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# **Hippocratic Oath**

You will be asked to turn on your audio device and join fellow alumni in reading the Hippocratic Oath aloud during the event.

I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred:

That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine, just to its members, and generous to its institutions;

That I will lead my life and practice my art in uprightness and honor;

That I will give respect and gratitude to those who have taught me this art;

That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power, I holding myself aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice;

That I will exercise my art for the best care of my patients, and I will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it;

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of my patients, which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret.

These things I do promise upon my honor.

# Save the Dates!

We look forward to celebrating your reunion in person during next year's Alumni Weekend, which will be held on **October 15-16, 2021**, in Philadelphia.

Look for your invitation in the summer of 2021.

Be sure you don't miss any updates by confirming that your email address is up to date with Alumni Relations at alumni@jefferson.edu.





Office of Alumni Relations 1020 Locust Street, Suite 210 Philadelphia, PA 19107





# Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is with great pleasure that I extend, on behalf of the Alumni Board, my personal invitation for you to join us for our virtual Alumni Weekend on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, as we commemorate the milestone reunions for alumni with class years ending in '0 and '5.

While I wish we could celebrate with you on

campus this fall, our virtual celebration will be a chance for us to get together and reconnect with Jefferson, a place that's meant so much to us throughout the years. The evening will feature a Parade of Classes (be sure to submit your current photo), recognition of the two outstanding alumni who will receive this year's Alumni Awards, and an update from Dean Mark Tykocinski, MD, on the latest happenings within the medical college. You'll have a chance to submit your questions for the Dean on the event registration form and during the program that night.

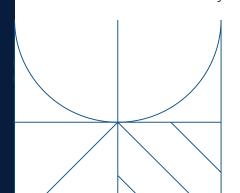
While the medical college—and Jefferson as a whole—is in an unprecedented era of expansion and change, the mission of excellence in teaching and patient care remains at the core. Our pride in what happens at the medical college and in knowing that all of the graduates are providing high quality, compassionate care remains steadfast. I hope that all of you feel the same warmth that I do for this special place where we all trained and learned to be physicians.

# I look forward to celebrating with you virtually on October 14 and welcoming you back to campus for your in-person reunion in 2021.

Sincerely,

Patricia Curtin White, mp

**Patricia Curtin White, MD '88, Fellowship '00, FACP** President, Alumni Association Sidney Kimmel Medical College Thomas Jefferson University



# SKMC Alumni Veekend Reunion

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 | 7-8:30 p.m. EDT



# Program

Commemorate your milestone reunions during a special, virtual evening providing you with the opportunity to honor your medical college experience, applaud the achievements of fellow alumni, and reconnect with Jefferson.

### Parade of Classes

Reflect on your medical college days as a parade of photographs from then is joined by images of you and your classmates today.

### Welcoming Remarks

Join Patricia Curtin White, MD '88, Fellowship '00, FACP president of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College Alumni Association, as she welcomes you to our virtual celebration.

### **Recognition of 2020 Alumni Association Award Recipients**

Celebrate this year's award recipients as they are introduced. The recipients will be formally honored in person at Alumni Weekend 2021.

### **Dean's Remarks**



Hear from Mark Tykocinski, MD, Anthony F. and Gertrude M. DePalma Dean, Sidney Kimmel Medical College, and Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Thomas Jefferson University, and learn about today's students, projects, and initiatives.

### Necrology

Honor the friends and classmates we miss with a moment of silence.

### **Hippocratic Oath**

Participate in a virtual reading of the Hippocratic Oath with alumni from around the world. Use the copy of the Oath in this brochure as you participate.

### Register today at Jefferson.edu/ReunionHub.

Questions? Call Alumni Relations at 215-955-7750 or email alumni@jefferson.edu.

This virtual celebration will be conducted on Zoom. Instructions for accessing Zoom from your computer or mobile device will be sent to the email address you provide at registration.

# SKMC Alumni Association | 2020 Alumni Award Recipients



### Rachna T. Shroff, MD '04, MS EARLY CAREER ALUMNI AWARD

Nominated by Tony W. Tsai, MD '05

Rachna T. Shroff, MD '04, MS, is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Chief of GI Medical Oncology at the University of Arizona Cancer (UACC).

She also serves as the Director of UACC's Clinical Trials Office and as the Vice Chair of Clinical Research for the Department of Medicine. She came to UACC from MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, where she served as faculty from 2010-2018 after completing her medical oncology fellowship there.

Dr. Shroff is a clinical and translational investigator focused on developing novel therapies for pancreatic and biliary cancers. She holds multiple positions nationally due to her expertise in these areas, including serving as the Hepatobiliary Subcommittee Co-chair for the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) and as a Program Committee member for GI ASCO. She also is a member of the Scientific and Medical Advisory Board for the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation. Dr. Shroff has led numerous clinical trials focusing on pancreaticobiliary tumors and is the national PI for SWOG 1815 which is investigating a triplet chemotherapy regimen as a potential new standard of care for biliary cancers. This is based on a phase 2 study she led that is now published in *JAMA Oncology*. Dr. Shroff has been invited to speak at national and international meetings on topics related to targeted therapies for pancreatic and biliary cancers and numerous peer-reviewed publications in this area.



### Ronald J. Wapner, MD '72 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Nominated by Lorraine C. King, MD, Residency '75, Fellowship '77

**Ronald J. Wapner, MD '72**, is the Vice Chair of Research in Obstetrics and Gynecology for Columbia University Irving Medical Center and Director of Women's Genetics.

Dr. Wapner is an internationally known physician and researcher specializing in reproductive genetics. He pioneered the development of multiple prenatal diagnostic procedures currently used today including chorionic villus sampling (CVS), multi-fetal reduction, chromosomal microarray, and fetal sequencing. He has authored or co-authored over 500 publications. He is either a principal or co-investigator for a number of NICHD sponsored multi-centered studies. He has led a multicenter trial evaluating the accuracy, efficacy, and clinical advantages of prenatal diagnosis using microarray analysis. He published the first large study evaluating whole exome sequencing for the genetic diagnosis of fetal anomalies and most recently evaluated the use of whole exome sequencing for stillbirth. The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine has honored Dr. Wapner with both a Lifetime Achievement Award (2015) and The Dru Carlson Memorial Award for Best Research in Ultrasound and Genetics (2017). He has had a significant role in the development of multidisciplinary research studies and clinical research centers throughout his career.

# **Parade of Classes**

Participate in our inaugural Parade of Classes by sharing a current photograph to be included in a commemorative video honoring the milestone reunion of you and your classmates.

Featuring "then and now" images, the Parade of Classes will be a special part of our virtual reunion celebration.

To participate, send a current photograph and include your full name and class year by **Friday, October 2, 2020**:

By Email (preferred): alumni@jefferson.edu

By Mail: Thomas Jefferson University Office of Alumni Relations Pinizzotto-Ammon Alumni Center 1020 Locust Street, Suite 210 Philadelphia, PA 19107

Hard copies of photos will be returned by mail following the reunion celebration.

# **Reunion Hub**

Start celebrating early by visiting our Reunion Hub! There, you can take a virtual campus tour, check out a class-specific playlist, find games and activities, and explore the past and present at Jefferson.

Visit Jefferson.edu/ReunionHub to begin the celebration!

# **Class Gift**

Your reunion is a reminder to pause, reflect, and remember the many experiences you had at Jefferson, and the accomplishments that followed your medical college education. It is also an opportunity to participate in the tradition of giving back, to provide another medical student with the experiences and opportunities you had. In these unprecedented times, your gift now matters more than ever.

Even though we are celebrating virtually this year, your philanthropic participation will show the unity of your class—a reminder that we are in this together. And your gift in honor of this historic milestone reunion will show the importance of the medical college's legacy and the value of physicians in today's world.

Please honor your reunion with a gift today by visiting Jefferson.edu/ReunionGiving.

# **Register Today**

Visit Jefferson.edu/ReunionHub or call 215-955-7750 to register today.

