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A Heartfelt Gift Honors Friendship

Overseer Harvey Kaylie describes Overseer David Blumenthal, M.D. '75, Clinical Professor of Medicine, as an outstanding cardiologist, a caring physician, and a dynamic teacher, but his favorite word to describe his friend and doctor for over fifteen years is *mensch*.

"A *mensch* is a Yiddish word that means a person of integrity and honor," says Mr. Kaylie, President of Mini-Circuits, whose recent gift of \$12.5 million (with matching funds) will name half of a floor for cardiology research in the new Belfer Research Building in Dr. Blumenthal's honor.

Mr. Kaylie continues, "That's an incredibly high tribute – and it describes Dr. Blumenthal perfectly – not only his skills as a doctor, but who he is as a person. I truly believe that my life has been extended because of him and I am deeply appreciative."

When Mr. Kaylie first became a patient at Weill Cornell, he says that he "felt it was a major breakthrough to be at an institution where the quality of patient care was so outstanding." His cardiology issues, which he earlier thought could require surgical intervention or a possible heart transplant, were treated instead with medication. This less invasive treatment plan, suggested by Dr. Blumenthal, completely changed Mr. Kaylie's quality of life and greatly improved his health. This patient experience, and others like it, moved him to get more involved with the Medical College. And a few years later, he became an Overseer.

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"I was honored to join the Board of Overseers and contribute to the continued success of the Medical College," says Mr. Kaylie, who joined the Board in 2008, and also serves on the Medical Education Subcommittee. "I became an Overseer because I want to help – I want to understand the current objectives at the institution – and give support where I can."

"Having Harvey on the Board has been a great addition," says Antonio Gotto, Jr., M.D., D.Phil., Dean Emeritus, Co-Chair of the Board of Overseers and Lewis Thomas University Professor. "He is passionate about this institution, grateful for the care that he has received here, and truly wants to give back."

Mr. Kaylie has a longstanding history of giving to Weill Cornell. He has supported the Margaret and Ian Smith Clinical Skills Center (where he installed a plaque in Dr. Blumenthal's honor), established the *David S. Blumenthal Assistant Professorship* and has also supported efforts in neuroscience. With each of these gifts, he has spent time understanding the true nature of the gift and the specific impact that it will have at the Medical College.

"Harvey is an incredibly generous and kind person. He is intelligent, intellectually curious, and I feel honored to know and care for him," says Dr. Blumenthal. "This gift will not only support groundbreaking cardiology research in the laboratory, it will actually help us to save lives; that is the reason we are all here, and Harvey understands that."

"My guiding principle of philanthropy has always been to invest in the future," says Mr. Kaylie. "The benefits of what will take place in the Belfer Research Building will be amplified and multiplied – and may affect thousands of people in the future. That is *definitely* a good return on investment."

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Amy and Richard Ruben

Give \$1 Million to Cancer Recruitment

Thanks, in part, to a generous \$1 million gift from longtime friends and supporters Amy and Richard Ruben, Weill Cornell will continue to promote breakthrough discoveries in cancer research.

The Rubens' gift will bolster faculty recruitment efforts for the new Cancer Center, which will be headquartered in the state-of-the-art Belfer Research Building. Bringing more of the best and brightest minds to the Center is key to keeping the Medical College in the vanguard of innovative cancer discoveries and treatments. The Belfer Building will also be home to the new **Amy and Richard Ruben Conference Room**, a place where faculty and guests will meet and collaborate.

"This gift from Amy and Richard is a tremendous opportunity for us to strengthen our recruitment efforts in cancer research," says Dean Laurie H. Glimcher, M.D. "We are thrilled to have the chance to put their generous donation to good use."

With this gift, Amy and Richard Ruben continue their family legacy of giving to Weill Cornell. For decades, the family – including Richard's parents, the late Selma Belfer Ruben and Overseer Lawrence Ruben, his sisters, Lenore Ruben and Rochelle Kivell, and his aunt and uncle, Renée and Overseer Robert Belfer – has supported diverse efforts



Amy and Overseer Richard Ruben

at the Medical College. They have focused on crucial areas including genetic medicine, hematology/oncology and microbiology. At Weill Cornell, the Ruben family name is synonymous with philanthropy and appears throughout the campus, perhaps most notably on the Selma Ruben Conference Center and Selma Ruben Reception Area, both in the Weill Greenberg Center. The family has also named the forthcoming Ruben Family Conference Center in the Belfer Research Building.

Richard recently joined his father and uncle as a member of the Board of Overseers.

"I am thrilled to welcome my son Richard onto the Board," says Overseer Lawrence Ruben. "I know that our working together even more closely will bring nothing but progress to our goal to provide the College with crucial support."

In giving this time around, the Rubens chose to focus on cancer recruitment in part because of a personal connection – Richard's mother, Selma, passed away from lung cancer – and also because of the need to fill the new building with leading physician-scientists to pave the way for new discoveries.

"Weill Cornell has this new, incredible research facility, and it needs doctors and scientists to fill it, so it was a great opportunity to help out," says Richard. "Recruitment of new researchers can only help further science and patient care at the Medical College."

The Gerald J. Ford-Wayne Isom RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP

Overseer Gerald Ford and O. Wayne Isom, M.D., Chairman of Cardiothoracic Surgery, became fast friends when they met over twenty years ago. Their friendship, which traces back to their neighboring hometowns in Texas, has now been memorialized at Weill Cornell through the **Gerald J. Ford-Wayne Isom Research Professorship in Cardiothoracic Surgery**. This professorship was established by Gerald and his wife, Kelli, as part of a generous \$10 million gift made through the Gerald J. Ford Family Foundation.

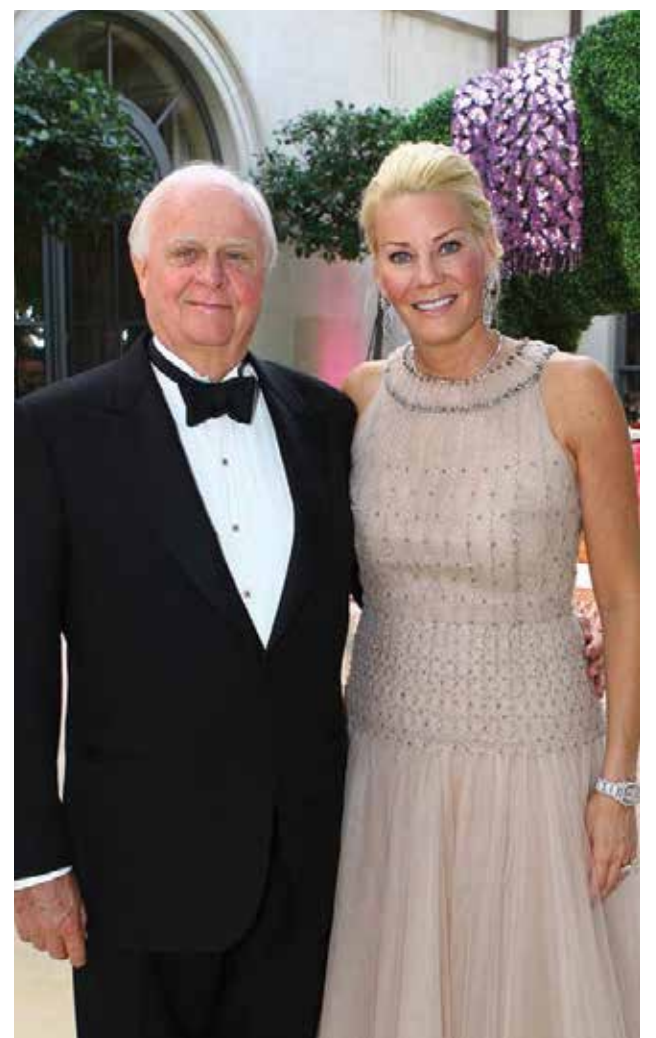
"When we decided to endow this professorship, we hoped that it would not only honor Dr. Isom, our good friend and a world-class physician, but that it would inspire innovative research and clinical care in the field of cardiothoracic surgery," says Mr. Ford, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Diamond-A-Ford Corporation.

The Fords' generosity will indeed promote breakthrough advances in cardiothoracic surgery through the work of world-renowned thoracic surgeon, Nasser Altorki, M.B., B.Ch., the inaugural holder of the Ford-Isom Professorship. Dr. Altorki, who was awarded this professorship in January, is a pioneer in cancer research and treatment. His research includes such innovative projects as the use of COX-2 inhibitors in the treatment of lung and esophageal cancer and the development of a lung cancer vaccine.

"This professorship is an incredible anchor and opportunity for me," says Dr. Altorki. "With the Fords' support, my team can continue to bring advanced cancer research from the lab bench to the patient bedside."

The Fords have been friends of Weill Cornell for many years. During that time, they have provided support for the Center for Reproductive Medicine, established the Gerald J. Ford Family Professorship of Reproductive Medicine and contributed to the Terry Allen Kramer Professorship of Cardiothoracic Surgery, which is currently held by Dr. Isom.

"I am honored to have my name associated with this professorship and with the phenomenal work of Dr. Altorki," says Dr. Isom. "I am continuously grateful to Kelli and Gerald for their ongoing friendship and their altruism."



Overseer Gerald and Kelli Ford

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Dr. Wayne Isom



From Our Dean

Our goal is to provide our students with the critical tools they need to confront some of the most daunting healthcare issues that we face today.

Last month, I had the great pleasure of participating in our annual commencement ceremony at Carnegie Hall. This was my second time attending commencement – and, though hard to believe, it was just as moving and impressive as the first. Sitting there, in that grand space, where so many people from an array of professions have accomplished incredible things, is truly a breathtaking experience. The ceremony included graduates from our Qatar campus, who had travelled to receive their degrees in New York after their own convocation in Doha several weeks earlier. As I watched our students cross the stage to be handed their diplomas, I felt so proud of their accomplishments – and also so proud of all that this institution has provided for them.

Medical education is a crucial part of our tripartite mission at Weill Cornell. Our goal is to provide our students with the critical tools they need to confront some of the most daunting healthcare issues that we face today. For some, this experience would not be possible without the generous scholarship support provided by so many of our donors.

Our students learn through the able leadership and expertise of our faculty. The Weill Cornell faculty represents some of the best and brightest minds in medicine today. Through their own work and accomplishments, they are teaching our students exactly what it takes to bring discoveries from the lab bench to the patient's bedside – and they are doing that with your help.

Together, our students and faculty (and the entire Weill Cornell staff) are ultimately here with one central goal in mind – to provide the best possible care to our patients. That is our driving force.

So, as each student received his or her diploma on that stage in Carnegie Hall, I also felt that they were receiving so *much more* than a degree marking their *past* achievements. They were taking a remarkable step toward helping people lead healthier, more productive lives in the future – now, *that* is an incredible accomplishment.

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

Remembering Steven Friedman, M.D. '72

When the board members at Incyte Corporation decided to establish the **Steven M. Friedman, M.D. '72 Memorial Scholarship**, they wanted to memorialize their former colleague and, more importantly, wanted to pay tribute to a friend. The late Dr. Friedman, Executive Vice President of Biology and Preclinical Development, was well-respected and highly regarded throughout Incyte. By creating this scholarship, the Incyte board members hoped to **honor the memory of a physician-scientist who had dedicated his life to making breakthrough discoveries in an effort to help people**. They also wanted to support an institution that had made a lasting impact on Steven's life – his alma mater, Weill Cornell.

With an initial gift of \$150,000 from Incyte, the scholarship was established in the spring of 2011. Since then, gifts have been made by friends and family members, including Steven's wife, Roberta, his mother, Ruth, and his brother, Paul A. Friedman, M.D., Director and CEO of Incyte Corporation. In just over two years, the Steven Friedman scholarship fund has grown to over \$370,000.

"Of all of the possible ways to memorialize Steven, a scholarship seems the most fitting," says Roberta. "He was a born teacher, who always spent time with the people in his lab, brainstorming with them about potential problems and encouraging them to find solutions. **He was instrumental in helping them navigate their career paths and always valued medical education.**"

As an alumnus of Weill Cornell, Steven remained involved with the Medical College for many years after his graduation. His experience collaborating with key Weill Cornell faculty members left a lasting impression on him and in 1984, after a fellowship at Harvard University and a position at Columbia University Medical Center, he returned to the Medical College as Associate Professor of Medicine, and later, Professor

of Medicine. Although he left his work in academic medicine in 1997 to pursue pharmaceutical research and development, leading to his position at Incyte, he remained tied to Weill Cornell for the remainder of his career.

"When I learned that our board members had established this scholarship in honor of Steven, I was truly honored and humbled," says Steven's brother, Paul. "The ongoing support for this scholarship is yet another testament to who my brother was – **he was a spectacular person, a caring individual, and his incredible persistence and commitment to healthcare helped to make Incyte the company it is today.**"



Drs. Paul and Steven Friedman

FROM OUR CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Success breeds success. And when a successful campaign translates into advances in healthcare, it is small wonder that Weill Cornell is pressing forward with a new initiative on the heels of reaching the \$1.3 billion goal for the *Discoveries* Campaign. This initiative will focus on key objectives that will further strengthen our position as a world-class academic medical center. Priorities include: recruiting more top tier physician-scientists, supporting our crucial research programs, continuing our clinical expansion efforts, providing more scholarship opportunities, and updating our already comprehensive curriculum.

Your help in all of these areas has enabled us to be at the forefront of new discoveries, clinical care and education. We have hit the ground running and, with the ongoing support of our donors and friends, we hope to continue to take advantage of this great momentum we've built together.

As we move forward with this initiative, I am also pleased to announce that Overseer Jeffrey Feil will serve with me as Co-Chair of the Campaign Steering Committee. Jeff and his family have supported the Medical College in myriad ways, most recently with their generous gift to establish the Feil Family Brain and Mind Research Institute. I look forward to working closely with him as we help Weill Cornell reach new heights in advancing medicine and medical education.



Sincerely,

Robert J. Appel
Campaign Chairman

FROM OUR BOARD LEADERSHIP

Spirits were ebullient on October 26, 2006 when we both had the pleasure of leading the launch of Weill Cornell's most ambitious initiative to date, the *Discoveries that Make a Difference* Campaign. We had just concluded the *Advancing the Clinical Mission* Campaign, and the Weill Greenberg Center loomed as a fresh testament to the power of philanthropy in support of medicine. That building also served as a tangible inspiration for our new goal: to build a state-of-the-art facility that would double the Medical College's research space, and would – more importantly – accelerate novel treatments to our patients.

The realization of this goal, so filled with promise, seemed rather distant at the time. But the message of the *Discoveries* Campaign resonated with so many – propelling us to succeed despite an economic downturn – that we were thrilled to both be present at the recent February meeting of the Joint Board when we announced that we had surpassed our original goal. Gratitude and a sense of satisfaction should fill the hearts of all those who were there with us at the beginning as we reflect on what's been achieved. We have accomplished so much together, and the future is filled with possibility.

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Salute to Scholarship

Student scholarship is an essential part of Weill Cornell’s mission of education, research and patient care. Donors who support scholarship are enabling more students to consider specialties in fields that may be less lucrative but are experiencing a dearth of new practitioners, like geriatrics and general medicine. The Medical College takes the opportunity every year to honor the donors who acknowledge the value of medical education and have generously contributed to scholarship, supporting our future leaders in healthcare.

This year’s Salute to Scholarship was a great success, held in the Olin Hall gym on May 22nd, because it has outgrown all other spaces on campus. Jeanne and Overseer Herbert Siegel were on hand to present eight students with the Siegel Family Student Prizes, as well as to present Domenick J. Falcone, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Associate Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, with the Siegel Family Faculty Award. The Siegels, longtime donors to Weill Cornell Medical College, endowed these prestigious awards, given to one faculty member and eight medical students, respectively, each year.

“Our involvement at Weill Cornell has taught us that it is the students, their teachers, their groundbreaking research, and the intersection between all of these areas that makes comprehensive patient care possible,” said Mr. Siegel. “This is what makes Weill Cornell such an impressive leader in healthcare today.”

Overseer Sandy Ehrenkranz spoke at the event as well. Mr. Ehrenkranz is the Chair of the Student Affairs and Education Committee on the Board of Overseers, Co-Chair of the Dean’s Council, and has been a dedicated volunteer and donor who is committed to supporting Weill Cornell students. The Ehrenkranz family recently endowed the Ehrenkranz Family Scholarship. Also presenting was Hazel Szeto, M.D., Ph.D. ’77, who has contributed generous gifts to the *Advancing the Clinical Mission* Scholarship and to the Class of 1977 Loan Fund, both of which support student financial aid.

“The relief of having to worry less about my student debt as I move through my career is so crucial,” said Diana Mosquera, a scholarship recipient who spoke at the event. “This support will allow me to pursue my field of interest in an academic environment, rather than in private practice, so that I can focus not only on my commitment to lifelong learning, but also to educating others.”



Dean Glimcher with Siegel Family Faculty Award winner Dr. Domenick Falcone, Jeanne and Overseer Herbert Siegel, and the recipients of the Siegel Family Student Prizes

NEW CHALLENGE GRANT TARGETS A TOP PRIORITY

A generous \$1 million challenge grant from an anonymous donor will inspire the establishment of four new Research Scholar Awards (RSAs) at Weill Cornell. This challenge grant creates an **incredible opportunity for our donors to support the groundbreaking work of early-career physician-scientists**; for every \$750,000 gift, the challenge grant will contribute \$250,000, bringing the total gift to \$1 million, the necessary level to establish the award. Research Scholar Awards provide junior research faculty members with financial support early in their careers, allowing them the time and resources necessary for vital research and training. The name attributed to the RSA will be that of the donor contributing the \$750,000 toward its establishment, and that donor will be recognized at the \$1 million level.

“Supporting our rising-star faculty is one of the best investments a donor can make at Weill Cornell,” says Dean Glimcher. “Research Scholar Awards provide an important foundation for early-stage research, allowing our talented and ambitious young investigators to pursue creative ideas that can lead to significant discoveries, and additional grant funding, over time.”

This challenge grant comes at the perfect time for Weill Cornell – as the Medical College continues to strengthen its biomedical enterprise and accelerate discoveries that lead to cures for today’s most pressing health concerns. A gift in support of research can have a direct impact on improving lives.

Research Scholar Awards can be established in a diverse array of research areas including:

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Children’s Health
- Infectious Diseases & Global Health
- Neurosciences / Brain and Mind
- Metabolic Syndrome (including Obesity and Diabetes)
- Stem Cell, Developmental Biology and Reproductive and Regenerative Medicine

Anonymous Challenge Grant

Matching and challenge grants provide myriad benefits to the Medical College. They serve as inspiration and incentive for others, and can also have a positive impact on a particular area (in this case, research) of a campaign. **For more information on using this challenge grant to establish a Research Scholar Award at Weill Cornell, please contact Lucille Ferraro, Campaign Director, 646-317-7387 or luf2003@med.cornell.edu.**

Q&A *What Inspires Giving?* Meet Dr. Antonio M. Gotto, Jr.

Antonio M. Gotto, Jr., M.D., D.Phil., Co-Chair of the Board of Overseers and Lewis Thomas University Professor, is a true Weill Cornell champion. As dean of the Medical College from 1997-2011, Dr. Gotto transformed each area of the tripartite mission. Under his able leadership, Weill Cornell more than doubled its clinical revenues and physical plant size, nearly tripled its research funding and quadrupled its endowment to \$1.1 billion. He created key partnerships around the globe, including those with the Weill Cornell campus in Qatar and The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. Dr. Gotto and his wife, Anita, have also been generous supporters of Weill Cornell, in the areas of research, education and clinical care.

Dr. Gotto recently sat down with Larry Schafer, Vice Provost for External Affairs, to speak about his role as a leader, a fundraiser, and his overall philosophy on philanthropy.

LS: Dr. Gotto, as dean, you had many celebrated achievements. One of the accomplishments that you are justifiably famous for is your role as an extraordinary fundraiser. So, tell me, what do you think inspires giving?

AMG: Well, I started my activities in fundraising when I was Chairman of Internal Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. The fundraising there at that time primarily involved individuals who were grateful patients – and what I learned from that experience is that in order for people to give to an institution or a specific cause, they have to believe that what they are doing will actually make a difference, no matter the gift amount. Most people want to know that their gift will not only support a worthy cause, but that it will also benefit others.

LS: During your time as dean, you developed key relationships that you still maintain today with people throughout the world. How do you build that meaningful rapport?

AMG: I think that successful fundraising is all about building relationships. You have to be patient and understand the individual with whom you are interacting – and show a genuine interest in them and the things in their life that they find inspiring. And, that interest must extend far beyond the particular institution or cause for which you are raising money. It's about establishing true and meaningful friendships.

LS: Speaking of friendships, you have a storied partnership with Sandy Weill, Chairman of the Board of Overseers. What is it like to partner with someone who shares your incredible dedication and commitment to this institution?

AMG: It is a pleasure to work with Sandy. I think that the most effective combination for getting things done at an academic medical center like ours is to partner a doctor (and in this case, I was also dean at the time) with a member of the board. Part of our success is that we have built a very close and strong friendship that extends to our wives, and our families – but we are also very different people who balance each other out. He's always fast and ahead of time, and I'm more slow and deliberate. Together, we have been quite a team – and I think, at times, our reputation has preceded us (smiles). There have actually been donors who have made significant gifts, even a \$1 million donation on one occasion, if we promised to *not* have lunch with them and

to vacate their office (*laughter*).

LS: I'm struck that everything you have said about being a good fundraiser also describes how you and Anita have been as donors to Weill Cornell and many other institutions – you're passionate, you're engaged and you support causes that you think will make a difference. Do you think you can be a good fundraiser without being a donor?

AMG: Not as good as if you are a donor; this goes back to the idea of building genuine relationships. If you are a fundraiser and a philanthropist, you are showing people that you really believe in what you are talking about – you're not just doing this because it's your job.

LS: So, can you tell me about a gift that you and Anita have made recently that was great fun, and also personally satisfying?

AMG: There are a few – including our gift to support the library in Wayne, Maine, where we spend our summers, and our donation to support a reception hall at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, where we are members – but one that stands out is our recent gift to endow a chair in childhood education at Vanderbilt University. I was an undergraduate and a medical student at the University – and Anita studied early childhood education at Peabody College (at Vanderbilt). We wanted to support a good institution, a place that both of us had been involved in, and an area that we feel passionate about. We are also very pleased and proud of our gifts to Weill Cornell to support things that will benefit our students.

LS: Would you say that philanthropy is an important piece of the Gotto family culture?

AMG: Yes, we have definitely encouraged it. All of our daughters are generous and have been involved either as donors or fundraisers for a variety of causes.

LS: Although you stepped down as dean in 2011, you continue to work passionately on behalf of the Medical College in so many different ways – as Co-Chair of the Board, in your ongoing interactions with our donors and friends, and, importantly, in your clinical practice. How do you keep up that passion?

AMG: I think that passion is about seeing that your investment – of time, energy, or money – is moving forward and making progress. Success breeds more success...and enthusiasm. I think that Dr. Glimcher is doing a terrific job of making the kind of recruits to work in the Belfer Research Building that will make Weill Cornell a continued success – and I am excited to be part of it, and see what is to come.



DEAN'S COUNCIL *Spring Meeting*

In a world where the newest technology renders the old obsolete within a matter of years, it's hard not to wonder what that might mean for the future of medicine. Guests had that question answered at this year's Dean's Council Spring Meeting, held on April 16th, which featured Jeffrey W. Milsom, M.D., the Jerome J. DeCosse, M.D. Distinguished Professor of Surgery presenting "On the Cutting Edge: The Future of Surgery." Dr. Milsom's presentation focused on the development of groundbreaking new medical devices that use less invasive techniques to tackle some of medicine's most complex challenges.

Guests in the packed house were greeted by Overseers Sandy Ehrenkranz and Leonard Harlan, the Co-Chairs of the Dean's Council Executive Committee. Attendees included Founding Chairman Daisy Soros, Executive Committee members Noreen Buckfire, George Rohr, Ron Stewart, and Michael Wolk, M.D., and several of Dr. Milsom's colleagues. Also in attendance were new Dean's Council Members Mitchell Blutt, M.D. and Ilene Sackler Lefcourt.

"These 'insider' opportunities to hear about relevant healthcare topics that will affect you and your family are what makes membership in the Dean's Council so exciting," said Mr. Harlan in his closing remarks.

For more information about the Dean's Council, contact the Dean's Council Office at (646) 317-7424 or email at deanscouncil@med.cornell.edu



Dr. Milsom (center) with Dean's Council Co-Chairs Overseer Leonard Harlan and Overseer Sanford B. Ehrenkranz

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New Hypertension Center



Dr. Samuel Mann, Dr. Phyllis August, Lynne Manning, Dr. Manikkam Suthanthiran, and RoseMerie Marion, B.S.N., M.A., A.N.P.

On April 9th, dedicated donors and friends of Weill Cornell and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Lynne and Burt Manning hosted a cocktail reception on a beautiful spring day with Phyllis August, M.D., Ralph A. Baer Professor of Medical Research, and her two associates, Mark S. Pecker, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Clinical Medicine, and Samuel J. Mann, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine, who will be leading the new center. They were also joined by RoseMerie Marion, B.S.N., M.A., A.N.P., part of their team. Attendees, all longtime friends of the hypertension center, learned more about the specialists' plans for the future and were thanked for their commitment to the center. In addition to the relocation of the center, the Medical College is seeking to add two full-time professors, as well as an endowment for a nurse practitioner.

To make a gift that will support this exciting new center, contact Giustine Altschuler at (646) 317-7341 or email at gia2007@med.cornell.edu

Weill Cornell is thrilled to announce the clinical expansion of our hypertension unit into a new state-of-the-art, 2,800-square-foot center on 70th Street between York and First Avenues. The Weill Cornell Medical College Hypertension Center is a long-awaited expansion that will place an emphasis on one of the country's most pressing health concerns. Because there are very few procedures that target hypertension specifically, physicians who treat it tend to practice out of centers and hospitals with more general specialties, including cardiology, pulmonology and rheumatology.

"This center comes at just the right time for the Medical College and for those suffering the long-term health effects of hypertension," says Dean Glimcher. "As one of the very few dedicated hypertension centers in the world, this facility will offer just the kind of superior, specialized care we are known for at Weill Cornell."



A rendering of the Weill Cornell Medical College Hypertension Center

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Sandy Weill is Honored by Weill Cornell



This timeline, created in honor of Sandy Weill's 80th birthday, is displayed in the main corridor of 1300 York Avenue.

IMAGE COURTESY OF: communicator, inc.

Weill Cornell Medical College honored Sandy Weill, Chair of the Board of Overseers, with a beautifully designed timeline highlighting his ongoing commitment and dedication to the Medical College. The timeline, created in honor of Mr. Weill's 80th birthday, is located in the main corridor of 1300 York Avenue.

The inscription on the timeline describes Sandy Weill's enduring involvement and support for Weill Cornell. It reads: "His visionary leadership has brought this institution to the forefront of biomedical research, patient care, and education, and will sustain us as we pioneer the next generation of medical advancement to benefit New York City and the world."

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Palm Beach Symposium

The Weill Cornell Palm Beach Symposium took place at the beautiful Breakers hotel on March 4th, bringing in several hundred Weill Cornell friends and alumni eager to learn more about the topic of "Healthy Living: Brain, Aging and Ophthalmology."

Guests at the symposium were educated on topics including "Things You Should Know About the Science of Getting Older"; "Advances in Ophthalmology"; and "How our Brains Age," by presenters Mark S. Lachs, M.D., M.P.H., the Irene F. and I. Roy Psaty Distinguished Professor and Co-Chief of the Division of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine; Donald J. D'Amico, M.D. the Betty Neuwirth Lee and Chilly Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology; and Gregory Petsko, D.Phil. the Arthur J. Mahon Professor in Neuroscience, respectively.

Each presentation had a lively question-and-answer session, and a panel discussion at the end allowed audience members to engage in a dialogue about healthy living and other health-related interests.

"It is our goal at Weill Cornell to promote an integrated, multi-disciplinary approach to patient care that encourages our patients to remain healthy and vital throughout their lives," said Dean Glimcher. "One of the best ways to empower ourselves as we age is through education."

A special thank you to the dedicated and hardworking host committee: Helen and Vice Chair of the Board of Overseers Robert Appel; Renée and Overseer Robert A. Belfer; Karen and Overseer David S. Blumenthal, M.D. '75; Donna and David W. Dodson, M.D. '80; Lisa and Overseer Sanford B. Ehrenkranz; Fleur and Overseer Leonard M. Harlan; Barbara and Overseer Lawrence A. Inra, M.D.; and Elaine and Overseer John A. Kanas.



Dean Glimcher with Dr. Mark Lachs, Dr. Gregory Petsko, and Dr. Donald J. D'Amico

Dr. Orli Etingin Receives Greenberg Award

The Maurice R. Greenberg Distinguished Service Award is a prestigious award given annually to a member of senior faculty who has dedicated his or her career to Weill Cornell and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital in exceptional service, and is the highest honor that a faculty member can receive at the medical center. This year's award recipient was esteemed clinician Orli Etingin, M.D. Dr. Etingin, who received the award at the 33rd annual Greenberg Award Dinner held on May 30th, is the director of the Iris Cantor Women's Health Center, and the Lisa and Sanford B. Ehrenkranz



Greenberg Award recipient Dr. Orli Etingin with her husband, Dr. Jonathan Silver (left), and Corinne and Overseer Maurice R. Greenberg.

Professor in Clinical Medicine and an attending physician at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Etingin's relationship with Weill Cornell started 30 years ago when she was a resident training in Internal Medicine with a subspecialty training in Hematology-Oncology, becoming Chief Resident in 1987. She is the founder and medical director of the Iris Cantor Women's Health Center, established in 2000.

Dr. Etingin is also on the Women's Health Symposium Executive Steering Committee as its Medical Consultant, and has been instrumental in its success. Dr. Etingin's remarkable commitment to superior patient care is well-known in the College and Hospital communities, and both were thrilled to recognize her achievements publicly.

"I am honored to join my outstanding colleagues as a Greenberg award recipient," said Dr. Etingin at the event. "I have the privilege of coming to work every day in this amazing medical center, with visionary leaders and teachers, among brilliant colleagues. How lucky am I?"

Information Please

The spring session of Information Please, hosted by founder and Overseer Daisy Soros, featured a presentation by Richard D. Granstein, M.D., the George W. Hambrick, Jr. Professor of Dermatology and Dermatologist-in-Chief at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Guests at the event, which was at full capacity, learned important and useful tips about skin care and protection.



Overseer Daisy Soros with Dr. Richard Granstein

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