

1940s

MELVIN AMLER / DEN '44, GSAS '50 / has written a book about his adventures as a dentist in the South Pacific during World War II titled *Midnight on Mindanao* (iUniverse).

LEONARD FLOM / ARTS '47, MED '50 / was inducted into the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's National Inventors Hall of Fame for his 1987 patent, Iris Biometric.

LAURENCE S. BAKER / WSC '48, STEINHARDT '55 / has been presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Westchester County Psychological Association.

1950s

CARL STEINHOUSE / STERN '52 / has published a book titled *Now What?* (AuthorHouse).

PHIL PRESSEL / ENG '59 / has published *Meeting the Challenge: The Hexagon KH-9 Reconnaissance Satellite* (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics).

1960s

EVELYN BARISH / GSAS '60, '66 / is the author of a major work of investigative biography more than two decades in the making, *The Double Life of Paul De Man* (Liveright).

MARIA MAZZIOTTI GILLAN / GSAS '63 / has published a book of poetry, *The Silence in an Empty House* (NYQ).

FRED S. GOLDBERG / STERN '64 / has published a memoir about his 35-year career, *The Insanity of Advertising* (Council Oak).

CORINNE A. VOPARIL /

STEINHARDT '64 / is part of a three-generation NYU family. Her father, **STANLEY F. PECHAR / STEINHARDT '40, '47, '62** /, and brother **GARY S. PECHAR / STEINHARDT '73** / both attended NYU, where Stanley was a professor. Corinne's daughter **JANINE VOPARIL VOLPCELLI / SCPS '96** / is also an alumna.

JEFF FURMAN / STERN '65, LAW '68 / is chairman of the board of directors of Ben & Jerry's. He wrote the epilogue to the book *Ice Cream Social* (Berrett-Koehler).



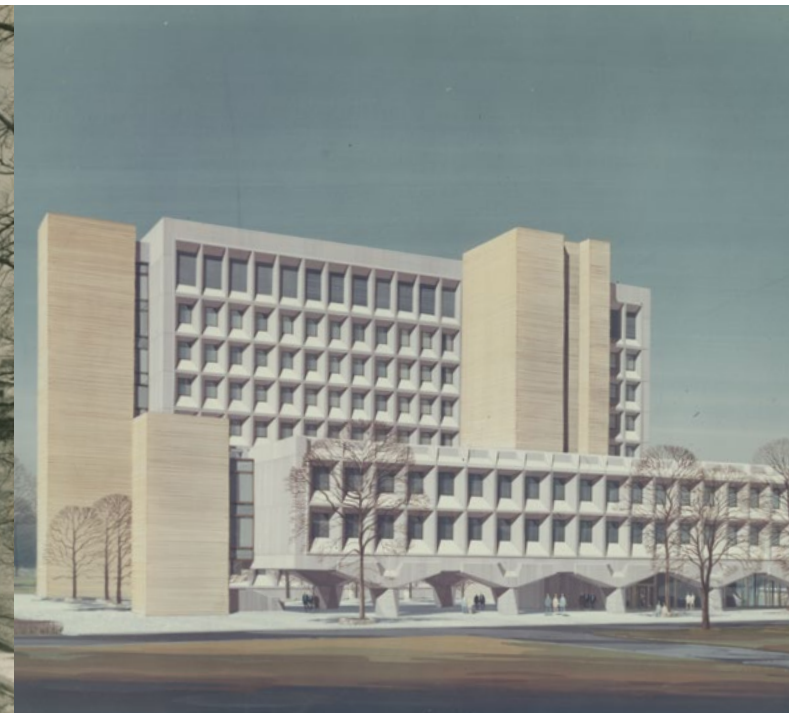
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WUNSCH BUILDING (2014), METROTECH CENTER IN DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN

ROBERT BAUMAN / ENG '66 / has published his first World War II novel, *Extension of Life* (Xlibris).

ALAN HIRSCHMAN / WSC '68 / is a professor and executive director of the Center for Medical Innovation at the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson

School of Engineering.

RONALD ZIMMERMAN / STERN '68 / and **JANE ZIMMERMAN / STERN NONGRAD ALUM** / received the National Scopus Award from the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

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1970s

PAUL DILLON / GSAS '70, '74 / is the co-author of an article on the efficacy of the Farnesoid X Receptor in the September 2013 issue of the journal *Gastroenterology*.

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ENGINEERING COMES HOME

Call it destiny: The relationship between New York University and engineering began in the mid-19th century, then things got...complicated, and they've been separated for the past 40 years. But as with any great love story, they're back together following NYU's merger on January 1 with Polytechnic University. Scientific passion endures!

Here's a look at NYU Engineering's homes, past and present.

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"GENIUS" PHIL BARAN WILL USE HIS AWARD TO CREATE NEW MEDICINES AND AGROCHEMICALS.

■ alumni profile

PHIL BARAN / CAS '97

Science Nonfiction

by Julie Vadnal

It's easy to be gobsmacked by organic chemist Phil Baran's CV. Not only does he conduct research in a lab named after him (at the Scripps Research

Institute in La Jolla, California), but in September, Baran was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship, which entails a \$625,000 prize and the right to call oneself a capital-g Genius. So, what is the 36-year-old's niche? "Organic synthesis," he says. To our quizical silence he responds, "The science of making

molecules. It's kind of like being an architect, but on a molecular level." Or to use a pop culture analogy, "It's very much like *Star Trek*—a voyage into the unknown—but instead of meeting Klingons, our discoveries can have a tangible, positive impact in human medicine." The money will bankroll Baran's efforts

to create medicines and agrochemicals that fall into a funding catch-22: They're not financed without proof of efficacy, which of course requires capital.

Jersey-born and Florida-raised, Baran had a childhood passion for science, which became a full-blown obsession on Washington Place. "When

I close my eyes I can still smell the characteristic odor of [professor] Dave Schuster's lab in the chemistry building," he says. "Schuster really took me under his wing. He not only taught me chemistry and let me explore, but he also taught me about life. Sometimes I still have dreams of being back there!"

While Baran was a virtuoso of his core curriculum, he was a bit off-key when it came to electives. "I did very poorly—a C, I

think—in the Art of Listening," Baran recalls. "These were the days before the iPod, so studying meant going to the basement of the library and listening to hours of classical music. I couldn't sacrifice time in the lab, so I didn't study much," Baran says. But as chemistry proves, stasis is futile. "Now I only listen to classical music and even lecture with it playing in the background," Baran says. "I think I'd get an A if I retook that test today." ■

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JERRY J. MARTY / WSC '70 / was designated "Top Doc" in pathology by *Baltimore* magazine in its November 2012 issue.

STEPHEN A. McEVOY / ENG '70, POLY '75 / joined Gannett Fleming Transit and Rail Systems as a vice president and director of railroad and transit operational design.

RICHARD MEYER / ARTS '72 / has been named senior vice president and general counsel of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Arlington, VA.

DONNA PUCCIANI / STEINHARDT '72, '79 / has written her fifth book of

poetry, *Hanging Like Hope on the Equinox* (Virtual Artists Collective).

ROSS KLAVAN / WSC '73 / is the author of the new comic novel *Schmuck* (Greenpoint Press).

ALAN WINTER / DEN '73 / has published his third novel, *Savior's Day* (iUniverse).

ALFRED J. MALEFATTO / WSUC '75 / was named West Palm Beach Lawyer of the Year for Environmental Law by U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers.

ARNOLD ARLUKE / GSAS '78 / is the co-author of *The Photographed Cat: Picturing Human-Feline Ties, 1890-1940* (Syracuse University Press).

BONNIE CLEARWATER / WSUC '78 / has been appointed director of Nova Southeastern University's Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

BRIAN KEESLING / TSOA '78 / is the co-author of a young adult novel, *Beauty's Son* (Chelsea Stables), a retelling of the classic *Black Beauty*.

GARY EVANS / WSUC '79 / is a board-certified podiatrist and surgeon and creator of the new daniPro nail polish line.

ERIC GOLDMAN / TSOA '79 / has published a new book, *The American Jewish Story Through Cinema* (University of Texas Press).

1980s

WALTER "SKIP" AUCH / STERN '82 / was recognized by Ohio Wesleyan University with an alumni award for outstanding dedication and service to his undergrad alma mater.

LISA MILINAZZO / TSOA '82, STEINHARDT '83 / wrote and directed *Slain in the Spirit*, which premiered at the 2013 Midtown International Theater Festival in NYC.

MARTHA RAILE ALLI-GOOD / NUR '83 / is the author of the updated *Nursing Theory, Edition 5* and *Nursing Theorists*

and *Their Work, Edition 8* (both Mosby).

JULIUS GALACKI / TSOA '83, GAL '89 / wrote, directed, and produced a 35-minute film, *All Things Chicken*, based on his play of the same name.

MARY LAWLOR / GSAS '83, '89 / published *Fighter Pilot's Daughter* (Rowman & Littlefield), a memoir of her life in a military family during the Cold War.

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ALLI DeFRANCESCO / CAS '09

LA CAMPIONE

by Rory Evans

Coach class on a transcontinental flight is associated with many things—limited legroom, screeching babies, a sense of indignity. It is not often viewed as

a hotbed of inspiration, but that’s what it was for Alli DeFrancesco: It was on her way home from New York City to San Diego in 2011, following the memorial service for her Violets swim coach Lauren Beam, that DeFrancesco decided she was going to swim the English Channel. The feat would not be simply an athlete honoring a mentor who passed away at age 34 from colon cancer but also the triumph of a survivor. DeFrancesco had only recently recovered from Hodgkin’s lymphoma herself.

For months preceding her diagnosis in 2009, the coed had felt horrible. During her last semester at NYU, “Like clockwork, I’d roll into senior seminar with a high fever,” she says. “I was on five rounds of antibiotics. Whenever I drank alcohol, I had severe pain in my arm that radi-

ated down to my fingertips. This is a telltale sign of Hodgkin’s, but when you’re young—and an athlete—doctors are like, ‘You’re in college. You drink too much.’ ” After the Hodgkin’s was finally discovered, her first chemotherapy treatment at Scripps Medical Center in La Jolla, California, happened on the same day that her class celebrated graduation at Yankee Stadium. “One day I ran 10 miles, and the next, I had lost my hair, control of my body, much of my short-term memory and with that, my identity,” she says.

After nearly two years of grueling chemo, radiation, and a bone marrow transplant, DeFrancesco finally returned to relative health (there’s still a so-called “stable” mass in her chest that her oncologists monitor closely). Having been so ill,

she realized “[this] was an opportunity. I’d been blessed with a second chance.” She wanted to say thank you to her late coach, who was “the best part about being a college athlete for me,” DeFrancesco says. “She saw my potential.”

Selecting the best way to pay homage to Beam was a no-brainer. “Mention cancer to anyone and they wince,” she says. “I wanted to do something recognized as universally challenging as cancer, and when you mention the English Channel, you don’t have to offer too much of an explanation.”

At its narrowest, the Channel is 21 miles across. At its warmest, the water hovers around a bracing 65 degrees. Its currents can be parabolic, erratic, and deadly. “The Channel is the reason Napoleon never invaded England,”

DeFrancesco says with a laugh. Even so, she and her humble Speedo were determined to do what Bonaparte dared not (to qualify as an officially recognized crossing, wet suits are banned).

Preparing for the cold water entailed blasting the AC in her car, soaking in a kiddie pool filled with ice, and swimming long distances in brisk waters along the California coast, sometimes through known breeding grounds for great white sharks. While training, DeFrancesco had a dream about Beam: The student told the coach, “I’m swimming the English Channel for you,” and the coach replied simply, “I know. It’s the right thing.”

This past August 28th, DeFrancesco and her pilot boat (with an independent observer) launched from Samphire Hoe, near Do-

ver, in the dark at 3 AM. For the next 11 hours and 14 minutes, DeFrancesco swam. The only time she went “vertical” in the water—the equivalent of sitting down during a marathon—was when a tanker neared. “I played music in the jukebox in my head. I had the ‘Purple People Eater’ song stuck for at least three hours,” she says.

Throughout the swim, the crew transposed text messages for her on a white board. One read, “You fought cancer. You will finish this.” DeFrancesco yelled back a proud correction: “I *beat* cancer!” With the rocky cliffs of Cap Gris Nez within view, “I had an out-of-body experience,” she says. “It was like, ‘How cool is this? I am swimming the English Channel!’ I had the sun on my back, I was crying into my goggles, and I didn’t feel cold.”

SPORTS

SWIMMING



SWIM FAST: All DeFrancesco (left), who swam her freshman and senior years, is given an award by coaches Lauren Beam and Jack Lovett.

Violets dominate Vassar swimmers on Senior Day

Justin Davidson
WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS

The NYU men's and women's swimming and diving teams defeated Vassar College on Senior Day this past Saturday as they said goodbye to several swimmers who had led NYU to great success over the past four years.

The men's team defeated Vassar by a score of 160-117, capping off a successful regular season.

Senior Jeffrey Yuan, who was part of the winning 200-yard medley relay team and placed second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.20, will miss the swim team.

"When I first came as a freshman, NYU's swim team was kind of a safe haven," Yuan said. "You

have a bunch of new friends and not only freshmen, but juniors and seniors as well to guide you."

Other seniors performed well at their last meet before championships. Henry Tonge placed first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.15. Captain Eric Wang won the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:58.62, fellow captain Andrew Lardiere earned a first-place finish in the 100-yard free with a time of 47.40 and captain Paul Hogan captured the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 10:14.98.

Having finished the regular season with a record of 7-1-1, the Violets are now poised to swim their best at the UAA Championships, which begin Thursday, Feb. 12 at the University of Chicago.

"We're hungry for [UAA's]," Yuan said. "That's what we've been training for all year."

The women's team also fared well on Saturday, winning 174-111. Sophomore Chelsea Pfohl capped off a spectacular regular season with a first-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard freestyle with times of 1:06.78 and 54.40, respectively. She was also a member of the winning 200-yard medley relay team. Freshman Sarah Hayes posted a time of 2:36.74 to win the 200-yard breaststroke.

The women will also travel to Chicago for UAA Championships next week. ■

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In honoring Coach Beam, DeFrancesco also became the first Italian woman in history to swim the Channel (thanks to her dual citizenship in Italy).

“Physically and financially, these kinds of swims are insane,” she admits, and not so unlike her battle with cancer. She notes that both involved “tak-

ing a risk, committing to a plan, preparing for the unknown, knowing the possibilities, and using all of your energy to fight for the best outcome.” ■

FROM LEFT: ALLI DeFRANCESCO ZIPS ALONG LA JOLLA COVE WHILE TRAINING; SHINING AS A STUDENT WITH NYU SWIM COACH LAUREN BEAM; A RARE MOMENT OF INACTIVITY; AND THE SURVIVAL KIT SHE KEPT ON HAND DURING HER CROSSING.



GIFT BOX

An inside look at recent contributions to the university

• **Robert B. Bell (STERN '61)**, a former adjunct professor at the NYU Real Estate Institute for 19 years, and his son, NYU Langone Trustee Marc Bell (SCPS '89), recently established an endowed professorship in cardiology with a gift of \$2.5 million to the NYU School of Medicine. James Slater, the inaugural Robert and Marc Bell Professor of Cardiology, is the family's longtime physician. The Bells' generosity will help Slater develop a comprehensive clinical research program focused on minimally invasive solutions for patients with cardiovascular disease.

• **NYU Langone Trustee Linda Gosden Robinson and the Robinson family** recently made a seven-figure gift to create the Robinson Family S.Q.U.A.S.H. (Smart choices, Quality ingredients, Unique, Appetizing, Simple, and Healthy) Program, an innovative approach to increase awareness and adherence to a healthy diet among pediatric patients. The Robinsons' generosity will allow NYU Langone to build upon its leadership in this area. The program supports modeling and promoting sustainable interventions through inpatient services and outpatient visits at some ambulatory sites. The initiative will respond to the individual child's health risks and needs, and encourage healthy habits and lifestyles at home, at school, and in the community.

• With a grant of \$960,000 to the College of Nursing, the **Helene Fuld Health Trust** has generously established an endowed scholarship fund to assist students pursuing an accelerated second-degree program of nursing studies. The grant provides that half of the awarded funds will be used for outright financial support to students requiring immediate assistance over the next several years. The grant, for which the College of Nursing competed, reflects the Fuld Health Trust's devotion to the nursing profession and to students being trained to provide skilled and compassionate patient care at bedside.

• A \$10 million gift from **Judy and Michael Steinhardt** will support student scholarships at the Institute of Fine Arts (IFA) and the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. The Judy and Michael Steinhardt Fellowship Fund at the IFA will provide support for art history doctoral candidates. The Steinhardt School has established the Judy and Michael Steinhardt Scholarship Fund to help needy and deserving students. “In establishing these funds, the Steinhardts have ensured that their legacy will be felt in the hearts and minds of students who undertake careers that are critically important to art, culture, and human development,” NYU President John Sexton says.

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SUSAN BAER / STERN '84 / has joined Arup as a principal and global aviation planning leader.

MADELEINE HSU FORTE / STEINHARDT '84 / was feted

on her 75th birthday with an International Piano Celebration sponsored by Yale University's department of music.

TONY KUSHNER / TSOA '84 / has been elected to the American Philosophical Society.

LEO J. DeBOBES / STEINHARDT '85 / was honored

by the American Society of Safety Engineers as its Edgar Monsanto Queeny National Safety Professional of the Year.

LISA HUNTER / LAW '85 / was recognized for her law services in *Long Island Business News'* list of Who's Who in Women in Professional Services.

STEPHEN J. KUBINEC / WAG '85 / retired after 36 years with the New York State Court System.

ILKA S. RODRIGUEZ-DIAZ / WSUC '85 / is a senior intelligence officer with the CIA on assignment at the National Reconnaissance Office in Chantilly, VA.

RAFAEL "RAY" SUAREZ

/ WSUC '85 / published *Latino Americans* (Celebra Trade) and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by Chicago Theological Seminary.

STEVEN GENTILE / TSOA '86 / and **MINDY BELLOFF / STEINHARDT '85, '93 /** have opened Intima Gallery in Saugerties, NY.

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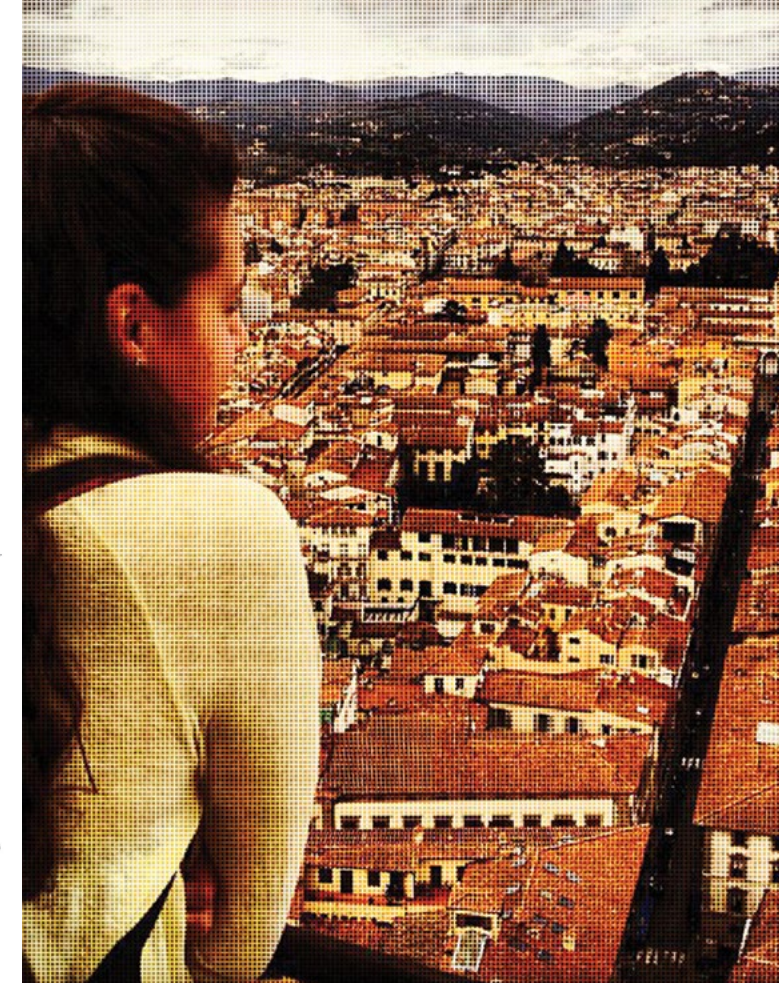
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EDUARDO D. RODRIGUEZ / DEN '92

THE FACE OF HOPE

by Jo Kadlecak

On any given day, you can find Eduardo D. Rodriguez sketching. Pen in hand, he outlines faces, shades in features, and delineates bone

structures. He doesn't consider himself an expert, but his love for drawing serves two purposes: It keeps his

hands nimble, and it prepares him for surgeries that require an artist's eye and attention to detail.

"Most surgeons who know me know that I mark and design very carefully how we'll be performing

an operation," he says. "I'm a rookie sketcher, but it helps me understand what I'm going to do, giving me complete clarity."

Rodriguez is no rookie, though, when it comes to the operating room. As the new chair of the de-

partment of plastic surgery at NYU Langone Medical Center, he is recognized around the world for his leadership in reconstructive and craniofacial plastic surgery. His creative vision, compassionate approach, and extensive experience have helped hundreds of disfigured patients return to normal lives.

One patient recently made medical history with Rodriguez. In 1997, a gun accident severely damaged 22-year-old Richard Norris's jaw, lips, teeth, tongue, and nose. Numerous conventional reconstructive surgeries had done little to help the physical and emo-

tional pain caused by the Virginia native's deformity. He avoided most personal interaction; when he did venture into public, it was after dark, and he wore a mask and hat.

In 2005, Norris met Rodriguez, who spent the next six years imagining, researching, designing, and planning the unprecedented possibility of a complete face transplant. Though partial facial transplants have been performed for almost a decade, with relative success (out of 28 performed, four patients have died), both Rodriguez and Nor-

ris knew that their breakthrough surgery would be far riskier.

But when news of an organ donor arrived, neither hesitated. Overseeing a team of five surgeons and 150 medical experts, Rodriguez performed the most comprehensive full-face transplant in history at the University of Maryland Medical Center in March 2012. It took 36 hours, but Norris couldn't be happier with the results. Now instead of gawkers, "there's no one paying attention," he says. "Unless they know me personally, they don't

EDUARDO D. RODRIGUEZ CALLS HIMSELF AN AMATEUR SKETCHER, BUT HE'S THE REMBRANDT OF RECONSTRUCTIVE AND CRANIOFACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY.

know I am a face transplant patient. That right there is the goal we had."

The surgery promises significant hope that people like Norris can also rebuild their lives. Such opportunities, Rodriguez says, will only expand at NYU Langone. In fact, since arriving in New York last November—which Rodriguez says felt like "coming home"—he and his translational research staff have already begun partnering with outside agencies to expedite the organ donor process. And because of NYU's well-defined progression of care and research in tissue transplantation and regeneration, Rodriguez says the innovative tools that exist here can take them to new frontiers in educating doctors around the globe. Surgical simulations, coupled with a network of computers and remote controls, allow medical training to have a wider reach. "We can teach a surgeon in another part of the world to perform facial reconstruction," he says.

Even with such great medical possibilities in front of him, at the end of the day, Rodriguez sees the art of caring as his primary focus. "I love to take care of people. Patients and families give me much more than I could ever give them. They come in with really complex problems, and I have to tell them that it's going to get worse before it gets better," he says. "But I make the commitment that I'll be with them every step of the way, however bitter it may be. Are there ups and downs? Of course. But I find more ups than downs." ■

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ERLINDA VILLAMOR KRAVETZ / GSAS '86 / has published an e-book collection of short stories titled *Krystal Hut: Stories* (Amazon Digital).

DAN ZEVIN / WSUC '86 / won the Thurber Prize for American Humor for his book *Dan Gets a Minivan* (Scribner).

ROBERT FUNG / LAW '88 /, secretary and general counsel for Aloha Petroleum, Ltd., was recently installed as president of the Western Petroleum Marketers Association.

BERNARD A. KROOKS / LAW '88 / is chair of the Elder Care Committee, Editorial Advisory Board of *Trusts & Estates* magazine and is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America, 2014*.

DORIANNE COTTER-LOCKARD / STERN '89 / was named a fellow at the Institute for Social Innovation at Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara, CA.

WILLIAM LIPKIN / WSUC '89 / had his study "Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma of the Lower Extremity" published in the *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association*.

1990s

ALICIA COPPOLA / GAL '90 / has published her first book, *Gracefully Gone* (CreateSpace).

JOHN CRAPARO / POLY '90 / has published the book *You Can Fly Now* (Aviators Institute).

NICOLE DOMBROWSKI RISSER / GSAS '90, '95 / has published her second book, *France Under Fire* (Cambridge University Press), a distillation of her NYU thesis.

JEN SCOVILLE STRICKLAND / TSOA '90 / and Terri Hannafin are the owners of Home Slice Pizza, named a "Best

Restaurant in Austin Right Now" by *Complex* magazine.

JOSEPH E. VARNER III / LAW '90 / was selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the categories of tax law, trusts, and estates.

JOHN GONSALVES / STERN '91 / was appointed as senior vice president and head, global accounts and partnerships, at Symphony Teleca Corp. in Palo Alto, CA.

BRIDGET M. MCCORMACK / LAW '91 / was

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elected a justice on the Michigan State Supreme Court.

DEBRA MICHALS / GSAS '91, '02 / is co-curator of the exhibition "From Ideas to Independence" on the National Women's History Museum's website, nwhm.org.

JOHN RADANOVICH / GSAS '92 / has published a nonfiction book, *Taken* (Radanovich Publications), about Solomon Northup, the subject of the film *12 Years a Slave*.

ROLAND SANCHEZ-MEDINA JR. / LAW '92 / was elected to serve on the board of directors of the Florida-based voters' advocacy nonprofit FairDistrictsNow.org.

SHIRAZ TANGRI / WSUC '92 / has joined Meyers Nave's Los Angeles office to expand the firm's land use and environmental practice group.

STANLEY VELIOTIS / LAW '92 / has been made an associate professor with tenure at Fordham University's Schools of Business, teaching accounting and taxation.

STACY DEEMAR / TSOA '94, STEINHARDT '95 / created a public service announcement called "Smartphone Pollution," in conjunction with the Illinois Theatre Association.

BOB RAVENER / STERN '94 / has released his debut book about overcoming adversity titled

Up! (Lighthouse Publishing of the Carolinas).

TIMOTHY CUMMINGS / TSOA '95 / was cast as Ned Weeks in a revival of Larry Kramer's drama *The Normal Heart* at the Fountain Theatre in Los Angeles.

ELISA ZIED / STEINHARDT '95 / is a nutritional expert whose fourth book, *Younger Next Week* (Harlequin), was recently published.

DEANNA MOINESTER ALBERT / STEINHARDT '96 / has opened the educational consulting company Educational Solutions and Resources based in West Palm Beach, FL.

GREGORY MORRIS / CAS '96 / has been named president and executive director of the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center in New York City.

STEPHANIE "TAFFY" BRODESSER-AKNER / TSOA '97 / has recently written articles for *The New York Times*, *GQ*, *Women's Health*, and *Vogue*, among other publications.

ROBIN HAMILTON / GSAS '98 / won a regional Emmy for hosting the documentary *The Dream Began Here* about Washington, D.C.'s early African-American community.

ALDEN JONES / GSAS '98 / has won the New American Fiction Prize for her short story collection, *Unaccompanied Minors* (New American Press).

ANN FENSTERSTOCK / GAL '99 / is the author of *Art on the Block* (Palgrave Macmillan) about the expansion of New York City's art world.

BRANDON GRUNER / CAS '99 / has been named

counsel in the New York City office of the law firm Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP.

VIKKI KARAN / SCPS '99, '01 / is head of the client services department at William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, and welcomed daughter Vivian Rose in August 2013.

2000s

PETER DePIETRO / TSOA '00 / is the author of *Transforming Education With New Media* (Peter Lang International Academic Publishers).

SARAH EISMANN / TSOA '00 / is founder of the all-female Manhattan Shakespeare Project. The company most recently performed *Twelfth Night (Or, What You Will)*.

DAVID GUGGENHEIM / TSOA '00 / co-wrote his first novel, *Weaponized* (Mulholland), with fellow alumnus **NICHOLAS MENNUTI / TSOA '00**.

TIMOTHY E. MAGEE / CAS '00 / has joined the litigation practice of Pashman Stein, PC in Hackensack, NJ, as an associate.

SANDRA BAKER ZARRAGA / STERN '00 / was recently promoted to

partner/principal of Ernst & Young's financial services office in New York City.

NICHOLE CORTESE / CAS '01 / was recently promoted to senior counsel in the real estate department at law firm Loeb & Loeb, LLP in New York City.

ELIZABETH BRANDLER / LAW '02 / recently joined the ASPCA in the position of New York City legal advocacy counsel.

STEPHANIE SWINTON / CAS '02, STEINHARDT '06 / is now a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society, recognizing business excellence.

JAE YOUNG KIM / LAW '03 / has been named supervising attorney of the Urban Resource Institute's legal education and advocacy program for

domestic-violence victims.

JASON POLLARD / TSOA '03, '07 / produced and edited *An American in Hollywood*, directed by **SAI VARADAN / TSOA '04** / and filmed by **MARCUS JONES / TSOA '04**.

ERIK DALY / STERN '04 / was recognized by Chambers USA as an "Associate to Watch" in corporate/mergers and acquisitions law.

FRANCES KWELLER / STEINHARDT '04 / is founder of Kweller Test Prep, which recently doubled the size of its office in Forest Hills, NY.

DANIELLE MIKLOS / CAS '04 / is both a lawyer and veteran and is now an associate at the New York Stock Exchange, working in its veterans associate program.

RYAN WONG / TSOA '04 / served as co-producer on 非常幸运 (*My Lucky Star*), starring Zhang Ziyi. The film topped the Chinese box office in its first week of release.

MALLORY CARRA / CAS '05 / earned an MFA in writing for screen and television from USC's School of Cinematic Arts. She now works at Hulu in Los Angeles.

WALTER GINDIN / CAS '05, GSAS '08 / has joined the immigration law firm of Klasko, Rulon, Stock and Seltzer, LLP, as an associate in the New York City office.

KATHERINE MAHER / CAS '05 / has been named among the "99 Under 33" young professionals in foreign policy by *Diplomatic Courier* global affairs magazine.

ANGELA AILEEN GRANT / STEINHARDT '06 / has released her first book, *2:7: The Awakening of Love* (CreateSpace).

MARK IMHOF / STERN '06 / founded Mark Imhof, CPA, CIA, MBA, LLC to provide accounting, audit, and tax consulting services.

RAKESH MANI / STERN '06 / earned an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and has joined Booz & Company as a consultant in Chicago.

MARK M. SPRADLEY / STERN '06 / has been elected to the board of directors of the MicroLoan Foundation USA.

VILAS DHAR / LAW '07 / was profiled by *Forbes* for his socially conscious law firm, Dhar Law, LLP, and

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new nonprofit, Next Mile Project.

CASSANDRA FLECHSIG / GSAS '07 / is Green Cart program manager and consultant for Karp Resources, a food and agriculture consultancy based in New York City.

ADAM GAINES / TSOA '07 / is the author of *Mixtape*, a collection of one-act plays (Nothing to Gain Publishers), and works as a writers' assistant on FX's *The Bridge*.

SIMON HAWKINS / TSOA '07 / and his brother Zeke co-directed *We Gotta Get Out of This Place*, which screened at the Toronto International Film Festival.

KENRYA RANKIN NAA-SEL / SCPS '07 / is editor of the new book *Bet on Black* (Kifani Press), with essays from African-American women on their relationships with their fathers.

TAMMY ROBINSON / SSSW '07 / has been promoted to training coordinator at Presbyterian Children's Village, a Pennsylvania-based organization.

PAUL ROZARIO / SCPS '07 / married Alphonse Falcone on September 19, 2011, at Brooklyn City Hall. Paul has changed his last name to Rozario-Falcone.

BRADEN BELL / STEINHARDT '08 / has published his third novel, *Penumbra*

(Cedar Fort), the second installment in the "Middle School Magic" series.

LISA GOLDMAN / CAS '08 / and **JOSHUA REISS / CAS '08** /, son of NYU professor Carol Shoshkes Reiss, welcomed daughter Daniella Emily into the world in April 2013.

MELISSA WALKER / STEINHARDT '08 / is a creative arts therapist and was featured in *The Washington Post* for her work with service members suffering from brain injuries.

JAMES McCracken / SSSW '09 / is a clinical faculty member at the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine.

2010s

ALISON MARIE DEVENNY / WAG '10 / is engaged to Edward Berwind Stautberg. The couple is set to be married on May 31, in Brick, NJ.

ALLISON GUTKNECHT / GAL '10 / has published her debut book, *Don't Wear Polka-Dot Underwear With White Pants (and Other Lessons I've Learned)* (Aladdin).

KATHERINE KINSMAN / WAG '10 / has joined Landmark High School in Beverly, MA, as a teacher of grammar/composition and American literature.

CHRISTINE A. WEIBLE / GSAS '10 / and **JOSÉ ANTONIO CRUZ RIVERA / GAL '02, STEINHARDT '04** / were married on November 17, 2012, in New York City.

HILARY HARRISON / SCPS '11 / was married to Thomas Slocum on December 30, 2012, in Chatham, NJ.

WILLIAM MADDOCK / CAS '11 / recently completed a master's of philosophy in Roman history at Wadham College, University of Oxford.

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**KATHRYN
TSIAVOS /
CAS '11 /**
married
Anthony
Mirakaj on
April 20, 2013,
in Pearl
River, NY.

JAIME FRIED / NUR '12 /
is a med-surg/telemetry
RN at Long Island Jewish
Medical Center, where
she is co-chair of the
Nursing Research and
EBP Council.

**MELANIE ANASTACIA
VAN ALLEN / TSOA
'12 /** presented research
on the Bolivian Tinku at

the University of London
symposium “In the Balance:
Indigenity, Performance,
Globalization.”

**ALLISON CHURCHILL /
GSAS '13 /** works at
Guideposts magazine as
an editorial assistant.

**MADELINE KEARIN /
IFA '13 /** is a member
of the Lower Hudson
Chapter of the New York
Archaeological Association
and co-director of an
excavation in Mount
Kisco, NY.

**PETER MEIKLE / SCPS '13
/** is now managing director
for the DiPaola Financial
Group in New York City.



On the eve of NYU's 182nd
Commencement this May 21,
the Empire State Building
(above) will shine violet as
students, parents, and friends
toast the graduating class. The
ceremony will once again take place in
the event's new home, Yankee Stadium.
Across the globe, another campus
celebrates its very first commencement
as NYU Abu Dhabi's inaugural class
graduates on May 25.

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Obituaries

NYU mourns the recent passing of these alumni, staff, and friends:

SEELIG FREUND / ARTS '33, MED '37
STANLEY KAUFFMANN / WSC '35
ALFRED FELD / ARTS '39
IRVING TOBIAS MANDELBAUM / ARTS '39, DEN '43
JOHN W.V. CORDICE / WSC '40, MED '43
MORRIS KOFFMAN / DEN '43
ROBERT FELLER / ENG '44
MARIAN MILLER HAMBURG / STEINHARDT '45
CURTIS B. HAYWORTH / ENG '47, '49
JOSEPH M. STEIN / MED '47
JULIETTE MORAN / GSAS '48
ARNOLD NAROFF / STEINHARDT '48
RICHARD STARFIELD / ARTS '48
ADELAIDE M. GODEK / NUR '49
HENRY LOHMANN / WSC '49, STEINHARDT '51
MARTIN LEICHTER / ARTS '51, STEINHARDT '70
STUART G. CRANE / WSC '52
LAWRENCE S. CUSHNER / WSC '52
DONN A. BILLINGS / STEINHARDT '53
ARTHUR M. JAMES / ENG '53
ARTHUR MARSON / WSC '54, DEN '58

BERNARD H. HOFFMAN / WSC '55, LAW '58
GORDON EDMUND MCKENZIE / ENG '55
ALONZO HILTON SHOCKLEY JR. / STEINHARDT '56
KISHOR JHAVERI / STERN '59, '60
MARK WILLIAMS / LAW '62
MICHAEL K. BENIMOWITZ / STERN '63
DAVID M. FEIT / ARTS '63
ANDRE C. DIMITRIADIS / STERN '67, '70
JOSEPH R. HEMMES / WSC '72, GSAS '73, '94,
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COREY ALAN KIRSCHNER / WAG '81
PHILIP SEYMOUR HOFFMAN / TSOA '89
EDGAR M. BRONFMAN / HON '97, FOUNDER OF
NYU BRONFMAN CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDENT LIFE
HELEN THOMAS / HON '09
DANIELLE DeMERS / FORMER TSOA STAFF
MILTON H. ELLERIN / FRIEND
IRVING SARNOFF / CAS PROFESSOR EMERITUS
DAVID TRAVIS / FORMER NYU FLORENCE FACULTY

NAME	Thomas McEachin
CLASS OF	1973
CAMPUS	University Heights, the Bronx
MAJOR	Operations Research Engineering
OCCUPATION	Retired CFO
LIFE-CHANGING CLASS	An excellent economics analysis course where I fell in love with the numbers
GO-TO FOOD	When I had some extra cash, hot dogs and hamburgers
STUDY STYLE	I wasn't an all-nighter kind of person
PROUDEST MOMENT	Graduation ... seeing the look on the faces of my parents. I was the first in my family to go to college
WHERE WOULD I BE WITHOUT MY SCHOLARSHIP?	I can't even imagine
MESSAGE TO WOULD-BE DONORS	There may not be a better example of what scholarships can do for someone who came from extreme poverty. Be generous and help others achieve great things!

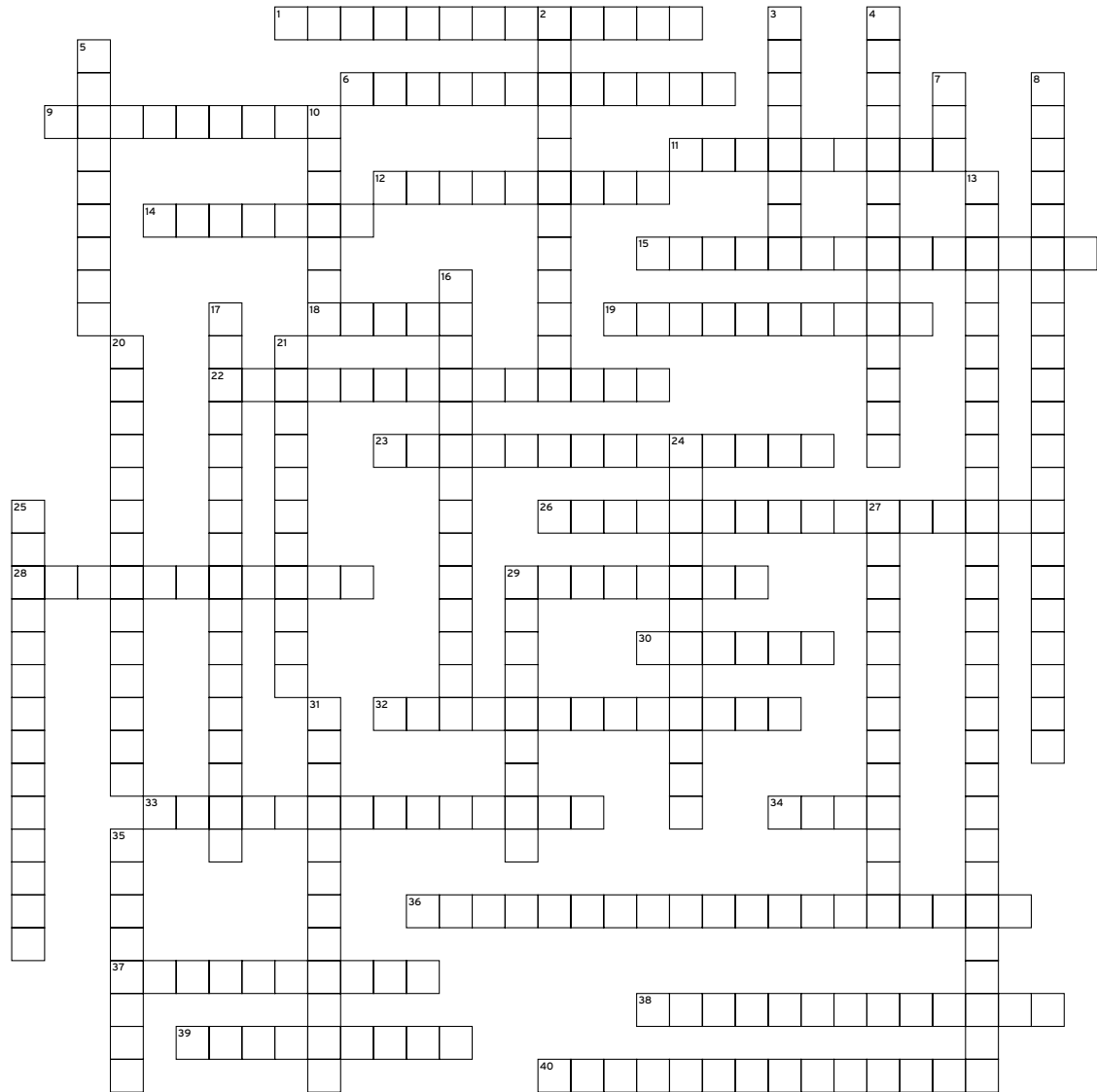
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See answers on the page below

WHETHER ONE FLOOR OR 26, THE BUILDINGS ACROSS OUR MANY CAMPUSES BOAST STORIED HISTORIES. HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THEM?

ACROSS

- 1 Only residence hall with a rabbi and an imam (2 words)
- 6 Andy Warhol's former Factory is just 77 yards from this residence hall (2 words)
- 9 Private restaurant at 18 Waverly Place (2 words)
- 11 The number of floors, including subterranean, in NYU Shanghai's new academic center
- 12 NYU Buenos Aires is located on this street
- 14 Owls from the cornice of the old Herald Tribune building adorn this hall; houses the Jeffrey S. Gould Welcome Center
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- 19 Home of the King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center (2 words)
- 22 Soon-to-open new location for NYU Abu Dhabi (2 words)
- 23 NYU School of Law building named for the dean who served from 1943-48 (2 words)
- 26 Site of the first X-ray conducted on a human (2 words)
- 28 Fritz Glarner's *Relational Painting* (1949-50) resides in this art space (2 words)
- 29 Center for the Performing Arts opened in 2003
- 30 Neighborhood where NYU Madrid is located (2 words)
- 32 Commencement takes place at this sports venue (2 words)
- 33 Previous incarnation of Rubin Hall (2 words)
- 34 Name of the Brown Building at the time of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1911
- 36 The Duke House at East 78th Street and Fifth Avenue is this school's campus (4 words)
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- 39 First coed residence hall on the Washington Square campus
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- 3 Estate bequeathed by Sir Harold Acton in 1994, which is

- now NYU Florence (2 words)
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- 5 Downtown skyscraper home to SCPS's Center for Global Affairs
- 7 Gutzon Borglum's 1930 bronze sculpture guarding the Minetta Room of Hayden Hall
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- 10 NYU Tel Aviv is located on this street (2 words)

- 13 Extended version of NYU's motto, as seen atop the Silver Center (4 words)
- 16 Husband-and-wife philanthropic duo behind the Kimmel Center for University Life (3 words)
- 17 Penthouse level of Kimmel (2 words)
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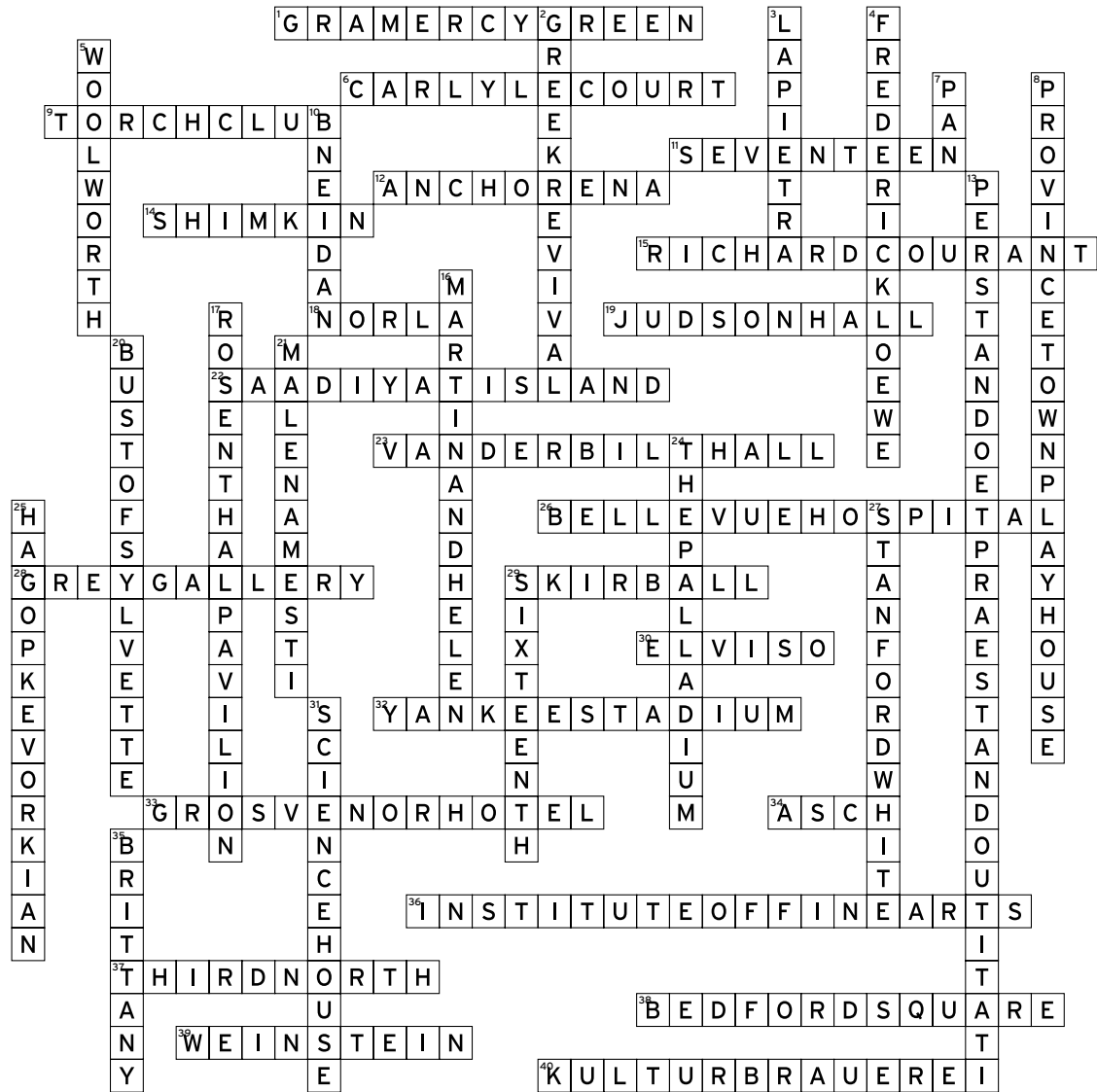
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- 27 Renowned architect who designed the Washington Square Arch (2 words)
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