

**William J. Cromie, MD, MBA**

Our first honoree is someone you all know very well – Bill Cromie.

One of the founders of CDPHP, as well as the brainchild behind the Physicians' Academy, Bill served as president and CEO of the Plan for seven years before retiring this past July.

We drafted him from the University of Chicago, where he held the post of vice chairman of the department of surgery, in addition to serving as professor of surgery and pediatrics.

Before accepting his appointment in Chicago, Bill served for 15 years as professor of surgery and pediatrics at Albany Medical Center, and chief of reconstructive urology. Prior to that, he served as staff surgeon at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, and as assistant chief of urology at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, following completion of his military service.

Bill holds an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Lally School, a medical degree from St. Louis University Medical School, and a bachelor's degree from Fordham University. A gifted teacher and surgeon, he is internationally recognized in the field of medicine, and has received numerous honors.

He was the senior scholar for the MacLean Center for Medical Ethics in Chicago, and was a founding member of the Lumen Christi Institute at the University of Chicago. A former governor of the American College of Surgeons, Bill is also a past president of the Society for Pediatric Urology.

Bill has worked tirelessly to support the communities in which he has lived and worked. One of the founding board members of the Albany Ronald McDonald House, Bill has also served on the boards of the National Ronald McDonald Children's Charity; the American College at Louvain, Belgium; St. Ignatius College Prep; and many others.

We are honored to induct him into the Physician's Academy to pay homage to his exceptional leadership at CDPHP; his gifted surgical and teaching skills which have benefited many patients and medical students over the years; and his extraordinary contributions to the Capital Region community.