

Curriculum Vitae

Benjamin Graber, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

Personal

Benjamin Graber was born in Kassel, Germany, immigrated to the United States in 1949 and became a naturalized citizen in 1955. He was raised in the Bronx, New York and educated in the New York City public school system, and graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School. Since 1970, he has been married to Sandra Alter Graber, MS, Ed.D. They have three daughters, Mylissa Amy Graber, M.D.; Geneen Robin Graber, Pharm.D.; and Cari Danielle Graber, D.O.

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Education

- Awarded Bachelors of Liberal Arts Degree, Queens College of the City University of New York in 1970. Concentration: Behavioral science and pre-medical studies.
- Awarded Doctor of Medicine Degree from Texas Tech. University, School of Medicine in 1975.
- Completed residency program in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Monmouth Medical Center, an affiliate of the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia in 1978. Served as chief resident.
- Graduate of Campaign Management Program of the American Medical Association-Political Action Committee in 1987.

Professional Certifications, Public Service Titles and Recognition

- Honored as a diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1980.
- Inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1980.

Memberships

- American Medical Association
- Florida Medical Association
- Broward County Medical Association
- American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists

- American Fertility Society
- Florida OB-GYN Society

Public Service

- Served in the Florida State House of Representatives, 1988-1996 (four terms); retired voluntarily to run for higher office
- Candidate for U.S. Congress, 1996
- Elected to Broward County Commission, 2000-present
- Vice Mayor—elected November 2004
- Mayor—elected November 2005

Prime Sponsor of Laws Passed During Legislative Tenure

- **1989**
 - Child Custody Investigation Improvement
 - Juvenile Substance Abuse Prevention
 - Developmental Disabilities Enhancement of Services
 - Academics False Representation Prevention
 - Early Childhood Assistance Increased
- **1990**
 - Enhancement of Development Disabilities Bill
 - Check Cashing Credit Card Use Fraud Prevention
- **1991**
 - Department of Elder Affairs Creation
 - School Zone Speed Limits Safety
 - Driving Under the Influence Enforcement
 - Private Transportation - Public Schools Regulation
 - Health Care Facilities and Services Regulation
- **1992**
 - Clean Indoor Air Act Creation
 - Condominium and Cooperative Laws Improvement
 - Health Care Recession/Sunset Improvement
 - Medicaid Clinic Services Expansion
 - Health Care Administration Agency Creation
- **1993**
 - Assisted Reproductive Technology/National Model Regulation
 - Minority Health Improvement Act Expansion
 - Home Health Agencies Sunset Improvement
 - Community Health Purchasing Alliance/National Model Creation
 - Health Care Insurance Reform Act of 1993/National Model of Managed Competition Creation
 - Worker's Compensation Reform Act of 1993
 - National Model of Managed Care in Worker's Compensation Creation

- **1994**
 - Advanced Directive for Health Care Regulation
 - Health Care for Infants and Toddlers Expansion
 - Police and Firefighters Death Benefits Improve
 - Rural Hospital /Medicaid Assistance Act Expansion
 - Regional Poison Control Centers Expanded Statewide
 - Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment
 - Retirement Communities Health Care Expansion
 - Family Practice Teaching Hospitals Expansion
 - Tuberculosis Control Improvement
 - Florida Health Security Act 1994
 - Received federal Medicaid waiver for enactment
 - Worked closely with White House and received bi-partisan support
 - Proposed nationally
- **1995**
 - Medicaid Outpatient Dialysis Expansion
 - Universal Health Services Support Organizations Creation
 - Ob-Gyn Primary Care Physicians Enactment
 - Medicaid Funds School Districts Expansion
 - Rural Health Networks Creation
 - Organ and Tissue Donation Expansion
 - 1995 Florida Healthnet-Medicaid Prepaid Plan Regulation Proposal
 - Long Term Care Managed Care Pilot Enactment
 - Tobacco Liability Act
 - Allowed for settlement of \$13 billion for state
- **1996**
 - The Managed Care Reform Act of 1996
 - Regulating Medicaid and establishing Children's Medical Services as an alternative service network for Medicaid

County Commission Service

- **Boards and Committees**
 - Emergency Medical Services Council, 2000-present
 - HIV Health Services Planning Council, 2000-2001, 2003-present
 - Public Safety Coordinating Council, 2000-2002
 - Resource Recovery Board, 2000-present
 - City/County Liaison Group, 2001-2002, 2004-present
 - Emergency Medical Services/ Fire Rescue Task Force, 2002-2003
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization, 2003-2005
 - Water Advisory Board, 2003-2004
 - Broward County Planning Council, 2004-present
 - Tri-County Medical Task Force, 2005-present

- **Co-Sponsorship of Ordinances Passed During County Commission Service**
 - Fire Rescue reorganization, 2002
 - Animal Care and Regulation, increasing spay and neuter programs, amended 2002
 - Procurement policy reorganization, 2004
- **Mayor's Activities**
 - Established a committee system comprised of budget committees, select committees (attainable housing, international business development, downtown government campus, government procurement process, airport and seaport development, hurricane preparedness, judicial court complex, convention center hotel, ethics), and summit joint committees (with the Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, Clerk of the Courts, the League of Cities, the Legislative Delegation, and the School Board of Broward County), and Medicaid Reform Joint Committees with the North and South Broward Hospital Districts
 - Led a 34-member business delegation on a trade mission to China during which an agreement with COSCO/Evergreen for all-water service between Port Everglades and the Far East was signed, effective June 14, 2006
 - Led Hurricane Wilma recovery effort and preparation for future storms

Television/media appearances

- Comcast Newsmakers, December 1, 2005, discussion of plans as Mayor
- BECON, *Countyline*, January 13, 2006, discussion of county issues
- WPLG, *This Week in South Florida with Michael Putney*, April 23, 2006, discussion of county issues
- BECON, *Countyline*, May 4, 2006, discussion of hurricane preparedness and recovery
- WPBT, *Issues*, May 5, 2006, discussion of hurricane preparedness and recovery
- CBS4, *Sunday Morning with Elliot Rodriguez* May 12, 2006, discussion of Management and Efficiency Study Results, affordable housing, slot machines, and hurricane season
- Sun-Sentinel, *Face to Face* profile, May 14, 2006
- BECON, *Countyline*, June 1, 2006, discussion of affordable housing

Academic Appointments

- Courtesy Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Florida College of Medicine, Department of OB-GYN, 1993 - present
- Voluntary Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Miami School of Medicine, Department of OB-GYN, 1998 - present
- Representative for American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG), District 10, Southeast Florida, 2000 - 2003

Recent Publications

- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “Dual Interests Served By Commission Vote,” February 20, 2001
- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “Is a Strong Mayor Really Necessary?,” December 10, 2001
- *Miami Herald*, Editorial, “Touch-Screen Technology Is Put to a Vote,” December 11, 2001
- *Miami Herald*, Editorial, “Auditor General is Good News for Broward,” March 5, 2002
- *Miami Herald*, Editorial, “FCAT is archaic, unfair,” September 13, 2002
- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “Remedy is in Sight,” October 28, 2002
- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “Share Election Office Duties With Commission,” January 6, 2003
- *Miami Herald*, Editorial, “Need for Business Expansion at Port Everglades,” March 1, 2003
- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “Crisis Management Without a Crisis,” April 23, 2003
- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “Partnership Can Pave Way for Others,” June 23, 2003
- *Miami Herald*, Editorial, “Broward County’s Procurement Process Needs Upgrading,” August 16, 2003
- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “Downtown Courthouse Facility In Need of Master Plan,” January 19, 2004
- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “The Twilight of Our Civil Liberties Is Upon Us,” March 22, 2004
- *Miami Herald*, Editorial, “Pari-Mutuels Fuel Local Economy,” January 28, 2005
- *Florida Medical Business*, “Vice Mayor Urges Involvement in Mental Health Program,” March 2005
- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “Opportunity Should Not Be Missed,” February 13, 2006
- *Sun-Sentinel*, Editorial, “Add ‘Need’ to Tax Structure,” April 17, 2006

Awards and Recognitions

- Certificate of Grateful Recognition, Florida Medical Association, September 1989
- Humanitarian of the Year, Broward County Young Democrats, 1989
- Sawgrass Chamber of Commerce Community Service, 1990
- Florida Society of Respiratory Care Keynote Speaker Appreciation, 1990
- Florida Association of Florida Accredited Private Schools Appreciation Award, 1991
- Appreciation of Dedication Outstanding Efforts, Concerned Alliance of the Mentally Ill, 1991
- Recognition of Service to Children, Kids In Distress, February 1990
- Community Service Award, Epilepsy Association of Broward County, 1992
- Appreciation Award from Florida International University on Quality Healthcare Programs, 1992
- Honorary Chairman, Hospital Day in the Legislature, Florida Hospital Association, February 1993

- Florida Chamber of Commerce Recognition In Support of Business, 1992
- Special Recognition Award In Appreciation of Healthcare Reform, Florida Academy of Family Physicians, June 1993
- Broward Community College, Presidential Leadership Award, June 1992
- Legislator of the Year for Support of Emergency Medicine of Florida College of Emergency Physicians, August 1993
- Florida Hospice Appreciation Award, February 1992 Representative of the Year Award, ARC of Broward, 1993
- Chamber Of Commerce Florida Roll Call Award, 1993, for Support of Business
- Appreciation of Guidance, Loyalty and Support of Local Health Planning of Florida, Florida Association of the Health Planning Agencies in Broward Regional Health Planning Councils, November 1993
- Children's Day Appreciation Award, Florida Children's Forum, 1993
- Legislative Leadership Award, Florida Medical Association, 1993
- Outstanding Service Dedicated to Humanitarian Ideals, The City of Hope Medical Center, Beckman Research Institute, January 1994
- Florida Chamber of Commerce Roll Call Award, 1994, for Support of Business
- Representative of the Year Award, Florida Association of Community Health Centers, 1994
- Rotary Club Service Above Self Award, 1993
- Outstanding Community Service Award, 1994, Wyeth East Laboratories and Broward County Medical Association, Orlando, May 1994
- Legislative of the Year Award, First Ever Presented, Florida Association of Counties, June 1994
- Subacute Month Health Care Award, Integrated Health Services, June 1994
- Legislator of the Year Award, Florida Society of Dermatologists, June 1994
- Harry G. Landrum Legislator of the Year Award, Florida Optometric Association, June 1994
- Outstanding State Legislator Award, Sawgrass Democratic Club, Tamarac, July 1994
- State Long Term Ombudsman Council Appreciation Award, May 1994
- Southeast Florida Outstanding Health Services Award, Nova Southeastern University Institute of Health and Policy Administration, October 1994
- Legislator of the Year Award, Florida College of Emergency Room and Physicians and Florida EMS Alliance, October 1994
- Legislator of the Year, Florida Society of Dermatology, 1994
- Florida Chamber of Commerce Roll Call for 1995 Award, for Support of Business
- The Gold Coast Builders Association Community Service Award, 1995
- Broward Alliance for the Mentally Ill Appreciation Award, 1995
- Florida OB-GYN Society Distinguished Leadership Award, 1995
- Florida AHEC Network Special Tribute, September 1995
- Florida Society of Ambulatory Surgical Centers Recognition Award, 1995
- Broward Legislative Delegation Recognition of Service Award, 1986-1988
- National Council of Jewish Women, Legislative Award, April 1996

- University of Florida Recognition Award, 1996
- South Florida Healthcare Executive Forum Appreciation Award, February 1996
- Broward Legislative Delegation Leadership Award, for Chairman, 1991-1992
- Stand Alone Award, Florida Women's Political Caucus, June 1996
- Today's Library Transformation Award, 1996
- Mental Health Association and Appreciation Award, June 1996
- Top Physicians of America Award, Consumer Research Council of America, 2002-2005
- American Professional Taxicab Drivers Association Appreciation Award, January 2003
- American Jewish Congress, Broward County Civic Leader of the Year, November 2003
- Puerto Rican Democratic Club Award, 2004
- Parkland/ Coral Springs Democratic Club Civic Leader of the Year, 2004
- Broward Coalition for the Homeless, Elected Official of the Year, November 2004
- Coral Springs Chamber of Commerce, Certificate of Appreciation, December 2004
- Named "Best Politician in Broward" in the "Best of 2005" issue of the Broward-Palm Beach New Times, May 2005
- Broward County Council of Professional Fire Fighters Trailblazer of the Year, May 2005

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