

this information to the members of the Alumni Affiliate.

We look forward to being an active affiliate of the Brooklyn College Alumni Association. Our current students and recent graduates will be grateful for access to advice from their predecessors in the various fields of medicine. Together we can celebrate the collective achievement of this flagship program of Brooklyn College as it approaches its fortieth anniversary.

Ken Miyano *Director, B.A.–M.D. Program*



Ken Miyano (far right) and the current B.A.–M.D. Student Committee.

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Launching the Brooklyn College B.A.–M.D. Alumni Affiliate

I began the Brooklyn College–Downstate Medical College Accelerated Biomedical Program twenty-seven years ago, and I've often wondered what paths my classmates took after we received our medical degrees. I've occasionally seen colleagues from my class as well as others, and we've reminisced about "the good old days." Not to my surprise many of our graduates occupy very high-profile positions at prestigious, nationally recognized institutions.

The Brooklyn College B.A.–M.D. Program continues to thrive. It is one of the pinnacle programs at Brooklyn College, with about fifteen students entering each year. The students now stay at the College for four years, and the term "accelerated" has been dropped. (Reflecting the connection with Downstate, the program is now called the Coordinated B.A.–M.D. Program.) The program affords the opportunity for extremely bright and qualified students who would otherwise leave New York and Brooklyn to serve the community they grew up in.

During a recent open house at Brooklyn College, I had a chance meeting with Dr. Jerry Mirotznik and Dr. Ken Miyano, former and current directors of the program respectively. Together we have done the groundwork for this *B.A.–M.D. Alumni Newsletter* and the creation of the B.A.–M.D. Alumni Affiliate of the Brooklyn College Alumni Association. Thirty-six years after this innovative program began, we have founded an alumni group so that we may keep in touch with one another and establish our own legacy as graduates of the program. This is your organization, and we invite your participation and input to insure its future success.

Sincerely,

Harold S. Parnes, M.D., '81, '85 *President, B.A.–M.D. Alumni Affiliate*

A Message from the Director of Alumni Affairs

I am delighted to have this opportunity to welcome you officially to the international family of Brooklyn College Alumni Association (BCAA) chapters and affiliates. With the dedicated efforts of Dr. Harold Parnes, '81, and Dr. Ken Miyano, we are on our way to building a network of B.A.–M.D. alumni.

The BCAA has long been aware of the distinguished roster of B.A.–M.D. alumni. We know how much you have contributed to the health and well-being of your communities. We hope that, going forward, you will avail yourself of the activities, programs, and services offered by your Alumni Affiliate and the wider Brooklyn College Alumni Association. As well, I encourage you to keep up with what's happening in the Coordinated B.A.–M.D. Program.

Brooklyn College is very proud of its alumni—generations of graduates who have gone on to grace every field of endeavor. Remember that it all started for you at Brooklyn College. Please stay connected.

All best regards,

Marla Hasten Schreiber, '87 *Director, Alumni Affairs*



Dr. Parnes speaking with a patient.

The B.A.–M.D. Program Today

The B.A.–M.D. Program was initiated in 1969. This fall our thirty-seventh class of students began their first semester. More than six hundred students have been in our program, and our graduates are practicing in every part of this country, with many in leadership positions. The program has evolved to encompass eight years, with four undergraduate years at Brooklyn College. Last year we received 263 applications for the seventeen places in our thirty-seventh class. More details of our current program may be found on our Web page at <http://depthome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/bamd/bamdmain.html>.

As a member of the Brooklyn College Physics Department since 1993, I have taught B.A.–M.D. students throughout my career, usually in Physics 1 and Physics 2, but occasionally in advanced classes. In the fall of 2004, I became the director of the program, and it has been a pleasure to work more intensively with the B.A.–M.D. students.

Our program has not consistently kept in touch with its former students, and we are now seeking to remedy this lapse. Using the Internet, we have been able to locate many of our alumni. If we have not yet been in touch by e-mail, please send me a message at kemiyano@brooklyn.cuny.edu. Or contact **Dr. Ken Miyano at (718) 951-4706 or B.A.–M.D. Program, Brooklyn College, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210**. With our busy alums, e-mail seems the ideal way to communicate. But whether by e-mail, phone, or post, we will greatly appreciate hearing from you with updates on your life and career. Subsequent issues of the *B.A.–M.D. Alumni Newsletter* will be largely devoted to news about you, our alumni. We hope eventually to share our alumni database so that you may locate classmates and get back in touch. We will ask what information—e-mail address, mailing address, phone number, etc.—each graduate is comfortable sharing, and we will distribute