

“As all of us do, I have innumerable warm and happy memories of Sandy. Perhaps my most lasting was one of her support during our ICU visits to a very ill and dear mutual friend. Love you to the moon My Friend!”

-Sue Afonso





“I had 3 kids within a year and a half during my Residency at U Mass.

I was the first person Sandy saw each morning when she arrived to work.

I was living in Rhode Island and with those kids at home, I left the house by 5 and was in the library at 545 each morning to study as I knew there would be little time for work when I got home.

I am currently a partner with AMI Atlantic Medical Imaging in south Jersey and President of the Medical Staff at Atlanticare Regional Medical Center {ARMC}.

Sandy wishing you well! Thanks for everything.”

- Craig Glick



“Congratulations Sandy! Loved my time in UMass from 1998-2002. Attaching a quick pic I just took with myself and Connor (14..and won't smile) and Sophia (11). Apologies for the amateur selfie. Cheers!”

-David Kydd





“Sandy,

Your attention to the non clinical aspects of training let us focus on the medicine allowing us to become the radiologists we are today.”

- Justin, Alice, Anjali, Luke and Mark Tholany

“Congratulations, Sandy on your retirement. You're the big sister who kept me grounded through my four years. Remember little Mikey, now 28, in plaid. Then, there's Christopher, a UMass baby that you saw me through those 9 months gestation; he's now 26. Thank you for all you've done.”

-Ann Tran



Resident class of 1992 with then resident director the late Cynthia Umali, Craig Glick, Laura Perry and Ann Tran. →



“I was a resident in radiology from 2009-2013. Sandy was truly like the glue of our residency. She was always there for us with a smiling face and a full candy dish! She dedicated herself to the residents and she is so deserving of this honor. I miss you Sandy!”

-Lauren Pincus (Singer)



“First, congratulations to Sandy! May you enjoy many, many years of happy, healthy retirement.

Sandy - you were, hands down, the most wonderful person on the department....always able to answer any question, always happy to help, always supportive, kind, and pleasant. I remember you as the center of the UMass Rad Department Universe! Even long after completing the program, your voice was good to hear the few times I had to reach out for some documentation or other such thing.



I understand there have been some major "upheavals" since my time in the department. I'm sure you were an anchor for the residents who had to weather those storms.

God bless you and thank you for everything.”

- Joan DeSantis

Private Practice in Western Mass



“My wife and I have known and worked with Sandy since forever. I first met Sandy when she started in the Radiology Department in 1978 in the Radiology file room. Shortly after that, she became the librarian in the Radiology library where she served admirably until her retirement. When I had a question requiring a Medlars search, she always found the references and papers within a very short time. My wife, Gerry, dealt with Sandy often regarding issues with the residents and fellows as Gerry was the Outreach Coordinator for Employee Health, dealing with medical clearances and the frequent needle sticks. Our contacts were always friendly and

professional. It is fitting that this room is being dedicated in her honor, recognizing her dedication to the Department and the Residents and Fellows.”

-Larry & Gerry Moss





“She is definitely one of those people who you are so grateful to have in your life! She is so generous with her time and heart, without giving a second thought to herself. That is so rare, especially in this day and age. She’s also down to earth and hilarious! I have so many great memories of just walking into her office and just talking...about anything! She was my gossip buddy and no topic was taboo. I had so much fun with Sandy during my residency and I miss her and think about her often!! She really got me through my residency and I couldn’t have done it without her! She is truly the best and I think it is so great she is getting the recognition that she deserves! Love ya lots Sandy!”

-Jeanette Chun  
Lahey Medical Center in Burlington, MA





"You were there for us every step of the way, and I wholeheartedly appreciate everything you've done for me."

-Arash Bedayat



I have so many good memories about Sandy and I can't really imagine those 4 years without her. Having someone who is always there for you, and in your corner, is invaluable as a resident. And I always smile thinking about how she would use her expressions to let us know exactly what she was thinking without saying a word!

-David Sheehan

Working in Doylestown, PA



“We are all still so fond of Sandy!  
During our residency, Sandy provided us great comfort and support. She was our primary caretaker and the soul of our residency existence!

The five of us now practice diagnostic radiology with HALLMARK IMAGING ASSOCIATES based in Melrose, MA. We kiddingly call ourselves "UMASS East"!!



We are affiliated with Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose and Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford. Olga is the Director of Breast Imaging at the Comprehensive Breast Center of Hallmark Health. Wayne, Coralli and Eugene also provide interventional radiology services. We love you, Sandy!”

-Wayne Wivell, MD Residency Class of 1997 ; David Kwon, MD Residency Class of 1998 ; Coralli So, MD Residency Class of 2000 ; Olga Efimova, MD, PhD Residency Class of 2002 ; Eugene Tikh, MD, PhD Residency Class of 2013 and Interventional Radiology Fellowship 2014



“I finished my residency in 2007. Currently, I’m an assistant professor at the University of Maryland specializing in Trauma and Emergency Radiology. I had my first child Mason while a resident at UMASS. He is now 11 years old. I had a set of twins, Sara and Seth, when I was a fellow and they are now 7 years old and my youngest, Elena is now 5 years old.



I’m sad to hear Sandy is retiring, but she totally deserves to rest. She was always there for us and would do anything to help us! There’s not enough kind things I can say about her, she was our mom away from home.”

Krystal Archer-Arroyo



“Sandy and Cynthia will always be part of my greatest memories during my residency years ! I will always treasure how kind and welcoming Sandy always was to me and all the residents. Sandy makes the daily work a better place. Enjoy retirement

I have been practicing in private practice after finishing my Women's Imaging fellowship at BWH 2004. I am the breast imaging director for Simon Med Florida

Sandy enjoy retirement. Your kindness will always make the world a better place!”

-Idelisa Torres





Appetizers:  
Pub Shrimp Cocktail  
Maryland Crab Cakes  
Bruschetta Sampler

Desserts:  
\*Tiramisu Pudding  
\*Choc. Chip Cheesecake  
\* Apple Caramel Pie  
\* Kentucky Derby Pie  
\* Apple-Cinnamon  
Blond Pudd.  
\* Monster Cookie Sundae  
\* Straw Shortcake

“Sandy, It has been an honor and a privilege to work side by side with you for up to 30 years. We have seen a lot of good Radiology Residents/ and Fellows pass through during this time.

- Love Kathy D.”

“Congratulations Sandy! Residency was so tough but I still have fond memories of my time at UMass due in no small part Sandra Costa.”



- Frank Cabell  
Private Practice in Tyler, Texas



“Sandy was an oasis of calm, compassion and quiet humor. We glided in and out of her library which was the hub of the residents world. What a wonderful and unimaginably helpful woman! I wouldn't have made it through without her!

Picture is of 3 former residents: Olga, Mary Lou and Vanessa”

-Mary Lou Morris

“Sandra was always the voice of reason, support, kindness and efficiency. When at wits end, she was always the one I could talk to for sound advise and encouragement. Truly one of the great assets of UMass. She is one fine person! Here's to you, Sandy”

- Robert Bert, M.D, Ph.D.

Associate Professor and Section Chief of Neuroradiology at the University of Louisville



“Sandy, we have seen many friends and colleagues like Patricia Kleinman and her son, Anthony Belanger, PhD. Patricia worked with Andrew Karellas in the Radiological Physics section on performance evaluation of radiologic equipment and on quality assurance. She now works in Boston and Anthony is married and he works as a radiochemist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. It is always neat how being here for so long that we have had the pleasure to see families like Patty's flourish over the years. Love Kathy D”



“My name is Avani Mehta. I was a radiology resident at UMass from 2002-2006 and now I'm practicing in the breast center at Barnabas Health Medical Center in Livingston, NJ. I remember Sandy Costa as the heart of our residency. The years that I was a resident were tumultuous for the department as well as the residency. Sandy was always the person that I would turn to for a smile and constant words of encouragement.

We knew she always had our best interests in mind. She worked tirelessly and endlessly. I will always remember her with the utmost fondness and wish her so much happiness in her retirement.”

-Avani Mehta  
Barnabas Health  
Medical Center





"Sandy was absolutely amazing. Not only did she have a calming influence during stressful times, but she had the answers to EVERYTHING--and the patience to answer multiple questions every day! I wish she could have come with me after residency!"

- Hetal Verma, MD

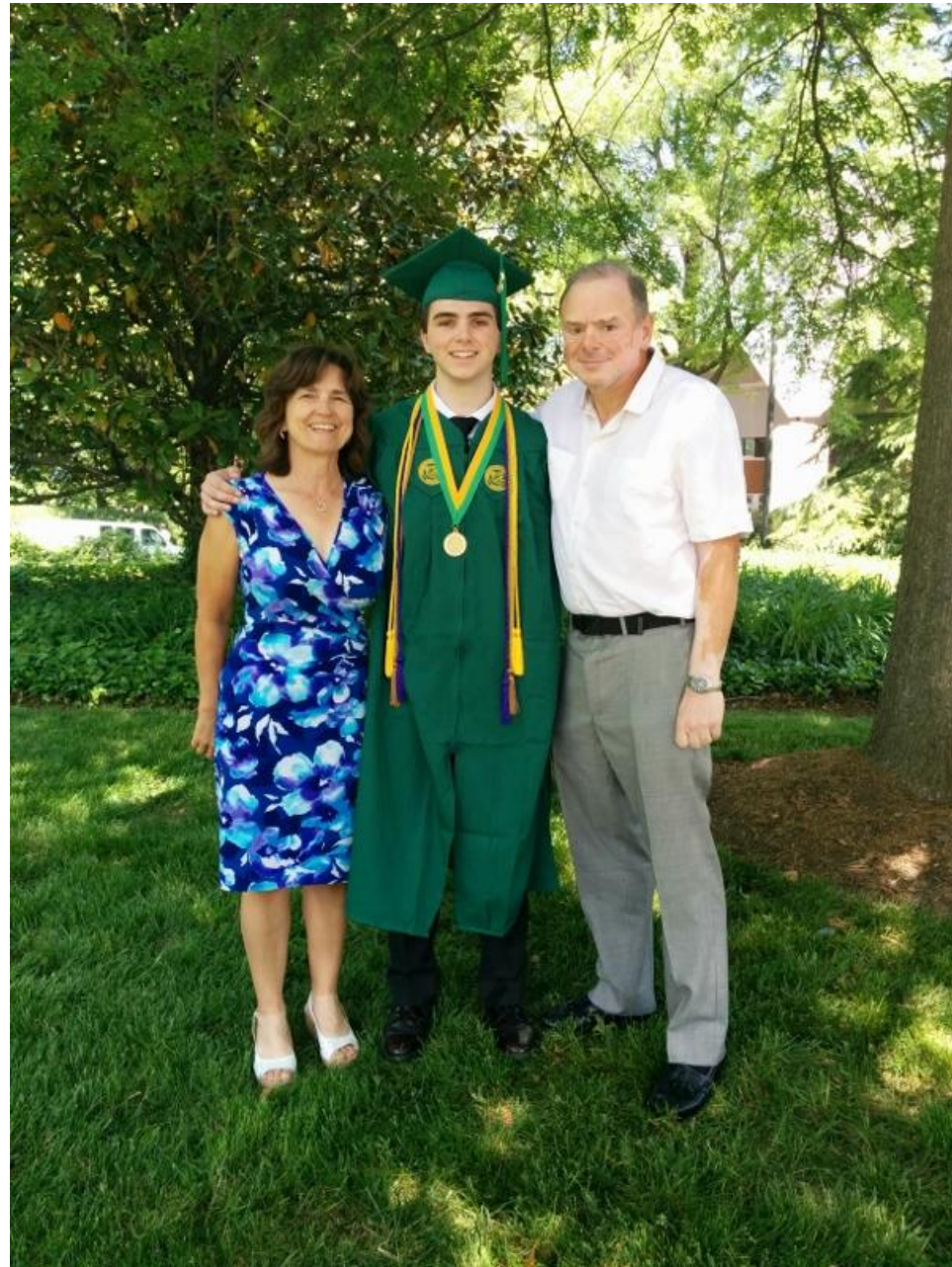
Cambridge Health Alliance



“Sandy, thanks so much for cleaning up and organizing all of the books in the radiology library back in the day when Hi-fi was high tech, before the Internet was widely available using wi-fi, smartphones and tablets. We couldn't have done it nearly as well as we did without you! I'll always remember your smiling face behind that desk in the corner of the department library - I can only imagine all the gossip you so demurely kept confidential! All the best to you in your well-deserved retirement!

P.S. The photo is of our son's (Peter) college graduation from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA last year. And he has a job to boot! :-)”

-Barbara Biber, MD  
Spectrum Medical Group  
South Portland, Maine







“There are no words to express how grateful I am for all the things you did for me during my years at UMass. People like you are one in a million and you always treated me as if I was part of your family and soon you became part of mine. I wish you all the happiness in the world during your retirement and please continue to share that contagious smile. Take care and congrats for this well deserved honor :)”

- Myriam Bermudez  
Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago

“Congratulations Sandy to a wonderful career at UMMC. How will the department function without you? Whenever I reminisce with fellow alumni, your name is always mentioned with fond memories. What I remember most is your kind heart, your warm smile and your sincere concern for the residents that helped make the stressful times bearable. Thank you.”

- Jack Ryan, Gainesville FL  
Class of 1996



*"Sandy helped change my life. I was a pediatrics resident at UMass trying to change my career and enter radiology residency against all odds. I applied for an open residency position in radiology at UMass and crossed my fingers. I met Sandy several times during this "outside-the-match" application and interview process for guidance and reassurance. Sandy helped with every step of the process. Sandy informed me very quietly one day in the hallway of the department that I was given the open residency position and I'll never forget the congratulatory handshake she gave me as I had tears in my eyes.*

*Little did I know that this was my introduction to an individual who would serve as a treasured mentor and confidant to me throughout my residency. She was crucial to me as a chief resident. Her guidance and gentle reminders always served me well. I couldn't have done it without her. She is the best!! Thank you and good luck, Sandy!"*

- Thaddeus Herliczek  
Brown University





“I'm very grateful to Sandy for her help and dedication to the residency program! I graduated 2014. I currently work in Kingston NY and live in Red Hook NY. Our oldest children Liam and Arabella were born when I was a resident. They are 5 and 3. The twins Sophie and Phoebe will be two in July. Take care.”  
-Tim Madden



“I live in Phoenix, Arizona with my husband Ian and daughters Olivia and Sophia. I am Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona and work at the Phoenix VA. Olivia was born at the end of my residency and so Sandy will remember her as a little baby.

What I remember most about Sandy is her wonderful calm nature, how she was always there for us, ready to listen to our problems or help us in anyway.

I can just picture her smiling face in the library behind the desk, often chatting to Dr. Umali, and her consistent serene presence was so helpful to us in our residency.

Please wish her all the best from all of my family, I hope that she has a wonderful retirement, and please thank her for all that she did for us. Best wishes, Vanessa Stipinovich”

-Vanessa Stipinovich



“Rob Sheiman (1988-1993) and Laura Perry (1988-1992) have fond memories of the "old" radiology library where Sandy was always ready to assist with info gathering in the pre-internet age when we actually made "Teaching Files" on large film folders (Laura illustrated hers). Remember Craig Glick's early morning study sessions? How about having to tell Jim Schuster not to use the books as a clipboard during noon conference? Remember the department pot-luck lunches? We remember it all fondly, and especially you, Sandra Costa!”

Rob has spent his career at BIDMC where he is now Associate Professor in Abdominal Imaging and Intervention. Laura and Rob met on their first day at UMass, married in 1994 and, perhaps surprisingly, remain happily married. Laura is a Clinical Assistant Professor at HMS doing IR at BIDMC and more recently also at the West Roxbury VA and Cooley-Dickinson hospital in Northampton, MA.





“Sorry I can’t be there,  
greetings from Utah!”  
-Joseph Makris & family





*Happy  
Retirement,  
Sandy!*

*Thank you for  
everything!*