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ABOUT OUR CURRENT STUDENTS
All but one member of the Class of 2012 participated in this year’s residency match on March 16. (The one will complete a master’s of public health degree first.) See a video and read more here. The residency match lists are also online.

P.J. Lukac’12, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor during his second year at P&S, will graduate in May, just one year behind schedule. Faculty member and alumnus Barron Lerner’86 wrote about Mr. Lukac’s progress in the Huffington Post.

P&S NEWS
A new facility at P&S will allow researchers to use zebrafish to investigate environmental toxins and genetic development. The 3,000-litre aquatics facility, which can house 30,000 fish, opened this year in the Black Building. Read more.

Columbia has been selected to join the prestigious Wallace H. Coulter Foundation’s Translational Partnership program. The partnership will establish the Columbia-Coulter Translational Research Partnership, under the leadership of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, to focus exclusively on commercialization of medical devices, diagnostics, and healthcare IT. Read more.

Anyone near the Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library at CUMC before May 18 may want to visit a new exhibit curated by Archives & Special Collections to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. An online article about P&S alumni who served in the Civil War can be found here.
P&S is one of 25 sites chosen to participate in a new NIH program to accelerate development of therapies for neurological diseases. NeuroNEXT (for Network for Excellence in Neuroscience Clinical Trials) will streamline the clinical trials process for promising therapies. Read more.

A SELECTION OF CLASS NOTES (see more online)

The subject of the New York Times Profiles in Science March 19 was Arnold S. Relman’46 and his wife, Marcia Angell, M.D. Both are former editors of the New England Journal of Medicine. See the article and video here.

Henry A. Solomon’62 joined the PreVu Medical Advisory Board of Miraculins, a medical diagnostic company. Read more.

Alan Schechter’63, who edits Perspectives in Biology and Medicine, reports that the Winter 2012 issue includes an article dedicated to Morton Arnsdorf’66, former professor of medicine at the University of Chicago, who was killed in a 2010 car accident. Dr. Arnsdorf was the longtime book review editor of Perspectives and was particularly interested in ethical issues. Read the article here.

An article about Rolf Barth’64 discusses a childhood trip to the movies that set him on his career path and how he became a finalist for what was then known as the Westinghouse Science Talent Search. Read more.

A profile of astronaut Story Musgrave’64 was published today in the Community Advocate, a Massachusetts newspaper that covers his hometown of Southborough. Dr. Musgrave was the keynote speaker at the annual conference of the Northern Illinois University Graduate Student Research Association. Read more.

Robin Cook’66 is featured in a Q&A in the Naples, Fla., Daily News about his latest medical thriller. Read more.

Karen Antman’74, provost of the Boston University Medical Campus and dean of BU’s School of Medicine, was elected to the Institute of Medicine. Read more.

Frederick Alexander’77 joined Palisades Medical Center in New Jersey as the only board-certified pediatric surgeon in Hudson County. Read more.

Patrick H. Griffin’80 joined biopharmaceutical company ImmusanT in March as chief medical officer. Read more.

Harry (Henry) Lodge’85 was featured in a Chattanooga, Tenn., Times Free Press article, the same week he spoke at the Alexian Brothers’ inaugural Living Well Luncheon. Read more.

Lawrence Bass’86 was interviewed by “Other Doctors,” an online interview project a New Jersey medical student started to explore non-clinical opportunities in the medical field. The title of this article is “Dr. Lawrence Bass: Plastic Surgeon and Technology Innovator.”
The eighth annual mini-reunion of several members of the Class of 1988 was held this year in Park City. Read more.

**Steven J. Ralston’90** joined the Department of OB/GYN as director of maternal-fetal medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Read more.

**Arabella Leet’91** was named chief of staff at the Honolulu Shriners Hospitals for Children in March. Read more.

**Katherine S. Bowdish’94 Ph.D.** became president, chief scientific officer, and member of the board of directors of Permeon Biologics, a biopharmaceutical company in Cambridge, Mass. Read more.

**Jonathan L. Brisman’95** has been named director of cerebrovascular and endovascular neurosurgery at South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside, N.Y. Read more.

**Scott Schissel’97 Ph.D., ’99 M.D.** has been named chief of medicine at Faulkner Hospital in Boston. Read more.

The executive committee of Physicians for a National Health Program, a national organization of 18,000 doctors who support universal health care, has chosen **Andrew Coates’98** president-elect. His one-year term as president starts in 2013. Read more. Dr. Coates also blogs about community health and social medicine for the Albany Times Union.

**Jennifer Ashton’00** was featured at the Women You Should Know website, talking about the thyroid.

**Benjamin Lebwohl’03** was featured in a P&S 5 in 5 video (5 questions, 5 minutes) here.

**Andrea (Sesko) Bauer’05**, a pediatric hand surgeon, has joined the medical team at Shriners Hospitals for Children in northern California. Read more. She adds, “I am fortunate to have found a mentor in another P&S alum, H. Relton McCarroll’62, who practices hand surgery in the Bay Area and spends part of his time doing pediatric hand at the Shriners Hospital.”

**Michael Sughrue’05**, neurosurgeon, has joined the faculty of the University of Oklahoma. Read more.

**Josh Bazell’06** has followed up his bestseller, “Beat the Reaper,” with another novel, “Wild Thing,” which was published in February. Read more.

Voters have until April 9 to vote for **Jennifer Thompson’06**, who has been nominated for the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame. Dr. Thompson is among 18 individual Olympians nominated this year. Read more, including how to vote. A hometown newspaper story about Dr. Thompson can be found here. P&S is soon to add to its ranks of alumni Olympians when **Valeria Silva Merea** graduates in May. She swam for Peru in the 2004 and 2008 Olympics.
IN MEMORIAM
A few of the alumni and faculty deaths reported in recent months. Click on name to read more.

Leonard Bases’36

George Cytroen’47

Douglass Pennoyer’54 and Doris Pennoyer’54

Richard Eberly’55


UPCOMING EVENTS
Revisit Day (a second look for applicants accepted to the Class of 2016) – April 12-13

Parents’ Day Program – April 21

Alumni Reunion Weekend – May 3-5

P&S Class Day – May 15

P&S Commencement – May 16

P&S State of the School – June 21

DID YOU KNOW?
The newest U.S News & World Report medical school rankings list P&S at No. 8 among research schools, up from last year’s two-way tie for 10th place. Read more. Individual disciplines that ranked in the top 10: drug and alcohol abuse (No. 2), women’s health (No. 5), AIDS (No. 5), and internal medicine (No. 9).

FURTHERMORE
See these features at the magazine’s online site: www.cumc.columbia.edu/news/journal

- An interview by Ken Forde’59 with longtime alumni writer Peter Wortsman
- Alumni Association activities
- Peter Wortsman’s Rx for Travel: Kyoto

Check your mailboxes soon for the Spring 2012 print edition, with articles about a new surgical tool for sleep apnea, father-son Andy Marks and Paul Marks’49, the legacy of 1818 P&S graduate John Torrey, and biotech leaders and alumni Ron Cohen, Paul Maddon, and George Yancopoulos.
Check out the latest issue of **CUMC Celebrates** for news of P&S faculty grants, honors, and news mentions.

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