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Announcing 2007 Red Sox Tickets Sales Date*

Due to the overwhelming response to the Boston Red Sox Alumni Night each year, we are announcing next year's sale date now. Provided that we are able to purchase tickets through the box office as we have in the past, the 2007 Alumni Night at the Boston Red Sox games will open for sale on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 9 a.m. EST. They will be available through the College's website at www.mcphs.edu or by phone at 617.732.2076. Tickets will be first-come, first-served, and the limit will remain at four (4) tickets per alumnus/a. Please mark this date on your calendar, and good luck!

*Actual 2007 game dates TBA.

Alumni Directory 2007

Don't miss out! The directory is a wonderful way to keep track of fellow alumni. Fill out your questionnaire and return it to Universal Publishing Company to be sure you are included in the Alumni Directory.

There are special designations for MCPHS, Forsyth and Hampden. (Alumni will be identified by campuses as well.) If you have not already returned your completed questionnaire do so now—your classmates will thank you!

Participation is as simple as that. You will receive your 8" x 11" directory in early 2007. You are asked for a voluntary contribution specifically to support the directory program. (Please do not confuse this with your Annual Fund contribution!) However, you will receive a directory with or without the contribution simply by returning the completed information card. Your enthusiastic response is crucial to the success of the directory program. Thank you!

**For information about alumni events, call the Alumni Office at 617.732.2902 or e-mail alumnievents@mcphs.edu. Or, visit www.mcphs.edu.

NOTE: Information on this calendar is subject to change. Please contact the Alumni Office to confirm events, dates and locations.

Enjoy a fun weekend of CE & Ski at the White Mountain Hotel and Resort in North Conway, N.H. Weekend includes continuing education sessions (earn up to six CEUs), meals, and plenty of time to enjoy skiing at the local mountains or shopping at the outlets! January 7-9, 2007

For more details, please call the CE Office at 617.732.2081

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Cover Michele Passafaro PharmD ’09, recipient of the Romulus L. DeNicola Scholarship, and Jane (DeNicola) Tetzlaff (see story, page 8). Photo by Suzi Camarata.
Dear Alumni and Friends of the College,

To mark the 95th year of *The Bulletin*, we’ve given it a new look and a new publication schedule. I want to thank our excellent publications staff—especially Joyce Hempstead, director of Publications, and Cathy Moylan, design assistant—for keeping our venerable magazine both enjoyable to view and interesting to read. Beginning with this issue, you will receive *The Bulletin* in the summer and winter. Of course, you will also continue to receive our newsletters, as well as updates on our many activities throughout the year.

This summer’s cover story focuses on scholarships—the donors who support them and the students who receive them. The affordability of higher education is an important national issue. Even though the College strives to keep costs under control, it is expensive to provide the best faculty and the latest technology that are necessary to educate the health professionals of tomorrow. That is why our scholarship program is so important. Thanks to the generosity of individuals and corporations, we are able to help our students achieve their educational and career goals.

Also covered in this issue are the Commencement exercises for the Boston and Worcester/Manchester campuses. Of all the events in the academic calendar, graduation is the most memorable. When you see the faces of our graduates and their families—not just parents but spouses and children—you know it’s been well worth the effort. And this year’s ceremonies were really family events, with three of our alumni delivering the Commencement addresses and receiving special honors: Jay Bikofsky BSP ’62, Ronald A. Matricaria BSP ’66 and Donald Messina BSP ’55.

Speaking of alumni, it was wonderful to see many of you at the annual alumni Reunion banquet that was held at the Park Plaza Hotel in June. I hope you enjoy reading all about it in this issue, and I look forward to seeing you at another College event soon.

Have a great summer!

Charles F. Monahan Jr.
President
Editor’s Note: The following was excerpted from a letter sent to Jan Selwitz-Segal DH ’65, and Patricia (Crane) Ramsay DH ’66, director of Forsyth Alumni Programs and Continuing Education:

Keep That Information Coming!

I think that MCPHS is doing a great job including information on Forsyth, alumni events, the school, and the Yankee Dental Congress in The Bulletin.

—Jane (Robinson) Weiner DH ’64 Forsyth Tamarac, Fla., via e-mail

Editor’s Note: The following were excerpted from letters sent to Dawn Ballou, executive director of Alumni Relations:

Impressed with MCPHS’s Inclusion of Forsyth

I must tell you that I am impressed with The Bulletin and all that MCPHS is doing.

I admit that I had some misgivings initially about Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists becoming part of MCPHS, but they have been dispelled.

Although I have not personally seen the new Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic, I have seen pictures and a video, and it is truly state of the art. At Forsyth in the “old days,” the equipment was functional, but it was not the modern dental units we would find in private dental practices upon graduation. This is not the case for the Forsyth graduates from MCPHS. The current Forsyth students have the opportunity to work with the newest and best equipment and most likely will be a bit disappointed not to find this standard in many dental offices upon graduation! With the Forsyth Dental Hygiene program in the health sciences environment at MCPHS, the students are benefiting greatly.

The Bulletin is the most professional publication, from the artwork, the colors, and the general layout to the wide variety of features. Although Forsyth was not part of MCPHS when I was a student, as an alumna I am proud to be a part of it now!

—Christel (Koppel) Autuori DH ’71 Ridgefield, Conn. via e-mail

Thrilled to See her Photo

I was surprised to see my picture in The Bulletin! I have never been in a magazine before. I look forward to getting The Bulletin and Northeastern’s alumni magazine. Very nice!

—Amy Woiszwillo DH ’00 Palm Bay, Fla. via e-mail

Editor’s Note: The following is excerpted from a letter sent to President Monahan from Terry Van Lane, father of graduate Jonathan Victor Van Lane PharmD ’06, School of Pharmacy–Worcester/Manchester. He attended Commencement with his family in June.

Worcester/Manchester Commencement Speaks to a Proud Father

I listened attentively to every presentation by the speakers and awards’ presenters. They moved me so much and made me feel so extremely proud of the wonderful and professional institution that you have at MCPHS. You work so hard at instilling the same goals and principles that I have worked so hard at instilling in my children, friends, coworkers and family. We can only give them the tools, and then they must use them to succeed. Ronald A. Matri- caria BSP ’66 gave me goose bumps when he gave his Commencement address. He hit the nail on the head with his No. 6, “personal integrity.” Mr. Matri- caria’s No. 6 and Nos. 1 through 5 are taught at your College. This I saw with my own eyes when I had the pleasure to meet all the professors, doctors, and Jonathan’s friends and fellow graduates.

Seeing Jonathan receive his degree and his mother’s tears was a moment I will treasure to my grave. What makes this so special is Jonathan’s grandfather, Robert Forbes, was a pharmacist at a hospital in Windsor, Ontario for many years. My father-in-law passed away when Jonathan was 3 years old. Linda’s mom is 80 years old, and when we called her and told her that her grandson is now a doctor of pharmacy, she cried on the phone. She was so happy Jonathan’s following in his footsteps. We are all so proud of him. Thank you so much.

To the class of 2006: God bless you all.

—Terry Van Lane LaSalle, Ontario, Canada ■
Congressman Attends MCPHS–Worcester Roundtable

U.S. Representative James P. McGovern, D-Worcester, was the College’s special guest at a Medicare D Roundtable in June at MCPHS–Worcester. The event, sponsored by MassMedLine and held in the ninth-floor Fuller Conference Hall, brought together more than 30 local pharmacists and health care experts to discuss the upcoming enrollment deadline. Adele Pietrantoni BSP ’93, a pharmacist in Medicare Operations for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), moderated the discussion that included MCPHS President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62, Congressman McGovern and several MassMedLine pharmacists. The event was immediately followed by tours of the new MassMedLine office in the Living and Learning Center, and a luncheon attended by 50 MCPHS–Worcester students.

Students and Faculty Volunteer at 110th Boston Marathon

Four members of the MCPHS community finished the grueling 26.2-mile Boston Marathon in April. They were among the nearly 20,000 runners in this year’s race. Congratulations to students Kanella Hatzis PharmD ’10 (Boston) and Sheila Smith DH Forsyth ’06; staff member Jennifer Michael, director of Student Activities and Orientation (Boston); and faculty member Michael Steinberg, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, (Worcester/Manchester).

Behind the scenes, 10 MCPHS volunteers were part of an army of 6,300 volunteers helping the runners find their way to the start line. They helped load the shuttle buses that left Boston Common at a steady pace from 7 to 9 a.m., bound for the start line in Hopkinton, Mass. In addition to those pictured, the intermediate clocks positioned along the marathon route.

MCPHS Wins Mission Hill’s Cup of the Hill Award

The annual Mission Hill Walk for Health was a tremendous success, thanks to the participation of MCPHS–Boston students, faculty and staff. Mayor Thomas Menino presented the Cup of the Hill award to MCPHS, which had more participants than any other organization in the area. Almost 50 members of the MCPHS community participated in the event, despite the cold and drizzly weather. After the walk, MCPHS sponsored a table with information about MassMedLine and free toothbrushes from the Forsyth Dental Hygiene program.

A special thanks to Community Outreach Coordinator Jill Griffin for helping to organize the event; Suzette Farmer, PhD, assistant professor of nursing, and her freshman nursing students, who handed out bottled water along the route; and Kappa Psi, which had more than 20 walkers. Collectively, MCPHS raised more than $5,000 for the Mission Hill Youth Collaborative. City officials and Mission Hill neighbors said they greatly appreciated the College’s efforts.

Boston Poster Session Presentations

The annual Women’s Health Poster Session in April showcased 22 posters in the Student Lounge at MCPHS–Boston and covered topics ranging from the portrayal of women in literature to smoking cessation programs designed for women. Gift cards to the bookstore,
President of Chinese Medical University Attends Worcester/Manchester Commencement

Guo Qing, MD, president of Hangzhou Medical College, attended the fourth annual MCPHS—Worcester/Manchester Commencement ceremony at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on June 16. He is on a year-long sabbatical leave at Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Qing and his family are living in the Mission Hill section of Boston, where they are neighbors of President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62. Dr. Qing also attended the trustees’ luncheon with his wife, Tina Zheng, and his daughter, Jenny Guo, following the Worcester/Manchester ceremony. “This is the finest commencement I have ever attended, in China or the United States,” Qing told a delighted luncheon audience. “And that includes Harvard’s.”

He invited President Monahan to visit China in the fall, noting that Hangzhou and Boston are official sister cities. Hangzhou Medical College has programs in pharmacy, nursing, medicine and dentistry. Located 200 miles southwest of Shanghai, Hangzhou is the capital of Zhejiang province and was once the ancient seat of the Southern Song Dynasty (1127–1279). Hangzhou is famous for its natural beauty and cultural heritage, and was visited by Marco Polo during his 13th-century journey to China. Today Hangzhou remains a major tourist destination.

Japanese Dentists Visit the Dental Hygiene Clinic

On April 10, the Forsyth Dental Hygiene program hosted a group of 31 Japanese dentists who are interested in redesigning dental hygiene education in Japan using the U.S. educational process as a model. The day began with a viewing of “Dawn of a New Era,” the MCPHS Forsyth Dental Hygiene program video. Dr. Takanari Miyamoto translated, with the assistance of Yasuko Tama of the MCPHS Academic Support Center. The dentists then visited the Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic and the MCPHS bookstore. President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62 sponsored a luncheon for the visitors at Brant House, where they were greeted by George Humphrey, PhD, executive director of College Relations and Communications, and James D. Blagg, PhD, of the School of Health Sciences.

Dutch Pharmacist Meets with Boston Dean

Wendy Hofman, a pharmacist (or apotheker in Dutch) from the Netherlands, stopped by MCPHS to visit with Douglas Pisano BSP ’81, PhD, dean of the School of Pharmacy—Boston and associate provost for Pharmacy Education, in May, accompanied by Gretchen Sionkiewicz BSP ’95, a pharmacist at Eaton Apothecary in Marblehead, Mass. The two women are participating in an international Group Study Exchange, designed for professionals and business people between the ages of 25 and 40, sponsored by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Small groups spend four to six weeks in a host country to experience the culture and form new professional relationships. Ms. Hofman, who received her pharmacy degree from the University of Groningen, owns Heemsteedse Apotheek in the small town of Heemstede, located about 20 miles west of Amsterdam near the coast. She was very interested in Dean Pisano’s perspective on pharmacy practice in the United States. “I’m always working on improving … quality and … looking for innovations,” she said.

Peruvian Pharmacists Attend Three-Week Seminar

Twelve registered pharmacists from Perú attended the College’s fourth annual summer seminar on U.S. pharmacy studies in June in order to prepare for the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination. The group attended a special presentation by Charles R. Young BSP ’69, executive director of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy, and participated in mock interviews with John A. Lehman BSP ’89, pharmacy supervisor at Brooks Pharmacy. Most of the 10 men and two women lived in the Ronald A. Matricaria Academic and Student Center while attending the seminar.
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provided by the School of Arts and Sciences, were awarded to the top three posters. First prize was awarded to My-Dung Nguyen PharmD ’07 for her poster “Probiotics.” Second prize went to Tien Huynh BSPMM ’06, Richard Medeiros PharmD ’08, Melissa Migliero BSN ’08, Stephanie Newbald BSPMM ’08, and Melissa Robert BSPMM ’08 for their poster “Do Pharmacists Have the Right to Refuse to Dispense?” And, third prize went to Sabek Bantiwalu PharmD ’07, Julie Davis PharmD ’10, Edwige Djuikouo PharmD ’07, and Tung Pham PharmD ’07 for their poster “Women and Body Image.”

The second annual Medical Humanities Interest Group Poster Session, also in April, was held in Rombult Atrium. The poster session provided a wonderful opportunity for faculty in the Medical Humanities Interest Group and students in the premedical studies capstone course to share their work. Christine Parkhurst, MA, associate professor of English and humanities, displayed several of her own poems and Martha Gardner, PhD, assistant professor of history and social sciences, addressed the promotion of cigarettes through women’s tennis. Student poster topics were just as diverse and included topics such as mad-cow disease (Phu Tran BS Premed and Health Studies ’06), athletes’ use of performance-enhancing supplements (Umer Syed BS Premed and Health Studies ’06), and bird-flu (Supapan Nualpring BS Premed and Health Studies ’06).

**Professor Ginsburg Opens Art Gallery Exhibit**

An interdisciplinary show featuring the work Ellen Ginsburg, PhD, associate professor of anthropology and sociology, with artists and software programmers was on display in April and May at the Mills Gallery, Boston Center for the Arts (539 Tremont Street). The interactive show examines the complex relationships between body, health, self and community. Using Professor Ginsburg’s health narratives, the group created kinetic, robotic sculptures designed with mechanical tipping points. She interviewed South End artists to develop the health narratives. A number of MCPHS faculty and students were present at the well-attended opening reception.

**Collaboration With New Hampshire Pharmacists’ Association**

The College and the New Hampshire Pharmacists’ Association (NHPA) have joined forces to offer continuing education programs in the Granite state. “We are very excited to be partnering with the NHPA,” said Katherine Keough, executive director of Government Affairs and Continuing Education. “By combining the resources of the College and the NHPA, we will be able to offer the most comprehensive, up-to-date education for pharmacists across New Hampshire.” In collaboration with NHPA, the College will provide accredited programs for pharmacists and handle most logistical program aspects. The first joint CE program of the partnership is scheduled for September 17, 2006.

“This is a natural fit that will really benefit New Hampshire pharmacists and their customers,” said Gary Merchant, president of NHPA. “With the College’s expertise on the latest developments in pharmacy practice, we will now be able to give our members the best continuing education available.”

**College Volunteers Respond to Boston Measles Outbreak**

In late May, the Boston Public Health Commission confirmed an outbreak of measles in offices located in Boston’s John Hancock Tower. The commission ran a Measles Clinic on May 25 and immunized more than 600 patients with doses prepared by MCPHS students and faculty. Reena Acharya PharmD ’07 and Wendy Wong PharmD ’07, along with Tania Chudy, PharmD, adjunct preceptor, responded to the call for volunteers and assisted Paul Kiritsy BSP ’82, MS ’85, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, at the clinic. Anita Barry, MD, director of the clinic, consulted the MCPHS team for pertinent drug information and said she was impressed with their ability to obtain accurate and concise information so quickly.

**A Salute to Professor Belmonte**

The School of Pharmacy–Boston, along with other College faculty, administration and staff, honored Albert A. Belmonte, professor of pharmaceutics, for his many years of service to the College. The event, Biscotti With Belmonte, featured delicious pastries from Arthur’s Pastry in Medford. Dr. Belmonte mingled with guests and recalled his years at the College. After welcoming remarks from Janis P. Bellack, PhD, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and Douglas J. Pisano BSP ’81, PhD, dean of the...
Pharmacy Faculty Collaborate on Review Text

More than 30 faculty from the College’s two schools of pharmacy (Boston and Worcester/Manchester) contributed articles to a comprehensive pharmacy review textbook just published by McGraw Hill Medical. Pharmacy and Federal Drug Law Review: A Patient Profile Approach was edited by David C. Kosegarten, PhD, professor emeritus of pharmacology, and Douglas J. Pisano BSP ’81, PhD, dean, School of Pharmacy—Boston and associate provost of Pharmacy Education. The innovative text contains more than 250 case-based scenarios applying theories and concepts to specific situations. Included with the textbook are sample examinations and a CD-ROM that prepare the reader for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX). The book is available through your favorite bookseller or online at www.accessmedbooks.com.

School of Pharmacy–Boston and associate provost for Pharmacy Education, Dean Pisano offered words of appreciation and presented Dr. Belmonte with an official MCPHS chair.

Dr. Belmonte joined the College in 1994 as dean and vice president for Academic Affairs. He continued his service in the administration as provost and interim president, returning to his current position as professor of pharmaceutics in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in 1999. A registered pharmacist in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Alabama, Dr. Belmonte was recognized in 2003 with the College Medal for his combined service as administrator and faculty member. He is a past national president of the Rho Chi pharmacy honor society and served on the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Board of Directors for five years, including two years as chair of the Council of Deans, which represents all the U.S. pharmacy deans. He is a contributor to four textbooks and has served as a major advisor for more than 20 graduate students during his 34 years of service to academic pharmacy.

MCPHS community members sought after by the local and national media for their expertise.

The speech given by Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), at the College’s 66th annual Howard L. Reed Conference at Gillette Stadium was covered by the Boston Globe, Associated Press, New England Cable News (NECN), and Drug Topics magazine.

The Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic was featured in the April issue of Contemporary Oral Hygiene. The article stated that the facility’s technology “sets a new standard for clinical excellence.” A profile of W. Gail Barnes, PhD, RDH, of the Forsyth Dental Hygiene program, also ran in the July issue of Access, the official publication of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association.

The April 27 welcome reception for Seth Wall, executive director, MCPHS–Manchester, N.H., was featured in the Scene Setters section, which covers Manchester-area social and charity events, of the New Hampshire Union Leader. Included was a color photograph of Mr. Wall, President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62, and former Manchester mayors Robert A. Baines and Sylvio Dupuis, who is now special assistant to President Monahan.

MassMedLine’s history and intensive work with the Medicare prescription drug benefit was chronicled in an article in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette on May 12. Included were interviews with Mary Sullivan, PharmD, director of MassMedLine, and Katherine Keough, executive director of Government Affairs and Continuing Education.

Joseph M. Calomo BSP ’95, PharmD ’97, MBA, assistant dean for Experiential Education and Professional Affairs, appeared on the April 13 edition of WGBH-TV’s “Greater Boston” with host Emily Rooney to discuss direct-to-consumer advertising by the pharmaceutical industry.

The Worcester Living and Learning Center’s architectural design was profiled in the April 2006 issue of College Planning and Management magazine. The magazine praised the facility’s state-of-the-art technology, notably the patient-assessment and skills-technology laboratories.

A feature article on the Worcester campus’ new 16-month accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program appeared in the May 28 edition of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. The article detailed the unique aspects of the program, including the Worcester campus’ skills laboratory.
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AN INVESTMENT IN MCPHS STUDENTS TODAY IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE HEALTH CARE LEADERS OF TOMORROW. THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, THE COLLEGE HELPS A STUDENT’S DREAM OF A CAREER IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS BECOME A REALITY. INCREASINGLY, SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT BUILDS THE BRIDGE THAT STUDENTS NEED TO FINANCE THEIR EDUCATION.

MCPHS annually awards approximately $7 million in scholarships—gifts or grants that unlike federal loans do not have to be repaid—through 140 active funds to nearly two-thirds of all students, according to Kathleen Lawlor, director of Annual Giving. “Individuals can contribute at any time to one or more of the existing named scholarships, such as the Mitchell J. Stoklosa Student Assistance Fund, or to the College’s general scholarship fund that awards support based on need and academic achievement,” said Lawrence Townley, director of Development.

Well-meaning alumni, friends, corporations and organizations have established scholarship funds for a variety of reasons: in memory of a loved one or a friend, or in honor of a special educator. A corporation may also establish a scholarship to help students financially and then provide the graduate with an entry-level position. An organization may set up a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to students who hail from the area in which the organization is located.

For example, Community Pharmacies, a Maine-based regional pharmacy chain, established the full-tuition, William G. Waldron Scholarship in February 2006. A former MCPHS trustee, the late Mr. Waldron was chairman of Community Pharmacies and a Maine entrepreneur known for his generosity to his employees and to many worthy causes.

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Opposite: Marie Carole K. Chimmeugne, class of ‘09 in the Doctor of Pharmacy program and recipient of the Henrietta DeBenedictis Scholarship
When Ashley Marinez, an incoming first-year student at the School of Pharmacy–Boston, was in the eighth grade, her mother’s dream of becoming a pharmacist became her own. Her mother, Aguis, attended pharmacy school in her native Dominican Republic but did not complete the coursework. She reminisced about her classes, telling her daughter about experiments in chemistry and biology. “From that time on, I did everything that I could that would lead me to a career in pharmacy,” Ms. Marinez recalled.

That included applying and attending the John D. O’Bryant High School of Math and Science in Boston, one of the city’s academically rigorous high schools for which students must pass an entrance examination. In her sophomore year, she participated in Creando Futuros (Creating Futures), an extra curricula program for students interested in health care careers. On Saturdays the group met at the MCPHS–Boston campus, where she met MCPHS professors and students and was impressed.

So when the time came for college, Ms. Marinez, who excelled in advanced biology and chemistry, knew exactly where to apply. A few days after receiving her acceptance letter from MCPHS, the Admission office notified her that she had been selected for the full-tuition Carol DiMaiti Stuart Scholarship, providing she remained in good academic and disciplinary standing during the six-year degree program.

“I was stunned,” said, Ms. Marinez, who is working two jobs this summer—one at Filene’s Basement and the other at the YMCA—to help pay for books and other expenses that are not covered by the scholarship.

And needless to say, Aguis Marinez is thrilled that her only daughter will have the opportunity she never had: a career in pharmacy.

The Carol DiMaiti Stuart Scholarship is one of three community scholarships offered at the College: the other two are the James T. King Memorial Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship for undergraduates who are Boston residents and members of a racial and/or ethnic minority; and the Mayor’s Scholarship Program for Boston Latin School, also a full-tuition scholarship, to honor the long-standing relationship with the Boston campus’ neighbor, Boston Latin, another city examination school.

Lisa Leung PharmD ’09, a recipient of the Boston Latin Scholarship, said she chose pharmacy as a career after watching a video about the health care professions when she attended Boston Latin. “I like the retail setting and helping patients,” said Leung, who works part time in a pharmacy at Target and at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in the Longwood Medical Area. “I think the scholarship motivates me to try harder in school,” said Ms. Leung, who has a 3.6 grade-point average.

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“The scholarship continues the legacy of Bill Waldron and his love of the state of Maine,” said Joseph Bruno, CEO. “He loved young people and was always excited when businesses succeeded. This scholarship is something that Mr. Waldron would have been very proud of.”

The state of Maine has an acute shortage of pharmacists and no pharmacy school to educate new pharmacists. The Waldron scholarship is awarded to a pharmacy student from Maine in his or her sixth year at the College. The scholarship obligates Maine graduates to return to their home state to live and work for Community Pharmacies for three years. Kimberly Johnson PharmD ’07, from Mexico, Maine, is the first recipient of the scholarship.

“We were very impressed with the quality of the applicants,” said Mr. Bruno. “It was really a tough decision.”
The Romulus L. DeNicola Scholarship, established in 1983 by the Board of Registration in Pharmacy in honor of one of its longest serving members, is one of the College's endowed scholarship funds. Endowed scholarship funds retain their principal as scholarships are awarded based strictly on earnings, including interest that the fund accrues from year to year.

The late Mr. DeNicola BSP ’37, PhC ’39, ScD ’74 (Hon.) who died in 1996, served on the pharmacy board for 27 years, according to his daughter, Jane (DeNicola) Tetzlaff of Rockland, Mass. The fund was set up the year he retired from the board.

Mr. DeNicola owned Blackwood Pharmacy in Wollaston, Mass., which was open seven days per week when Ms. Tetzlaff was growing up. He was a firm believer in the community pharmacy, and he often responded to emergency calls in the middle of the night to help his patients. “My dad ate, drank, and slept pharmacy and chemistry,” she recalled. “Pharmacy was dad’s love, and he’d be thrilled to see these young people become pharmacists. If you can help somebody do something that they love, that’s great.”

Ms. Tetzlaff and her husband, Richard, attended the first College-wide Scholarship Recognition Celebration held in April, where they were delighted to meet Michele Passafaro PharmD ’09 of Newton, N.J., a recipient of the Romulus L. DeNicola Scholarship for the 2005–2006 academic year. “I pay for school myself, so every little bit helps,” said Ms. Passafaro, who notes that she will owe in excess Continued on page 12
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of $100,000 when she completes her studies. A transfer student from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, she maintains a 3.9 grade-point average.

More than 125 students, scholarship donors, parents, alumni, friends, faculty, and administrators attended the recognition event held in White Hall on the Boston campus, including President Charles F. Monahan BSP ’62; Janis P. Bellack, PhD, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; Gail (Phillips) Bucher BSP ’63, trustee; Stanley Walczyk BSP ’75, president of the Alumni Association; and Douglas Pisano BSP ’81, PhD, associate provost for Pharmacy Education and dean, School of Pharmacy–Boston.

“The event allowed many scholarship recipients to meet scholarship donors and acknowledge their support,” said Dawn Ballou, director of Alumni Relations. “The majority of our Alumni Association scholarships are need-based. We help to bridge the gap between what the students borrow and the actual costs. Scholarships make the difference as to whether a student can afford to attend the College.”

Christine Mach PharmD ’07 from Huntington Beach, Calif., who received one of the Alumni Association scholarship awards, also attended the celebration. “I think scholarships are a better way for students to fund their education, and it’s also nice to be recognized for your academic achievement,” said Ms. Mach, who is excited to begin her sixth-year rotations. Interested in a career in hospital pharmacy, she was a pharmacy intern at Boston Children’s Hospital. Her sister, Cathy Mach PharmD ’05, is a pharmacist and also an MCPHS alumna.

The Forsyth Alumni Association funds scholarships, ranging from $1,000 to $2,500, and last year it funded all of the dental hygiene students who applied for scholarship support. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average and a reference letter from a Forsyth faculty member. The annual Forsyth scholarship direct-mail appeal, as well as the efforts of alumni during the annual phon-a-thon, help raise scholarship funds for Forsyth students.

“It’s important to help educate the next generation and for Forsyth alumni to participate,” said Gail Weisberg DH ’74. “I would urge all fellow alumni to help the future of the profession.”

“Pharmacy was dad’s love, and he’d be thrilled to see these young people become pharmacists. If you can help somebody do something that they love, that’s great.”  

—Jane (DeNicola) Tetzlaff

INTERESTED in establishing a scholarship in memory of a loved one or friend, in honor of an educator, or contributing to one or more of MCPHS’ existing scholarships?

For more information, please contact Lawrence Townley, director of Development, at 617.732.2230, or Kathleen Lawlor, director of Annual Giving, at 617.732.2279.
Seth P. Wall, the new executive director at MCPHS–Manchester, N.H., is learning the real meaning of “multi-tasking.” He oversees the physical plant at 1260 Elm Street, which is undergoing renovation in preparation for the addition of the nursing program; keeps the channels of communication open among staff, faculty and students; and maintains community and governmental relations through outreach initiatives.

“Part of my job is to spread the word about what the College is doing in Manchester,” said Mr. Wall. “The connections and networks I made in my last position are key when it comes to promoting the school and its future plans.”

Mr. Wall, formerly the senior assistant to Manchester Mayor Robert Baines, was in charge of developing the city’s $330 million budget before he assumed his duties in February. Manchester’s new mayor, Frank C. Giunta, was among more than 50 local dignitaries and alumni that attended a welcome reception for Mr. Wall in April. Among those present were: MCPHS President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62; Richard E. Fradette BSP ’77, JD, a Manchester attorney; Janis P. Bellack, PhD, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; James Blagg, PhD, of the School of Health Sciences; Douglas J. Pisano BSP ’81, PhD, dean, School of Pharmacy–Boston and associate provost for Pharmacy Education; and former mayors Baines and Sylvio L. Dupuis.

In January 2007, the College will offer an accelerated, 16-month, Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in Manchester, which received preliminary approval from the N.H. Postsecondary Education Commission. The College already offers a 16-month nursing program at MCPHS–Worcester, and both 16-month and 33-month nursing programs in Boston. “The commissioners are very excited about the nursing program because of the shortage of nurses not only across the country but in this region,” he said. “The College is the only one of its kind in northern New England, and prospective students in the area now have an opportunity to take advantage of its programs.”

Four public information sessions will be offered by the College for prospective nursing students. The nursing program will complement the existing Master of Science in Physician Assistant (PA) Studies and fast-track Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) programs at MCPHS–Manchester. The rural N.H.-based PA program is separate from its Boston counterpart, and the PharmD program is a satellite of the School of Pharmacy–Worcester/Manchester.

The third floor of the building, until recently leased by KeySpan, is in the preliminary stages of renovation. Approximately 11,000 square feet will be partitioned for classrooms and skills-assessment laboratories. In May 2002, the College acquired the Manchester graduate program in PA studies, the only one in new Hampshire and Vermont, from the now-closed Notre Dame College, and purchased the three-story, 32,000 square foot building the same year. The College became the area’s 10th institution of higher education and joined the newly established Manchester Area Colleges (MAC) consortium.

Mr. Wall said he would be exploring individual growth opportunities for the College, as well as collaborations with area colleges and universities. He will also be investigating potential funding sources from government and private foundations and organizations. “President Monahan is focused on his vision for the future and what he’d like to accomplish, so whatever I can do to help him achieve his goals, I’ll do,” said Mr. Wall. “That’s why I’m here.”

A New Hampshire native and long-term resident of Manchester, Mr. Wall did his undergraduate work at the University of New Hampshire and received two graduate degrees from Southern New Hampshire University: an MBA and a master’s in international business. He also received a Certificate in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution from Harvard Law School.
Pharmacists Urged to Stand Tall

Third Annual Face of Pharmacy Day Attracts 300-plus Pharmacists and Students

At the third annual Face of Pharmacy Day at the Massachusetts State House, pharmacists presented an impressive display of their skills and training, their role in the state health care system, and the pharmacy profession’s accomplishments in pharmaceutical care. The more than 300 pharmacists and pharmacy students in attendance were urged to persevere in their quest...
for passage of the Collaborative Drug Therapy Management (CDTM) bill, which was squelched by opposition from the medical establishment.

The Massachusetts Medical Society “would like to see you licking, sticking, counting and pouring and not much else,” said Dennis G. Lyons BSP ‘75, RPh, vice president for Institutional Advancement, told the crowd. “Organized medicine believes you are not qualified or sufficiently trained for this task … they believe that it is ethically inappropriate for you to perform this function. But what is organized medicine afraid of? Are they so arrogant that they are not aware of the times pharmacists identify and prevent doctor errors?”

Mr. Lyons also noted that collaborative drug therapy management legislation was enacted in 41 states. CDTM improves disease and drug therapy management; enhances drug therapy monitoring; reduces medication errors and hospitalizations from adverse drug events; and improves quality of life by extending seniors’ ability for independent living.

Under a voluntary agreement with a physician, a pharmacist would be allowed to monitor and control the pharmaceutical care provided to Massachusetts patients. Patients see their pharmacist once a week compared to quarterly or biennial visits to their physicians or other health care professional. When the legislation is enacted, pharmacists interested in CDTM would have to undergo specialty training and testing to show competency. “You should be proud to be a pharmacist today,” he said. “Proud of your past and for you students, proud of what lies ahead. Make the most of this opportunity. Make sure you visit your state senator and representative. They want to hear from you and to know more.”

Among those in attendance were Douglas J. Pisano BSP ’81, PhD, associate provost for pharmacy education and dean of the School of Pharmacy–Boston, and Michael J. Malloy, PharmD, dean of the School of Pharmacy Worcester/Manchester, as well as more than 100 students from both schools of pharmacy. A major highlight of the day included exhibits on a wide range of diseases and therapies in which pharmacists are actively involved. In addition to a MassMedLine booth, there were exhibits on asthma, immunizations, emergency preparedness, CDTM, complementary medicine, compounding, medication compliance, blood pressure, asthma, diabetes, osteoporosis, and pharmacy education.

Katherine Keough, executive director of the College’s Office of Government Affairs and Continuing Education, which helped organize the annual event that has served as a rallying point for state pharmacists, said its purpose is to educate legislators and staff members, many of whom do not recognize the many areas in which pharmacists practice. It is also a way to mobilize pharmacists and students and promote a sense of pride. “It’s incredibly important that pharmacists and students take pride in their profession by letting legislators know who they are, by getting involved in public policy decisions and by voicing their opinions,” she said. “The College’s goal for this event is to foster a sense of community among our students, alumni and faculty to show that one person can make a difference, but that it’s easier to do with one united voice.”

Also helping plan the day’s event were Tricia Forde, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, past president of the Massachusetts Society of Health-System Pharmacists; James Gagnon, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice; and Matthew Machado, PharmD, assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

As part of the proceedings, Carmelo Cinqueonce, executive vice president of the Massachusetts Pharmacists Association, presented recognition awards to state Senator Richard T. Moore, who chairs the Joint Committee on Health Care, and state Representative Peter Koutoujian, chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health.

In addition to MCPHS, the other sponsors of the event were the Massachusetts Independent Pharmacists Association; Massachusetts Society of Health-System Pharmacists; National Association of Chain Drug Stores; Northeastern University School of Pharmacy; and Retailers Association of Massachusetts.

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Office of Government Affairs and Continuing Education

Hundreds of legislators visited the nearly two dozen exhibits in the Great Hall of the State House during the third annual Face of Pharmacy Day.

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R. Gino Chisari
BSN ’90

by Katherine Keough

Even when he is not working, R. Gino Chisari BSN ’90, MSN has a passion for his chosen profession of nursing that is almost palpable. He is equally passionate about his role as the nursing practice coordinator at the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing. (Prior to joining the board staff, Mr. Chisari served as a clinical educator for the Center for Clinical and Professional Development at Massachusetts General Hospital, as well as a faculty member for the MGH Institute of Health Professions and an adjunct faculty member at several area colleges of nursing.)

Since becoming the nursing practice coordinator in 2001, Mr. Chisari has been involved in a number of practice and regulatory issues related to nursing practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He serves as the primary practice advisor to board members, legal counsel, nursing community members and other stakeholders.

Mr. Chisari first joined public service when he was appointed as a member of the board in 2000, where he learned the importance of the board’s mission and goals. “Because of my prior faculty work I had a healthy understanding of what the board is and isn’t. I was able to recognize early on that the board is a leader and a health care partner,” Mr. Chisari said, “…Some nurses associate the board [only with] its legal mandate to enforce the regulations, [although] in reality the board is involved in so much more.” As policy makers, board members have the same goals as clinicians when it comes to patient health and patient safety.

Mr. Chisari talks with pride about the work of the board staff and their shared dedication to public service. “Most of us could make far bigger salaries working in the private sector, but we are drawn to public service for several reasons. We came to the board because the work is important and [provides] another dimension to caring for patients.”

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“Collectively we have the talent, expertise and experience to become the premier nursing board in the country,” he said.

MCPHS has certainly changed a great deal from the time Mr. Chisari attended evening classes working toward his bachelor’s degree in nursing. At that time, the nursing department was located in the basement of the White building, and there were few students enrolled in the program. During a recent tour of the facilities led by James Blagg, of the School of Health Sciences, Mr. Chisari was constantly amazed at the commitment that MCPHS has made to its health sciences programs, especially nursing.

“I’m incredibly impressed and encouraged [by the College’s commitment to technology],” he said. “There’s a certain amount of fear that new students experience when they first work with patients … having a simulated experience [in the nursing laboratory] helps create a safe environment” where they can learn from their mistakes and gain the confidence necessary to become good practitioners.

With 20 years in nursing behind him, Mr. Chisari remains strongly optimistic about his chosen field. “There are very few professions where you can pretty much get into it at any time of your life and [still] have a wonderfully rewarding career with a world of opportunities.”

Katherine Keough is executive director of Government Affairs and Continuing Education at the College.
More than 400 students from the Boston campus received degrees at the College’s 138th Commencement in May at the Bayside Expo and Conference Center in Boston.

Khac Huy Vo PharmD ’06, who was born in Saigon, Vietnam, and moved to the United States when he was 9 years old, delivered the student address. Mr. Vo has accepted a full-time clinical pharmacist’s position at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He urged fellow graduates to reflect on their time at the College and to develop a responsible vision for their health care careers.

“I believe we each should harbor the passion to care for our patients, regardless of race, creed or wealth. In essence, we are all future educators and innovators in our respective fields.”

—Khac Huy Vo PharmD ’06

“Mr. Vo’s speech, Jay Bikofsky BSP ’62, vice chairman of the MCPHS Board of Trustees and managing director of New York-based Hagedorn and Company, delivered the Commencement address. Mr. Bikofsky has served as associate director of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, administrator of Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., and has also earned advanced degrees from Columbia University and Fordham University.

In his remarks, he stressed the importance of the prospective careers of the 404 graduates. “You are most fortunate to be entering the health field at a time of unprecedented growth and opportunity,” said Mr. Bikofsky. “In every branch of the health professions, you will find exciting new developments in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease and promotion of wellness.”

Michael S. Dukakis, former Massachusetts governor and presidential candidate, offered the keynote address at the third annual School of Health Sciences Pinning, Hooding, and Awards Ceremony. He urged students to serve not only by providing health care but also by being politically active in improving the health care system. The event was held in May at Boston’s Hynes Convention Center.

James D. Blagg, PhD, of the School of Health Sciences, served as master of ceremonies, and President Charles F. Monahan Jr. offered greetings from the College. The Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies class of 2006 was hooded by program faculty.

Program pins were presented to the graduates in recognition of their entry into the professional practice of nuclear medicine technology, radiography, and radiation therapy. Students completing the professional component of the MCPHS Forsyth Dental Hygiene program were also presented program pins. Several students were recognized for their achievement of academic and clinical excellence through a variety of awards. Immediately following the ceremony, the School of Health Sciences hosted a reception for graduates, students and their families, faculty, and staff.
Mr. Bikofsky concluded his remarks by saying, “I am enthusiastic about what I do, and I hope you too will share my optimism. This is a new start; use it well.”

Immediately following the address, Mr. Bikofsky was awarded an honorary Doctor of Pharmacy degree for his outstanding contributions to the health care industry as a practitioner and as an executive for more than 40 years.

President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62 and Trustee Gregory H. Laham BSP ’73 presented the 2006 Trustees’ Award for Teaching Excellence to Stacie M. Spencer, PhD, assistant professor of Health Psychology, for “creating an environment and education experience that inspires learning and encourages the development of skills that students can use as lifelong learners,” Mr. Laham said.

Professor Spencer, in accepting the award, thanked the College, trustees, fellow faculty and her students for their support and enthusiasm. “I love teaching, and to be able to make a career out of doing what I love is wonderful,” Spencer said. “To receive recognition for doing what I love is truly an honor.”

President Monahan also recognized two former chief academic officers at the College: Benjamin R. Hershenson BSP ’62, MS ’64, PhD ’68 received the title dean emeritus, and Albert A. Belmonte, PhD, was named professor emeritus.

Presiding over the presentation of degree candidates were: Janis P. Bellack, PhD, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and Jean M. Joyce-Brady, PhD, dean of Students. Serving as College Marshals were: Joyce-Brady; Lynne M. Sylvia BSP ’80, PharmD, associate professor, School of Pharmacy; Magdalena Luca, PhD, assistant professor, School of Arts and Sciences; and Susan Jenkins, MS, assistant professor, School of Health Sciences.

Following the recessional, all guests were invited to a reception to honor the graduates and their families. David L. Maher, chairman of the MCPHS Board of Trustees, also hosted a luncheon for trustees, faculty, staff and other distinguished guests.

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—Jay Bikofsky BSP ’62

Vice Chair, MCPHS Board of Trustees and Honorary Degree Recipient

Clockwise from upper left: President Monahan awards professor emeritus plaque to Dr. Albert Belmonte; Dean Douglas Pisano and President Monahan congratulate class speaker Khac Huy Vo; Dr. Benjamin Hershenson smiles after being named dean emeritus; President Monahan shares a light moment with Dr. Esther Wilkins at the trustees' luncheon; Khac Huy Vo and his father; proud family members congratulate new graduate Chinedu Benjamin Eche PharmD ’06, who hails from Nigeria.
School of Pharmacy–Boston Holds Hooding Ceremony
Douglas J. Pisano BSP ’81, PhD, dean and associate provost for Pharmacy Education, served as master of ceremonies at the third annual School of Pharmacy–Boston Convocation and Hooding Ceremony. The event was held in May at Boston’s John Hancock Conference Center.

The PharmD class of 2006 was recognized for its achievements with a variety of awards. President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62 addressed students and faculty, and Michelle Kalis, PhD, associate provost for Academic Affairs, also offered remarks and congratulations on behalf of the College. All 185 graduating students received a PharmD hood with an olive border for pharmacy and lined in red and white representing MCPHS as the degree-granting institution. Immediately following the ceremony, the school hosted a reception for graduates and their families, faculty and staff.

2006 Graduates

GRADUATES – BOSTON CAMPUS
School of Arts and Sciences
BS in Health Psychology 1
BS in Premedical Health Studies 8
School of Health Sciences
Certificate in Dental Hygiene 23
AS in Dental Hygiene 12
BS in Dental Hygiene 26
BS in Health Science 31
BS in Radiologic Sciences/Radiation Therapy 12
BS in Radiologic Sciences/Radiography 6
BS in Radiologic Sciences/Nuclear Medicine 15
Master of Physician Assistant Studies 33
School of Pharmacy–Boston
Doctor of Pharmacy 165
Non-Traditional Doctor of Pharmacy 17
BS in Pharmaceutical Marketing & Management 10
BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences 19
Division of Graduate Studies
MS in Drug Regulatory Affairs & Health Policy 21
MS in Industrial Pharmacy 4
MS in Medicinal Chemistry 2
MS in Pharmacology 2
PhD in Pharmacology 1
PhD in Analytical Chemistry 2
Total Boston Graduates 410

GRADUATES – WORCESTER CAMPUS
School of Pharmacy (Worcester/Manchester)
Doctor of Pharmacy 114

GRADUATES – MANCHESTER CAMPUS
Master of Physician Assistant Studies 23

TOTAL ALL GRADUATES 547
A Call to Bring Integrity to the Workplace

114 Receive PharmD Degrees in Mechanics Hall

The fourth Commencement of the School of Pharmacy–Worcester/Manchester was held on Friday, June 16, at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62 presided over the event in which 114 students received Doctor of Pharmacy degrees.

First Honor Graduate James Troiano PharmD ’06 delivered the student address. Mr. Troiano, who previously earned a bachelor’s degree from Boston College, has accepted a position with CVS in Illinois. He urged fellow graduates to appreciate the quality education they received at MCPHS and also encouraged them to be lifelong learners.

“As you graduate today, be proud of what you have accomplished, but don’t forget the training you have received at MCPHS and at your rotation sites,” he said. “Even though we are graduating today, remember that there is still much more that we can learn, not only in the field of pharmacy but also in other disciplines as well.”

After Mr. Troiano’s speech, Ronald A. Matricaria BSP ’66, chairman of the Haemonetics Corporation Board of Directors, delivered the Commencement address. He served as president of Eli Lilly International and chairman and CEO of St. Jude Medical. In December 2005, he donated one of the largest gifts in the College’s history.

Mr. Matricaria encouraged

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graduates to embrace their passion for the health care industry. “You have to love what you do or your customers, patients, and stakeholders will see otherwise,” he said. “Hard work … there is just no substitute. You have to be the best you can be every day.”

He concluded his remarks by stressing the importance of integrity in the workplace. “They must see by your deeds and actions that you are making your suggestions for the right reasons,” he said.

Mr. Matricaria was awarded an honorary Doctor of Pharmacy degree for his outstanding achievements as an executive in the pharmaceutical and medical device industries for more than 40 years.

President Monahan presented the College Medal to Donald M. Messina BSP ’55 for his more than 50 years of service to MCPHS. Mr. Messina is the former president of the New Hampshire Pharmacists’ Association, and has also served in several key MCPHS roles, working with the Alumni Association, Presidential Advisory Committee, and College Corporation. He also served as an officer in the New Hampshire Alumni Chapter and played a central role in the establishment of the College’s Manchester, N.H. campus in 2002.

Janis P. Bellack, PhD, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and Jean M. Joyce-Brady, PhD, dean of Students, presided over the presentation of degree candidates. Carolyn J. Friel, PhD, along with Ms. Joyce-Brady, served as College Marshals.

Guo Qing, MD, president of Hangzhou Medical College in China, was among the distinguished guests in attendance. President Monahan is currently in discussions with Dr. Qing to establish an educational collaboration with Hangzhou Medical College. (See page 5.)

Following the recessional, all guests were invited to a presidential reception in Washburn Hall to honor the graduates and their families. David L. Maher, chairman of the MCPHS Board of Trustees, also hosted a luncheon for trustees, faculty, staff and other guests. ■
The Rho Chi Society Psi Chapter of Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences inducted its newest members on April 10 in a ceremony and banquet at the Top of the Hub Restaurant and Skywalk at the Prudential Tower in Boston. Invited to join the society were 58 students from the Doctor of Pharmacy, Non-Traditional PharmD, and Doctor of Philosophy programs. Johanna T. Dwyer, DSc, senior nutrition scientist in the Office of Dietary Supplements for the National Institutes of Health, was the guest speaker. More than 120 students, family members, friends, and distinguished faculty and administrators attended. Congratulations to the newest members of the Rho Chi Society!

2006 Rho Chi Initiates

PharmD Class of 2008
Karimah N. Ajania
Danielle M. Carter
Hewon C. Chang
Joshua M. Cirulli
Jill M. Comeau
Meagan B. Coughlin
Michael A. D’Agnes
Chau L. Dang
Tu-Tram Thuy Dao
Christopher P. Delcourt
Andrea L. Deschambault
Lynn V. Diep
Celestine C. Ekechukwu
Michael Goble
Jill A. Hilton
Romney Hoang
Erin M. Hunt
Hali N. Huynh
Alexis C. King
Juliana M. Kula
Tram Q. Le
Rachael A. Leary
Eric R. Lessard
Christina Y. Li
Kimberly A. Lindstrom
Dominic W. Luongo
Jody A. Matthews
Antonia L. Migliore
Richard W. Moore III
Akikladis G. Nacopoulos
Hoang-Dung Nguyen
Sean K. O’Brien
Chukwuma U. Okongwu
Matthew R. Parsons
Priscilla Patel
Lisa Pelunis-Messier
Jaclyn M. Pietarinen
Firdous Qadir
Yonatan Resnick
David M. Ross
Sarah Sanborn
Erin E. Savage
Hinal K. Shah
Eymen M. Sonbol
Michelle Tailby
Sze Chuen Andy Tau
Neil A. Thurlow
Ann Tran
Brian Tran
Loan T. Tran
Tracy Tran
Linda Van
Laura F. Vanaria
Hannah R. Weisberger

PharmD Class of 2007
Min Zhu

PharmD Class of 2006
Joseph W. Ferullo, instructor of pharmacy practice
Timothy R. Hudd, instructor of pharmacy practice

PhD Class of 2006
Jonathan D. Verrier

Rho Chi Officers
PharmD Class of 2007
Paul A. Larochelle, president
Sharareh Khorashadi, vice president
Stephanie W. Ko, secretary
Purvi Patel, treasurer
Jessica F. Poovan, historian
Ivy K. Hui, SGA representative

Rho Chi Advisor
R. Rebecca Couris, PhD, associate professor of nutrition science and pharmacy
From the top: Josephine and Anthony Pandolfo BSP ’42 with Spiro Saati; Andrea Faxer and Jennifer Goldman-Levine BSP ’90, PharmD ’96; Mary Loboda Cayer BSP ’78 and George Cayer BSP ’78; Bouvier sons Tom BSP ’75, Noel BSP ’61, and Phil BSP ’68 celebrated with dad Alfred BSP ’36.
On the weekend of June 10, 2006, approximately 350 alumni, from as far away as Nigeria and London, descended upon the city of Boston for the annual Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Alumni met at the Radisson Boston Hotel on Friday night for a dinner buffet to kick off the weekend. After dinner, they chose to attend Blue Man Group at the Charles Playhouse or The Comedy Connection at the Tribe Theatre for laugh-out-loud entertainment.

Saturday, alumni and friends braved the rain in the afternoon with either a Duck Tour of the city and the Charles River, a quiet afternoon tea, or a day at the spa at the Radisson Boston Hotel.

The annual Reunion dinner at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel was a night filled with laughter, dancing, and excellent fare. It was a great time to catch up with classmates. The phenomenal World Premier band took charge, and the MCPHS crowd danced well past midnight.

At a special Sunday brunch, alumni and friends, including many from Forsyth, enjoyed tours of the College, a sumptuous brunch buffet and a last-minute opportunity to catch up with classmates. All had an opportunity to tour the College’s Boston campus; the new Ronald A. Matricaria Academic and Student Center was the highlight. Mark your calendars for June 1-3, 2007. Planning is underway for next year’s Reunion Weekend!

A MYRIAD OF FUN-FILLED CHOICES

From top left: Anita Jedwabski BSP ’96, President Monahan, Loretta Jedwabski BSP ’98, and Celina Warot PharmD ’06; Dick Bitner BSP ’56 and wife Joyce.
MCPHS President’s Reception in Springfield

Nearly 50 alumni and friends attended a reception at the Colony Club in Springfield, Mass. in June. Mary Brady BS ’80 Hampden, BSP ’90 hosted the event, along with fellow graduates Tracey Applebee-Cole BSP ’92, Gary Kerr BS ’81 Hampden, PharmD ’02 and George Couchiatitis BS ’59 Hampden. President Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62, Dennis Lyons BSP ’75, vice president, Institutional Advancement, Dawn Ballou, Esq., executive director of Alumni Affairs, and Marguerite “Peg” Johnson BS ’61 Hampden, MP ’79, special assistant to the President, greeted attendees. Attendees were treated to a video presentation highlighting the College’s remarkable growth, which included the new Ronald A. Matricaria Academic and Student Center.

Forsyth Alumni Association Reunion

Forsyth alumni renewed old friendships at the MCPHS Reunion weekend, starting with events on Friday night. Many also attended the banquet on Saturday night this year. The Sunday brunch and the Forsyth Alumni Association annual meeting drew the largest crowd.

Clockwise: Norma (DiStasio) Spadoni DH ’46 displays her cap at the Sunday brunch; Gail Weisberg DH ’74 presents Rena (Katz) Chernick DH ’49 with the Outstanding Alumni Award; Elizabeth Guttormson Watt DH ’31 enjoys her 75th reunion and 95th birthday with daughter Delores, granddaughter Betsey, and great-granddaughter Nina; members of Forsyth anniversary classes at the Reunion dinner.

RENA (KATZ) CHERNICK DH ’49 RECEIVES AWARD

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AND THE WINNER IS...

Rick T. Toomey BSC ’91, MS ’95 correctly identified the members of the MCP cheerleading squad and received $100 credit toward MCPHS merchandise for his trouble! Back row: A. Cristina Ceresi BSP ’98, Ronda (Jutras) Hatin BSP ’98, Nicole Soderberg BSP ’98, Tami Kornett BSHP ’98, Stacie Uhlman, Olga Carreno BSP ’98, Julie Donlon (advisor); front row: Sangetta (Sandi Dev) Zaveri BSP ’97, Sarah Cutler, Lindsey (Seastedt) Laliberte BSHP ’00, Pia M. Perrone BSP ’98.
in Rombult Atrium and were given a tour of the Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic. One of the highlights was seeing the temporary plaques recognizing current donors. Alumni particularly enjoyed viewing the class pictures that are included in the Mary and Warren Dole Gallery.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS MAKE PRESENTATIONS AT ADHA ANNUAL SESSION

The Forsyth Dental Hygiene program and MCPHS were well represented at the American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) annual meeting held at the Contemporary Resort in Orlando Fla., June 22 through 28.

MCPHS Forsyth Dental Hygiene program faculty presented the following at the ADHA Research Poster Session:
- “Dental Hygiene Students’ Perception of Children’s Access to Dental Care,” W. Gail Barnes, PhD, RDH, Andrea Ganczarz-Gojini MEd, CDA, RDH, and Connie Phillips MS, DDS.
- “ADHP and Access to Dental Care: The Dental Hygiene Student’s Perspective,” W. Gail Barnes PhD, RDH, Andrea Ganczarz-Gojini MEd, CDA, RDH, Susan Jenkins MS, RDH.
- “New Technology in Dental Hygiene: Facilitating Faculty Acceptance and Adaptation,” Christine A. Dominick MOcEd, RDH.
- “The Correlation Between Expanded Career Goals and Internship Courses in BSDH Programs: An Assessment,” Christine Dominick, MOcEd, RDH.

Several members of the class of 2006—Jill DeCosta, Dorothy Moore, Rachel Finley, Helga Idrizi, Cori Cormier, and Kristen Bowbridge—also represented MCPHS and presented table clinics as part of the Student Poster Session.

Lovie Condrick, senior associate director, Admission, was busy in the exhibit area providing information regarding the online degree completion program. Many dental hygienists from around the United States stopped by to learn about what is happening on Longwood Avenue. W. Gail Barnes, PhD, RDH, of the dental hygiene program, was also available at the booth to talk with attendees about the program and the dental hygiene clinic.

Patricia (Crane) Ramsay DH ’66, Forsyth Alumni Program director, Jan Selwitz-Segal DH ’65 and Ann Marie (Tarullo) Niemyski ’69, Campaign Steering Committee chairman, met with alumni, as well as corporate representatives, to discuss campaign participation.

The MCPHS Forsyth Dental Hygiene program, Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals and BioLok International co-sponsored a continental breakfast for attendees, where many alumni and friends had the opportunity to meet and speak with the representatives from MCPHS and learn about the new programs being offered. The BioLok International representative, Angela Parkosewich DH ’90, was pleased to be able to connect with other Florida alumni.

New! Career Web Page

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From top: Jan Selwitz-Segal DH ’65, Pat (Crane) Ramsay DH ’66 and Helena Gallant Tripp DH ’65 being greeted by Isaac Carpenter, ADHA associate executive director, and President-elect Jean Connors; Susan Jenkins, assistant professor, with Dr. Esther Wilkins DH ’39 at ADHA poster presentation; and Angela Parkosewich DH ’90, representative of BioLok and Pat Ramsay with attendees at the breakfast co-sponsored by MCPHS, Colgate and BioLok.
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1936
Alfred Cavaretta  BSP resides in
Lexington, Mass. with wife Eva.
He is retired and enjoys participat-
ing in events sponsored by the
Arlington Chamber of Com-
erce, Arlington Lions Club, American Legion Post 39 and the
Ancient and Honorable Artillery
Company of Massachusetts.

1941
Marjorie (Strong) Davis  DH Forsyth and husband Robert
reside in Concord, N.H. She is
involved in the Philanthropic
Education Organization, the
United Methodist Church and
Daughters of the American Revo-
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A Rewarding Retirement? Think Peace Corps Volunteer
Ann “Nancy” O’Connell BS Hampden ’56 did something she never thought she’d do: The retired pharmacist joined the Peace Corps.

Four years ago, the Holyoke, Mass. native was looking for a change in her life. Having raised five children and completed a successful career as a pharmacist in several Western Massachusetts hospitals and pharmacies, Ms. O’Connell found herself at a crossroads after moving to North Carolina. Her husband, Stan, who worked as a chemist at Monsanto Chemical in Springfield for 36 years, passed away.

“At first, my doctor suggested I get a dog,” quipped Ms. O’Connell. “I finally decided I needed to take on a new challenge.”

After much soul searching, she decided to follow in her oldest daughter Ann’s footsteps and join the Peace Corps. The woman had served as a teacher with the Peace Corps in Tanzania, Africa. “As concerned parents, we decided to visit Ann in Tanzania in 1988, and we were struck by our daughter’s dedication and her ability to adapt to life in one of the world’s poorest countries,” Ms. O’Connell said. “I remember being so proud of her. And as it turns out, we now have many Peace Corps experiences to share.”

“After almost a year of paperwork, legal clearances, background checks, medical exams and visits with her Peace Corps recruiter at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, Ms. O’Connell was successfully nominated to serve with the organization. A volunteer with her qualifications was needed at an HIV/AIDS government agency in Suriname, South America, and Ms. O’Connell jumped at the chance.

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“We never walked down a street where she wasn’t recognized,” Ms. O’Connell said. “She always took time to answer questions and offer words of comfort.”

She said that among many strong bonds she formed in Suriname, one stood out from the rest. After returning from a 30-day leave to the United States, she returned to find out that an AIDS patient she had come to know very well was very ill. Ms. O’Connell went directly to the hospital to visit and to talk about her trip back to the states and about soccer, her favorite sport. Although the patient passed away the next day, Ms. O’Connell said she was heartened to meet the man’s family at his funeral and celebrate the life of a man, who over a short period of time went from being a stranger to a dear friend. “It was important to meet his family and express the joy of having gotten to know him,” she said.

Back stateside, she said one of her proudest achievements still benefits the agency. Due to a lack of reliable transportation, Stg. Mamio’s outreach efforts were limited to Paramaribo and generally did not reach the area’s outlying villages. “Because I had nothing to lose,” Ms. O’Connell said, she wrote a proposal to obtain an automobile for the agency. Within a week, a station wagon from a local auto dealership was given to the agency, along with one year’s insurance premiums and maintenance costs.

Before her two years of service ended, Ms. O’Connell and her fellow volunteers attended a retreat that prepared them to return to daily life back home. The five-day trip took her to the heart of the Surinamese rain forest, and gave her some time to reflect on her two years of service with the Peace Corps, and on her work and accomplishments during her tenure with Stg. Mamio. A Close of Service certificate and ceremony officially concluded her work in Suriname. “We all agreed that although it may be the end of our volunteering in Suriname, it will never end in our hearts and minds,” she said.
Movie Madness: Pharmacist and Teacher by Day, Big-Screen Buff by Night

Philip H. Leavitt BSP ’68 is leading the good life with a job he loves and a wonderful wife and family. He says, tongue in cheek, that his biggest problem is keeping the woodworking dust off the cars in his garage. His workshop, where he has crafted cabinets, bookcases, and the entertainment center for his home movie theatre, takes up one-third of the garage in his Scottsdale, Ariz. home.

“That’s our enjoyment,” he said about the deluxe theatre with its 100-inch screen. “It’s a lot of fun. After dinner with friends, we watch the movie and then sit around and talk about it.”

The windowless room has eight, plush, red-velvet theatre seats, a commercial-grade popcorn machine, and a library of 350 DVDs. “You get spoiled,” he said. “And tired of getting gum on your shoes in a commercial theatre.”

Mr. Leavitt is a pharmacist at Campus Health Service at Arizona State University (ASU) in Tempe, where the ASU Faculty Athletics Board and Intercollegiate Athletics Department recently honored him with the Most Inspirational Faculty Member award for his commitment and excellence as an educator. He lectures in a senior-level class for premedical students, and this fall Mr. Leavitt and another pharmacist will offer a for-credit prepharmacy class for students interested in a pharmacy career, even though ASU, which has a total student enrollment of approximately 62,000, does not have a pharmacy school. Interested students also participate in a Prepharmacy Club organized by the two pharmacists. Mr. Leavitt is also the pharmacist consultant at an ambulatory surgery center, where his wife, Betty, is the legal nurse consultant. He is a preceptor for two Arizona pharmacy schools and is working on establishing an MCPHS preceptor site at the Campus Health Service.

Campus Health Service has 30 nurse practitioners, primary care and specialist physicians (dermatologists, sports medicine, and gynecologists); clinics for allergy and for travel; full laboratories; and a pharmacy with three pharmacists, three techs, and usually one or two pharmacy interns. The pharmacy fills approximately 150 prescriptions per day in the summer and 250 to 350 per day during the regular school year.

Mr. Leavitt grew up in Worcester, Mass., where his father, Oscar, owned Leavitt Drug Company in the Vernon Hill section. He remembers an earnest young man named Charles F. Monahan Jr. BSP ’62, now MCPHS’ President, who worked there throughout his baccalaureate studies at MCPHS. Later President Monahan purchased Leavitt Drug Company. (On a recent visit to Scottsdale, President Monahan, a personal friend, was treated to a tour of Mr. Leavitt’s home theatre.)

During his years at the College, he was inspired by professors Abraham Haddad BSP ’56, MS ’58, PhD ’69, Howard L. Reed PhG, PhC ’28, PharmD ’54 (Hon.), ScD ’71 (Hon.), and Mitchell Stoklosa PhG ’32, PhC ’34, ScD ’69 (Hon.). “They showed you how to conduct yourself in a professional manner,” he recalls.

After graduating, Mr. Leavitt passed both the Massachusetts and Arizona pharmacy licensure exams and worked at his father’s pharmacy before purchasing Centre Pharmacy in Ashland, Mass. He sold the pharmacy and moved to Arizona in 1988 and landed the job at ASU a short time later.

“I love my work at ASU,” he said. “Thanks to the College, I received an outstanding education that thoroughly prepared me for a career in pharmacy.”

Salvatore. The couple has two grown children, Marianna enjoys volunteering in the Peabody school system and with the local library and hospitals.

Jean (Canestrari) Hamel DH Forsyth and husband Robert reside in Fairport, N.Y. The couple has four grown children. Jean volunteers at the George Eastman House in Rochester, N.Y.

Myra (Cohen) Krulik DH Forsyth and husband Arthur reside in Bluffton, S.C. The couple has three children. Myra is active in senior education classes at Rivier College in Nashua, N.H. and at the University of South Carolina.

Barbara (Schoppe-Welch) Postizzi DH Forsyth lives in Hope Valley, R.I. with husband Anthony. The couple has five grown children and 17 grandchildren. She works at a health center that brings dental care to the non-insured and disabled as well as the under-insured people of Rhode Island. She added that it is “very satisfying for the soul.”

Pauline (Myers) Wendel DH Forsyth of Sayreville, N.J. writes that she is excited about the expected arrival of her 10th grandchild.

Ann (Lanow) Wood DH Forsyth and husband Craig reside in Barrington, R.I. The couple has three grown children, and Ann is involved in the group RESULTS, a citizens’ grassroots lobby dedicated to ending hunger and poverty, as well as TAP-IN, a local anti-poverty agency.

Alan P. Wiggetman BSP lives in Las Vegas, Nev. with his wife, Arleen. Employed by Walgreens for 29 years, he still works part time. Alan and Arleen have three children and seven grandchildren.

Clayton Shaw BSP was recently presented with a Harvard School of Public Health certificate in recognition of 20 years of service with the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study for “furthering the knowledge of men’s health issues.”
through his dedication, enthusiasm and loyal participation.”

1965
Thomas H. Borysek BSP of Illinois, e-mails that he remembers “a warm day, June 26, 1966, in Boston, four decades ago, when I started my government career with the Food and Drug Administration on Commercial Street. On June 5, 2006, I was presented with a 40-year pin (with a “large diamond”) from the Department of Veteran Affairs for my dedicated service! Wow, I am still happy and looking forward to my work.”

1966
Jerralee “Jerri” (Adams) Bellisle DH Forsyth is retired. She and husband John reside in Saugus, Mass. and have three grown children and four grandchildren. Jerri is involved with South County Habitat for Humanity, as well as with the First Baptist Church of Wickford.

Gail (Sandler) Fine DH Forsyth is currently working for William Fiore, DMD, in Wakefield, Mass. and is a member and volunteer of the Melanoma Education Foundation (MEF), which was established in memory of her son, Dan, who passed away in 1998. For more information on MEF, visit www.skincheck.org. Gail and husband Stephen live in Peabody.

Sharyn Gallaway DH Forsyth works as a sales representative for Sensaria Natural Bodycare. She resides in Glendale, Ariz. with husband Jim Rozes. She has one grown daughter.

Mary (Leet) Kellerman DH Forsyth is employed at the Cambridge Health Alliance and serves on various committees in the dental hygiene field in Massachusetts. She resides in Billerica, Mass. with husband Arthur. The couple has one child and one grandchild, Mary.

Fay (Fefer) Martel DH Forsyth is the president of Bookkeeping Plus Services in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She resides in Coral Springs with husband Leo; the couple has five grown children.

Elizabeth Leonard-St.John DH Forsyth writes that she has transitioned from dental hygiene to massage therapy and spiritual direction, a field in which she operated her own practice for 10 years. The Centennial, Colo. resident, who has four grown children, continues worthwhile ministries to homeless shelters in Denver and on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico.

1971
Donna (Locke) Adams DH Forsyth is employed as a dental hygienist at Interlakes Family Dental Center in Moultonboro, N.H. She lives in Moultonboro with husband, Robert. The couple has three children.

Cheryl (Singer) Doline DH Forsyth resides in Pottersville, N.J. with husband Dr. Stuart Doline. The couple has two children. She writes that she is “enjoying a life with Stuart and their poodle, Parker, in New York and Naples, Fla., and is learning to play bridge and volunteering in the area.”

Richard Griffin BSP, an MCPHS trustee, resides in Bedford, N.H. with wife Sabine. The couple has two children. His father, Wilfred Griffin BSP ’51, is also a graduate.

Joseph Laramee BSP is a staff pharmacist at Osco Pharmacy in Worcester, Mass. He lives in Oxford with wife Susan. The couple has three children.

Dianne (Steriti) Skreslet DH Forsyth resides in Salem, Mass. and has one son, Roland. She is employed as a dental hygienist.

Where Are They Now?

Esther Wilkins enjoyed her first Fenway Park game since her college days (when she paid ten cents to get in!) on May 12 as the guest of Pamela Bretschneider, institutional researcher for the College. Judging from this photo, neither the rain, the resulting game delay, nor the official loss managed to dampen Esther’s spirits.

Small world! In January 2006, two Forsyth classmates had a serendipitous meeting with another Forsyth alumna half way around the world. Arlene (Werner) Mollow DH ’61 Forsyth, and her college roommate, Ruth “Duffy” (Goldman) Page DH ’61 Forsyth, were vacationing together on a tour of Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand with a group of 24 people from around the United States. One of their fellow travelers was Sheri Benson DH ’75 Forsyth. The three spent endless hours sharing Forsyth anecdotes and reminiscing about their respective years on the Fenway. Pictured are Sheri Benson from Maryland, Arlene Mollow from New Jersey, and Duffy Page from Rhode Island, who enjoyed a new friendship and a night out in Vietnam.

1976
Mojisola (Osode) Afolabi BSP is currently the CEO of Mote Group in Nigeria. She resides in Lagos with husband Dr. Ololouwa Afolabi. The couple has seven children.

Charlene Colt DH Forsyth lives in Belmont, Mass. and is a practicing attorney in her own firm. Charlene is the proud mother of Jonathan and Melia.

Marv Feldman BSP is the senior director for Premier, Inc. in Canton, Mass. He resides in Canton with wife Gayle. The couple has two children.

Kathleen (Townsend) Harbour BSP is the pharmacy manager at Kash n’ Karry in Hudson, Fla. She writes that the couple spends eight weeks each summer in their summer home in Casco, Maine and that they recently purchased an RV park in Beverly Hills, Fla. She lives in Spring Hill with husband Ronald.

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From Clinics to Corvettes
What impressed Donna Nesbitt-Sceviour DH ’82 Forsyth, BSBM, about the new Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic was that the College’s powers-that-be “got it.” The new clinic has the software and digital technology for a 21st-century practice: no more handwritten dental charts or conventional x-rays.

“The Forsyth faculty and staff always treated us with respect and helped us to be the best... They were an inspiring and committed group of individuals.”

“The College understands the importance of a paperless practice,” she said after her tour of the state-of-the-art clinic. “The College invested in the physical plant, which is really an investment in students, so they can be the tops in their field.”

It’s what the Canton, Mass. resident expects from her alma mater: to continue the tradition of a high-quality education like the one she received more than 20 years ago. It allowed her to segue into a successful career as a practitioner, manager, columnist, dental industry leader, and corporate consultant. A recipient of the Industry leader in Dentistry Award, she writes for Contemporary Oral Hygiene, a peer-reviewed monthly journal.

“I credit Forsyth with a good part of my success,” she said. “The faculty and staff always treated us with respect and helped us to be the best. They were always there with plan B. Quitting was never an option. They were an inspiring and committed group of individuals.”

She is grateful to the Forsyth Alumni Association for a partial-tuition grant that allowed her to graduate on time, and recently participated in a Forsyth phon-a-thon asking alums for Annual Fund and scholarship donations. (For an article on the College’s grants and scholarships, see page 8.)

Most recently she was a consultant for the director of International and National Dental Education at Dental Technology Seminars, where she produced a multi-year business and marketing plan, which included developing and beta-testing new dental technology products, and creating a national education program for dentists to incorporate technology into their practices.

“I’m passionate about providing my peers with the information and technology necessary so that they can practice dentistry to the best of their ability, and most importantly, to enjoy it,” she said.

Married with three children, she participates in the Relay for Life race, sponsored by Reebok in Canton, the proceeds of which are donated to cancer research; volunteers for the Children’s Chernobyl Project, which hosts children with thyroid and bone cancer from Klintsy, Russia and Belarus for dental and medical treatment in the United States; and enjoys being a member of the South Shore Corvette Club.

“My husband and I have always loved classic cars,” she said about the 1968 maroon and black Corvette convertible they bought on a whim. “We enjoy it immensely.”
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1986
Linda (Cramer) Christian BSP is employed by PharmaCare as a prior-authorization pharmacist in Lincoln, R.I. She writes that she received another degree in interior design and has started a small business. She resides in Uxbridge, Mass. with husband Tom and their two daughters, Lauren and Carly.

Susan (Walker) Farley DH Forsyth lives in Portsmouth, N.H. with husband James and their three daughters, Katherine, Hannah and Erin. She is a dental hygienist for James Spivey, DMD, in Portsmouth. She is also involved in the PTO and with the Katrina Relief Committee.

Anthony Ganter BSP resides in Tampa, Fla. with partner David Brolin. He is a TAI clinic pharmacist for ACS State HealthCare in Atlanta, Ga. Michael Ganter BSP ‘87, a relative of Anthony’s, is also a graduate.

1991
Thomas Stuhman BSP resides in Whitesboro, N.Y. with wife Linda and their four children. He is a pharmacist for the New York State Office of Mental Health in Marcy, N.Y.

Amy (Allam) Weiland BSP is employed by CVS in Warwick, R.I. She resides in North Kingstown with husband Philip and their three children.

1996
Debra Genawese BSP is employed as a staff pharmacist for Walgreens. The Beverly, Mass. resident is currently making a career change to nuclear pharmacy.

Yota (Efstathiou) Gerontis BSP is a staff pharmacist for Shopko Pharmacy in Sandy, Utah. She resides in Salt Lake City with husband Dimitri and their two children.

Lisa Hammond BSP is a clinical and formulary coordinator for Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va. She is involved in American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists. She resides in Stephens City, Va. with husband Corey O’Connell.

Paul Lefebvre BSP writes, “I opened an independent pharmacy in Buffalo, N.Y. recently and reside in East Amherst with my son Matthew, 6, my daughter Lauren, 3, and my wife Alexis, who I have been married to for nine years.”

Rebecca (Webber) Lundrigan DH Forsyth resides in Rockport, Mass. with husband Chuck and their two children. She is the external marketing director and a dental hygienist for Jonas Gavelis, DMD, in Rockport. She writes that she was “the very first dental hygienist in Massachusetts to be trained and perform a perioscopy on patients.”

Jignesh Mehta BSP resides in Edison, N.J. with wife Jahanvi and their two children.

Diane (Kozlowski) Sweeney BSP is a pharmacist for Walgreens. She resides in Windham, N.H. with husband Sean and their daughter, Ashley.

Karen (Hardock) Ross BSP was recognized for setting up parameters and nursing guidelines for intravenous medications at the Lahey Clinic and was awarded the Pharmacist of the Year award. The award was presented to the Groton native during the Massachusetts Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ annual banquet. Karen is the co-chair of the Burlington hospital’s IV Grid Committee and has taught area middle-school students about careers in pharmacy.

Armstrong Surgical Hospital (MASH) unit. He is a captain in the U.S. Army and holds the position of the chief of Pharmacy Service for the 212th MASH.

Rebekah (Brower) Thompson BSP writes: “My husband, Rob, and I had our first child, Andrew James, on March 20, 2005. I love being a mom to ‘Drew!’ I continue to work part time for Walgreens in Fort Myers, Fl. We moved to the west coast from Miami this past November. Imagine my surprise to meet my new district pharmacy supervisor and find a familiar face from MCPHS: Blanca Padilla graduated a few years after me. I recognized her face, but I’m not sure I knew her name while I was at MCPHS. It really is a small world!”

2001
Lisa DiPompo PharmD resides in Malden, Mass. and is employed at AstraZeneca as a Northeast regional scientific manager for infectious disease. Her sister, Lauren DiPompo PharmD ‘03, is also a graduate.

Tara (Kapusta) Frickie PharmD resides in Emerson, N.J. with husband Walter and their toddler son. She is employed at Emerson Pharmacy as a compounding pharmacist.

Cuthbert Joseph DH Forsyth resides in South Easton, Mass. with wife, Cressida Joseph, DMD, and their three children. He is currently employed as the dental hygienist manager at Beacon Dental Group in Dorchester, Mass.

Sandra (Lukosius) O’Loughlin MSPA resides in Goffstown, N.H. with husband Todd and is currently employed at Concord Hospital as a physician assistant in the Hospitalist Program. Her father, Francis Lukosius BSP ‘69, is also a graduate.

Nazmi Samji PharmD resides in Ocala, Fla. and is employed as the ICU clinical pharmacist for the Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla.

Michael Streng BSP lives in Salisbury, Md. with wife Angela and their son, Jacob. He is the pharmacy manager at Kmart in Salisbury. He completed a triathlon in 2002 at West Point and was written about in Metro-politan magazine’s “who’s who” representing Salisbury.

Deborah (Jacobson) Levy DH Forsyth resides in Portland, Ore. with husband Ariel and their two children.

IN MEMORIUM (farewell)

1997
Kristien (Bonagura) Andrews ASNMT was recently married to Jonathan Andrews in West Paterson, N.J. They live in Lincroft, Mass., and she is employed as a technical manager in Massachusetts General Hospital’s nuclear medicine department. Kristien graduated in May 2006 from Suffolk University with a master’s degree in health administration.

1998
Andrew Pike BSP and wife Jennifer write to announce the birth of their first child, Anna Joyce Pike, on May 28, 2005. She was born at the Lonsdthuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. He also writes that he recently arrived back from Pakistan where he was conducting earthquake relief operations while assigned to the 212th Mobile
A Personal Best: 79 Years as a Registered Pharmacist

Leon Saphire PhG ’26

After The Bulletin reported the death of Leon Saphire PhG ’26 last spring, it learned belatedly that he had achieved two rare and wonderful milestones in his lifetime: he lived to the age of 100, and he maintained his pharmacy licensure in Massachusetts for nearly 80 years. Thanks to his keen mind and the annual Continuing Education (CE) programs offered by his beloved alma mater, he became one of the oldest registered pharmacists in the United States.

Like so many MCPHS graduates, Mr. Saphire began his career in community practice and eventually owned several independent pharmacies on the South Shore. He later became chief pharmacist at Quincy City Hospital (now Quincy Medical Center), before retiring in 1970. In retirement, he was a regular attendee at the annual Reed Conference and other CE events for the next 35 years.

Mr. Saphire, whose nickname was “Chico,” is proudly remembered by his children and grandchildren for his mastery of billiards, chess and checkers—the latter two he played at the championship level. As a young man always ready to learn new things, he taught himself the piano and, when he was in his 90s, he learned how to use a computer.

One of Mr. Saphire’s fondest memories was sitting next to classmate Howard L. Reed PhG ’26, PhC ’28, PharmD ’54, ScD ’71 (Hon.) at their 75th class reunion, which he attended with his son, Gerald, and his grandson, Gary. “My son and grandson … had the privilege of meeting Howard and enjoying the night,” he said afterwards. “It’s a Reunion I will always treasure.”

Leon Saphire, circa age 50, while he was chief pharmacist at Quincy City Hospital (now known as Quincy Medical Center)

Editor’s Note: We are interested in hearing about milestones in the lives of our graduates. Please see page 40 for ways of sending your news items to The Bulletin.
Remembrance of Things Past...
Student Spaces

When you were a student at MCPHS, where did you study? Eat lunch? Complete laboratory experiments? How many hours per week did you spend in these student spaces?

On these pages, we have assembled six photographs of student spaces from the 1920s through the 1980s. Only one of these spaces still exists today, although its use has changed over the years. Another is now the site of the Esther M. Wilkins Forsyth Dental Hygiene Clinic. The remaining four have been completely transformed into offices for faculty and staff.

Can you name all six spaces and identify the decade in which each photograph was taken?

Take a moment to send in your answers. We will award 10 points for each space correctly identified and 10 points for each correct decade. The person receiving the highest point score will receive a framed print of this classic engraving of the George Robert White Building published in 1920.

Send your entries to: Editor, The Bulletin, 179 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115 or e-mail them to bulletin@mcphs.edu.
Please update us on retirement, a recent trip, new baby, career change, marriage, change of address...you name it! We’ll pass it on to be listed in the Class Notes of The Bulletin... You may use this form to send us your news. Mail it to The Bulletin, MCPHS, 179 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, or fax it to 617.732.2062. We welcome e-mail, too! Our address is:

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### Photos needed!

Photos are especially welcome and will be published in **Class News** depending upon image quality and space. Please identify the individuals in the photos so that we may ensure accuracy, and put your name and address on the back if you are sending a print. High-resolution digital photos (300 dpi) may be sent to bulletin@mcphs.edu. Include pertinent information in the body of the e-mail.

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Infant Romper $10

Show your school spirit! Wear MCPHS gear!

Forsyth Polo $20
Forsyth short-sleeved polo shirt in deep purple with the Forsyth logo in white on the left chest and the word “Alumni” printed below. Available in sizes S, M, L and XL.

Windbreaker $35
High quality, cotton-lined windbreaker, zips into a small carrying pouch. College name imprinted in white on the left panel. Burgundy. Available in sizes S, M, L and XL.

Check out our featured items for Summer:

The alumni office at MCPHS brings you an exciting selection of merchandise for the 2006–2007 school year! To view and order more than 20 items as well as many Forsyth items, visit www.mcphs.edu and go to the alumni merchandise page, or call 617.732.2902 to have a catalog sent to you.

All orders placed online can now be purchased using a credit card!

Don’t forget to visit www.mcphs.edu to see all the new merchandise we have to offer—or call 617.732.2902!
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP recently awarded a $100,000 grant to support MassMedLine, the College’s highly successful prescription information and outreach program. The two-year grant, which represents the largest private donation in the program’s history, renews and enlarges AstraZeneca’s previous grant of $90,000 given in 2004. “We are pleased to support MassMedLine’s mission of assisting health care providers and low-income individuals in addressing the issues of medication access,” said Gerard R. Levesque, associate director of State Government Affairs for AstraZeneca in Massachusetts. Karissa Laur, AstraZeneca’s director of Patient Assistant Programs, Government Policy and Managed Markets, added that MassMedLine is “a natural fit with AstraZeneca’s commitment to support projects that meaningfully address the problems and shortcomings in America’s health care delivery system.” According to Mary Sullivan, director of MassMedLine, grant funds will be used to enhance the call center, expand education and outreach programs, and upgrade technology to track projects and measure outcomes.

Pictured are MassMedLine director Mary Sullivan, AstraZeneca’s Gerard R. Levesque and Karissa Laur, and MCPHS President Charles F. Monahan Jr., who hosted a day-long project planning meeting at Brant House on June 28.