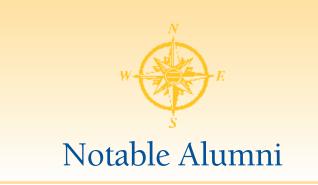




Dr. Nicholas V. Perricone '70



A Life of the Mind: Probing the Brain's Complexities

s a boy, James V. Cassella '76, spent long hours lining up building blocks to create small cities. He liked figuring out how objects worked. After taking an after-school psychology course in high school, he realized that he liked figuring out one object in particular: the human brain.

"UNH was clearly part of my success. It was a place where I thrived."

He majored in Psychology at the University of New Haven, then pursued the subject for a Ph.D. at Dartmouth College. A post-doctoral fellowship in the Psychiatry Department of the Yale University School of Medicine led to a chance encounter with his future wife, Denise, in a Yale passageway. Marriage, two children daughter Jessie, a sophomore at Santa Clara University, and son Bryan, a junior at Los Altos High School — and a job as an assistant professor of Neuroscience at Oberlin College in Ohio freed him from a future as a professional student. He was, officially, launched.

