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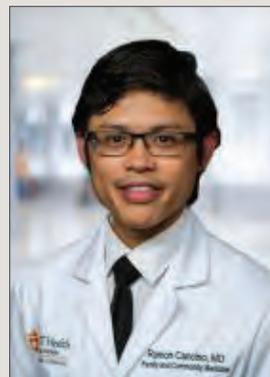
**Mark Libertin, M.D.**, has been promoted to executive director, National Medical Policy and Operations / Women's Health Division at Aetna, a CVS Health Company. He also received his Master of Medical Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University.

## 2008



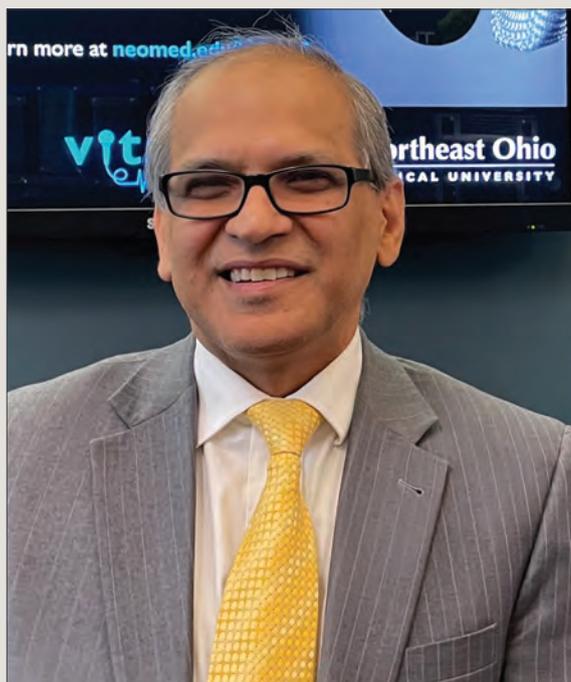
**Chris Dussel, M.D.**, has been promoted to chief medical officer of University Hospital Parma Medical Center. A practicing emergency medicine physician, Dr. Dussel previously served as the hospital's associate chief medical officer.

## 2009



**Romon Cancino, M.D.**, met with Jill Biden, Ed.D., as she visited the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. In his role as senior director of medical management for UT Health Physicians, he briefed the First Lady on his team's efforts in cancer prevention and screening.

## 1987



When it's time to consider specialties, students rely on those already in the field for advice and counsel. **Pradeep Manudhane, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry, remembers how important this mentorship was to him, and he wanted to help, so he found a way to connect students and alumni in his field of psychiatry. Dr. Manudhane, the head of an intensive treatment team for Phoenix Rising Behavioral Health in Canton, Ohio, organizes online meetings where students can attend breakout rooms to learn more about the profession of psychiatry and to ask questions, one on one.

The field has been good to him, says Dr. Manudhane, who adds, "I'm glad to say I like psychiatry even more today than when I started in it."

To learn more about these Zoom events, contact Dr. Manudhane at [pm13456@gmail.com](mailto:pm13456@gmail.com).

*Are you involved in connecting students with alumni?  
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## 2014



**Daniel Jones, Pharm.D., R.Ph.**, joined fellow alumni **Louis Liming, Pharm.D. ('22)** and **Jacob Sweet, Pharm.D. ('22)** to open Elite Pharmacy, an independent pharmacy in Canfield, Ohio. The trio always knew that independent pharmacy was in their future.

“We feel very strongly about it,” says Dr. Sweet. “The owners of today are getting older and retiring. The three of us felt that if younger generation pharmacists didn’t step up to take their place, then eventually there would be no independent pharmacies.”

The pharmacy serves the entire state of Ohio with compounding in addition to daily operations at the store, where they dispense advice and prescriptions — including the occasional prescription for beavers and turkey vultures.

Their advice for future pharmacists who want to follow their path?

“Be prepared to hear a lot of nos,” says Dr. Sweet. “Don’t be afraid to reach out to people.”

“Always have a forward-thinking attitude,” adds Dr. Jones. “The past is the past. Learn from your mistakes, but always be looking forward.”

## 2015



**Dustin Carneal, Pharm.D.**, received the Upsher-Smith Excellence in Innovation Award from the Ohio Pharmacists Association during the 144th OPA conference. The award recognizes a pharmacist who has demonstrated innovative pharmacy practice resulting in improved patient care.

## 2016



**Michelle Barrord, M.D.**, has joined Kettering Physician Network Cancer Care Radiation Oncology in Kettering, Ohio as a radiation oncologist. She is part of a professional development team that mentors students pursuing careers in radiation oncology.

## 2019

**Lauren Badzik, Pharm.D.**, has accepted a position at the Medicine Center Pharmacy in Canton, Ohio. She will be involved in patient care (including point-of-care testing for underserved communities in the Canton area), compounding and long-term care for underserved nursing homes.

## 2022



What is the first year of residency like? Past recipients of the Downing Urban Health Scholarship (*Anna McLaughlin, M.D. '18, far left, and Sara Brown, M.D. '18, far right*) shared advice, encouragement and war stories at a dinner with scholarship founder **William Downing, M.D. ('22)** (*center*) and the two newest recipients — **Deni Drenic, M.D. ('21)** (*second from left*) and **Anna Cherian, M.D. ('22)** (*second from right*).

Dr. Downing, who ranked first in the Class of 2022 and holds a Harvard M.B.A., not only pursued his dream of serving as a primary care physician in an urban setting but established his scholarship to help others do so.

The 2021-22 award recipient, Dr. Cherian, who is also a registered dietitian, matched at the University of Chicago Medical Center, where she will enter a four-year program to earn a master’s degree in medical education and complete a pediatrics residency. A Medical Mutual scholarship recipient, she will return to Ohio to practice.

The 2020-21 award recipient, Dr. Drenic, originally from Bosnia, is completing his first year of an internal medicine residency at MetroHealth in Cleveland.