

**Andrew Matrigrano, MD '74**  
*2004 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient*

Andrew Matrigrano, MD graduated from Stony Brook's School of Medicine in 1974. He serves as an associate in the Department of Thoracic Medicine at Geisinger Medical Center, a tertiary care center and teaching hospital in Danville, Pennsylvania, where he also directs the Pulmonary Lab and Sleep Lab. He completed his residency and fellowship training at Harlem Hospital in New York and holds certificates in Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Disease, and Sleep Disorders.

Twelve Years ago Dr. Matrigrano began participating in medical mission trips to Latin America. For the past six years he as worked with helpings Hand for Honduras (HHH), a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for the people and communities of Honduras.

The 'medical brigade' usually treats about 2,000 patients suffering from musculoskeletal problems, hypertension, diabetes, asthma, skin infections, dental abscesses, parasitic infestation, anemia, and malnutrition. Thanks to donations from non-profit organizations, pharmaceutical companies, as well as individuals, they are able to provide medication to the patients who have no access to pharmacies.

Most recently the team has worked out of the Catarino Gomez Medical Clinic in La Paz, an area with no electricity or running water. The clinic was built by the local people with the assistance of HHH. Using this clinic as a base, the team also travels to the surrounding mountain villages, remote from any medical center.

It is with pride that we recognize Andrew Matrigrano as a graduate of this School of Medicine. It is an honor to present him with a 2004 Distinguished Alumni Award for his accomplished career and for his commitment and service to the people and communities of Honduras.