

# Kim's Story...

**K**im M. Olthoff, MD, is professor of Surgery in the Division of Transplantation at the University of Pennsylvania, joining the surgical faculty in 1995. Dr. Olthoff received her medical degree from the University of Chicago in 1986, and completed a residency in general surgery at UCLA followed by a fellowship in transplantation and hepatobiliary surgery at the Dumont – UCLA Transplant Center.

**D**r. Olthoff is the Director of the Liver Transplant Program at the Penn Transplant Institute, where more than 120 liver transplants are performed each year, and the Director of the Transplant Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, one of the largest multiorgan pediatric transplant programs in the country. Her clinical practice focuses on adult and pediatric liver transplantation, living donor transplantation, and surgery for hepatobiliary malignancies. She directs the multidisciplinary tumor conference and the Liver Cancer Clinic at the Penn Transplant Institute.



Dr. Olthoff is currently the Secretary for the American Society of Transplant Surgery. She is also the Vice-chair for the Liver-intestine Committee of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the body that oversees organ allocation in the United States. She has been a board member for UNOS, Councilor for the International Pediatric Transplantation Association, and is also actively involved in the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases. Dr. Olthoff has an active research laboratory in both basic and translational research and is a recipient of NIH funding for studies in liver regeneration, living donor transplantation, and immunologic monitoring studies in transplant recipients. She has authored or coauthored more than 100 original papers and book chapters, and serves as an Associate Editor for the journal *Liver Transplantation*.

### *In Kim's own words:*

When I think of what doors ELAM has opened for me, I realize that the list is endless: ELAM has opened the Provost's door, the Dean's door, the CEO's door, the Chair's door, the

CFO's door... My ELAM experience was **emboldening**. Think back, we all remember the Towering Visions exercise; this left a lasting imprint. I also remember shopping for "power suits" at ML Lawrence and the "gently used" suits at the second-hand store in DC.

*"Personally, I have used [the ELAM Network]"*

**I**t's amazing to see what the ELAM Alumnae can accomplish as they work together. At the University of Pennsylvania, the ELUM network guides the direction of some of the activities coming out of the dean's office. Personally, I have used it for successful negotiation in my department, and in being asked to look at chief jobs elsewhere.

**I**t is important to give back to ELAM. I do because I would like to see other women at my institution have the same opportunity as I did. Particularly to experience the networking and support that ELAM has provided. I know my contributions help to support future classes. My contributions make a difference.

*...supporting a legacy of women's leadership*

# Thank you, Class of 2004



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(ELAM Class of 1997)*

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in ELAM stewardship.**

**Wow! Thank you for your continued support.**

The ELAM® Program was established as a legacy of women's leadership rooted in the first medical school for women. **This legacy of women's leadership now continues with YOU.** Many ELUMs have described their experience in ELAM as life changing, transformational, empowering and affirming. Others have called it priceless and a gift. Participating in ELAM requires a significant commitment. We ask for your continued commitment and support, to ELAM and to advancing the legacy of women's leadership, through your gift.

As we celebrate the successes of ELUMs, we recognize that our work remains far from done. Along with preparing women for roles as leaders and change agents, we are committed to provide continuing stewardship of your leadership journeys. With your help, we will begin to plan a range of activities focusing on ELUMs by:

**Building the ELAM Community:** expanding support for national and regional face-to-face meetings of ELAM alumnae with seed grants from our new Legacy Fund as well as more powerful virtual connections

**Sustaining Successful Leadership and Transitions:** reaching out to address all aspects of the leadership continuum, from changing roles to moving to new positions within or beyond their institution

**Developing Post-ELAM Educational Opportunities:** creating a portfolio of advanced modules to further your professional development beyond ELAM

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*In April 2009, the graduating ELAM class raised more than \$20,000 in donations and pledges, with the goal of establishing explicit support for ELAM alumnae programming. With their generous initial contribution of \$7,000, ELAM has initiated the Legacy Fund aimed at providing support for community building within and across classes and learning communities. Once the Legacy Project funds reach \$25,000, ELAM will establish a process for ELAM alumnae to apply for seed grants to sponsor class reunions, regional ELUM gatherings and similar events. In the Legacy Fund's initial phase, a portion of your gift will go to building this fund.*