

# Brandeis University

## Class of 1978 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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Mac or PC? Mac LP, CD, or IPOD? ipod

What was your major? Did you continue in that field?

Biopsych. Sort of

Career? Do tell!

I went to med school after deciding I wouldn't make a living as an architect. Decided on Ophthalmology because you get to sit down to do surgery and no one died. That and you get to help people see. Completed my ophthalmology residency at Wills Eye in Philadelphia where I was offered a job in a private group practice, Philadelphia Eye Associates where I remain today. I am also the co director of the Cataract Department at Wills Eye, medical director at Kremer/TLC laser center where I perform LASIK surgery and chief medical editor of Review of Ophthalmology the most widely read publication in the field. I also work extensively training the residents at Wills.

Favorite memory from Brandeis days?

I don't know if it's a favorite, but one of the things I often remember is all the time I spent socializing in the Science Library. I was supposed to be studying but usually could be found catching up with friends and avoiding sitting in one place for more than two minutes.

Favorite Brandeis professor?

Like most of you, I had so many great professors but no one professor who I would call a favorite. Maybe it was the pre med thing. Tough to wax poetic about organic chemistry or the professors.

What have you done since graduation that you are most proud of?

The one thing I am most proud of is that when I met the perfect person for me, I was able to see that and commit my life to him.

I am also very proud of my legacy of teaching an entire generation of eye surgeons now distributed across the country.

Are you single or married? Tell us about your family:

I'm happily partnered for the last 22 years and look forward to many more. We have two dogs (yellow labs) who I'm told I obsess about and who give me great love.

What goals have you set for yourself for the next ten years?

My prolonged mid life crises continues unabated. I have no idea what I want from the next 10 years except for my retirement savings to be sufficient. I am in need of new goals (other than retiring to who knows what) and purpose for the next decade. Suggestions appreciated.

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What items are on your bucket list?

What's a bucket list?

