



A Word from the Dean



Dear students,

In August, we welcomed to campus the MD class of 2011—the first to study and graduate as members of the recently renamed Warren Alpert Medical

School of Brown University. Ninety-six students strong, the class has completed its three-day orientation and has been welcomed by Toni and me at a reception in our home.

As always, the class of 2011, like the ones preceding it, boasts great diversity due to the variety of admissions routes and to the experiential background, talents and interests, and geographic origins of its members. Students in the class hail from twenty-eight states as well as from Singapore and Tanzania. Fifty-five percent of the matriculants are women while 14 percent constitute underrepresented minorities (including two students from Tougaloo College, with which we have a longstanding partnership). Ranging in age from 21 to 36, members of the class of 2011 have had interesting experiences under their belts, from participating in biomedical research projects to rebuilding homes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, from producing and directing documentary films to co-founding and directing nonprofit disease-specific organizations. And, as has been true in the past several years, this class's scholastic excellence is entirely on par with that of our Ivy League counterparts.

I am proud and pleased to welcome you, members of the class of 2011, to a rapidly

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Medical Student Affairs

Philip Gruppuso

Associate Dean for Medical Education

First of all, I'd like to welcome the members of the Class of 2011. It has been a pleasure getting to meet you during orientation and during the early part of this semester. I look forward to working with you during the next four years.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank a group of second-year students who spent the summer working on curriculum or curriculum-related tasks. A great many students will enjoy the benefits of their efforts during the coming year and future years.

Sareh Rajee, '10 was recruited by Dr. Richard Besdine, Director of the Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research, to make the "myCourses" WebCT site more functional so as to support development of a comprehensive curriculum on aging. However, Sareh greatly broadened the scope of her efforts. Working with Margaret Lamb, a senior instructional technologist in CIS, Sareh did a complete overhaul of the site. The Class of 2011 will most directly benefit from Sareh and Margaret's efforts this year, but we are hoping for an upgrade to the Class of 2010 site as well. One definable improvement that came out of Sareh and Margaret's work was to implement the WebCT search function such that one can now search content uploaded to both sites.

Drew Moraco, '10 targeted his efforts this past summer on a spectrum of syllabus material for IMS-I and IMS-II.

For those of you who have interacted with Drew, I'm sure you can appreciate that he is a "detail person" when it comes to curriculum content. He focused on selected areas of the syllabus that were among those that were less content-rich or well developed.

Jason Lambrese, '10 began his summer with the Doctoring retreat. Thereafter, he focused mostly on the first-year course, analyzing and revising the content, readings, and assignments. Part of this effort led to the creation of the online discussion board, a space on the Class of 2011 myCourses site where Doctoring small groups can have a virtual dialog with each other. This approach to maximizing small group discussion time was a direct result of student feedback. Jason also worked with both first- and second-year course leaders to further develop their syllabi, which, from a student perspective, will be a key element in further improving the Doctoring course experience.

Two students, Lauren De Leon and Chris Furey, spent their summer

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doing “anatomy redux.” The anatomy instructors had made a decision to adopt a new dissection guide for this year. But a new dissection guide needs to be validated, annotated and debugged. Lauren and Chris did this the only way possible – by completing a full cadaver dissection while using the new guide. The next generation of Alpert medical students will greatly benefit from this contribution by Lauren and Chris.

As an aside, four of these students – Lauren, Chris, Jason and Sareh – undertook their summer work as part of the requirements for a Scholarly Concentration in Medical Education. With regard to all of these students, and the many others who have contributed to curriculum development in the past two years, it is hard for me to express my gratitude for their commitment and their extraordinary contributions. I believe they exemplify an aspect of our medical school that distinguishes it from many others. I can’t imagine undertaking the process of curriculum redesign without the effort and ability that has been shown by so many students over the past two years. And, to Sareh, Drew, Jason, Lauren and Chris – a particular “thank you” for your work this past summer.

Office of Women in Medicine

Debra Abeshaus

Director

Greetings! The 2007 Women in Medicine Mentor Program is underway. The program promotes connections between women medical students early in their educational and professional studies, with women physicians based at Brown affiliated hospitals and in the community. A reception to bring together WIM mentors and mentees will be held next month (11/13, 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Brown Faculty Club). Please note: It is not too late for a “mentor match.” There are still some

evolving and open institution. In the years ahead, you will not only shape your own future, determine the direction of your careers in medicine and the biological sciences, but you will also play an important role in shaping the future of The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

With my best wishes,



wonderful opportunities available. For more information and to request a mentor, visit <http://bms.brown.edu/wim/mentor.html>, e-mail debra_abeshaus@brown.edu or call 863-2450/7960.

Strategies for Effective Feedback will be the topic for a presentation by K. Carey Baker, M.Ed., on November 8, 2007, 8:00 – 9:15 am, at the Brown Faculty Club. This program is part of the Office of Women in Medicine’s Professional Development Series, 2007-08. We welcome you to attend. Please RSVP by 11/1 to officeofwomeninmedicine@brown.edu.

The Office of Women in Medicine’s website <http://bms.brown.edu/wim/> links to many organizations related to women in medicine, women’s health and women in leadership. We welcome you to visit and to bookmark the “What’s New” page for the latest updates and announcements of upcoming OWM events.

Science Library

Tovah Reis

Medical School Librarian

Welcome to the new medical students, and a welcome back to all others.

The Medical Study Area is now on

the 11th floor of the SciLi. The area includes three large tables for studying, a white board, 10 carrels reserved for medical students, two sofas and chairs. In addition, on the north side of the building is located a collection of print medical textbooks, for building use only. We hope you will find this area conducive for studying.

Medical Connections, the portal for medical library resources and services at Brown, has been updated during the summer. The new features include, a list of online resources that are accessible via a PDA, and a section called “Tools for Study and Teaching”. Access Medical Connections from: <http://dl.lib.brown.edu/gateway/medcon/>

For access from off-campus, click on “Off-Campus Access”, put in your AuthID and password, and after logging in, you will be returned to the Medical Connection website.

Just a reminder that subject librarians Janet_Crager@brown.edu and Frank_Kellerman@brown.edu are available for one-on-one assistance. Come by their offices on the 7th floor of the SciLi or contact them for an appointment at: http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/University_Library/forms/ResCnslt.html

PLME

Hilary Sweigart

PLME Manager

FRESHMEN — Reserve your spot for the second Whole Patient Program, scheduled for Wednesday, October 31 by emailing Joan_Fullerton@Brown.edu. The location will again be the Faculty Club, Magee Street. All freshmen are expected to attend this program. It's Halloween, so costumes are optional!

SOPHOMORES —The Educational Plan meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 12:00–12:50 in BMC 291 Eddy Auditorium. Boxed lunches will be provided.

SENIORS — Seniors intending to matriculate into the Alpert Medical School in the fall of 2008, must complete AMCAS applications by November 15, 2007.

ALL STUDENTS

Believe it or not, it's already time to make an appointment to meet with your advising dean to discuss courses for next semester! Advising period for freshmen is October 22–November 2 when freshmen must meet with their advising dean to procure their PIN number to register. Pre-registration is November 6–13.

Whole Physician Program (OPEN TO ALL PLME STUDENTS) presents a panel discussion of Complementary and Alternative Medicine on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 7PM in Biomedical Center Room 202. Panelists include Karlo Berger, Shiatsu practitioner; Amanda Campbell, Certified Hypnotherapist; Jerald Kupperberg, MD, pediatrician–homeopathic medicine; and Robert Heffron, MD, internist–acupuncture, pulse diagnosis and Chinese herbal medicine.

Summer Research Assistantships in (A) Biomedical Science and (B) Emergency Medicine will be offered on a competitive basis to PLME students for the summer of 2008. This is an excellent opportunity to become engaged in a research

project under the supervision and mentorship of a Brown faculty member in the area of biomedical science or emergency medicine. Students who are awarded an assistantship usually carry out their 10-week research project on campus or at a Brown-affiliated hospital between June–August. PLME student stipend is \$3,000. Visit http://med.brown.edu/plme/SRA_PLME.html or http://med.brown.edu/plme/SRA_EM.htm, where you can view faculty sponsors and also download the application materials.

US Department of State opportunities available at <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html>. Includes 10-week Summer Internships in the U.S. or at one of 265-plus posts around the world (http://careers.state.gov/docs/4.0_Student_Intern_brochure.pdf). Deadline is November 1, 2007.

Medical School Senate

Jeremy Boyd

In previous years, my predecessors have started this column off by welcoming students to another year at BMS. I, however, get the distinct privilege of welcoming everyone to the first official year of AMS— Alpert Medical School. I'd also like to issue an official welcome to the newest class to join us, the class of MD 2011.

The first year at any institution is critical to establishing the foundation for what lies ahead. While this is our first year as an institution in name alone, our aim in the Medical Student Senate is for this to be a foundational year nonetheless. To that end, we will be working to lay the groundwork necessary for our student body to have the resources and relationships we'll need as we continue our transition to a new curriculum and prepare for our future transition to a new campus. I encourage all students to contribute to this endeavor, and hope you will

October 22

12:00 pm - PHR Speaker Series

October 23

12:00 pm - Noontime Seminar MD '11
"Disability Studies for Doctors"
3:00 pm - Immunization Clinic MD '08 and '09

October 24

11:00 am - Bone Marrow Drive
6:00 pm - BioMed Concert Signup Session

October 29

12:00 pm - PHR Speaker Series
5:30 pm - CIM Medicine Program for MD 2011

October 30

5:30 pm - MD '08 Annual Interview Workshop
6:30 - Bionic Man - Stents

October 31

11:30 am - Doctoring Teaching Academy

November 1

12:00 pm - Noontime Seminar MD '11
"Introduction to the Health Insurance Industry"

November 2

12:00 pm - PHR Lecture

November 5

12:00 pm - PHR Speaker Series
5:30 pm - Pediatrics CIM Program MD '11

November 7

9:00 am - HIV Counseling Training

November 8

12:00 pm - PHR-RIPAC and Medical Marijuana

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opportunities

Roswell Park Summer Oncology Research Program- Designed to provide medical and dental students with research in the clinical and or basic scientific areas. The program is funded by the National Cancer Institute . The program will run from June 2, 2008 to July 25, 2008. For more information contact (716) 845-2339 or e-mail arthyr.michaalek@roswellpark.org. The application deadline for this program is February 15, 2008

The Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Foundation's Medical Student Research Fellowship Award is an opportunity for current medical students to spend a year conducting intensive work in a biomedical research laboratory located in the United States. The deadline for this program is January 9, 2008. For more information please go to www.SarnoffFoundation.org or e-mail to info@SarnoffFoundation.org

The National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Fogarty International Center (FIC), in partnership with The Ellison Medical Foundation, the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse, offers a one-year clinical research training experience for graduate level U.S. students in the health professions. This is an opportunity for highly motivated individuals to experience mentored research training at top-ranked NIH-funded research centers in the following countries: Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, China, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Zambia. This program is design for students with a strong interest in a career in international health activities and/or clinical research. Each Fellowship will be for a one year period. The term will begin with an intensive orientation program on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD in July 2008. This will be followed by 10+ months of intense research training at the foreign site. Applications are due December , 2006. To access the application and get more info visit www.aamc.org/overseasfellowship.

AMA Scholarships

The Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship Scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 are available to rising fourth-year medical students, based on academic excellence and financial need. The medical school submits nominations for these scholarships. The applica-

tion is available in February of 2008 and the deadline is May 31,2008. For more information and to get an application please go to www.amafoundation.org

Minority Scholars Award

The American Medical Association Foundation, in association with the AMA Minority Affairs Consortium, offers 10 scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 to students from groups who have historically been underrepresented in the medical profession. Nominees must be first- or second-year medical students. The medical school can submit 2 nominations for this scholarship. the application will be available in February of 2008 and the deadline is April 15, 2008. For more information and to get an application please go to www.amafoundation.org

Seed Grant Research Program

This program provides \$2,500 grants to medical students, physician residents and fellows in a variety of research areas, such as cardiovascular/pulmonary diseases, HIV/AIDS, leukemia, neoplastic diseases and second-hand smoke. The application deadline for this grant is December 3, 2007. For more information and to get an application please go to www.amafoundation.org

The Society for Pediatric Research and The American Pediatric Society are offering a grant to medical students who wish to participate in research in a pediatric laboratory at a medical school other than their own. This grant will provide a maximum stipend of \$4,270 (\$57.70 per day) and will enable each student to spend eight to ten weeks working 30-40 hours per week in a research environment. Visit www.aps-spr.org to download an application packet or to review an online directory of laboratory opportunities. The application deadline is January 25, 2008.

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) offers a three-year residency program in Medical Genetics which is designed to train physicians to diagnose, manage and counsel patients with genetic disorders. For more information on this program please go to the website at www.nhgri.nih.gov/Intramural_research/Medical_genetics/Residency_Program or contact Maximilian Muenke, M.D. at muenke@nih.gov

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view the Senate as an important liaison in your efforts.

The class advocates for the 2007-2008 year are as follows:

2011—Carly Seidman, Steve Lee, Nitin Aggarwal

2010—Lauren de Leon, Andrew Brunner, Eric Palecek

2009—Saira Alimohamed, George Turini, Isis Burgos

2008—Ben Mathis, Jim Wilkerson, Christina Cinelli

Dartmouth Brown—Sarah Farley
Executive Committee—Kartik Venkatesh,
Treasury Committee Chair; Michael Gart,
Secretary; Sonia Garg, Vice President; Jeremy Boyd, President

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the above representatives with your ideas and concerns. Best of luck in the coming months.

PLME Student Senate

Jenna Kahn

Welcome Back! We hope that your semester is going well. The PLME Senate has been working very hard this year to bring you many events and activities throughout this semester. Our first meetings have gone extremely well with a very high turn out.

During our first meetings we have elected new freshman representatives as well as an additional Junior representative. Congratulations to our 2011 Freshman representatives, Helen Johnson, Kevin Huang, and Doug Jacobs. This year we also elected freshman representatives for the whole patient program, whole physician program, and treasurer. Congratulations to our whole patient program representative Deborah Lee, our whole physician chairs Erica Alexander and Emily Li, and our treasurer representative Neil Parikh. Our new Junior (class of 2009) representative is Rory Merritt. We are all very excited

and enthusiastic to start and work on this year together!

The Social Chairs have been working on putting several new activities into action for year. On Sept. 27 from 5-6:30 pm the PLME BBQ was held on the Sciences Green. It was a great time and brought PLMEs from all classes outside! Ideas for upcoming events include trivia nights, television-hit nights, scavenger hunts, and even coffeehouse discussions with representatives from the community on the outskirts of medicine, which include anthropology, sociology, and community health. Lastly, we are planning on having a tea break for medical students and undergraduate PLMEs to meet one another and perhaps even build mentorship ties. This will be a great way for undergraduates to find out more about “what medical school is really like”. If you have any questions please email Whitney_Eng@Brown.edu or Kenneth_Morales@Brown.edu

Our community service chairs are currently finding volunteer opportunities for PLME involvement in the community. We are going to be involved with the Medical School’s Bone Marrow Registry on Oct. 24 in Sayles Hall. We will also continue to be very active in Breeze Against Wheeze, as in past years. This year we want to start new ideas for volunteering and hope to collaborate with other organizations such as Will Perez’s (PLME Class of ‘08/’12) Operation Happy Birthday. If you have any suggestions please submit them to Mansi_Shah@Brown.edu.

Our representatives this year are all enthusiastically at work. The Freshman and Sophomore representatives will be organizing study sessions for classes popular among the PLMEs, such as Chemistry and Genetics. The Junior representatives are drafting a newsletter that includes various opportunities for volunteering. The Senior representatives are working on the housing newsletter.

We’d like to give a reminder that PLME Apparel is now on sale! Back by popular demand, our caduceus logo is available

November 9

12:00 pm - HHMI-NIH Research Scholars Program Preview

6:00 pm - Brown/Dartmouth Mixer for MD ‘10

November 12

12:00 pm - GLAAM Meeting

12:00 pm - PHR Speaker Series

12:00 pm - Noontime Seminar

MD ‘11 “Risk Management: More than Handling Lawsuits”

on sweatshirts (\$25) and t-shirts (\$12); sweatpants with our newer logo (\$20) are also available. Color choices and ordering instructions have been sent out to all classes via email; apparel will also be sold at our upcoming events including the Whole Patient programs and other social events. All orders must be in by the first week in October. Please contact (Geolani_Dy@Brown.edu) or (Jenna_Kahn@brown.edu) if you have any questions regarding apparel. Our PLME Senate meetings are held on Sundays at 5 p.m. in Faunce 201. Remember that all are welcome and encouraged to come to these meetings. We appreciate and encourage your feedback with events and are open to any new ideas. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jenna Kahn or Geolani Dy.

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