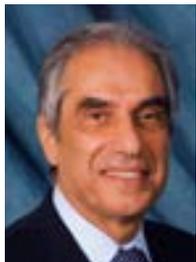


Class Notes

60s]

Hossein Gharib (M.D. 1966), a professor of medicine at the Mayo



Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota, was elected president of the American Thyroid Association at its annual

meeting in October, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Gharib, a master of the American College of Physicians (MACP), is a past president of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists as well as a past president of the American College of Endocrinology. He is coeditor of the textbook *Evidence-Based Endocrinology*, and received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award in 2013.

70s]

Frederick Appelbaum, M.D. (Residency 1974), has been named execu-



tive vice president and deputy director of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He will lead the institu-

tion's strategic research partnerships and also focus on maintaining the fiscal health of the center. Appelbaum, a world expert in the research of blood cancers, will continue his work on the biology and treatment of leukemias, lymphomas and other blood cancers.

Louis D. Saravolatz (M.D. 1974), became the governor-elect of the Michigan



Chapter of the American College of Physicians at their April national meeting. In April 2014 he will become a governor for a four-year

term. Saravolatz will provide leadership for more than 4,000 Michigan internists and work to encourage others to join the organization which is the largest medical specialty organization in the United States. Saravolatz is the current chief of internal medicine at St. John Hospital in Grosse Pointe Woods and is recognized as one of the area's most respected physicians for infectious disease.

90s]

Stephen W. Bretz (M.D. 1995) and William Y. Park (M.D. 1995) were



named to *Seattle Magazine's* Top Doctors list in the July 2013 issue. Bretz practices emergency medicine at the Swedish Medical Center.

Park is co-medical director of both the sleep center and the critical care unit and director of respiratory care at Valley Medical in Renton, Washington.

James M. Olson (M.D., Ph.D. 1991), was recently featured in a TEDxSeattle talk about Project Violet, a unique "citizen science" project which uses crowdfunding to speed drug discovery. Named for an 11-year-old patient of Olson's who died last year from an inoperable brainstem tumor, the project will identify



optimized peptides — or optides for short — that may be able to precisely target cancers cells. Optides are molecules derived from

plants and animals and as a result of a new production system developed by Olson and his collaborators, thousands of optide variants can be quickly synthesized and then evaluated for therapeutic potential. Olson is a pediatric brain cancer specialist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.



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Alumni Profile] Alegro Godley: Remembering Michigan

THE TINY, RURAL VILLAGE OF PANTEGO, North Carolina, was hardly an environment of opportunity for an African-American family in the mid-1920s, but Alphonso and Gertrude Godley made it one. Alphonso, a carpenter and bricklayer, turned to farming in his later years. Gertrude, from age 13, was a teacher.

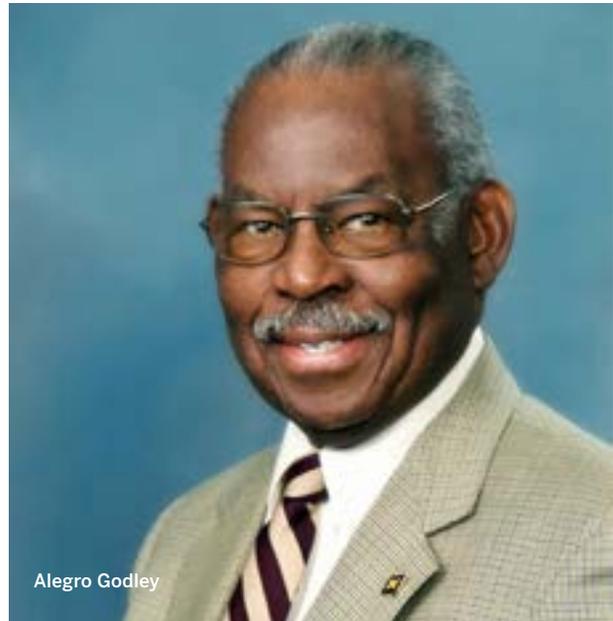
“I don’t know of any place the size of my hometown which had more people go to college, and that was largely due to my mother, who started with her children, then tried to arrange for everyone else’s children to go to college,” says the Godley’s son, Alegro Godley (M.D.1948). “All eight of us got at least a master’s degree.”

By the time he was 15, Alegro Godley had taken all the classes his local school offered. He headed off to Hampton University in Virginia, where his professors in math and biology — both University of Michigan graduates — recognized his potential and encouraged him to apply to the U-M Medical School. With his parents’ blessing, he arrived in Ann Arbor in 1944. He was just 18—one of the few African-American students in the program and by far the youngest. He might have felt lonely and overwhelmed but for living at Michigan House — the first housing cooperative on campus — where, for a few dollars a week, he found food, shelter, friends, lively conversations, music, and an ever-expanding world view.

“I really got an education there,” recalls Godley, who adds that his job at the co-op was to prepare Sunday dinner for the dozens of men who lived there. “I had never cooked anything before, but I learned to cook roast beef, mashed potatoes and green peas. And this was the fare on Sundays for the three years I was there.”

Godley graduated in 1948 and headed to New York City where he completed a rotating internship, took advanced courses in pathology, and completed an internal medicine residency at Bellevue and Queens General hospitals.

During the Korean War, Godley served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at a hospital on tiny Governor’s Island in New York Harbor. In 1955, he moved with wife Juanita to Detroit, practicing medicine for the next 43 years — first in a group practice near Hamtramck, then down-



town in a Woodward Avenue office. He also was worked at Harper Grace Hospital and Sinai Medical Center.

Godley says he found intense satisfaction from helping people through the practice of medicine. He answered every call himself, often working late into the evening. “My wife said that I did two things: I took out the trash on Tuesday evenings, and practiced medicine,” he laughs.

The Godleys had four children. While none attended the U-M, they have redeemed themselves, says their father. All are highly successful, in fields including gastroenterology, hematology/oncology, ophthalmology and linguistics.

Godley retired in 1998 and moved to Sun City West, Arizona, where he lives with his second wife, Fannie, a former math teacher he met in his Hampton University days. In 2008, he established the Fannie and Alegro J. Godley, M.D., Scholarship.

“I had always wanted to do something in terms of recognizing the opportunity I was provided at Michigan” he says. “The school has a way of developing great loyalty in the people who go there. I’m not unique; it’s pretty universal.” —WHITLEY HILL