Richard A. Elias, P&S’55, has served on the National Visiting Council of the College of Physicians & Surgeons for many years. He has also been chair of its clinical research and translational research committees. More than $1 million was donated in his honor to Columbia, and the Alumni Auditorium at P&S was dedicated in his honor. Elias’ practice has taken him around the world, having lectured in China, Japan, India, South Africa, and North and South America. Currently, he is chair of the Miami Heart Research Institute, clinical professor of medicine at the University of Miami and chief of the Miami Heart Institute.

Andrew Gaspar, Entrepreneur '69, has been deeply involved with Columbia ever since graduation. He has served as an alumni interviewer for the Columbia Admissions Office for the past 18 years and has been on every reunion committee of his class, and is now helping to plan his class’s 35th reunion. Gaspar was chair of the Columbia University Engineering Council for two years, served as an officer of the SEAS Alumni Association, and is currently a member of the Egleston Award Committee. He has lectured at Columbia on career choices and new business development and served as a judge for new business competitions. Gaspar is currently chairman of Schroder Venture Partners, a private equity investment firm specializing in communications, media, technology and business services. He spent 24 years as a technology investor with Warburg Pincus and the Lazard Gaspar Funds, following 10 years with RCA Corp.

Edward L. Kleinert, Public Health ’83, has served as an active and involved supporter of the University, the School of Public Health, and the Alumni Association for more than 20 years. In his role as a member of the School of Public Health Alumni Board he has worked tirelessly to develop programming, generate support, and serve the needs of the school, its students and its alumni. During his term of office as president of the board he was a driving force behind the joining of the School of Public Health Alumni and the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences Alumni Association into one entity. He serves as an adjunct on the faculties of the Mailman School, New York University and Marymount Manhattan College in addition to his post as administrator of information technology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Mary D. Lindsay, Nursing ’45, joined the Board of Visitors of the Nursing School in 1995. The same year, she chaired her 50th reunion. As a founding member of Columbia and Presbyterian School of Nursing Alumni, she and her colleagues have worked to form one united Alumni Association for the Nursing School. Since graduation, most of her nursing-related activities have been in the private sector, working as a volunteer with the intent of creating social change. She has served on numerous boards, including those of the East Woods School, East Harlem Tutorial Program, Huntington Hospital, Union Theological Seminary, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Margaret Sanger Research Bureau, Planned Parenthood of NYC, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Pathfinder International and the U.S. Committee for the United Nations Population Fund. Lindsay was an NGO representative at the Cairo Conference in 1994 and at the Hague in 1998, working as a champion of gender equality and women’s health. She received both the Nursing School’s Alumni Award in 1998 and its Alumni of the Century Award in 2004.

Daniel L. Zedeker, DOS’83, has served on the School of Dental and Oral Surgery Alumni Board for eight years, including two years as president. He was also the editor of the school’s alumni association publication for more than five years. He continues to travel to SDS alumni events to support ongoing development of the association and has been particularly active in recruiting new individuals to the Alumni Executive Committee. Zedeker has been an assistant clinical professor of dentistry at SDS for more than 20 years and has served on the SDS Admissions Committee since 2001. He has published numerous articles in professional journals and lectured internationally at professional dental meetings. He frequently mentors SDS students in his private midtown practice, which helps them determine the exact nature of their future practice activities and school involvement.

Graduating students from the class of 2002 cut loose.