



# ACPHS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## ACPHS Launches Discovery For Life Campaign

On March 11, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences launched the Discovery for Life Campaign. This fundraising campaign, which began in 2018, is the largest and most expansive fundraising initiative in the College's history with a goal of \$11 million. President Greg Dewey opened the event, announcing that the College has already raised over \$8.4 million. Since then, an additional \$2.25 million in commitments from two ACPHS board members has been secured.

The virtual event was attended by over 100 of the College's alumni, friends, faculty and staff. We were thrilled to see so many smiling faces toasting together. And a special thank you to Marion Morton '84, Board of Trustees Chair, for

giving the official toast.

Thank you to all the donors who have contributed to the DFL campaign. We have already launched one of the key initiatives, the Center for Biopharmaceutical Education and Training, which will give our pharmacy graduates a career option in a quickly-growing industry. The money raised for scholarships is aiding students in their pursuit of education. And construction is underway on the Panthers Den.

The DFL campaign is about looking to the future. The future of our graduates, the future of the College, and the future of pharmacy.

To find out more about the Discovery for Life Campaign, go to [acphs.edu/discovery-for-life](https://acphs.edu/discovery-for-life).



Dear Friends,

Welcome to The Dose! This is a quarterly print digest of our online blog of the same name (check out [acphs.edu/alumni/the-dose](https://acphs.edu/alumni/the-dose)).

We were hearing that many alumni wanted to read more alumni stories in addition our annual magazine. So we created this regular communication to share news from the ACPHS community for you to enjoy every few months. This newsletter will include updates from campus, alumni stories, friends we've missed and more.

This is a newsletter for you, and we need your stories to make it great. We have an online form where you can share your stories, or you can give us a call and tell us what's on your mind, [bit.ly/ACPHS-alumni-update](https://bit.ly/ACPHS-alumni-update).

We want to hear from you! It's my hope that you will share your stories with us for use in future issues either in this quarterly print publication or online.

One of the silver linings of the pandemic has been hearing from our alumni—your challenges and your triumphs. Let's try to keep those strong bonds even as more and more of us receive the vaccine and can begin to imagine our post-pandemic lives. If you're looking to reconnect in person, we're hosting reunion on-campus October 1-3rd. Mark your calendars, we would love to see you! More details about reunion will be heading your way!

Sincerely,

Vicki DiLorenzo  
VP Institutional Advancement

# GOLD Alumni Profile: Dr. Aniwaa Owusu Obeng '11

Assistant Professor/Clinical Pharmacogenetics  
Coordinator at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

*Our GOLD (graduates of the last decade) alumni are an outstanding group. We look forward to telling you more about their achievements.*



## Share one of your most powerful memories of ACPHS.

I was part of the group that started the African Students' Union club. As the first President of ASU, I worked alongside the Multicultural Club, and we hosted an African Fashion show. That moment was unique, and it felt like we were engaging

students of color, as well Middle Eastern students, making sure we all felt welcome at ACPHS. At the time there were about a dozen accelerated students that were people of color. This event was a way for us to bridge the gap between accelerated and traditional students.

We had support from some of the faculty members, the Dean at the time, Dr. Mehdi Boroujerdi, gave us some of the funds and was very supportive of our work to put together that show.



## Was there a faculty or staff member who was particularly helpful or supportive when you were at ACPHS?

Dr. Ray. He is the best, the absolute best. When you're young and you don't know what the future holds, you find yourself trying to do your best while knocking down as many barriers as possible. Dr. Ray Chandrasekara is someone who sees you and is able to shine a little light through the darkness and give you hope.



## What do you tell others about ACPHS?

It's a good school yet like any other good thing, it is not without challenges. When I was a student, the curriculum was very focused on community pharmacy. Now, more students come through my rotation wanting to do residencies and fellowships. I've been excited to see the school move in that direction.

For the full interview, visit [acphs.edu/alumni/the-dose](https://acphs.edu/alumni/the-dose)

## Springing into the future

Between the warming weather and students helping to vaccinate our communities, things are looking brighter. And as Spring comes around, it's a great opportunity to look towards the future.

One easy way to plan for the future for ACPHS alumni is through an estate plan. Estate planning can seem overwhelming, but it's an easy way to support the people you care most about. It can also be used to create a lasting legacy at ACPHS and join our Francis J. O'Brien Society. The society honors those who are following in Dean O'Brien's footsteps and creating their own legacy at the College.



**This Spring, we have a free resource to help you write a legally valid will, protect the people you love, and create a powerful, lasting gift to support future generations of ACPHS students.** It takes 20 minutes or less, costs nothing today, and can be used with an attorney for more complex estates.

Get started at [FreeWill.com/ACPHS](https://FreeWill.com/ACPHS).



## Coming Together for the Community

Edward Ullmann '73 and his team at Wellness RX Pharmacy have spent the last year helping their community through the pandemic, taking special pride in the opportunity to deliver the vaccinations. Ullmann says, "1,000 shots a day or 230 shots a day, it's about the volunteers and spirit. It's a story that the community will remember about the covid years."

# Friends We'll Miss

1950  
Alfred L. O'Brien  
January 27, 2020

Thomas B. Critz  
December 8, 2020

Anthony J. LaRosa  
November 2020

1951  
Melvin Mones  
April 2, 2020

Alvin A. Kaye  
April 24, 2020

1952  
Robert H. Van Vlack  
April 9, 2019

Jack D. Fervan  
September 12, 2020

1954  
Robert H. Johnson, Jr.  
April 17, 2020

1957  
William R. Steed  
January 24, 2020

John E. Boylan  
August 25, 2020

Kathleen (McCartney) Chapman  
March 26, 2021

1958  
Dominic A. Cesta  
July 30, 2020

William C. Hallenbeck  
February 27, 2021

Warren E. Doetsch  
March 23, 2021

1959  
Allen J. Lieberoff  
August 19, 2020

Philip J. O'Neill  
March 20, 2021

1960  
Robert Altshul  
October 23, 2015

1961  
Henry McLamb  
November 22, 2016

Barry F. Wishengrad  
September 7, 2020

Alan L. Carroll  
February 21, 2021

1962  
Warren T. Lennox  
August 12, 2020

1963  
Douglas M. Roy  
May 25, 2015

Carol Gasner  
December 10, 2019

David Diekow  
January 26, 2020

Richard K. Aikens  
September 28, 2020

1964  
Eve (Ilves) Rebasso  
March 1, 2021

1965  
Daniel R. Long  
September 29, 2020

1966  
John C. Walters  
December 19, 2020

Alan W. Rothschild  
February 17, 2021

1968  
Lewis B. Helfstein  
October 9, 2018

William E. Hunter  
September 25, 2020

Geraldine A. (Malecki) DeGrazio  
November 4, 2020

Raymond T. Giblin  
December 28, 2020

Sally (Snow) Gates  
April 14, 2021

1969  
Alan Blum  
March 13, 2021

1970  
Robert J. Craner  
March 15, 2021

1974  
Thomas R. Cooley  
September 3, 2020

1977  
David C. Fiore  
February 25, 2021

1980  
William F. Schlomberg  
March 15, 2021

2013  
Stephen Chikwem  
July 14, 2018

2016  
Chris Wilming  
April 6, 2021

2019  
Jerry Arul  
September 6, 2020

Friend of the College  
Kenneth M. Nirenberg  
December 26, 2020

List in formation as of 4/15/2021. To share news of the passing of ACPHS alumni, please contact [alumni@acphs.edu](mailto:alumni@acphs.edu) or (518) 694-7393



## Remembering Selig Corman, Class of 1958

Selig Corman was a community pharmacist and an active member of the Pharmacist Society of the State of New York (PSSNY) where he served as the Director of Professional Affairs for 23 years. He was the longtime owner of the Lincoln Pharmacy in Albany, NY and played an active role in the ACPHS Alumni Association.

Before he passed away, Selig established an endowed scholarship to ensure that future ACPHS students will be able to pursue their academic goals regardless of their financial situation. Helping students achieve their goals of becoming a pharmacist was important to Selig. We are grateful for all he did for the College and the pharmacy profession.

To donate in memory of Selig, visit [acphs.edu/alumni/selig-corman](http://acphs.edu/alumni/selig-corman).



## HEROES WEAR WHITE COATS

“Using a grassroots approach and partnering with ACPHS’ public health practice site at The Collaboratory and the Population Health Sciences Department, we reached the underserved populations of these neighborhoods. The efforts to vaccinate the communities surrounding our pharmacies has highlighted one of the many roles our profession can undertake to serve our neighbors, as well as provide excellent educational experiences for student pharmacists joining a healthcare team.”

-Paul Pagnotta '92  
ACPHS Pharmacy Operations and  
Clinical Services Manager



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