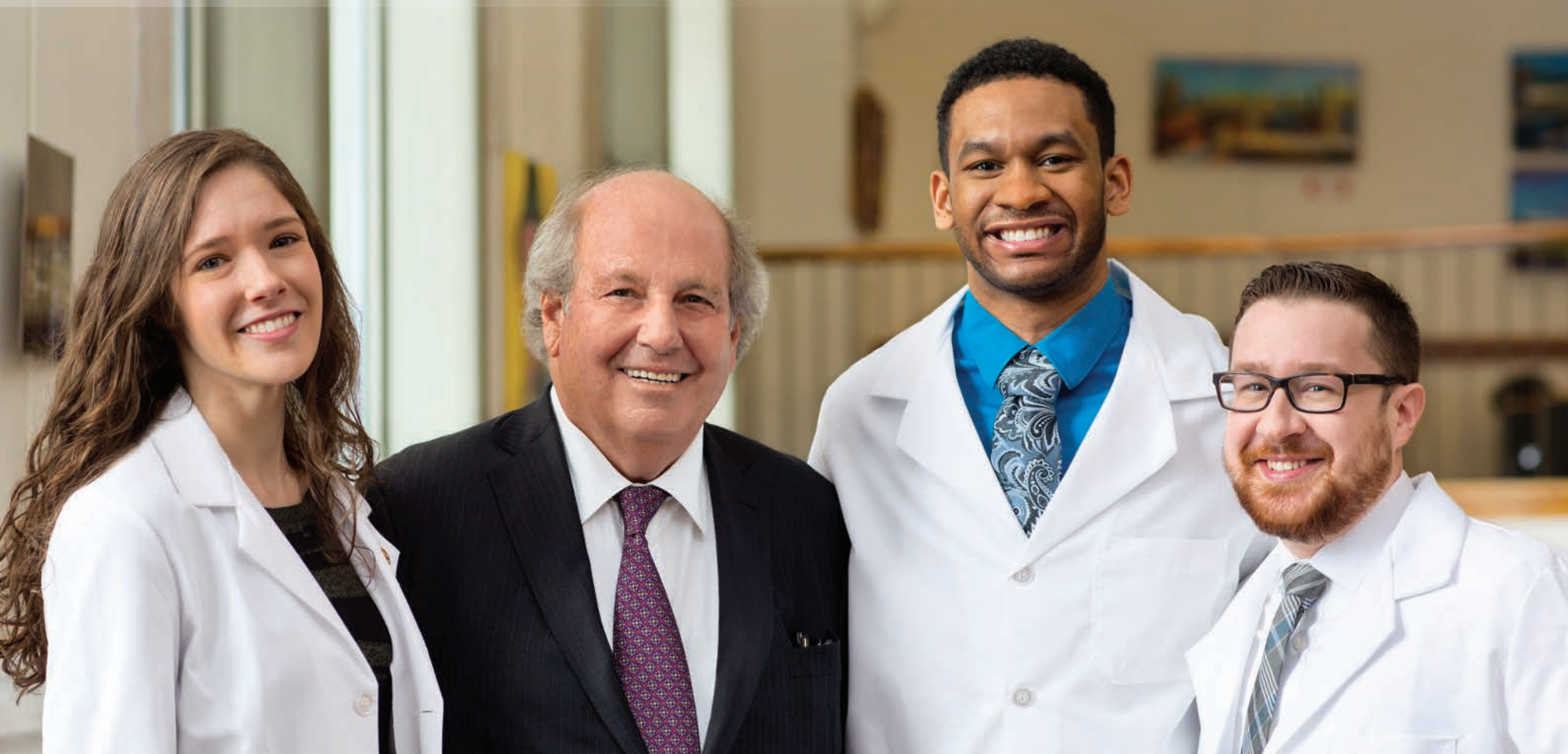




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Feil Family Student Center A Modern Center for the Healthcare Leaders of Tomorrow

Vice Chair Overseer Jeffrey Feil with medical students (from L to R) Maria Christina Passarelli, Donovan White and Student Overseer Raul Martinez-McFaline

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With the goal of advancing Weill Cornell Medicine's mission to nurture the best future healthcare leaders, the Feil family has made an extraordinary gift to establish a state-of-the-art student center on campus. The \$12.5 million gift will expand the institution's dedicated student space by nearly 75 percent, creating new areas for education, collaboration, wellness and student engagement.

The 16,200-square-foot Feil Family Student Center, housed in renovated space on the first and second floors of the main campus buildings on York Avenue, will offer a place for classrooms, meetings, quiet study and informal gatherings to bring students together in the heart of the institution. The new center will complement the Weill Education Center, established in 1996 by Joan and Sanford Weill and other generous donors, and renovated in 2015. The Feil Center will provide a spacious and modern hub for student life, innovation and teaching, and will help to further realize the institution's new curriculum. Construction will begin June 2017.

"The Feil family's generous support over the years has helped cement Weill Cornell Medicine's reputation as a world-class global institution," says Jessica Bibliowicz, chairman of the Board of Overseers. "We are grateful for their generosity once again, as this outstanding gift will fund student

facilities that will strengthen our commitment to the institution's mission, fuel advances in medicine and enrich the educational experience."

The Feil family is one of Weill Cornell Medicine's foremost benefactors, championing patient care, research and education at the institution for

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awards. The family also established the Weill Greenberg Center's Judith Jaffe Neurology Unit. In 2010, Weill Cornell Medicine named its research building on 61st Street the Gertrude and Louis Feil Family Research Building, in honor of the family's longstanding support. Their 2013 gift established

more than three decades. The family's extraordinary support, totaling more than \$90 million to date, has provided significant funding toward the Belfer Research Building's construction, as well as for student scholarships, physician training, professorship endowments and clinical scholar

the Feil Family Brain and Mind Research Institute, a multidisciplinary, translational neuroscience research center.

"We are honored to support Weill Cornell Medicine's extraordinary efforts to educate our next generation of leading doctors and scientists," says Weill Cornell Medicine Vice Chair Overseer Jeffrey Feil, who is also chairman of the Board of Overseers' Initiative for the Brain Subcommittee. "Our longstanding relationships with many of Weill Cornell Medicine's esteemed physicians have been a source of inspiration for us – they exemplify the very best in science and medicine, and demonstrate how to make a difference in the world."

"The Feil family and our family have a shared devotion for enhancing Weill Cornell Medicine's educational mission," says Sanford Weill, chairman emeritus of the Board of Overseers. "Together, the Feil Family Student Center and Weill Education Center will provide our students with the very best learning experience that will ensure their future success as healthcare leaders."

"Education is Weill Cornell Medicine's lifeblood – it is the way in which we can assure a lasting effect on healthcare and our patients," says Dr. Augustine M.K. Choi, the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean. "We are deeply grateful to the Feil family, whose

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Dr. Augustine M.K. Choi Named Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine

Dr. Augustine M.K. Choi, an internationally renowned physician-scientist in the field of lung disease, has been named the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine and Cornell University's provost for medical affairs. Dr. Choi had served as interim dean since June 1, 2016.

Dr. Choi was recruited from Harvard Medical School in 2013 and became the Sanford I. Weill Chairman and Professor of Medicine in the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine and physician-in-chief of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as interim dean for the past seven months," says Dr. Choi. "Being selected as dean is both an incredibly humbling and a joyful experience. I am ready to intensify my efforts on behalf of our students, trainees, faculty and staff and to guide Weill Cornell Medicine into the future as it strives to attain new levels of excellence. I am certain that, working together, we are a triple threat and can make lasting and impactful contributions in healthcare, scientific discovery and education."

Based on his extensive experience as a clinician, researcher, entrepreneur and mentor, Dr. Choi plans to advance diverse initiatives across Weill Cornell Medicine's mission of improving human health. Among his main priorities as dean will be expanding clinical services into Lower Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn with hospital partner NewYork-Presbyterian and increasing the institution's cohort of clinical faculty. Another key area of focus will be joint research, academic collaborations and entrepreneurial partnerships across all of Cornell's campuses.

In addition, Dr. Choi will strengthen Weill Cornell Medicine's research enterprise through faculty development, enhanced research support and

ongoing recruitment. Also, an increased emphasis on entrepreneurship will help speed the translation of research projects from bench to bedside and contribute to New York's burgeoning biotech industry.

"I send my warmest congratulations to Dr. Augustine Choi on his appointment as dean," says Martha Pollack, who will become Cornell University's 14th president on April 17. "I am deeply impressed by his intellect, his candor, and his obvious passion for advancing Weill Cornell Medicine's mission in patient care, discovery and education."

"I could not be more delighted for Dr. Choi or for Weill Cornell Medicine," says Chairman Bibliowicz. "He is absolutely the best person to propel this institution forward and maintain its trajectory of extraordinary growth."

A distinguished and award-winning investigator with a strong history of support from the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Choi has focused his research career on understanding how diseases of the lung develop in response to molecular, cellular and genetic triggers.

"As department chair, Dr. Choi has amply demonstrated his prowess in growing clinical and sponsored research revenues, recruiting world-class scientific leaders and nurturing extremely talented individuals," says Sanford Weill, chairman emeritus of the Board of Overseers. "He has a firm grasp of the issues facing Weill Cornell Medicine, he is a product of an institution that can promote from within, and he will hit the ground running."

For more about Dr. Choi, please see the "What Inspires Giving" article in the May issue of Milestones.

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generous gift exemplifies our vision for how to shape the best doctors and scientists, and ensures that our institution remains at the forefront of education."

Excellence in education has been a touchstone at Weill Cornell Medicine since its inception in 1898, reflecting an enduring commitment to transform aspiring doctors and scientists into world-class professionals. The Feil Family Student Center continues that storied tradition. Functioning in collaboration with the Weill Education Center — the heart of formal academic education at the institution — the Feil Family Student Center will provide students with a comfortable and modern environment to support their ambitions.

The center will feature small group study rooms, a student activity room, a computer lab, lounges and state-of-the-art instructional spaces. It will support the institution's new medical curriculum, unveiled in fall 2014, which provides students with a hands-on,

interactive education that integrates basic science with clinical care, and emphasizes the core principles of professionalism. All spaces will feature flexible room configurations and enhanced information technology capabilities.

"Just as our students have entrusted us to provide them with the tools to become scientifically inquisitive, compassionate and highly skilled

physicians, it is incumbent upon us to ensure their wellness and professional growth during their education," says Dr. Barbara Hempstead, senior associate dean for education and the O. Wayne Isom Professor of Medicine. "Thanks to the Feil family's remarkable generosity, we can maximize the effectiveness of our new curriculum and enhance the student experience."

Rendering of the Feil Family Student Center, first floor



New Gift to Benefit Breast Oncology and Breast Surgery

Lauren Gillespie and Usman Nabi

The call came at an unusual hour, just as Usman Nabi was beginning his workday. His sister was on the line, and the news was shocking. She had been diagnosed with breast cancer.

"In that moment, our minds went to a very dark place, and when I hung up the phone, I thought, 'What are we going to do?'" Mr. Nabi says. "But what unfolded from there – from that moment of deep anxiety – was incredible."

Mr. Nabi remembered how well his mother had been cared for five years ago, when she had a benign kidney tumor removed at Weill Cornell Medicine. So he reached out to a friend he knew could connect him with a surgical oncologist there. Within 12 hours, his sister received a referral, followed by a personal phone call from Dr. Rache Simmons, the Anne K. and Edwin C. Weiskopf Professor of Surgical Oncology. The Nabi family

sat in Dr. Simmons' office the next day, feeling reassured by the clear, coherent treatment plan she presented.

The Nabi family's experience with Dr. Simmons, and later with Dr. Anne Moore, medical director of the Weill Cornell Breast Center, humbled and inspired them. They recently expressed their gratitude with a gift of \$500,000 and established the **Anne Moore Fellowship in Breast Oncology and the Rache Simmons Fellowship in Breast Surgery**.

"This generous gift will provide early career physicians with comprehensive training in clinical breast oncology and breast surgery, while they develop their careers as future clinical and surgery investigators and laboratory researchers," Dr. Simmons says.

Through this training, breast oncology and breast surgery fellows will work with faculty to develop their clinical and surgical skills and participate in one of Weill Cornell Medicine's many research initiatives in breast cancer.

"We are tremendously grateful for Usman and his wife Lauren's support, which will enhance and strengthen our program, and further our mission to provide high-quality care for our patients," Dr. Moore says.

Mr. Nabi says he has a new understanding of the importance of this mission, as his sister is now on a positive path to recovery. His mother is also doing well.

"When I think of Weill Cornell Medicine now, after these two experiences, there's a line from the Quran that comes to mind," Nabi says. "It reads, 'He who saves one life saves all of humanity.' Weill Cornell Medicine is affecting lives in New York City and all over the world – not only by delivering incredible medical outcomes, but through the kindness, patience and empathy they show to every patient and family."

Brian Changlai, MD '80, Establishes Student Scholarship

Brian Changlai, MD '80, and his family share an unflagging devotion to the practice of medicine. It's a legacy that fills him with tremendous pride and gratitude, particularly when reflecting on his experiences as a Taiwanese immigrant arriving in late-1960s New York, where he later earned his medical degree and met and married Dr. Mary Daye.

"For me, coming to America provided a wonderful opportunity to become a physician," says Dr. Changlai, who retired from his multi-group specialty practice in 2012 and continues to practice cardiology at Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse and geriatric cardiology at three nursing homes. "When I got accepted to a prestigious, top-shelf medical school like Weill Cornell Medicine, I felt very lucky. It was a big honor."

Dr. Changlai's appreciation for his Weill Cornell Medicine education inspired him, Dr. Daye and their son, Dr. Brian A. Changlai, to make a generous gift to the institution. They recently pledged \$100,000 to establish the **Brian Y. Changlai, MD, '80, PhD, Mary C. Daye, MD, and Brian A. Changlai, BS '04, MD Scholarship**, which will benefit current and future Weill Cornell Medicine students with financial need.

"Weill Cornell Medicine treated me very well," Dr. Changlai says. "I wanted to give back to support the next generation of students."

The younger Dr. Changlai also enjoyed a Cornell education as an undergraduate at the Ithaca campus. He is now a hospitalist at Upstate University Hospital and an assistant professor of medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Dr. Daye has been a dedicated, patient-focused internal medicine specialist for more than 35 years and works full-time at a private practice.



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Dr. Brian A. Changlai, Dr. Brian Y. Changlai, MD '80, and Dr. Mary C. Daye

The Changlai family's home in Syracuse features a touching reminder of the senior Dr. Changlai's time as a medical student. It's a ficus tree that he and Dr. Daye purchased in 1979 while living in Lasdon House on the Weill Cornell Medicine campus. The tree – much like the family's passion for medicine – is still thriving.

"Since we bought that tree, I graduated from medical school, finished five years of internship, residency and cardiology fellowship, and practiced 31 years," the elder Dr. Changlai says. "And our tree is still going strong."

From Our Chairman

I am confident that this momentum **will continue to grow and flourish,** sparking many more exciting advances in the future.



As we look to the future at Weill Cornell Medicine, there are countless possibilities on the horizon. Under Dean Choi's interim leadership, we made great strides in each area of our mission; we have continued to expand our clinical staff, grow and invest in research initiatives and empower our students

with the most vital tools in healthcare – all with the driving mission to serve our patients. With Dean Choi now at the helm, and the ongoing support of our many donors and friends, I am confident that this momentum will continue to grow and flourish, sparking many more exciting advances.

Providing a world-class medical education to our students remains central to our charge. By shaping the healthcare leaders of tomorrow, we aim to give our patients – and those around the country – the best possible care for many years to come. In our cover story, you'll read about the new Feil Family Student Center, which will be another thriving hub on campus – along with the Weill Education Center – where our students can exchange ideas and encourage each other to become better physicians and scientists. Thanks to the visionary philanthropy of the Feil family, and those who have supported student initiatives over the years, Weill Cornell Medicine students will continue to be pioneers for an ever-changing healthcare system. We are so proud of all that they do and will continue to accomplish beyond these walls.

It's been an honor to personally witness the strength and commitment of the Weill Cornell Medicine community over the past year. This is already such an inspiring time at our institution – I look forward to seeing what comes next.

With gratitude,

Jessica Bibliowicz
Chairman
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Dr. Roy M. Gulick
Rochelle Belfer Professor in Medicine
Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases

What invigorates Dr. Roy Gulick about his work as an infectious disease specialist is being able to play a vital role in the advances made in treating a variety of conditions, including HIV.

It was in the 1980s when Dr. Gulick directed his career toward helping patients with HIV, then a newly described virus. At the time, he says, the term “AIDS” had not yet been coined, and treatments were just beginning to be developed. Some of those treatments evolved into combinations of prescription-drug “cocktails” – sometimes as many as 20 pills divided every eight hours – which helped patients battle the disease. Today, many of those regimens have been whittled down to one pill taken once daily, Dr. Gulick says.

“For many with HIV infection on medications, life expectancy is now the same as the general population,” says Dr. Gulick. “People can actually live with HIV disease now. We have come a long way.”

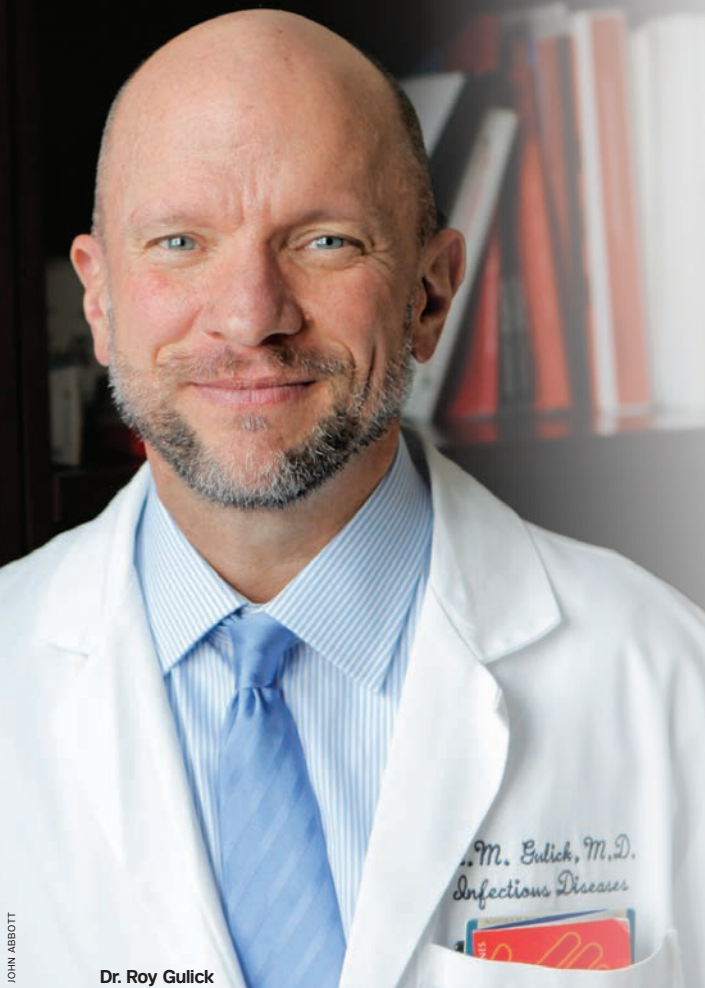
Those triumphs keep Dr. Gulick, the Rochelle Belfer Professor in Medicine, inspired to care for patients,

discover new therapies and teach medical students, graduate students, internal medicine residents and fellows in infectious diseases. He is honored to hold this professorship, as he studies and teaches about a variety of infectious disease topics, including Zika and Ebola viruses, HIV/AIDS, and antiviral drugs and conducts clinical trials. Additionally last fall, Dr. Gulick was named chair of the National Institutes of Health’s Office of AIDS Research Advisory Committee.

“Philanthropy has always been important in the field of HIV. We have been incredibly fortunate to receive significant donations that have helped advance HIV care and research, as well as much of our other work in infectious diseases,” Dr. Gulick says.

His work with infectious diseases “affects every part of the world,” says Dr. Gulick, who has traveled extensively to expand his knowledge of the field. “It’s a field that transcends borders, poses great challenges, and changes frequently and rapidly, which causes me to simply love this job.”

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Dr. Roy Gulick

events

Children’s Health Council Discovery Panel

A group of Weill Cornell Medicine pediatricians and dietitians led a lively discussion about nutrition during the Nov. 1 Children’s Health Council Discovery Panel. The presentation, “From Peanuts to Gluten – Children’s Diets: Fact and Fiction,” featured a question-and-answer session and was moderated by Dr. Gerald Loughlin, the Nancy C. Paduano Professor of Pediatrics and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics. The panel of Weill Cornell Medicine experts included:

Laurie Block, RDN, CDE
Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist

Lisa Moreno, MD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Marisa Censani, MD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Aliza Solomon, DO
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

The Children’s Health Council Discovery Panels are held semi-annually and focus on a range of pediatric health topics. **To learn more about the Children’s Health Council, please contact: 646-962-9566 or childrenshealthcouncil@med.cornell.edu.**



Left to Right: Laurie Block, Dr. Aliza Solomon, Dr. Gerald Loughlin, Dr. Lisa Moreno and Dr. Marisa Censani

Partners in Medicine

Dr. Richard Isaacson, director of the Alzheimer’s Prevention Clinic and associate professor of neurology, presented his groundbreaking research on aging and the brain during the Partners in Medicine fall luncheon. The presentation, “How to Keep Your Brain Healthy and Reduce Your Risk for Alzheimer’s,” summarized Dr. Isaacson’s personalized approach to Alzheimer’s disease prevention, which factors in age, gender, race, family history and lifestyle, as well as physiological markers such as metabolism and genetics. The Partners in Medicine program recognizes donors who are dedicated to supporting innovative research, education and patient care at Weill Cornell Medicine. **To learn more about the program, please contact Lori Schroeter, director of annual and special giving programs, at 646-962-9531 or las2026@med.cornell.edu.**



Dr. Richard Isaacson and Dean Augustine M.K. Choi

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