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**Using your QC Degree to Become an MD:
A Special Conversation with Eric Treiber '72 and
Olivier Noel '11, moderated by Richard Barakat '81**

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OLIVIER NOEL is a physician resident in the Plastic and Reconstructive surgery residency program at Yale University School of Medicine. He is the founder and CEO of DNAsimple, a startup company that helps accelerate genetic research by connecting DNA

donors with research scientists.

In 2018, Noel was the inaugural Louise M. Slaughter National DNA Day Keynote Lecturer at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In 2017, he was named a “30 Under 30” honoree in science by *Forbes* magazine, a “Top-40 Healthcare Transformer” by *MM&M* magazine and a “Top-10 Most Influential Haitian” by *MagHaiti* magazine. In total, he has received more than two dozen accolades.

Noel has been highlighted in the *New York Daily News*, NPR, ABC, CBS radio, CNBC, and other prominent news outlets for his academic and entrepreneurial

achievements. Noel was also featured on ABC’s show *Shark Tank* where he struck a deal with the billionaire mogul Mark Cuban for his company DNAsimple.

He has authored several manuscripts, a book chapter, a patent, and has been an invited keynote speaker at more than a dozen institutions and venues, including the One Young World summit in the Netherlands. He currently serves on the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director’s Working Group on Diversity and the Queens College Foundation Board of Trustees.

Noel earned his MD and PhD at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in 2021 as a member of the Medical Scientist Training Program. He completed his PhD in biochemistry and molecular genetics in 2018 in the laboratories of Glenn Gerhard and James Broach, where his research thesis focused on characterizing the genetics behind the positive health effects in patients following bariatric surgery and developing novel therapies for diabetic patients.

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Noel grew up in Haiti and moved to Queens, NY at age 18 after attending St. Louis de Gonzague High School. He graduated from Queens College in New York, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry with a concentration in biochemistry and honors in the mathematical and natural sciences in 2011. There, he performed undergraduate research studies in the laboratory of Nathalia G. Holtzman and was an American Heart Association and National Institute of Health (NIH) fellow.

Noel currently resides in New Haven, Connecticut with his wife, Christina, and six-month-old daughter, Celine.



RICHARD BARAKAT is an internationally recognized surgeon and clinical investigator. He currently serves as the physician-in-chief and director of cancer at Northwell Health Cancer Institute and the Edward and Carole Miller Distinguished Chair in Cancer at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

Barakat previously was chief of the Gynecology Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) from 2001–2013, and he held the Ronald O. Perelman Chair in Gynecologic Surgery. He was the lead investigator on several influential research projects at MSK, including a study to compare the benefits of laparoscopic versus standard surgery for patients with endometrial cancer, a study evaluating symptomatic

lower-extremity lymphedema in women treated for uterine corpus cancer, and a study testing the efficacy of the gynecologic cancer lymphedema questionnaire in detecting lower-extremity lymphedema symptoms.

Barakat received his BA from Queens College and his MD from SUNY Downstate. He also earned an MBA from the Columbia University School of Business.



ERIC TREIBER graduated from Queens College in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in biology. In 1976, Treiber received his MD degree at the Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC. He continued training in internal medicine at Cornell Medical Center in New York City. After practicing internal medicine for ten years, Treiber returned for three additional years of training in dermatology and dermatologic surgery.

He now practices dermatology and dermatologic surgery in Rye, New York and is an associate clinical professor of dermatology at Columbia University where he teaches medical students and doctors in training.

Treiber lives in Westchester with his wife Ruth Treiber. He has two sons, two daughters-in-law, and three granddaughters.