Alma Mater

O Capital, to thee we pledge devotion;
In ev'ry heart we'll build for thee a shrine,
Until from ocean side to endless ocean,
Thy name alone in radiant splendor shine!

To thee we owe what e'er of truth we cherish;
Thy boundless love has all our wants supplied.
Living in us thy soul shall never perish,
Alive in thee shall we be glorified.

Thy swords are we, and shields to guard thy glory;
Thy lamps are we to beacon far and near;
Thy pens are we to write in deathless story
Lives that shall honor thee, O mother dear.

– Dr. George F. Dell ('23)
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Bernlohr Stadium

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Beck Tennis Courts

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Mees Hall Auditorium

6 to 10 p.m. – Class Reunion Dinner
Franklin Park Conservatory

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HANS STRICKER, M.D.
Chemistry ’84

Dr. Hans Stricker has been a Senior Staff Urologic Surgeon at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit for more than two decades. Along with patient care, he has been active in teaching, research and administrative leadership.

As vice chair of the Vattikuti Urology Institute, Hans was one of the first surgeons in the world to routinely perform robotic surgery starting in 2001, and performed the first robotic partial nephrectomy there in 2004. Hans served as program chair of the International Robotic Urology Symposium in 2006. He has lectured extensively and has more than 40 peer-reviewed publications, including the only single-surgeon study comparing all three types of radical prostatectomy.

In 2010 and 2011, Hans was named one of “America's Top Doctors” by U.S. News. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He has always enjoyed teaching and in 1998 won the Joseph C. Cerny Resident Teaching Award. He was chair of The Henry Ford Health System Resident Research Forum from 1995 to 2003. Active in Henry Ford Radiation Oncology’s gene therapy research for prostate cancer, Hans has been either principal investigator or co-investigator on five gene therapy clinical trials, with a new one opening later this year. He was part of the Henry Ford research team that first proved long-term benefit from gene therapy for prostate cancer. This team was also the first to demonstrate radiographic evidence of gene therapy.

He is also Chief of Surgery at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and has led the growth of that surgical program to annual revenues of more than $150 million.

While a student at Capital, he was recognized as the American Chemical Society's "Young Chemist of the Year." Hans received Capital's Young Alumni Award in 2000. He earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School, where he also completed his training in general surgery and urology. He has been a church trustee and a volunteer with LifeBUILDERS, a nonprofit organization that serves women and their children on Detroit's east side who are recovering from abuse and addiction.

Hans and his wife, Lori, a Pediatric Anesthesiologist at Children's Hospital of Michigan, have supported their family scholarship, the Dr. and Mrs. Emanuel Raymond Stricker Endowed Scholarship, begun by his parents in 1996, generously over the years. He has been blessed with five children: Maxwell, Olivia, Calvin, Mitchell and Emma.
CAROL HALL GRINER 

Biology ’66

Carol Hall Griner shared her love of biology with students at Eastmoor High School for more than 25 years, where she also served as adviser or coach to student organizations. A beloved teacher, she was honored as Eastmoor’s “Teacher of the Year.”

Carol’s commitment to the Capital Family extends well beyond her graduation in 1966. She served a dozen years on the Alumni Advisory Board, including as its president, and was the assistant women’s golf coach for a year. She is a longtime volunteer at campus events and a regular in the bleachers cheering on Crusader athletes.

As a student at Capital, Carol played volleyball and softball. She was a member of Panhellenic Council, Alpha Delta Chi, Student Government, the CU Education Society and the Women’s Recreation Association.

In 1972, she earned a master’s degree in health education from The Ohio State University.

Her commitment to the Bexley community has spanned more than three decades. For two years, she served as tournament chair for the Columbus Women’s District Golf Association.

An active member of Christ Lutheran Church for more than 35 years, Carol has been a member of Church Council, including serving as its president; Chancel Choir; the Worship and Music Committee; and Altar Guild. For two years in the mid-1990s, she was project manager for the church’s $2 million capital improvement project.

ATHORNIA STEELE

Mathematics ’74, Law ’77

Athornia Steele has a lifetime of memories built around Capital University – from his days as an undergraduate math major, to his studies at the Law School, to more than 25 years as a law professor at his alma mater.

While on Capital’s faculty, Thorny served in a variety of administrative positions, including director of Student Activities, associate dean for Academic Affairs, and interim dean. He directed the 1991 CLEO Summer Institute for Region IV and directed Capital Law School’s academic support program.

He worked in the Charitable Foundations and Workers’ Compensation sections of the Office of the Ohio Attorney General from 1977-1980, and was a visiting associate professor of law at Washington and Lee University School of Law from 1984-1986.

He served as the dean of Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law School in Florida from 2008 to 2013, where he now is an adjunct professor of law.

Thorny has had extensive involvement in law-related organizations, most notably the Law School Admission Council, where he currently serves as the chair of the LSAC Board of Trustees. He also was a member of the executive committees of the Association of American Law School’s sections on Academic Support and Law Schools with Part-time Programs.

Thorny served a six-year term on the national Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and served on the ELCA’s Advisory Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility. During the height of apartheid in South Africa, he served on a committee considering the legal issues involved in divesting ELCA-managed funds from companies doing business in South Africa.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Seminary Board of Trustees from 1984-1987.
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1986 Arnold Bartz '55
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1990 Hugo C. Wenzel '38
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1992 Richard P. Hartman '56
1993 Michael C. Shoemaker '67
1994 Thelma Steck Cary '38
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1985 Irene Heuter '53
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1992 Daniel A. Busch '34
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