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Dr. James T. Goodrich, MD, PhD was an inspiration to be the best we can be.

Dr. James T. Goodrich, renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, passed away on March 30, 2020, due to complications of COVID-19. An accomplished brain and craniofacial reconstructive surgeon, he is best known for pioneering surgeries to separate craniopagus twins. He was the Director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Montefiore Medical Center and Professor of Clinical Neurological Surgery, Pediatrics, Plastic, and Reconstructive Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he spent more than 30 years. He was also Professor Contralto of Neurological Surgery at the University of Palermo in Palermo, Italy.

Dr. Goodrich was born in Portland, Oregon and served in the Marines during the Vietnam War. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of California, Irvine and his graduate and medical studies at Columbia University. Residency training was completed at Presbyterian Hospital in New York City and the New York Neurological Institute. He enjoyed the history of medicine, surfing, and travel.

Dr. Jacqueline Bello, Dr. Goodrich's longtime friend, colleague, and classmate said of him:

Truly a "Man for ALL Seasons", James T. Goodrich was my medical school classmate at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, fellow trainee at the Neurological Institute of New York, Montefiore colleague for more than 30 years, and close friend. Jim was all about service – serving his country with pride as a Marine, his profession with trailblazing innovation, and his patients with expertise and empathy.

He generously shared the international recognition he received for successful separation of Craniopagus twins, always acknowledging the team effort that was involved. His legacy



The photograph is courtesy of Montefiore Health System.

remains, outshining the many awards he received, both resolute and resilient, as he was . . . an inspiration to be the best we can be, in his memory and honor.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, his three sisters, and all those who were lucky enough to know him.

**Jacqueline A. Bello
Adam E. Goldman-Yassen**

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