Chris Donatelli (MD ’11) was just 5 months old when his father, John Donatelli (MD ’85), graduated. Photographers snapped pictures of the new doc holding his little boy, and his little boy holding his diploma. The young Donatelli remembers looking through all the books in his dad’s home office, and how, even as a child, he thought about being a doctor like his dad.

A total of six of the Class of 2011’s freshly minted MDs are keeping it in the family. Amy Bregar’s (MD ’11) parents, Melissa McNeil and Frank Bregar, graduated together in 1980. Nicholas Greco’s (MD ’11) dad, Frank Greco, graduated in 1978, and his mom, Maria Costa-Greco, followed two years later. Richard Lewis, father of Clayton Lewis (MD ’11), graduated in 1973. Vanessa Thomas (MD ’11) is a third-generation Pitt meder, with both her parents and her paternal grandfather calling Pitt their alma mater.

Josh Levenson has more than one familial connection to the School of Medicine. His father, David Levenson, is on the clinical faculty at Shadyside Hospital, and Levenson got to work with him during one of his clinical rotations. “It was a great bonding experience,” he says.

Levenson’s great uncle, Paul Caplan, is a member of the Class of 1936 and, at 97 years of age, our oldest living alumnus. Caplan, who recently endowed a research grant in perpetuity for the Department of Rheumatology, read the Hippocratic Oath at his great nephew’s White Coat Ceremony four years ago. “You had no choice, you were going to go to the University of Pittsburgh,” Caplan told Levenson. “That’s the only medical school in the country of note,” he said laughing. —Alexis Wnuk