ring and a privately catered dinner for 10. The event raised more than $17,000, and plans are already in the works for a second event next year, scheduled for May 29, 2008. Visit www.mcphs.edu, “News & Events,” for more information about the sponsors and restaurants that graciously participated.

On behalf of the students of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, we thank our auction donors for their generosity:

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Ristorante Fiori
Karen Ryle ’85, ’02
Iris Sheinhait ’03
Sheraton Colonial Hotel & Golf Club
The Squealing Pig
Super Flash—Chuck Caggiano
Top of the Hub
The Upper Crust
Gail Weisberg ’74 Forsyth
Zaftigs Deli
**FORSYTH CLASS OF 1957 50TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON**

Twelve members of the Class of ’57—aka the “Golden Girls”—gathered on Saturday morning during Reunion Weekend to tour the Forsyth Institute. Several had not been there in 50 years. Following the tour, the group was joined by several classmates and their spouses for lunch at the Bravo Restaurant at the Museum of Fine Arts.

**ANNUAL ALUMNI BRUNCH**

On Sunday, Alumni and friends gathered for one last time (until next year, that is) to partake in a delicious brunch buffet and to tour the Boston campus. The Matricaria Academic and Student Center was the focal point for MCPHS graduates. All who came marveled at the beauty of the building. College sweatshirts, caps and bags were available in the merchandise store and alumni shopped and left with alumni gear to bring home. As always the Forsyth alumni held their annual meeting at the brunch. Gail Weisberg ’74, conducted the meeting, which was followed by the dedication in the Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic of the Dental Hygiene Materials Lab in memory of Lurleen Bailey DH ’65. Several of Lurleen’s close friends and classmates were present for the dedication.

**DUCK TOURS AND BOSTON BEER WORKS**

On Friday morning, visitors hopped on board one of Boston’s duck-mobiles to tour the city. In the evening, many bet on their home team at Boston Beer Works, where they caught the Red Sox vs. Yankees game on the big screen, played pool, and reminisced with fellow alumni in a casual, informal setting. Saturday, alumni and friends visited local museums and enjoyed an evening reception at the elegant Park Plaza Hotel.
REUNION DINNER

The annual Reunion dinner was a big hit; more than 300 alumni and guests from across the country partook in the festivities. Members of the anniversary classes enjoyed privately held receptions, then joined all other graduates and their guests, College faculty and staff before moving into the Grand Ballroom for dinner, dancing, and an evening of old-fashioned gambling fun.

The Class of 1957 enjoyed their special reception, which consisted of a trolley ride from the Park Plaza to the College. Golden Graduates sipped champagne and toured the Boston campus, returning to the Park Plaza in time to join other graduates in the Imperial Ballroom foyer. Private receptions were held for the Class of 1962 in the Gloucester Room, the Class of 1967 in the Harcock Room and the Class of 1977 in the Stanbro Room. The 25th anniversary class gathered in the Fairfield Room, and Forsyth alumni socialized in the Exeter Room.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for next year’s Alumni Reunion Weekend —June 6-8, 2008!
The new master’s program would address the issue of the shortage of dental hygiene faculty. Delta’s previous gift to Forsyth matched funds provided by the Massachusetts Dental Society Foundation to expand the MCPHS dental hygiene degree-completion baccalaureate program. The MCPHS–Forsyth online program is designed for dental hygienists working in the field, either with a certificate or an associate’s degree to complete their bachelor’s degree through Web-based Blackboard, course management software.

“We look forward to working together and doing what we can to help expand the role of dental hygienists in oral disease prevention,” said Dr. Monopoli.

The gift demonstrates that the College is “well equipped to work collaboratively with corporate institutions and foundations on program and services that are mutually beneficial,” according to Lawrence Townley, director of Development at MCPHS.

What will the gift mean for Forsyth students? Andrea Gancarz-Gojgini, MEd, RDH, CDA, interim program director and coordinator of the online BSDH degree-completion program, said that one of the tasks for the endowed professor, who is in the process of being recruited, will be to develop new community partnerships and opportunities for students to work in public health settings, educating children and adults about the importance of oral health care and to conduct oral health screenings. From these community settings, patients will be referred to the Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic at MCPHS–Boston for treatment.

“We’re very excited about the master’s program and what it will mean for the Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene and community residents,” said Professor Gancarz-Gojgini. “A higher level degree will empower our graduates to be leaders and change agents in communities. The master’s program will strengthen our profession.”

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More than 124 golfers participated in the first annual Manchester Campus Scholarship Golf Tournament at Windham Country Club in Windham, N.H., which raised more than $40,000. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and sponsors teed off on a beautiful Monday in May. Walgreens was the platinum sponsor, and Hannaford Brothers served as the gold sponsor; more than 35 sponsors contributed to the tournament and the scholarship fund. After 18 holes, a barbecue lunch and live raffle were held in the clubhouse. Prizes included Red Sox tickets, a gas grill and a free admission for a foursome at Windham Country Club.

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Top: Rich Lambert Jr., Don Clark and Rich Lambert Sr.
Middle: Prof. Paul Belliveau with students Melissa Drye, Stephanie Croteau, Holly Toland and Erika Jones; Corky Brown, Michelle Kalis, Andrea Gancarz and Bill Kalis; Trustee Gregory Laham; Dean Michael Malloy.
Bottom: MCPHS vice president Dennis G. Lyons BSP '75 with a foursome from CVS: William L. Irvin, Jr. BSP '93, manager of government relations; James Gallagher, manager of professional and college relations; David Padraza, region manager; and Randy Ellis, district manager.
When Amanda Brown BSN ’07 and Katie Montigny BSN ’07 entered the inaugural 16-month accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the Worcester campus, they never guessed that exactly one year later they would be riding elephants into a river in Thailand.

That journey started last spring when Ms. Brown and Ms. Montigny founded the Worcester campus chapter of Nursing Students Without Borders (NSWB), one of three chapters in the country. NSWB aims to empower under-served communities through health education, creation of networks to access health care resources and distribution of material donations, while expanding the perspective of the nursing student on a local as well as a global level.

Joining Ms. Brown and Ms. Montigny on the unusual journey were Laura Walsh BSN ’07, Amy D’Eramo BSN ’07, Bethany Jodoin BSN ’07, Amanda Lewis BSN ’07 and Rinal Patel BSN ’07.

After 48 hours of traveling, switching planes in both Los Angeles and Taipei, the MCPHS students arrived in Thailand last December for a three-week stay. Their objectives for the trip were clear: to provide assistance in rural village clinics and to build on the cultural competency lessons that were a central theme in early nursing classes.

Once settled in the capital city of Bangkok, the students decided they needed to know their population before they could serve them, so they took a few days to travel and learn the culture of the country. Next, they visited two of the main hospitals in Surin, a small city located 450 kilometers northeast of Bangkok. The first of many surprises on the trip came at one of the hospitals where students assisted in four live births in just one morning.

The students became even more involved over the next week as they were split up into three groups and sent to health clinics in the small villages around Surin. It was there the group completed wound care and physical assessments, and reported their findings to the nurses who in turn used their assessments to diagnose and prescribe medication. Ms. Walsh and Ms. D’Eramo had the opportunity to do home visits with a nurse who cares for AIDS and cancer patients too sick to visit the clinic. “It was amazing to get a glimpse into the people’s lives, their living conditions, their families and their day-to-day worlds,” Ms. Walsh said.

As rewarding as this part of the experience was, the students said it was still difficult to witness first-hand the level of poverty that existed in the rural villages. In many instances, the patients, including elderly ones, had little more than rags covering their bodies. But the people’s spirit is what Ms. Brown remembers. “Some of the poorest people in these villages are some of the happiest people I’ve ever met in my life,” she said.

That’s not to say there weren’t opportunities for levity on the trip. The group was given the chance to take part in a small village’s New Year’s Eve celebration, which included the students touring the area for two hours—via elephant. At one point, when the animals approached a river to quench their thirsts, the students assumed the elephants would poke their trunks in and move on. The elephants had a different idea, completely submerging themselves in the water with the students still on top. “They were rolling around, playing and spraying everybody. It was unbelievable,” Ms. Walsh said.

Once it was time to head back stateside, the group’s lasting impression of the health care system in the region was unanimously positive. To Ms. Walsh, the autonomous role of the nurse in Thai culture was especially empowering. “The nurses over there run entire clinics by themselves,” Ms. Walsh says. “They diagnose, prescribe, teach patients how to care for themselves—their role is to do it all.”
Mallinckrodt Chemical Works in St. Louis, where he made what he felt was a substantial contribution to commercial synthesis of the opiate antagonist, naloxone. “There were plenty of accolades for this synthesis,” he said, “but no pay increase when the company received a major contract from Endo Labs for naloxone. It was disappointing to learn the politics of the industry.” So when the opportunity came along, Dr. Williams returned to MCPHS to teach the biochemistry course his early mentor Charles Bauer had taught prior to his retirement. Soon he was joined by his wife, Gail, who began her 23 year career as administrative assistant to the chairs of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology and to Timothy Maher PhD ’80, director of the Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Dr. Williams taught biochemistry for five years, then teamed with professor emeritus Ed LaSalata create an integrated approach to teaching medicinal chemistry and pharmacology. For the next 16 years, they worked together to bridge the gap between the pharmaceutical sciences and the clinical sciences, which earned Dr. Williams a new title, chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, as well as invitations to present this innovative concept at national and regional AACP meetings. As editor of Foye’s Principles of Medicinal Chemistry, a book first published in 1972 by his mentor William Foye, PhD, the College’s Sawyer Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, emeritus. Dr. Williams extended the concept of “bridging the gap” into the fifth edition with the pioneering inclusion of case studies into a medicinal-chemistry textbook.

In the period that followed, Williams took a year-long sabbatical leave at the University of Strathclyde, Scotland, where he studied the application of gas chromatography-mass spectrometry to characterize which amino acid of albumin was being glycosylated, as an alternative blood biomarker for the management of diabetes. The sabbatical sparked his current research interest in the application of liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry in bioanalytical chemistry and drug metabolism. When he returned to Boston, he assumed a new administrative position, associate dean for Graduate Studies, which he held for 14 years.

Today, Dr. Williams is working with his colleague Thomas Lemke (professor emeritus, University of Houston) on the sixth edition of Foye’s Principles of Medicinal Chemistry. “This is my major focus right now,” Williams says. “This book is our [MCPHS] academic heritage, and I’m proud to continue Bill’s legacy.” From his hub in the analytical chemistry research lab on White Building’s first floor, he is easily accessible to his graduate-level chemistry students who are completing their research. Dr. Williams has mentored more than 30 MS theses and PhD dissertations, and participated in the graduate research of another 75 students. “I always push my students to work to their highest potential and try to guide them in the right direction,” he said. “Often, I wonder if any of them will one day view me as someone who stepped into their life and changed its course for the better. I can only hope.”

David Williams’ desire to be remembered by his students was fulfilled when two of his former graduate students, Aissinee “Apple” (Eusathien) Pavritapok PhD ’04 and Chiravi “Jey” Pavritapok PhD ’04, invited him and his wife Gail to visit their homeland of Thailand. Both Jey and Apple are employed by T.O. Chemical LTD and Medica Innova LTD, respectively, where Dr. Williams presented two seminars last winter.

The trip included the Grand Palace in Bangkok, a New Year’s Eve dinner cruise on the Chao Phraya River, a visit to the temple ruins in the old capital city of Ayutthaya, a trip by long-tail boat through the Damnoen Saduak floating market, a performance of “The Myth of the Demon Rahoo and the Lunar Eclipse” at the Traditional Thai Puppet Theater, and a journey to Kanchanaburi province to visit the World War II Japanese death railway prisoner camps along the River Kwai. Upon arrival they were welcomed with a wreath of jasmine flowers presented by Phichai Tovivich MS ’72, PhD ’75.

“The Thai culture is rich with tradition,” Dr. Williams says. “This was an experience I never in my wildest dreams could have imagined.” There are 24 MCPHS alumni living in Thailand, many of whom earned their doctorate in medicinal chemistry or pharmacology at the College.

Top right: The temple ruins at Ayutthaya, Thailand. Bottom right: Dr. Williams and MCPHS Thai alums.
1937
Raymond W. VanderWyk BSP ’37 lives in Waltham, Mass. and has three children, James BSP ’67, Susan and David. Ray, who taught at the College for more than 44 years, is a retired member of the Board of Managers of Leland Home for the Elderly, is a past president of the Waltham Council of Churches, and also served as secretary of the Protestant Chaplaincy Council at Deaconess Waltham Hospital.

1938
1942
Sidney D. Caplan BSP and his wife, Natalie, live in Framingham, Mass. and have three grown children.

Jane Pray DH is retired and lives in South Chatham, Mass. Jane was a member of the 2007 Reunion Committee.

George L. Wallet BSP and wife Corinne live in Fresno, Calif. and have three grown children. George reports that he has five cousins and two uncles—all of the Stoller men—who are MCPHS alumni. His wife is a graduate of the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, class of 1951—“Go Trojans!”

1948
1952
David, M. Epstein BSP and wife Rosalie live in Waltham, Mass. David is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a 50-year member of the Moses Michael Hayes Lodge of Masons. His father, Max, was a 1923 graduate of MCP. They have two grown children.

Beverley (Schoener) Gerstenberger DH and husband Ronald live in Amherst, N.H. She and Ron are NH representatives for Bridges for Peace, an international Christian organization based in Jerusalem supporting Israel through relationships, huge food banks and the rebuilding of substandard housing. They have three grown children.

1953
1954
Beverly (Amler) Bernstein DH reports that she and husband Malcolm recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Caren (Bernstein) Zyooband and Francine (Bernstein) Selzer; and have five grandchildren. Beverly wrote that she enjoyed the “personal touch” of being called by a Forsyth alum during the recent phonathon.

1957
Florence (Peterson) Alison DH and husband Peter live in Middletown, Conn. She has been involved in Girl Scouts, the Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords, Bethany Lutheran Church Choir and the Lutheran Church Women’s Group. The couple has three grown children.

Barbara (Gaunya) Bourdeau DH lives in Milford, Conn. She is a past president of both the New Haven and the Connecticut dental hygienists associations. She is a past president of many local civic groups and a current member of the board of directors of the Milford Fine Arts Council Trust. She has also received the Milford Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award. She has three grown sons.

Helen (Lawton) Brennan DH and husband Michael live in Newport, R.I. She writes, “Since graduating from Forsyth and receiving my license I have practiced dental hygiene for 50 years—and I have loved it! I have enjoyed the friends I have made, the people whom I have worked with and the patients I have treated. I retired from full-time employment in July 2005; since then I have worked per diem at Samuel’s Dental Center at Rhode Island Hospital. For 26 years, I worked with the developmentally disabled—both in a clinical setting and in group homes—a very rewarding experience.” Helen’s civic activities include past president and committee work for the Mosaic Club (a women’s service organization). Professionally, she served as president of the Rhode Island Dental Hygiene Association (1972–73) and on legislative and liaison committees; received a grant for the DECOD at the University of Washington (1979); presented at the International Dental Hygiene Symposium (1981); graduated from the Management Development program for health care at Boston University (1981); and presented a program at YDC (1982). Throughout her career she has received numerous awards. Helen has three grown daughters.

Leona (Ruel) Deyette DH and husband Ronald live in Farmington, Conn. They have two children and three grandchildren ranging in age from 13 to 20. Leona writes that she was a member of the Connecticut Dental Hygienists Association (Central Connecticut component), and served as president (1981–82). She also was a member of the Junior Women’s Club and headed the UNICEF drive within the town of Newington. She volunteered in the Farmington elementary school reading program, and is a member of the Newington Tennis Association.

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Mixing Business with Pharmacy

Bernie Tyrrell BSP ’77, RPh, MBA, now vice president for Global Marketing, Diabetes, for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, has experience in most aspects of marketing, sales and product development. Over the years, he has been involved in a number of key product innovations, including Prozac, Humulin, Gemzar, Iressa, Faslodex and now saxagliptin, a drug in development to treat type II diabetes. In a business career that has taken him to the four corners of the world, he has had varied positions in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries and has proven expertise in multiple therapeutic areas, including oncology, CNS, infection and diabetes. Last year, he made 31 trips to Europe, Asia, and Africa—and while in China enjoyed a Rolling Stones concert in Shanghai.

He and his wife, Mary Ellen, also lived in England for seven years. “I’ve learned many things in my travels,” he said. “Not everyone wants to live in the United States; Europe and Asia are fine places to live. And yet everyone I have met wants the same things for their children, to see them grow and prosper. Knowing all this has helped me be a better pharmacist. My motivation has always been ‘How do we develop and then communicate the value of our medicines to get the best benefit for the patient?’”

Recently, one of his most rewarding experiences was organizing the infrastructure for the Ethiopian Breast Cancer Pilot Project at Tikur Anbessa Hospital, the teaching hospital for Addis Ababa University, for which AstraZeneca donated mammography equipment, diagnostic kits and estrogen-suppressing drugs for women with breast cancer. He traveled to Ethiopia and met with the associate minister of health and the managers of the hospital. “It was a great sense of accomplishment,” he said. “As a business person, I recognize that we need to be philanthropic and share not only our products but our knowledge.”

Mr. Tyrrell started his career as a pharmacist at Osco Drugs in Boston and quickly moved into the pharmaceutical industry as a retail sales representative for Eli Lilly. He spent 20 years at Lilly, during which time he attended Bryant College in Rhode Island at night and received an MBA degree. He moved to AstraZeneca in 2002, after stints in consulting, and positions with biotechnology and pharmaceutical firms, including Johnson & Johnson.

“My education at the College was a very enriching experience. It was the discipline of the program, the values that were instilled, and the extra curricular activities and what I learned from them, all of which helped me succeed in business.”

—Bernie Tyrrell

“What many students don’t realize, is that there are multiple avenues for their careers,” he said. “I’ve used my education to help me understand the dynamics of the pharmaceutical marketplace—how patients receive their drugs. I’m a pharmacist first, and I use this dimension to enhance what I do.”

At MCPHS, Mr. Tyrrell was treasurer of his class and active in Kappa Psi, the Student Council, Drama Club and the Ski Club. In his third year, he was one of the first resident dorm assistants when the College began leasing dormitory space at Emmanuel College. His favorite professors were Mitchell J. Stoklosa PhG ’32, PhC ’34, ScD ’69 and Raymond A. Gosselin BSP ’43-II, MS ’48, ScD ’70 (Hon.).

“My education at the College was a very enriching experience,” said Mr. Tyrrell, who is celebrating his 30th Reunion this year. “It was the discipline of the program, the values that were instilled, and the extra curricular activities and what I learned from them, all of which helped me succeed in business.”
ALUMNI PROFILE Marcos L Pesquera BSP ’82

Removing Barriers in Health Care
Throughout his career, Marcos L. Pesquera BSP ’82, MPH has been called on to translate for physicians and their Spanish-speaking patients, so he is well aware of the need for health care initiatives for diverse patients. Statistics show that linguistic and cultural barriers prevent many patients from obtaining a proper diagnosis and result in a greater number of medical errors, less than optimal outcomes, and improper uses of medications.

Now as the executive director of the new Adventist HealthCare Center on Health Disparities in Rockville, Md., he is examining ways of removing barriers for all patients, regardless of their ethnicity. “I love what I’m doing,” he said. “It is so desperately needed, and Adventist is totally committed to this. That kind of support is unheard of.”

In his new position, he is charged with implementing recommendations of a panel to improve health services and outcomes for the vulnerable, underserved population. Those recommendations include developing an annual community health disparities report card; diversity awareness training for physicians and staff of Adventist; and establishing a maternal services center, patient advocacy program/linguistic access, and an infrastructure for health-disparities research.

“There has to be a way that limited-English proficient patients can be better served,” he said. “We have to be able to provide care to whomever walks through the door.”

In February, Mr. Pesquera, who has a master’s degree in public health from Loma Linda University, testified before a Maryland General Assembly subcommittee, which is part of the House of Delegates’ Health and Operations Committee, on health disparities. Under consideration is a bill that would require health professionals to maintain their licenses by taking three credits in providing culturally competent care as part of the required 30 CE credits.

As a trained pharmacist, Mr. Pesquera acknowledges that drug compliance is an area of particular concern. “It’s so critical for patients who are going home with those bottles of pills to ask questions,” he said. “Yet many do not. They consider asking questions a sign of distrust and disrespect.”

Prior to his position at Adventist HealthCare, Mr. Pesquera was the senior director of diversity programs for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States in Rockville. He helped plan, develop and implement centers of excellence in culturally competent care to address health disparities in minority operations. He subscribes to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ recommendations for standards for culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS) in health care, which were developed to provide equitable and effective treatment by professionals who are culturally sensitive and aware.

“This career path was something that was in my heart,” he said, about his career objectives. “I have the medical knowledge, and I am bilingual. I know I can help a lot of patients.”

Mr. Pesquera was 18 years old when he enrolled at the College; a few years later, his classmate, Thomas Ziegler BSP ’81, arranged a blind date with his sister, Kinny Ziegler, a registered dietitian and Simmons College graduate. They’ve been married for 23 years and have two teenagers.

Mr. Pesquera belonged to the International Student Association and recalled meeting students from the Middle East and Africa for the first time. “My education at the College prepared me for where I am today, a leader in my profession,” he said. “Meeting students from around the world was a wonderful experience.”

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Susan (Porst) Dobbin DH and husband Richard live in Escondida, Calif., and have a daughter and two grandchildren. Susan reports that she sings in her church choir.

William J. Fortier BSP retired from Brooks Pharmacies as a staff pharmacist this past January. He and his wife, Jean, live in Nashua, N.H. and have four grown children. Bill is on the Nashua Community Concert Association Board of Directors, is a eucharistic minister at St. Joseph’s Church and also volunteers with WGBH.

Marcia (Elliott) Fuller DH and her husband, Charles, live in Boxford, Mass.

Virginia “Ginny” (DeCoster) Lougee DH and husband Bob live in Windsor, Conn., and are the parents of two daughters, Martha and Rebecca.

Anne (Amirault) Massey DH and her husband, Edward, live in Stamford, Conn. Anne is the proud mother of Mark, Greg, Allison, Bradley and Carrie.

Marianne (Stachurski) Roberge DH is retired and lives with husband Raymond in Woonsocket, R.I. They have a son, Raymond, and a daughter, Kim Marie Dumas.

Edward J. Sheehan BSP reports that he and wife Josephine live in Tewksbury, Mass., and have five children, Brian, Nora, Scott, Christian, and Joanne. Edward has been on the Tewksbury Board of Health for 12 years.

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From Toys to Turmoil: A Second Career in the ER

Why would a middle-aged toy company executive give up a lucrative career to take the prerequisite courses—organic chemistry and microbiology, the courses he avoided in college—and enroll in a year-round, challenging program to become a physician assistant?

Gerry Dougherty MSPA ’05 answers this question and whole lot more in his humorous book, A Slippery Slope: A Middle-Aged Guy’s Bumpy Run from Early Retirement to Ski Burn To Ski Patroller to Physician Assistant. Since graduating from the Manchester, N.H. PA program, he’s been employed at Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket, R.I., in the emergency room, and enjoying his second career more than he dreamed possible.

“At graduation, President Monahan shook my hand and said, ‘Now go out there and be a good PA.’ I never forgot it. And that’s what I’m doing,” he said.

A 1976 graduate of Providence College with a degree in business management, Mr. Dougherty rediscovered his passion for a medical career after quitting his job in 2000, when he became a ski bum. (As an undergraduate, he’d thought about becoming a physician and then abandoned the idea.) Then he trained for the ski patrol, an emergency medical technician (EMT) on skis. “I loved the first-aid aspect of being on the ski patrol more than I loved the skiing,” he said. “The toy business was no longer fun. I was so sick of airports and international travel.”

After taking the prerequisites he needed, he enrolled in a nursing program, thinking this would solve the career itch. It didn’t. Frustrated, he overcame what he perceived as the enormity of the task that lay ahead and signed up for the additional courses he needed for a physician assistant program. He was thrilled when he was accepted into the College’s Manchester, N.H., PA program in 2004.

“I knew I was where I belonged,” he said. “I loved it. The work was grueling, and you didn’t get any time off. But I never got discouraged. I enjoyed the program and my classmates. I concentrated 100 percent on the task.”

He considered himself lucky to be with high-caliber faculty and physicians and to be challenged by the coursework and his patients. After each rotation (family practice, surgical, etc.), he thought that he’d found his future career. And then came the emergency medicine rotation at Valley Hospital in Claremont, N.H., so similar to his fast-paced experiences as an EMT on the ski slopes, and that was it. The more challenging the situation, the more he enjoyed helping people, he found.

“I never would have imagined myself with a medical career,” he said. “I expect this will be my career until I retire. I’m just so happy being a PA.”

Wellesley, and also serves on the MCPhs Board of Trustees.

1962
Carol (Rosenberg) Horvitz DH and husband Frank reside in Mashpee, Mass. and winter in Boynton Beach, Fla. They have three sons, Steven, Richard and Michael, and five grandchildren. Carol is the president of Sisterhood Temple, Beth Emunah.

1963
Joni (Levowich) Greenspan DH lives in Fairfield, Conn. with her husband, Michael, and owns Side-Lines. They are the parents of two daughters, Aimee and Melissa.

Donald McBride BSP, a resident of Wolfeboro, Vt., recently received the Wolfeboro Lions Club Citizen of the Year Award.

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Donald owned Hall’s Pharmacy for many years before “retiring” five years ago into an active life of community service. Over the years, he has also served as president of the Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and The Land Bank, an organization that provides leadership for responsible land use.

1964
Jane (Robinson) Weiner DH had an article published in the January 2007 issue of *Modern Hygienist*, which provided tips on influencing patient behavior. Jane is presently an adjunct faculty member at Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in the periodontics department.

1965
Steven D. Cohen BSP, professor of toxicology and chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, MCPHS School of Pharmacy–Worcester/Manchester, is the second recipient of the Distinguished Emeritus Professor Award presented by the University of Connecticut Pharmacy Alumni Association at the annual banquet and Reunion April 4, 2007. Established in 2004, the award is given periodically to recognize former faculty members who have made an outstanding contribution to the school in teaching, research or service during their tenure. In January, Steve was also presented with the Joseph Davis Distinguished Service award by Congregation B’Nai Israel in Rockville, Conn. for his many years of service and commitment to the synagogue.

1966
Mary (Leet) Kellerman DH lives in Billerica, Mass. with her husband, Arthur. Mary has worked for the last five years at the Cambridge Health Alliance, providing oral care for the underserved. She is also serves on both the Forsyth Alumni Association and MCPHS Alumni Association Board of Directors.

1967
Claire (Forcier) Bolduc DH is employed as a dental hygienist by Dr. Po-Cheng Tsai in Ledyard, Conn. She and her husband, John, live in Gales Ferry and have one child.

Maureen (Tanner) Glennon DH and husband Edward live in Stoughton, Mass. and are the parents of Caitlin and Erin. Maureen is employed as a dental hygienist by Dr. D.S. Greenfield in Stoughton.

Sandra (Poretsky) Luks DH and husband Eugene live in Eugene, Ore., and have two children. Sandra writes that she was the first director of the dental hygiene program at Williamsport Area Community College in Williamsport, Pa. from 1977–1983. After moving to Oregon in 1983, she taught in the public schools and no longer practices dental hygiene. She received the Teacher of the Year Award in 1987.

Elaine (McManus) Marshall DH and husband Tom live in Honolulu, Hawaii, and have a son, Mart. They are especially proud to be the grandparents of Sarah (4 months). Elaine writes that she is not currently practicing dental hygiene.

Arlene (Divver) Mason DH and her husband, Roger, live in West Roxbury, Mass. They have three children, Michael, Ryan and Alicia. Arlene is currently employed as a dental hygienist at Aurora Periodontal Care in Weston.

Virginia (Muty) Michna DH and husband Ralph live in San Diego, Calif., and have two children, Steven and Debra. Ginny is employed as a dental hygienist at Rancho San Diego Dental in El Cajon.

Ann (Janjikian) Scott DH lives in Marlboro, Mass., and is the owner of City Greetings. She has three children, Laura, Drew and Jordi. Ann is a member of the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Rotary Club, and a former board member of Marlborough Boys and Girls Club.

Sandra (Jainchill) Smith DH and her husband, Chris, live in Boca Raton, Fla.

Marcia Stone DH and her husband, Dan Myers, live in Westwood, Mass. Marcia works as a dental hygienist, and has a son, Todd.

1968
Chester Black BSP is a trustee of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Chester has been an active board member for public and private companies throughout his career. In the non-profit sector, he volunteers at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston, Heller School and Hebrew Senior Life.

Robert Wisgirda BSP was recently named by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce as its Ambassador of the Quarter. The Ambassador of the Quarter program highlights and rewards ambassadors who go above and beyond in their duties as a member of the ambassador team. The team serves fellow members by providing information, resources, and member-to-member support, increasing awareness and promoting active participation in chamber programs. Bob, whose professional career began by managing a family owned pharmacy in Brockton, Mass., continued in the pharmaceutical field by working at Mallinckrodt Pharmaceutical, Medicine Man Pharmacy and Medicine Man Medical Supply. He is currently the marketing specialist for WXBR Radio AM 1460 in Brockton.

1969
Stephen P. Tocco BSP, a Reading, Mass. resident, is the chair of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees. He is also the president and CEO of ML Strategies, a consulting arm of the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo.

1970
Christine Roberts DH was the featured artist at Westford’s Parish Center for the Arts (PCA) from February 26-March 25, 2007. Her works are inspired by the beauty that she sees in nature and shown through the expression of transparent watercolor. Chris is employed as a dental hygienist in clinical research at the Forsyth Institute in Boston.

1971
Christel (Koppel) Autuori DH had an article published in the January 2007 issue of *Modern Hygienist* about her Cape CARES experience in San Marcos, Honduras. Cape CARES (Central American Relief Efforts) provides an opportunity for dentists and dental hygienists to bring much-needed health care to the underserved population in Central America. Christel lead another team in March. (See page 51.)

1972
Jane (Tatel) Karp DH and her husband live in St Augustine, Fla., and have a son, Mark. Jane is the assistant director of the Braille and Talking Book Library in Daytona Beach. She is a member of numerous groups, including ADHA, the American Library Association and the American Council of the Blind.

1973
Don Thibodeau BSP was recently featured in an article in *Pharmacy Today*. Don calls on patients in their south Florida homes, conducting medication reviews,

PIZZA & POLITICS
Kathy Pelullo DH ’70 participated in Pizza & Politics on March 28, 2007. Ms. Pelullo, chair of the Massachusetts Dental Hygienists’ Association’s Council on Regulation and Practice, discussed current proposed legislation relating to dental hygiene. Many of the dental hygiene students present already knew Ms. Pelullo from their rotations at the Fernald School. It was apparent from the students’ enthusiasm that this is a favorite rotation.
and coaching patients toward clinical goals. The article discussed Don’s use of PillHelp Works software in providing medication therapy management (MTM) services. Don’s wife Collette is the office manager for his busy MTM practice.

1974
Richard Harvie BSP opened Montpelier Pharmacy, an independent pharmacy, in Montpelier, Vt. The Barre-Montpelier Times Argus reported that the last independent pharmacy in Montpelier closed in 1995. Richard and his wife, Sharon, reside in Barre.

1975
Marie Brickley-Rabb DH resides in Soledale, Pa., and is the dental hygiene member of the Pennsylvania Board of Dentistry. She is the chairwoman of the board’s Local Anesthesia Committee. She also reported that her mother Marie Ellen (Gallahue) Brickley DH ’52 passed away in September 2006.

Stanley B. Walczyk BSP of Dalton, Mass., past president of the MCPHS Alumni Association, was recently reappointed to the Berkshire Community College Board of Directors.

1977
Alison (Wetherbee) Marcotti DH and her husband, Douglas, live in Melrose, Mass. They have two sons, Keith and Michael, and a daughter, Andrea.

Ashley Morin DH lives in Whitehouse Station, N.J., and is employed as a dental hygienist by Dr. Jeffrey Ooras. She has two children, Emily and Jonathan, and is currently enrolled in the MCPHS Forsyth online bachelor degree-completion program.

Kathy (Dillon) Doten DH and husband Jim reside in Enfield, Conn., and have two children, Julie and Kevin. Kathy is employed as a dental hygienist in the office of Dr. Thomas Yanik in Windsor Locks.

Carole-Anne Budning BSP was featured in an issue of The Montreal West Informer. The article described how Carole-Anne, a third-generation pharmacist, worked with her father for 10 years.

Christel Autuori and Susan Grieves volunteering in Honduras.
years in his practice. Since his death in 2001, she has continued to provide personalized health care advice, along with her staff pharmacists. Carole-Anne lives in Cote Saint-Luc with her husband, Stuart, and their three sons.

1990 Pamela (Hall) Boutin-Coviello BSP, PharmD ’03 e-mailed that she and husband John Coviello celebrated their first anniversary at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel where they were married. “John is a professional drummer and sales director for PPV Media’s Drumhead magazine. Together we share our sons, Robert Boutin Jr. and Giovanni Coviello. Robert is a second grader at Chandler School in Duxbury, and Gio is a senior at the Boston Latin School.” They make their home in Duxbury, Mass.

Jennifer Goldman-Levine BSP, PharmD ’96 gave a talk on the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis on January 9, 2007 at the Malden Senior Center, in Malden, Mass. Jennifer is an associate professor at MCPHS.

Patricia Manfred BSP married Joseph Willis on September 28, 2006. She is employed as a staff pharmacist with Aseraht Medical Services. The couple resides in Golden, Colo.

1992 Gretchen (Venezia) Arnold DH and husband Scott live in Manchester, Conn, with their two sons, Drew and Will. She is employed as a dental hygienist by Stuart Horn, DMD, in Manchester.

Darlene (Flink) Bruce DH and husband Kurt live in Rochdale, Mass. and have three children. Darlene is employed as a dental hygienist in the office of Dr. William Daglis in Worcester.

Beth Dugan DH lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. She writes that her father, James H. Dugan, a pharmacist, graduated from MCP in 1968.

Tricia (McNulty) Russell BSP writes that she and husband Jon celebrated the arrival of their third child on October 13, 2006. Baby Luke Jon, sister Sarah (3) and brother Chad (4-1/2), Mom and Dad live in Mountain Top, Pa.

1993 Saad R. Dinno BSP was recently awarded the Innovative Pharmacy Practice award at the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association annual awards dinner, which is a part of the New England Pharmacists Convention. “The Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award has been presented in states across the country since 1993, and the selection of Saad Dinno continues the fine tradition of recognizing people who have contributed so much to our industry,” said Tom Scollins of Elan Pharmaceuticals. Saad is from a proud family of pharmacists and independent pharmacy owners. He and wife Reem (Al-Yassi) BSP ’95 live in Weston and have three children.

1994 Scott Ahern BSP and Lisa (Meleno) Ahern BSP welcomed their first child, Graeme Thomas, on January 12, 2007. Scott is a pharmacy manager at OptionCare Enterprises, and Lisa is a pharmacist at CVS in Westborough. They reside in Shrewsbury, Mass.

Frank Romanelli BSP, PharmD ’96 was recently appointed assistant dean for education innovation at University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. In this position, he is responsible for assessment, learning outcomes and promoting creativity in the classroom. He also received the 2007 Phi Lambda Sigma Outstanding Chapter Advisor award, which recognizes a chapter advisor who has promoted student leadership, actively contributed to the achievements of the local chapter and served as a leader and mentor through service to the profession and the community. Frank joined the faculty at the University of Kentucky in 1998 after completing a clinical residency at Chandler Hospital.

1997 Karen Manning BSP married Gregory T. Dabkowski on October 14, 2006. She is a pharmacist at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. The couple lives in Enfield, Conn.


1999 Andrea Gross BSP ’99 married Craig Johnson on September 28, 2006. Andrea is employed as a pharmacist at Hannaford in Waterville, Maine. The couple lives in Benton.

Richard Ouellette BSP married Amy Merrill on September 9, 2006. He is employed as a pharmacist at CVS in Salem, N.H. The couple resides in Methuen, Mass.

2001 Susan Hafford BSP married Vincent Steniger on December 16, 2006. Susan is a pharmacy manager at Walgreens in Torrington, Conn.

Jonathan Machnik BSP married Susan Severance on October 14, 2006. He is employed as a pharma-

2002 Kelly French DH and husband Monte live in Canton, Mass. and have two children, Gabrielle and Aiden. Kelly is employed as a dental hygienist by Dr. Terence Griffin in Boston.


Heidi Ford BS/HS married Matthew O’Grady on August 6, 2006. She is enrolled in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Rhode Island. She is employed by Lepre Physical Therapy in Johnston, R.I. The couple resides in Cranston.

2005 Andrew Stein PharmD married Jaclyn Masters PharmD ’06 in January. Andrew is employed by Bird’s Hill Pharmacy in Needham, and Jaclyn is employed by Osco Pharmacy. The couple resides in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

2006 Karen Fiedler BSDH married Michael Boulet. She is working as a dental hygienist in Belmont. The couple resides in Arlington, Mass.

Sarah Purington BSDH married Michael Boulet. She is working as a dental hygienist in Belmont. The couple resides in Woburn, Mass.
With great sadness, the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences community learned that President Emeritus Sumner M. Robinson passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2007, following an extended illness.

President Robinson had a long and distinguished career at the College, beginning as a student in 1950. A graduate of Boston Latin School, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1954, a Master of Science in 1956 and a PhD in Pharmacology in 1961—all from MCPHS. After graduate school, Dr. Robinson conducted research on altitude sickness for the U.S. Army at the Natick Labs and in Pikes Peak, Colo. He returned to MCPHS to serve on the faculty, where he rose to the rank of dean of the College in 1974. He became president of St. Louis College of Pharmacy in 1986 and returned to MCPHS in 1993 to serve as the College’s fourth president. He retired in 1996.

At a memorial service held in Brookline, Dr. David Fedo, former director of the Division of Liberal Arts at the College, remembered President Robinson as a soft-spoken man who was interested in everything. “When you walked into his office, he made you feel as if you were the most important person in the world,” Dr. Fedo said. “His true genius was relating to people.”

Dr. Robinson leaves his wife, Leigh, four sons and six grandchildren. To make a donation to the College in Dr. Robinson’s memory, please visit www.mcphs.edu, or call the Development Office at 617.732.2279.
Last October, MCPHS formally kicked off *On the Move*, the final phase of a six-year comprehensive fundraising campaign that will conclude on June 30, 2008. Since the campaign kickoff, more than $7.2 million in cash and new pledges—76% of the $9.5 million goal—has been raised. *On the Move* is on target to achieve, or perhaps even exceed, its ambitious goal.

The campaign is built around five specific objectives to which donors may direct their support: Student scholarships and financial assistance, public service and community outreach, faculty development, technology enhancements and facility renovations.

These objectives underlie the fundamental mission of the campaign: to build strong, ongoing financial support for the programs and services that impact our students’ lives.

MCPHS professors emeriti William and Lila Foye contributed to *On the Move* with a pledge to support student scholarship and faculty development. Explaining their motivation to make a gift, Mrs. Foye said, “We believe in the MCPHS mission to educate the next generation of health care providers, and are happy to help the students and faculty of today and tomorrow with our gift.”

As word spreads about the campaign’s important objectives, alumni and friends are learning that their support is, in many ways, essential for student success and the future of MCPHS. Everyone is encouraged to participate. To make a fast, easy and secure gift, please visit www.mcphs.edu and then click on “Make a Gift Now.” You may also print out the online reply form, complete and mail it to MCPHS with your check.

However you support *On the Move*, you will help to bring the health care career dreams of our students into sharper focus, and make a huge difference in their lives today.

**CHARTING THE PROGRESS OF ON THE MOVE**

These charts illustrate growth in new pledges and cash contributions since July 1, 2006 that support three of the five *On the Move* campaign objectives.
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:: Promote faculty development and scholarship

*The total value of such tax-free gifts to all charitable institutions before December 31, 2007 cannot exceed $100,000.

For more information, or to discuss your interest in this time-limited opportunity to support MCPHS, please contact:

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New Graduate Program to Launch in Fall 2007:
Applied Natural Products

The Board of Trustees recently approved a new graduate program in applied natural products. The Master of Applied Natural Products (MANP) will admit its first students in fall 2007. This program will be offered as a part-time evening program, in the same format as the Drug Regulatory Affairs graduate program (two courses each semester for five semesters, over a period of 21 months).

The **Master of Applied Natural Products** is designed for individuals interested in developing expertise in the natural-products discipline.

The program offers academic learning in the areas of dietary supplements, natural-products informatics, functional medicine, phytotoxic and phytochemical therapies, and epidemiology. Candidates interested in the program must have a prior health baccalaureate professional degree.

Graduates will have the opportunity to pursue careers in specialized settings, including clinics and retail, natural-product and pharmaceutical industries, federal regulatory agencies, drug-information centers, academia or other health-related fields.

The MANP program can be completed in as few as five semesters.

For more information, please contact Lana Dvorkin-Camiel at lana.dvorkin@mchs.edu.

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De Clinton Nichols BSP ’39 is one of many MCPHS students and alumni to serve in the military during World War II. A native of Southborough, Mass., he began active duty as a pharmacist’s mate in the Navy and then as an ensign in the Naval Air Corps. In a letter to Dean Howard C. Newton dated September 25, 1941, Mr. Nichols told of his training as an aviation cadet in Jacksonville, Fla., where he saw “more of the country than I could normally hope to see in a lifetime.” Assigned to the USS Santee, he later took part in landings near Casablanca, Morocco.