

Physician, Scientist, Architect

Dean Glickman to Step Down in 2007, Ending Nine-Year Tenure

EIGHT YEARS AGO, when newly appointed Dean Robert M. Glickman, M.D., reflected on how he might like to be remembered for his stewardship, he thought it would be as an architect who helped the School make its transition into the next century. The metaphor would prove apt. In the ensuing years, Dean Glickman—who announced last March that he will be stepping down as Dean and CEO of NYU Medical Center in June 2007—has led the institution through a period of ambitious growth.

As someone who had devoted his entire career to advancing modern medicine through the ideal of the physician-scientist, he found a home for his vision at NYU: “What distinguishes us as an academic medical center,” he said, “is our ability to carry out research that is relevant to human health.” Accordingly he strengthened one department after another by recruiting scores of top faculty from around the country, 18 of them as chairmen. He appointed a new joint Director of the NYU Cancer Institute and the Skirball Institute of Biomolecular Medicine and created two new departments (Emergency Medicine and Cardiothoracic Surgery).

To provide recruits with state-of-the-art equipment and resources, NYU expanded its facilities, both on campus and off. In 2004 the NYU Clinical Cancer Center opened, treating more than 500 outpatients daily. Earlier this year, NYU unveiled the 13-story Joan and Joel Smilow Research Center (*see page 12*).

There have been many other milestones: An agreement with Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc., to

acquire more than 100 state-of-the-art imaging machines. A merger between NYU Medical Center and its longtime affiliate, the Hospital for Joint Diseases (*see page 36*). The creation of the Institute for Urban and Global Health to extend NYU’s expertise near and far.

Yet the Dean’s proudest accomplishment, he says, has been healing the rift caused by the ill-fated merger with Mount Sinai Medical Center. “Despite the difficulty of re-creating our Medical Center across two separate corporations, we have made enormous progress,” he said.

A gastroenterologist, he will remain on the faculty as a Professor in the Department of Medicine. The location he has chosen for his office is the VA Medical Center on 23rd Street—far enough away from the tree he cultivated so as not to crowd its growth, but close enough to enjoy its fruit and shade. ●



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MILESTONES

1998

- New Chairwoman of Radiation Oncology, Sylvia Formenti, M.D.

2001

- New Chairman of Pharmacology, Herbert Samuels, M.D.
- New Chairman of Radiology, Robert Grossman, M.D.
- New Chairman of Anesthesiology, Thomas Blanck, M.D., Ph.D.
- School launches comprehensive curricular reforms emphasizing thematic, cross-disciplinary, and interactive, small group teaching methods employing rich media technology and engaging community-based patient groups.

2003

- Jean & David Blechman Cardiac and Vascular Center—new gateway for diagnostic, treatment, and support services
- New Department of Emergency Medicine
- New Chairman of Emergency Medicine, Lewis Goldfrank, M.D.
- New Chairman of Obstetrics/Gynecology, John Curtin, M.D.
- New Chairman of Otolaryngology, Anil Lalwani, M.D.

2005

- Dr. Jan Vilcek's \$105 million gift—our largest donation ever
- Helen & Martin Kimmel Center for Stem Cell Biology—\$10 million gift establishes multidisciplinary research program
- Magnet Award for NYU Medical Center—NYU's nurses honored for their superb training and outstanding patient care
- Office of Diversity Affairs—expands efforts to recruit, retain, and promote minority students, faculty, and staff
- New Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery
- New Chairman of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Stephen Colvin, M.D.
- From 1998 to 2005, the School's annual NIH research funding grows 77 percent, to \$138.8 million. Over the previous five years, annual funding had increased only 16 percent.
- \$100 million capital improvement program is approved to renovate existing research facilities.

2000

- Institute for Urban and Global Health—think tank for innovative global health strategies established
- New Chairman of Medicine, Martin Blaser, M.D.
- New Director of Skirball Institute and NYU Cancer Institute, Steven Burakoff, M.D.

2002

- Siemens Radiology agreement—strategic alliance with Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc., to acquire more than 100 state-of-the-art imaging machines
- Dean's Honors Day—created to laud faculty achievements

2004

- Center for Biomedical Imaging Opens—NYU becomes one of only four research centers in the U.S. to have a Siemens 7-T whole-body magnet
- NYU Clinical Cancer Center—13-story outpatient facility of the NCI-designated NYU Cancer Institute
- New Chairman of Pathology, David Roth, M.D., Ph.D.
- New Chairwoman of Medical Parasitology, Karen Day, Ph.D.
- New Chairman of Ophthalmology, Jack Dodick, M.D.

2006

- NYU-HJD Merger—NYU Hospitals Center unites with Hospital for Joint Diseases
- Smilow Research Center—new era for research begins with the opening of a 13-story, state-of-the-art building devoted to translational medicine
- New Master's Program in Global Public Health—School of Medicine and four other schools at NYU address global health needs
- Children's Ambulatory Center—New pediatric outpatient facility opens
- De-merger with Mount Sinai Hospital finalized
- New Chairman of Surgery, Leon Pachter, M.D.
- New Chairwoman of Biochemistry, Dafna Bar-Sagi, Ph.D.
- New Chairman of Dermatology, Seth Orlow, M.D.
- New Chairman of Pediatrics, Michael Weitzman, M.D.
- New Chairwoman of Psychiatry, Dolores Malaspina, M.D.
- As part of Growth Agenda, more than 60 new faculty recruited for new positions since 1998.

