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Richard Isaacson, M.D., Director of the Alzheimer's Prevention Clinic, consults with Gregory Petsko, D.Phil., Director of the Appel Alzheimer's Disease Research Institute, while new recruits Manu Sharma, Ph.D., and Jacqueline Burré, Ph.D., both Assistant Professors of Neuroscience at the Feil Family Brain and Mind Research Institute, work in a laboratory in the Belfer Research Building.

The Belfer Research Building: A Clear Path to Discovery

In the bustling New York City campus of Weill Cornell Medical College, the Belfer Research Building towers on 69th Street, a bright and modern monument to an energized commitment for research at the institution. Its opening was an incredible accomplishment, made possible by numerous dedicated donors and the thoughtful planning and execution of the Medical College and University leadership. All of these individuals share a vision of brilliant physician-scientists working side-by-side to make groundbreaking medical discoveries that translate into better treatments, and even cures, for patients.

Now, one year after the doors have opened, the energy pulsating through the walls is as unmistakable as the talent of the researchers within them. The scientists, many of them newly recruited thought-leaders, collaborate regularly with clinicians to address some of our most pressing medical dilemmas. Each laboratory, office and conference space was created with collaboration in mind, and patients are already well on the way to reaping the benefits of this translational work.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony in January of 2014, the Belfer Research Building consisted of many state-of-the-art laboratories awaiting fulfillment – and it was anticipated that several floors would remain unoccupied for the near future. Today, almost all of the laboratories are in use by top-tier researchers, and due to a high demand for residence in the building and the generosity of donors, all remaining unoccupied floors have plans in place for occupation.

The 18-story building has 13 lab floors, each with 21,000 square feet of dedicated research space. To date, in these laboratories and offices, 55 individual investigators and more than 300 junior scientists work together daily toward resolving today's most critical health concerns.

The building now houses the **Joan and Sanford I. Weill Center for Metabolic Health**, the **Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center**, the **Helen and Robert Appel Alzheimer's Disease Research Institute**, the **Feil Family Brain and Mind Research Institute**, the **Gale and Ira Drukier Institute for Children's Health**, the **Jill Roberts Institute for Research in Inflammatory Bowel Disease**, the **Dalio Institute of Cardiovascular Imaging**, the **Tri-Institutional Therapeutics Discovery Institute** and more. These multidisciplinary research powerhouses exist thanks, in part, to the generosity of the donors for which they're named, and the collaboration between these institutes and their clinical counterparts will spark innovations in research and patient care. Additionally, the fourth floor of the building is occupied by Hunter College faculty working in the sciences. The building also features The Starr Foundation-Maurice R. Greenberg Conference Center and Terrace, which spans the second and third floors.

"Current Weill Cornell faculty and new recruits are engaged in some of the most cutting-edge research taking place at a medical school anywhere in the country," says Laurie H. Glimcher, M.D., the Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean. "We have come so far in such a short period of time, and we still have a great deal left to accomplish. I can't wait to see what the future holds."

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Introducing Some of our Newest Recruits

The Belfer Research Building is home to some of the most innovative physician-scientists of our time. While the recruits below are only a small snapshot of the incredible talent at Weill Cornell, as our newest senior researchers in the Belfer building, they welcomed the opportunity to talk about their work and how it impacts patients.

DAVID ARTIS, PH.D.

Director, Jill Roberts Institute for Research in Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Michael Kors Professor of Immunology



“The Artis lab is collaborating with other basic scientists and clinicians at Weill Cornell to develop translational research approaches that will allow analysis of immune responses in patients who suffer from cancer, inflammatory and metabolic diseases. These studies have the potential to significantly advance our understanding of the pathways that underlie multiple chronic diseases.”

JOHN BLENIS, PH.D.

Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Professor in Cancer Research



“My laboratory has helped to define two signaling systems in the body that are most often hijacked in cancer. Inhibitors to the major signaling proteins in these pathways have been produced. These inhibitors are now being tested in cancer clinical trials and are driving major advances in precision medicine.”

LEWIS CANTLEY, PH.D.

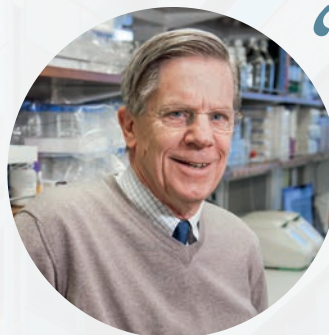
Meyer Director, Meyer Cancer Center
Margaret and Herman Sokol Professor in Oncology Research



“My laboratory discovered a gene called PI3K that plays a central role in the growth of a wide variety of cancers. More than 20 PI3K inhibitors are now in cancer clinical trials and we are working with pharmaceutical companies and clinicians to understand how to best utilize these drugs to cure cancers.”

DOUGLAS FEARON, M.D.

Walter B. Wriston Professor of Pancreatic Cancer Research



“My research focuses on the immune system and its effect on pancreatic cancer cells, which are surrounded by a protective barrier. We have recently identified a drug that breaks through that barrier, allowing immune cells to kill the pancreatic cancer cells. This therapeutic compound is scheduled for early trials in patients this summer.”

HOWARD FINE, M.D.

Director, Brain Tumor Center and Associate Director for Translational Research, Meyer Cancer Center



“Our research focuses on understanding the biology of the stem cells in glioblastoma, an aggressive type of malignant brain tumor. We model individual patients' glioblastomas by isolating and growing their tumor stem cells in the lab and looking for areas of therapeutic vulnerability in order to find the best possible therapy for that particular patient.”

JAMES MIN, M.D.

Director, Dalio Institute of Cardiovascular Imaging



“The Dalio Institute of Cardiovascular Imaging comprises a multidisciplinary group of physicians and scientists who define intelligent imaging solutions that deliver superior cardiovascular outcomes at reduced societal cost for individuals with and at risk for cardiovascular disease.”

CHING TUNG, PH.D.

Director, Molecular Imaging Innovations Institute
Alexander R. Margulis, M.D., Distinguished Professor in Radiology



“Our research focuses on advancing imaging technology to “see” disease-associated changes at the molecular level, before a disease begins to present structural changes. Molecular imaging technology is critical in guiding precision medicine and it has broad applications in various diseases, such as cancer, atherosclerosis, myocardial infarction and neural degeneration.”





I am proud to say that Weill Cornell physicians and scientists are making waves and earning accolades well beyond our campus.

With the help of our leadership, donors and friends, the Weill Cornell research enterprise has grown exponentially in the past few years. Our world-class physician-scientists – both established faculty and new recruits – are working together with our expert clinicians to lead the way in healthcare and medicine, making critical discoveries that are changing lives in New York City and around the world. And, their cutting-edge work continues to gain recognition; I am proud to say that Weill Cornell physicians and scientists are making waves and earning accolades well beyond our campus.

Collaborations with leading medical institutions in the area also highlight the impact and strength of the research powerhouse that we've built together. A few recent examples include a \$15.7 million grant from the New York State Stem Cell Science Program, which supports our research into the development of a cure for sickle-cell anemia, and our recent collaboration with the New York Genome Center to promote the use of cancer genomics throughout the New York region. These are just a few examples – but there are many – and even more on the horizon.

With partnerships like these and your ongoing support, we will build upon our success and further strengthen our role as a leader in education, innovation and discovery. Most important, this momentum will allow us to continue speeding the latest treatments and cures to our patients.

Laurie H. Glimcher, M.D.
Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean
Provost for Medical Affairs

Global Health Leader Jean William Pape Named Holtzmann Professor

Jean William “Bill” Pape, M.D. ’75, is a world-renowned leader in global health who has been on Weill Cornell’s faculty since he graduated from the Medical College. In recognition of his vast achievements and groundbreaking work, Dr. Pape was recently appointed the second holder of the **Howard and Carol Holtzmann Professor in Clinical Medicine**, established by the late Judge Howard Holtzmann and his wife, Carol.

“My husband felt strongly about honoring excellence in medicine at Weill Cornell,” says Mrs. Holtzmann. “He wanted to pay tribute to the incredible work being done at the Medical College, and Dr. Pape is a well-deserving recipient of this professorship.”

Dr. Pape is the Founder and Director of GHESKIO,¹ a comprehensive clinical service and research center in Haiti, at which Weill Cornell has played an instrumental role since the center’s inception in 1982. GHESKIO is one of the largest AIDS and tuberculosis treatment centers in the Americas, also specializing in treatment of cholera and cervical cancer. GHESKIO continues to grow; in March, the organization opened a new tuberculosis hospital to address the urgent needs of Haitians with the disease.

Dr. Pape is honored to become the new holder of the Holtzmann professorship. He is succeeding Charles Steinberg, M.D. ’64, a primary care physician who also specialized in infectious disease and who instructed Dr. Pape when he was a medical student.

“I used to admire his bedside manner when I was a student, and he was such a good teacher,”



Among his many accolades over the years, Dr. Pape was the recipient of the Clinton Global Citizen Award and the Gates Award for Global Health in recognition of his significant public health work after the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

says Dr. Pape. “I hoped that one day I could know 10 percent of what he has in his head. It is such a pleasure to know that I’m holding his former title and walking, practically, in his shoes.”

Both Dr. Pape and Dr. Steinberg are alumni with long histories at Weill Cornell – and their admiration is mutual.

“It was apparent early in Bill’s career that he was an exceptional person and a physician destined to make his mark in medicine,” says Dr. Steinberg. “His contributions after the devastation from the Haitian earthquake were extraordinary. I am sure that the late Judge Howard Holtzmann, who had a distinguished career in international arbitration, would be most pleased to have Dr. Pape as the recipient of the professorship.”

Dr. Pape says, “When Dean Glimcher came to Haiti, we saw that she had a vision where research is integrated in every aspect of what we do at Weill Cornell – research to make our patients’ lives better. And I think that this is what’s important at the end of the day: We’re here to improve patients’ lives.”



The new GHESKIO tuberculosis hospital, the Ludwig Pavilion, opened in March. Created with a \$1 million gift from BD (formerly Becton, Dickinson and Company), the Ludwig Pavilion will treat all forms of tuberculosis while focusing on multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, a particularly aggressive form of the disease that is notoriously difficult to treat.

¹ the French acronym for the Haitian Group for the Study of Kaposi’s Sarcoma and Opportunistic Infections

Exploring Big Data to Help Patients

WorldQuant Foundation Establishes Research Scholar Award



Dr. Christopher Mason and Igor Tulchinsky

After touring Weill Cornell's computational biology labs last summer, Igor Tulchinsky, Founder and CEO of WorldQuant, a private institutional investment management firm, saw intriguing parallels in the use of big data for business and precision medicine. In both disciplines, talented researchers scour vast quantities of digital data to discover valuable patterns – in one case, generating returns for investors, in the other, genetic clues that will lead to treatments and cures for diseases like HIV, Parkinson's and cancer.

That visit inspired a \$1 million gift from Mr. Tulchinsky to support talented early-career scientists conducting groundbreaking translational research in Weill Cornell's computational biology program. Mr. Tulchinsky's generous gift, made through the WorldQuant Foundation, will fund the **WorldQuant Foundation Research Scholar Award**.

The inaugural recipient of the award is Christopher Mason, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Computational Genomics and Neuroscience in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, the HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud Institute for Computational Biomedicine and the Feil Family Brain and Mind Research Institute.

A rising young star in computational biology, Dr. Mason studies the interplay between the environment and human DNA. In one of his current projects, for

NASA, he is comparing the DNA of twin astronauts to assess the effect of space travel on the body.

Mr. Tulchinsky and Dr. Mason share a common language of algorithms as well as an expansive vision of the power of big data to improve the world. The Research Scholar Award, Dr. Mason says, provides a bedrock of funding that will allow him to pursue "high-risk, high-reward ideas, and build algorithms that traditionally would take a lot of development time." As a scientist, he said, the ability to try new approaches immediately "is extraordinarily liberating."

Mr. Tulchinsky views philanthropy as "an investment in society to achieve a scalable impact and create opportunities for individuals around the world. What makes an investment

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compelling is when it has focus, reach and, of course, a high probability of success."

Mr. Tulchinsky is a new friend to Weill Cornell but no stranger to philanthropy: Since establishing the WorldQuant Foundation in 2009, he has made significant contributions to science and technology education programs worldwide.

Weill Cornell established the Research Scholar Award (RSA) program in 2009 to provide stable funding to young Ph.D. and M.D. investigators whose ambitious ideas may lead to crucial new discoveries about the human body and, eventually, life-saving therapies. For more information on how to establish an RSA, please contact Lucille Ferraro, Campaign Director, at (646) 317-7387 or luf2003@med.cornell.edu.

Jeanne and Herb Siegel Expand Their Support

Already devoted supporters of research and medical education at Weill Cornell, Jeanne and Overseer Herb Siegel have now expanded their philanthropic legacy to include funding for faculty engaged in clinical care. With a generous \$1 million gift, the Siegels have endowed the **Neal Flomenbaum, M.D. Prize for Excellence in Emergency Medicine**.

Named in honor of Dr. Neal Flomenbaum, Professor of Clinical Medicine and Physician-in Chief of the Department of Emergency Medicine at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, the \$50,000 prize will be awarded annually to a faculty member who has shown dedication and innovation in the field of emergency medicine practice, education and research.

"Dr. Flomenbaum is a great example of the type of physician who we want to

honor with this prize," says Mr. Siegel. "Physicians in emergency medicine are on the frontlines of care – they are the first line of treatment 24 hours a day. We wanted to recognize their commitment and hard work with this gift."

In addition to establishing the Flomenbaum prize, the Siegels also recently made a generous gift of \$500,000 to support the new Weill Cornell Program for Innovations in Primary Care, led by Fred Nathan Pelzman, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine. This program will bring together clinician-educators and researchers who are dedicated to furthering the central role that primary care plays across the full spectrum of healthcare delivery models.

Dr. Flomenbaum says, "The Siegels' generous support for the Weill Cornell emergency medicine teaching faculty



Overseer Herb and Jeanne Siegel

"Physicians in emergency medicine are on the frontlines of primary care – they are the first line of treatment 24 hours a day."

makes a strong statement about the importance of providing excellent clinical care while teaching future Weill Cornell physicians how to do so."

The Siegels have a long history of promoting the mission of Weill Cornell including their established prizes and awards in medical education, scholarship and research (this year, after learning about the work of the nominees, the Siegels tripled the number of top-tier researchers who received their award). These prizes are some of the most prestigious that one can receive at Weill Cornell.

"Jeanne and Herb have a vision that aligns closely with the Weill Cornell mission," says Dean Glimcher. "They are acutely aware of the bridge between clinical care, medical education and research and always manage to go above and beyond – their support continues to be exemplary."



What Inspires Giving?

Meet John Kuiper, M.D. '61

Dr. John Kuiper has been a friend to Weill Cornell since his first days as a medical student in 1957. A member of the esteemed alumni Dean's Circle, Dr. Kuiper has given generously to the Medical College for many years. In 2012, to bolster his support to the institution that sparked his career, Dr. Kuiper endowed the **John J. Kuiper Professorship of Medicine** in the Weill Department of Medicine. Recently, he established the **John J. Kuiper Scholarship** through a strategic combination of planned giving vehicles. The Kuiper scholarship will help students who seek to pursue careers in general internal medicine, family practice and geriatrics. Dr. Kuiper practiced internal medicine and nephrology in Los Angeles for three decades, and was a member of the clinical faculty in the Department of Medicine at UCLA between 1970 and 2012.

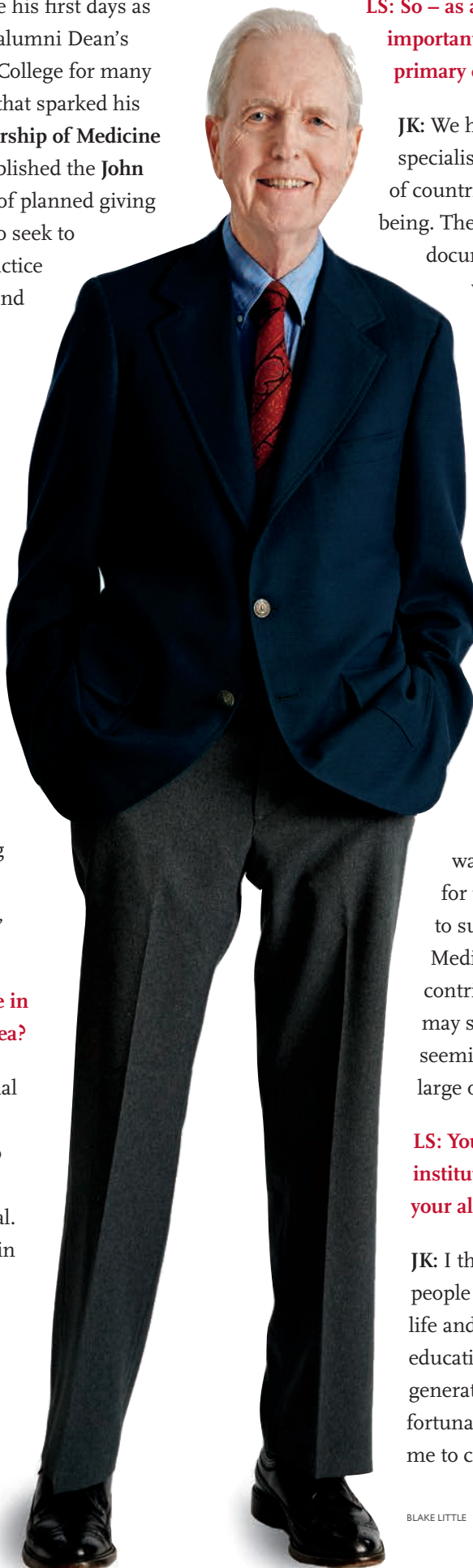
Dr. Kuiper recently spoke with Larry Schafer, Vice Provost for External Affairs, about his time at Weill Cornell and his commitment to supporting future primary care physicians.

LS: Thank you, again, for your generosity and for taking the time to speak with me today. It is always a pleasure to spend time with one of our alumni. Can you tell me a little bit about your experience as a student at the Medical College?

JK: Weill Cornell provided me with an exceptional medical education in a most collegial and congenial setting. In addition to providing an excellent grounding in the basic sciences, over four years I found that I greatly enjoyed interacting with and caring for patients, particularly in general internal medicine.

LS: In addition to internal medicine, you also specialize in nephrology. How did you decide to specialize in that area?

JK: As a medical student, I developed an interest in renal disease, nurtured by the preeminent expert in renal physiology, Professor Robert Pitts, and was fortunate to have been able to complete an outstanding elective in acid-base and electrolyte disorders at Memorial Hospital. Weill Cornell set me on the path to a rewarding career in medicine and nephrology.



LS: So – as an expert in the field yourself – why do you think it's important for more medical students today to pursue careers in primary care?

JK: We have a national shortage of primary care physicians – the specialists who play the predominate role in the care of residents of countries scoring the highest in measures of health and well-being. There have been studies in the United States that have also documented superior outcomes, higher levels of satisfaction with care, and generally lower overall costs for patients whose care is managed by primary care specialists.

LS: Is that what motivated you to create the John J. Kuiper scholarship?

JK: Yes – my hope is that Weill Cornell students who are attracted to careers in primary care, but hesitate because of lower compensation when initiating their practices, may now be able to pursue their aspirations if they graduate with minimal debt.

LS: We recently launched the Weill Cornell Campaign for Education – with a large focus on increasing our scholarship endowment. What would you say to our friends out there who are considering contributing to a scholarship at Weill Cornell?

JK: Contributing to this campaign would be an excellent way for physicians and surgeons to express appreciation for their medical education, and for friends of Weill Cornell to support the high caliber of practicing graduates at the Medical College. I know of classmates who would like to contribute to their alma mater, but hesitate because the sum may seem small. It is important to recognize that many seemingly small contributions can be as powerful as one large one.

LS: You have generously supported each of the educational institutions that you attended. What is it about supporting your alma mater that inspires you?

JK: I think it is important to show your appreciation to the people and places that have had a significant impact on your life and career. As a longtime teacher, I have always valued education and the influence that it has in shaping the next generation. Although salaried throughout my career, I was fortunate to have made some wise investments that now allow me to contribute in this way.

BLAKE LITTLE

Spotlight on: **DEAN'S COUNCIL**

Founded in 2002, the Weill Cornell Dean's Council started out as a small volunteer group of community leaders who supported the \$750 million *Advancing the Clinical Mission* Campaign. The group was established as a means to promote active participation and firsthand involvement in the Medical College.

Today, several campaigns later (including the record-breaking \$1.3 billion *Discoveries that Make a Difference* Campaign), the Council boasts more than 130 members, or 72 households, made up of dedicated philanthropists from a wide variety of backgrounds who have made gifts of \$100,000 or more over three years. The group includes both brand new members and members who have been part of the Dean's Council since its beginning.

The Dean's Council is led by Co-Chairs and Overseers Sanford Ehrenkranz and Leonard Harlan and an Executive Committee – which includes Founding Chair Overseer Daisy Soros – that provides guidance, makes recommendations for strategic planning and nominates new members. The Council's goals are threefold: to engage prominent leaders in the philanthropic community; to generate support for Weill Cornell's mission; and to educate members on the groundbreaking research, clinical care and medical training taking place at the Medical College.

Dean's Council members are recognized for their generosity and given unique opportunities to learn from world-renowned physicians, researchers and leaders at Weill Cornell at semi-annual meetings. Longtime members like Marilyn and Michael Fedak, M.D., who first came to know Weill Cornell in 2006 and joined the Council in 2007, explain that these meetings are one of the things they love most about the Dean's Council.

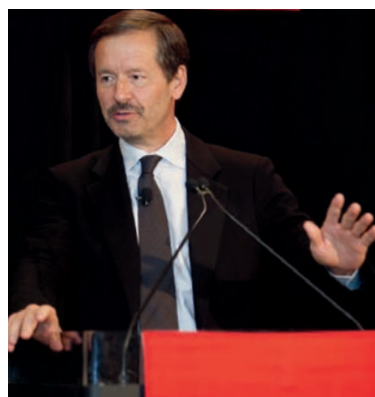
"The access Dean's Council members have to new developments in research and patient care at Weill Cornell is wonderful," says Mrs. Fedak.



Overseer Arthur Mahon and Susan Porter enjoying a speaker presentation at a past Dean's Council meeting.



Morris Mark, Overseer Sandra Meyer, Helen Appel, Overseer Harold Tanner and Overseer Edward Meyer at a recent Dean's Council event.



Dr. Lewis Cantley presenting to members of the Council.

"It's particularly exciting to meet with the physicians directly involved – their enthusiasm is infectious!"

Christina Truesdale and her husband, Donald, joined the Dean's Council in 2013, and have newcomers' perspectives on membership.

"Every time that I'm at a meeting, I leave in awe of how incredibly talented the doctors are at Weill Cornell," says Mrs. Truesdale. "I feel empowered to be a part of a community that is doing so much not only for our city, but for the world."

"The Dean's Council members are an incredibly important part of the Weill Cornell family," says Dean Glimcher. "Their support has been invaluable to the Medical College, helping us accomplish our goals as an institution in all parts of our mission. I am thrilled to watch the Council continue to grow."

DEAN'S COUNCIL SPRING MEETING: Bringing Donors Together in Support of Weill Cornell



Dean Glimcher with Dean's Council Co-Chairs and Overseers Leonard Harlan and Sanford Ehrenkranz at the spring meeting.

The Dean's Council holds meetings each year, providing unique opportunities to learn more about current issues regarding healthcare and the remarkable advances Weill Cornell is making in medicine. The events provide an intimate setting for members to interact with esteemed leadership, faculty and voluntary physicians.

This year's spring meeting, held on April 1st, was titled "Mysteries of the Microbiome: Your Gut and the

Cures it May Hold." The meeting featured an exciting new recruit to Weill Cornell, Dr. David Artis, Director of the Jill Roberts Institute for Research in Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Dr. Artis discussed how the human microbiome, the collection of microorganisms that exists in and on our bodies, plays a major role in intestinal health, weight management and other important health concerns.

"These are very complex diseases and there are a lot of differences

between individual patients," says Dr. Artis. "I think the challenge for both basic researchers and physicians is to have a much deeper understanding of an individual's disease and how it is characterized. That way we can better tailor therapies to either limit the symptoms of active disease or prevent the occurrence of the disease in the first place."

This is an exciting time for the progress of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) research at Weill Cornell. Benefactor Jill Roberts and the Jill Roberts Charitable Foundation established the research institute in the summer of 2014, which serves as the research arm of the clinical Jill Roberts Center for Inflammatory Bowel Disease, and the Medical College recently received a gift from Claudia and Overseer Nelson Peltz in support of the development of a precision medicine program in IBD.

After the presentation, Council members had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Artis, and to mingle

with other members, Dean Glimcher and a select group of Weill Cornell faculty.

"The opportunity provided through the Dean's Council – to engage with our outstanding physician-scientists – sets us apart from other groups, and helps inspire our members to continue their philanthropic support of Weill Cornell," says Co-Chair Overseer Sanford Ehrenkranz.

Co-Chair Overseer Leonard Harlan says, "The goal of the Dean's Council is to excite and inspire our members about Weill Cornell's unique approach of delivering medicine from the bench to bedside. It is that sense of involvement that generates the enthusiasm of our members."

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DEAN'S COUNCIL membership, contact the Dean's Council office at (646) 317-7424 or deanscouncil@med.cornell.edu.



Children's Health Council Family Science Day

The Weill Cornell Children's Health Council, a network of advocates committed to supporting pediatric research at the Medical College, hosted an inaugural Family Science Day on February 28th. Families joined Weill Cornell graduate students and faculty from the Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Belfer Research Building for a morning of experimentation, discovery and fun. Dean Glimcher and the Council Co-Chairs, Jack Barchas, M.D., Barklie McKee Henry Professor of Psychiatry and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, and Gerald Loughlin, M.D., The Nancy C. Paduano Professor of Pediatrics, welcomed more than 40 adults and children.

In her remarks, Dean Glimcher emphasized the collaborative, multidisciplinary nature of children's health research. She also noted the Medical College's commitment to educating the next generation of scientists, represented by the accomplished faculty and graduate students in attendance. Following the introductions, the student volunteers guided children through hands-on science activities, including



A child at Family Science Day wears a hat to learn about different parts of the brain.



Participants at Family Science Day

measuring fossils, using a microscope, making "brain hats" to learn about the different parts of the brain and extracting DNA from a strawberry.

Family Science Day is one of several events organized by the Children's Health Council to engage individuals and families committed to advancing Weill Cornell's research into the most prevalent and pressing children's health issues today.

► **For more information on the Children's Health Council, contact childrenshealthcouncil@med.cornell.edu, or by phone at 646.317.7358.**

Palm Beach Symposium



The theme of the 2015 Palm Beach Symposium was "Healthy Living: Nurturing Sound Hearts and Minds Throughout Our Lives."

With an engaging theme focused on the latest research in brain and heart health, this year's Palm Beach Symposium, held on March 9th at The Four Seasons Resort in Palm Beach, attracted a crowd of nearly 400 distinguished guests, alumni and friends of Weill Cornell. Vice Chair Overseer Robert Appel, explaining the popularity of the symposium to Palm Beach media, said "We bring three outstanding doctors doing research in fields that are appropriate to living a good life as one ages." The physicians presenting were:

- **Holly Andersen, M.D.**, cardiologist and Associate Professor of Medicine
- **Phyllis August, M.D., M.P.H.**, Ralph A. Baer Professor of Medical Research, Director of the Weill Cornell Hypertension Center, Professor of Medicine in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Professor of Public Health
- **Richard Isaacson, M.D.**, Director of the Alzheimer's Prevention Clinic and Associate Professor of Neurology

The theme, "Healthy Living: Nurturing Sound Hearts and Minds Throughout Our Lives," addressed the latest research in preventive medicine and steps individuals can take to remain healthy as they age; it sparked a lively panel discussion moderated by Dean Glimcher, with extended questions from the audience. Among the

topics discussed were hypertension's effect on the brain, dietary and other lifestyle choices to help prevent Alzheimer's disease, and ways to protect cardiovascular health.

The host committee for this successful event included: Helen and Vice Chair Overseer Robert Appel, Renée and Overseer Bob Belfer, Linda Berley, Karen and Overseer David Blumenthal, M.D. '75, Donna and David Dodson, M.D. '80; Lisa and Overseer Sanford Ehrenkranz; Orli Etingin, M.D., Fleur and Overseer Leonard Harlan, Barbara and Overseer Lawrence Inra, M.D., Margrit Bessenroth-Lynn and Richard Lynn, M.D. '71 and Overseers Sandra and Edward Meyer.



Dean Glimcher with this year's presenters and panel members Dr. Isaacson, Dr. August and Dr. Andersen.

Salute to Scholarship

This year’s Salute to Scholarship was held on April 23rd in Olin Hall. The annual event brings together the generous donors who support medical student scholarships with the exceptional students who benefit from their philanthropy. Salute to Scholarship provides an opportunity for students and donors to connect personally and share their stories with each other and with the Weill Cornell community, including distinguished faculty and alumni.

Following opening remarks by M.D./MBA candidate Zachary Strasser, Class of 2015, Dean Glimcher welcomed guests and moderated a panel discussion with Timothy Dutta, M.D. ‘99, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Overseer Catherine Hart, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, Richard Levine, M.D. ‘66 and Mr. Strasser on the important role of philanthropy in nurturing students’ ambitions and maintaining the excellence of medical education at Weill



Dean Glimcher with the Salute to Scholarship panelists.



Jeanne and Overseer Herbert Siegel with recipients of the Siegel Family Student Prizes.

Cornell. The event culminated in the bestowing of the **Siegel Family Student Prize** to eight outstanding Medical College students, each of whom will receive a \$25,000 scholarship.

The Siegel Family awards, which also include the **Siegel Family Faculty Award** and the **Siegel Family Award for Outstanding Medical Research**, were established by longtime supporters Jeanne and Overseer Herbert Siegel.

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