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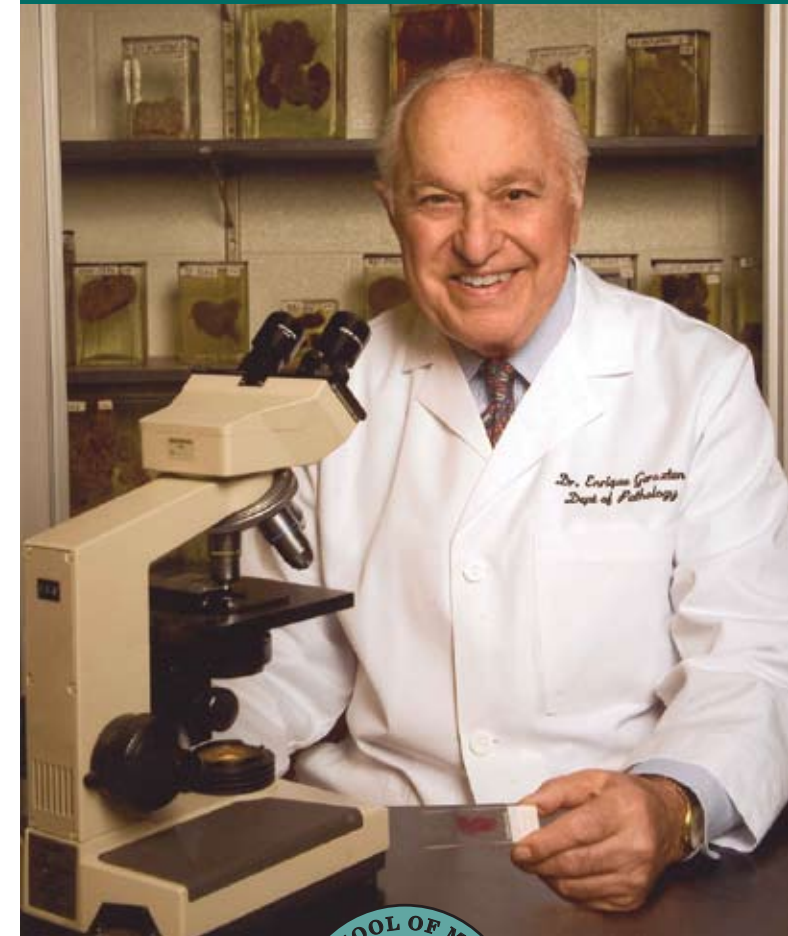
Enrique Gerszten was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1927. After high school he entered the School of Economic Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires where he received a degree in Public Accounting. His studies were temporarily interrupted for military service in the army, from which he received an honorable discharge. He decided to change careers, despite the fact that this required him to return to high school to complete the proper entry criteria. He was ultimately admitted to the School of Medicine of the University of Buenos Aires, where he graduated in 1958.

Upon receiving his M.D. degree, Dr. Gerszten performed his Internship as a Family Practitioner in a Free Clinic on the outskirts of Buenos Aires. In 1959, he immigrated to the United States and started a residency in Pathology at Goldwater Memorial Hospital in New York City. In 1960, he transferred to MCV to complete his residency and stayed on, beginning his academic career in 1963 as an Instructor and going on to earn the academic rank of Professor of Pathology in 1978. In 1999, he became the Vice Chairman of Undergraduate Education Programs in the Department of Pathology.

During a career that has now spanned nearly 50 years at the MCV Campus, Dr. Gerszten received multiple awards and honors for his teaching achievements at this institution, as well as nationally and internationally. Throughout this time, he continued his contacts with his alma mater as a Consultant for the Department of Pathology of the University of Buenos Aires School of Medicine.

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THE AWARD

In 2008, Enrique Gerszten, M.D., was honored with the medical school's highest honor, its Faculty Teaching Excellence Award. To pay tribute to and extend his legacy, his colleagues and former students are uniting to raise \$100,000 to endow that premier teaching award in honor of Dr. Gerszten.

The Enrique Gerszten, M.D. Faculty Teaching Excellence Award will be given on an annual basis to one faculty member, selected by a peer-review committee for outstanding teaching achievements. The award will provide support for further innovations in medical teaching methods.

“His example and his advice showed me that the study of medicine is not a task to be completed, but a passion that does not end.”

— FORMER STUDENT —

THE TEACHER

Enrique Gerszten is one of the medical school's great ambassadors. It has been said that perhaps more than any other faculty member, Dr. Gerszten has helped students to understand and appreciate the honor and responsibility of becoming a physician. Dr. Gerszten possesses a true love for both the science and the art of teaching. One of his greatest attributes is his enthusiasm for his students and the material that he teaches. It is impossible for his students to listen to him lecturing about Pathology without joining him with that same passion.

Pathology is the vital and fascinating bridge between basic and clinical sciences in medical education. During the past 45 years, Dr. Gerszten has had the opportunity to teach well over 10,000 medical and dental students, residents and fellows, college and high school students about the important field of Pathology.

For several decades, Dr. Gerszten served as a member of the Admissions Committee, and for many students, their association with him began when he interviewed them for admission into the medical school. Others discovered

his teaching, humor, and penetrating questions during the Pathogenesis Course, which he has directed since 1976. With its roots in the days of 35mm slides and Kodak carousels, his approach to Pathology Education on the MCV Campus expanded to incorporate modern-day high-tech use of the Internet, PowerPoint and digital photography.

Dr. Gerszten's influence stretched beyond the MCV Campus. He was an early advocate of the School of Medicine's adoption of an integrated curriculum, which he promoted along with other teaching innovations in talks throughout Latin America, Europe and Asia, leading many medical schools to adopt similar changes to their curricula. In addition, his innovative teaching methods and his fascinating research in the field of Paleopathology of South American mummies have earned him both national and international recognition.

Dr. Gerszten retired on January 1, 2009, but his influence on the MCV Campus endures. He is now continuing his daily activities as a Professor Emeritus.

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