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Women in Science: A Conversation with Alumni Healthcare Leaders

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DR. BETH LIEBERMAN '68 was born and raised in Laurelton, New York, attending PS 156, JHS 59, and Andrew Jackson High School.

At the age of ten, Beth experienced firsthand the devastation that serious illness could have on a family when her younger sister, Madeline, developed measles, was hospitalized in a coma, and left with a brain injury requiring 24-hour care. It was at this point in her life that Beth became determined to pursue a career in medicine so that she could someday hope to prevent this terrible childhood illness and help others.

She attended Queens College with a major in chemistry, graduating with honors in January 1968. Beth was accepted to the New York University School of Medicine.

Beth loved NYU Medical School and made lifelong friendships with her fellow students.

She began her obstetrics and gynecology residency at NYU-Bellevue in July of 1973.

Beth completed her OB/GYN Residency in 1977 and was appointed to the full-time faculty at NYU in the Department of OB/GYN as an assistant professor. She

was the director of the Abortion Services at Bellevue and assumed the obstetrics practice of Dr. Mark Beckman.

Beth continued to practice gynecology in her office at Kips Bay and at The Manhattan Veterans Hospital until February 2007 when she contracted endometrial cancer with post-operative lymphedema. She took a medical leave for the rest of 2007 and then was struck by a car as a pedestrian in the summer of 2008. She sustained multiple fractures of her right ankle, right knee, and lumbar spine. She reluctantly gave up the idea of returning to practice because of the multiple surgeries and years of physical therapy needed to walk again.

She is most proud of NYU's full scholarship program for all students and has established a scholarship for a needy student in memory of her mother, Miriam Weinstein Guggenheim. Lieberman is proud of her New York City public school education and is most appreciative of her sensational educational experience attending Queens College. Her liberal arts education at Queens enriched her life and introduced her, not only to biomedical and physical science, but to art, music, contemporary civilization, classical literature, and so much more.

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ZENA KAUFMAN '77 had a distinguished career as an executive in pharmaceutical and medical device quality systems and is a recognized thought leader in global pharmaceutical quality systems. She had the honor to be a part of the Expert Working Group on International Conference on Harmonization Quality Guideline, ICH Q10, Pharmaceutical Quality Systems, representing Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

Zena is on the board of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom and chair of the Fundraising Development Committee. The mission of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom is to build trust, respect, and relationships between Muslim and Jewish women and teenage girls. She is also serving on the Board of the Hunter College Hillel. In addition, she is the President of Mercury

Masters, the only New York Road Runners Running (NYRR) Club exclusive to women 50 years and above. This amazing group of women participate in all NYRR events, including half marathons and marathons.

Zena received a Bachelor's of Science degree in biology from Queens College and a Master's of Science degree in marine environmental sciences from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She met her husband, Professor Emeritus Lon Kaufman, while they were both undergraduates at Queens College. You can find Zena frequently running in Central Park or grabbing a slice of NYC pizza.

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