

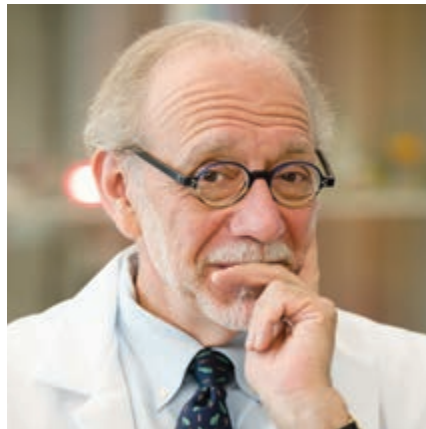
TRIBUTE

Robert Arceci '80 (PhD), '81M (MD): 'An Abrupt End to a Remarkable Career'

When Robert Arceci died in a tragic motorcycle accident on his way to work last June, it marked an abrupt end to a remarkable career. A physician and researcher who studied childhood hematologic malignancies for more than 30 years, Bob was highly regarded for his insight into childhood hematological malignancies and his unusual gift for helping young patients and their families through a most difficult period.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1972, Bob spent his next nine years in the MD/PhD program at Rochester. While I was busy shuttling back and forth from the River Campus to the Medical Center library from 1973 to 1977, working toward my bachelor's degree in neuroscience, Bob was earning his PhD in molecular and developmental biology. If I did see him on campus, it must have been in passing, perhaps in those countless hours in the library. Nevertheless, we never actually met.

It was in 1988 that I first met Bob. He was a fellow in pediatric hematology/oncology at the Harvard-affiliated Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. I remember doing experiments in his lab at Dana-Farber and riding on his motorcycle back to



PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGIST: Arceci is remembered as a giant in the field, with a subspecialty in blood cancers.

his house, where I met his wife, Jeanie, and two children, John and Andrew. It was a memorable and cherished time. We went on to publish three papers together on resistance to cancer drugs.

Bob left Harvard in 1994, and after several other appointments, including one as director and King Fahd Professor of Pediatric Oncology at Johns Hopkins, relocated in 2013 to Phoenix. I caught up with Bob

again that year. At the same time he was beginning his new roles—professor of pediatrics at the University of Arizona, director of the Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, and the first director of the Ronald A. Matricaria Institute of Molecular Medicine at Phoenix Children's Hospital—I had taken the job of chief scientific officer of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Bob had a long history with the organization and became a valuable guide to me in my new role. Following Bob's death, the LLS named a five-year, \$550,000 grant, the Robert Arceci Career Development Award, in his honor.

Over his career, Bob maintained an active research laboratory, clinical practice, and taught countless students. He published more than 140 papers, and served as editor-in-chief of the journal *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*. Perhaps more importantly, he was thoughtful and generous with his time. He had a uniquely gentle way about him that made him an incredible human being, researcher, and physician. **R**

—LEE GREENBERGER '77

Greenberger is the chief scientific officer of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

1987 Peter Manzi (EdD) (see '01).

1993 Lillie Whitt (MS) was one of five women in Rochester's Monroe County honored by Links Inc., a service organization of African-American women, at an awards luncheon at Rochester Plaza Hotel last May. Lillie is a counselor at the Robert Brown High School of Construction and Design, part of the Rochester City School District.

1994 Barbara Regenspan (PhD) (see '73 College).

1995 Joe Scanlan (EdD) writes that he retired in July after 43 years in secondary education in western New York, 37 of those as a high school principal. "My career included 15 years at Byron-Bergen Central, in Genesee County, 17 years at York Junior-Senior High School in Livingston County, and the final 11 years at my alma mater, Notre Dame High School in Batavia, the

No. 1 private Catholic coeducational high school in western New York for the past eight consecutive years, as identified by *Buffalo Business First's* rankings of western New York high schools."

2001 Heidi Carson (MS) writes that she and **Peter Manzi** '87W (EdD) have established an educational consulting partnership. Heidi, who heads Upstate Learning Solutions, has brought Peter, an experienced counselor, career planner, and legal consultant on long-term disability, bankruptcy, divorce, and loan repayment, into the business, which develops customized workforce training and materials. . . . **Melany Silas** (MS) (see '99 College).

2009 Leslie Good Maloney (EdD) has been named principal of Penfield High School, near Rochester. Leslie has taught in the Penfield school district for nine years, and was named acting prin-

cipal of the high school in August 2014. . . . **David Skiff** (PhD) has been named dean of the School of Education and Social Work at Roberts Wesleyan College in Chili, New York, outside Rochester. David is a professor of social work and has served as chair of the department.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Frederick L. Agnew '38, July 2015

Elizabeth Jones '39E, May 2015

John D. Chamberlain '41, '48 (MS), April 2015

Helen Waltz Staley '42E, July 2015

Phyllis Metcalfe Taylor '42, May 2015

Emory D. Champney '43, '47 (MS), June 2015

Constance White Main '43E, May 2015

Aser Rothstein '43 (PhD), '84 (Honorary), July 2015

Betty Ingram Stegenga '44E, May 2015

Thelma Moore Tyler '44N, June 2015

Helen Thomas Coleman '45, June 2015

William K. Rogers '45M (MD), May 2015

Barbara Wheeler Ashton '47, October 2014

David Dearolph '47, July 2015

Jane Harrison Humm '47 (MS), December 2013

Barbara Roberts Ferstead '48, December 2014

Betty Hanson McAninch '48E, June 2015

Walter R. J. Brown '49 (MS), June 2015

Norma Schaller Guyon '49, July 2015

Genevieve Antunes Keeler '49, '50N, July 2015

John E. Schlauch '49, June 2015

June Siegrist '49N, April 2014