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A Word from the Dean



Envelope, please! I am still aglow after this year's Match Day, my second at Brown Medical School. What a wonderful celebration it was, with the giant clock striking twelve noon,

our own Dean Gruppuso playing swinging jazz tunes, and the many happy faces of our fourth-year students as they learned where they would be heading for residency training. I was also gratified to see so many members of our faculty and local alumni who came to wish you well.

Rewardingly, many of our graduating seniors will be joining highly selective residency training programs in some of the finest schools our nation has to offer. Programs in California and Boston were top destinations, as were those in our own teaching hospital partners here in Rhode Island. The top two residency specialties were internal medicine and pediatrics, with surgery and emergency medicine tied for third. For the complete list, please visit bms.brown.edu/students/match. Class of 2006, hats off to you!

While I have your attention, let me remind you of two important lectures that are coming up this month. Dr. Herbert M. Needleman,

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Medical Student Affairs

Philip Gruppuso

Associate Dean for Medical Education

The process of redesigning our medical school curriculum is moving along. On March 16, the newly constituted MD Curriculum Committee met. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the list of some thirty faculty members who had volunteered to serve on Curriculum Redesign Working Groups. By the end of the meeting, potential rosters for each of the group had been drawn up.

While the process of reorganizing the MD Curriculum Committee and establishing the Working Groups has taken longer than I would have hoped, there has nonetheless been considerable progress made in preliminary planning. Drs. Dumenco, Monroe, Dollase and I have been meeting on a regular basis for the purpose of establishing the broad outlines of a new first year curriculum. Our meetings with key faculty from the existing first year courses are still ongoing, but the ones that have taken place already have been very productive. We have encountered nothing but enthusiasm, cooperation and commitment to a fully integrated curriculum. Change like this is difficult – it results in shifting of roles, changes in schedules and the work of preparing new material – but our faculty are rising to the occasion.

A number of students have been providing Dr. Dumenco with considerable input. The result of their work is a preliminary academic schedule that will be presented to the curriculum committee at its April meeting. At this early point, I can only describe the broadest outlines of the schedule. The fall semester starts with human morphology (gross anatomy and histology), Doctoring

and a new, integrated basic science course that encompasses the fundamentals of cell biology, cell physiology, biochemistry, nutritional physiology, genetics and immunology. In preliminary planning, the semester will end with a compressed but comprehensive general pathology course. It appears feasible that the second semester can begin with head and neck anatomy alongside an integrated course that encompasses neuroscience and brain & behavior. We envision that systems-based pathophysiology could thus be brought forward to the second semester, being integrated with normal physiology, pharmacology and systemic pathology throughout the remainder of the pre-clinical curriculum.

All of this is in the early planning stages. But, as I noted above, the faculty has been open to change and remarkably flexible in their approach. As the Working Groups start to convene, the preliminary plans will form the basis for what, we all hope, will ultimately be a truly excellent and innovative curriculum.

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Student Affairs

Alexandra Morang
Director

Congratulations to the MD Class of 2006 on a magnificent match! The graduates of 2006 will be heading out to residency programs in 21 states. 13 students plan to stay in Rhode Island with 11 at RIH, 1 at Memorial Hospital and 1 at Roger Williams Hospital. The other major geographic areas that will see an influx of Brown Medical School graduates are California (16), Massachusetts (11), New York (9) and Pennsylvania (9).

In terms of specialties - 9 students are going into pediatrics; 16 are going into internal medicine and 14 will be doing a preliminary year in medicine; 7 are going into emergency medicine; 6 are going into family medicine; 11 students are going into surgery/surgery prelim; 2 students are going into ob/gyn; 5 students are going into psychiatry, 4 students are going into orthopaedic surgery; 1 is going into med/peds and 5 students will enter the specialty field of dermatology; 2 each will enter anesthesiology, ENT, ophthalmology and radiation/oncology. 1 each will enter neurology, neurosurgery, pathology, and urology; 4 are going into radiology; and 4 students matched in military programs. Again, congratulations on a job well done! We are extremely proud of you all!

Admissions and Financial Aid

Kathy Baer
Director

Financial Aid Application Deadlines:

Please remember that the deadline for receipt of your financial aid application materials (including tax returns) for the 2006-2007 year is Monday, April 17. As in prior years, please submit the FAFSA (and Need Access Form, if you are applying for institutional aid) to the processing center by April 1 to ensure that our office receives the analyzed results by April 17.

Loan Consolidation Meetings:

We have scheduled information sessions on Friday, April 7 at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 a.m. to present the benefits of consolidating your federal student loans. Interest rates applicable to Stafford loans will increase on July 1 from the current in-school rate of 4.7% to a fixed rate of 6.8%, so we encourage you to consolidate your 2005-2006 Stafford loans (and possibly your Perkins loans as well) before the rate change takes effect. We will explain the application procedures in detail and answer any questions you may have about this refinancing option. Both meetings will be held in Room 202 of the BMC. If you have Stafford or Perkins loans, we encourage you to attend. We also will place the handouts from this meeting on the Oafa website (www.bms.brown.edu/financialaid/).

Financial Aid Exit Meetings for Graduating Students:

If you have not already scheduled your exit interview, please contact Carol Chace (Carol.Chace@brown.edu) as soon as possible to schedule this important meeting. We want you to equip you with comprehensive information regarding deferment and repayment options as well as with the tools to effectively manage your loan paperwork after graduation.

Curriculum Affairs

Dick Dollase
Director

The restructuring of the Medical Curriculum Committee is now complete with the naming of chairs to all seven working groups: Dr. Jeffrey Borkan (Areas of Scholarly Emphasis); Dr. Mark Fagan (Teaching Excellence); Dr. Aaron Friedman (Assessment); Professor Agnes Kane (PLME); Dean Alicia Monroe (Doctoring); and Dr. Cedric Priebe (Information Technology). At its March 16, 2006 meeting, the curriculum committee selected faculty members for each working group. Earlier, the Medical Student Senate had appointed student members for these working groups.

The Medical Curriculum Committee also approved two new preclinical electives: Bio 345: Medical Chinese Elective and Bio 347: Issues Concerning Deaf Patients in Health Care.

summer teaching assistantships

2006 Pre-College Summer Mini-Course

The Office of Summer and Continuing Studies seeks several medical students to serve as teaching assistants for a three-week, intensive summer course for high school students, So You Think You Want to be a Doctor: An Introduction to Medicine. (Advanced undergraduates with teaching experience will be considered.) Program Dates: June 26-July 14, 2006 (Class time: M-F, 9AM-4:30PM) Responsibilities include leading discussion and laboratory sections, assist instructor with student evaluations, research projects and preparation of course materials and attend all class meetings. Teaching assistants must also be available for course planning meetings. Stipend: \$1,945. To apply, send your resumé and cover letter to: Office of Summer and Continuing Studies, Box T, Attn. Sara Leone. Application Deadline: Monday, April 17, 2006

Minority Medical Affairs

Alicia Monroe

Associate Dean of Medicine

Jimmie D. Clark MD '92 Term Scholarship: The Office of Minority Medical Affairs would like to congratulate Thelma Alleyne (MD '09) for becoming the first ever recipient of the Jimmie D. Clark MD '92 Term Scholarship. This award has been established to commemorate and honor Dr Jimmie D. Clark-Travis. Like Thelma, Dr Clark-Travis was a graduate of Tougaloo College, Mississippi who entered Brown Medical School via the Early Identification Program. After graduating in 1992, Dr Clark-Travis rose to become the first African-American president of the Alabama Academy of Family Practitioners. Congratulations again to Thelma for being awarded this special scholarship.

Biomedical Science Careers Student Conference: On Saturday, March 11 Dean Monroe and second-year medical students Angel Byrd, Stephanie Carter and Montoya Taylor represented Brown Medical School at the Biomedical Science Careers Student Conference in Boston. The event was a resounding success with over 600 students in attendance ranging from high school to post-doctoral students interested in pursuing a career in the field of biomedical science. Brown Medical School's table generated significant interest from potential applicants at high school and doctoral level. The Office of Minority Medical Affairs would like to thank Angel, Stephanie and Montoya for doing a great job in promoting the medical school.

PLME

Julianne Ip, Associate Dean

Hilary Sweigart, PLME Manager

Welcome to spring everyone. Be sure to attend the PLME Senate meeting on April 9 to vote for next year's Senate Of-

ficers. This is YOUR opportunity to get involved and make a difference!

CONGRATULATIONS to Martha Amoako who has been awarded a UNCF•Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship. Also, congratulations to PLME juniors elected to Phi Beta Kappa: Martha Amoako, Zara Matthews, Carly Seidman, and Ryan Tai

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE Radiology is scheduled for April 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in BMC 291. Sign up with [Janice Viticon-te@Brown.edu](mailto:Janice.Viticon-te@Brown.edu) of the Medical Student Affairs Office.

PLME Freshmen, Meiklejohns and Freshman Advising Deans: The final Whole Patient Program for this academic year will be held on April 19 at 5:30 PM in Chancellor's Dining Room. Dr. G. Dean Roye, of University Surgical Associates, and his patient will discuss the doctor-patient relationship. We look forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP to [Joan Fullerton@brown.edu](mailto:Joan.Fullerton@brown.edu).

PLME Sophomores REMINDER: Your PLME Educational Plan with a copy of your signed concentration forms are due to the PLME Office by April 17. Stop by Arnold Lab 124 for assistance or call 863-3133.

A DAY ON COLLEGE HILL—Please join us on April 19, 10–11:30 AM in Leung Gallery for the PLME Reception as part of A Day on College Hill. This annual event is for high school seniors offered admission to the program for the Class of 2010. We'll have a student panel, introductions, a question/answer period and refreshments. Save the date and stop by to welcome the visiting students and their families.

Consider signing up for a shadowing experience either here in Rhode Island during the semester or in your home state over recess by visiting the Medicine in Action web site at <http://bms.brown.edu/students/miap/>.

april calendar

April 6
"Court-Appointed Guardians: Strangers at the Bedside?"
Chancellor's Dining Room, 5:30pm

April 7
Loan consolidation meeting
BMC 202, 6:00pm

April 9
PLME Senate Meeting

April 10
Women in Medicine Residency Fair
Brown Faculty Club, 5:30pm

April 17
Deadline for financial aid applications

April 19
Whole Patient Program
Chancellor's Dining Room, 5:30pm

April 19
Loan consolidation meeting
BMC 202, 7:30am

April 19
A Day on College Hill
Leung Gallery, 10:00am

April 12-13
First two days of Passover (Classes held)

April 15
Deadline for proposals for the Petersen Fund. The Petersen Fund supports medical students' community-based projects up to \$3000. Applications are available from Monika_Bolino@brown.edu.

April 25
Tuesday Evening Bioethics
BMC 212, 5:30pm

April 27
Sheridan Lecture
4:00pm in Salomon 101

opportunities

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health, Education and Research Trust, Inc (LGBT HEART) is accepting applications for the 2006 LGBT HEART Scholarship Fund for the Graduate Health Professions. This scholarship provides supplemental funding for students who have a demonstrated ability in and commitment to affecting change in LGBT communities. Two students will be selected for the scholarships (\$2,000 minimum each). Students must be US citizens, demonstrate satisfactory academic progress and financial need, and have exhibited leadership traits and have performed community service in the LGBT community. For application and additional info visit www.lgbtheart.org or email scholarships@lgbtheart.org. Deadline is June 2, 2006.

The SEARCH Program in Rhode Island is an eight-week clinical/community health rotation providing health professions students with community-oriented primary care training experience in underserved areas of Rhode Island. Must have completed at least one year of medical school. A stipend of \$2000 is offered to participants. Students must be available on a full-time basis to: serve their clinical rotation in a medically underserved area of Rhode Island and complete a community-oriented primary care project. For more information visit <http://www.health.ri.gov/disease/primarycare/search-OPC.php>

Clinical Information Technology Fellowship in the summer of 2006, the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Foundation, in collaboration with Perot Systems, will be launching a new internship in Clinical Information Technology for two selected medical students. Please check out AMSA's website for additional information and application requirements. <http://www.amsa.org/programs/CIT.cfm>

Stanley M. Kaplan Medical Student Essay Contest. Entries may include topical essays, case reports, review articles, or original research that was conducted in medical school for which the student is first author. The winner will receive \$500, two runners-up will be awarded \$250. For information contact Dr. Arnold at 513-558-4866 or email maryann.schmidt@uc.edu.

Entries must be postmarked by June 16, 2006.

The 24th Annual Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in Baltimore, MD, offered by the Departments of Epidemiology and Biostatistics of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health during the three-week period June 19-July 7, 2006. This program is intended to develop an understanding of basic and advanced principles of epidemiologic research. For additional info contact Ayesha Khan at 410-955-7158 or akhan@jhsph.edu.

The Berkshire District Medical Society, a chapter of the Massachusetts Medical Society, offers a scholarship loan to medical students who reside in Berkshire County (western Massachusetts) and who are attending medical school. The award, up to \$5,000 is renewable annually for the four years or remaining years of medical school at the discretion of the scholarship committee. Applications can be requested from the Berkshire District Medical Society Scholarship Committee, c/o Berkshire AHEC, Inc., 60 Charles Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, or by calling 413-447-2417. The deadline is April 15, 2006.

Albert Strickler Memorial Fund - The fund provides an interest-free loan of \$1,000 to medical students, preferably of the Jewish faith, as an aid to their education. Student should demonstrate a significant need of financial aid and be enrolled in an accredited medical school. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2006. For application please visit www.jewishphilly.org. For additional information please contact Erica Miller at emiller@philafederation.org.

The Samuel F. and Sara G. Feinman Fund - The fund was created to assist talented men and women to pursue their legal or medical education. This fund provides an interest-free loan ranging from \$2,000-4,000 to medical and law school students based on financial need. For application please visit www.jewishphilly.org and type in "Scholarship Funds." For additional information please contact Erica Miller at emiller@philafederation.org.

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Office of Women in Medicine
Debra Abeshaus
Director

The Women in Residency Fair will be held on Monday, April 10th, 5:30 – 7:00 PM at the Brown Faculty Club, 1 Magee Street on campus. This event brings together women medical students with women medical faculty and residents from an array of specialty areas and career paths. Please save the date and plan to come to the fair (fourth-years too)! Gather information, develop your professional network, enjoy great conversation and an hors d'oeuvre buffet. RSVP appreciated: call 863-7960 or e-mail Kathleen_Haslam@brown.edu

The Rhode Island Medical Women's Association (RIMWA) invites you to participate in two upcoming special events.

•RIMWA's Annual Meeting and 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held on the evening of May 8, 2006, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7:00 p.m. dinner and program in the Brown Faculty Club. Anne S. DeGroot, MD will be honored as 2006 Rhode Island Woman Physician of the Year. Guest speaker: Teresa L. Schraeder, MD, journalist for the NEJM. If you are interested in attending, e-mail Debra_Abeshaus@brown.edu.

•Works are now being accepted for RIMWA's Eighth Annual Physicians Artists' Exhibit to be held May 15- 27, 2006 at the Dryden Galleries Ltd./Providence Picture Frame Co., 27 Dryden Lane, Providence. "There is tremendous strength in the powerful relationship among creativity, medicine, and healing," said former RIMWA President Marlene Cutitar, MD. All are welcome –medical students, residents, nurses, physicians - to participate in this exhibit. Each piece must be framed and can be no larger than 36X48, unless it is sculpture. Past exhibitions have included paintings, sculpture, clocks, baskets, quilts, jewelry and photography. There will be an opening night reception held

May 15, 2006. For more information, e-mail Sarah at the RIMWA Office at sstevens@rimed.org.

Center for BioMedical Ethics
Donna Goodnow
Coordinator

Ocean State Ethics Network: On Thursday, April 6, from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Chancellor's Dining Room, the Ocean State Ethics Network will present "Court-Appointed Guardians: Strangers at the Bedside?" a panel discussion moderated by Jay Baruch, MD. Our panel of experts includes a geriatrician, the Clinical Director of the Alliance for Better Long Term Care, and the Director of the Volunteer Guardian Program. Each will bring a unique perspective as we examine the difficulties in determining who decides for the most vulnerable, and how those medical decisions are made. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Donna_Goodnow@Brown.edu or 863-3969.

Tuesday Evening Bioethics: Tuesday, April 25, 5:30-6:30 pm in BMC 212. Please join us for the second in a series of ethics-related discussions. We'll be discussing an actual patient presenting a real ethical dilemma to caregivers at a local hospital. Call Donna for more information.

Save the date: On Thursday, June 8, the Ocean State Ethics Network will present a forum on "concierge" or "retainer fee" medicine. This is a growing trend among physicians to limit the number of patients they accept in order to accommodate the needs of only those who are willing to pay extra for more personal attention. The discussion will take place in the Chancellor's Dining Room from 5:30-7:30 pm. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Reminder! SHERIDAN LECTURE - April 27, 2006, 4:00 pm in Salomon 101. Ms. Anne Fadiman will deliver the 14th annual Harriet W. Sheridan Literature and

Medicine Lecture, The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: The Challenges of Cultural Competence. A reception and book signing will follow the lecture in the Salomon Hall lobby. The lecture and reception are free and open to the public.

Ms. Fadiman has graciously agreed to hold a small question and answer session with interested students to discuss her book *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*. The Q&A will take place at 12:00 pm in the Biomed Center, Room 217. Space is limited. Please contact Donna at Donna_Goodnow@Brown.edu for more information or to register.

PLME Senate
Carly Seidman
Co-President

I hope this letter reaches you after a relaxing Spring Break!

The first Whole Patient Program of the spring semester, held on March 1, was a great success! Many thanks to Dr. Francois Luks and his patient, as well as to Larry Kwon and Lawren Wellisch for organizing the program.

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professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, will deliver this year's Barnes lecture as part of Public Health Research Day on April 26. Ms. Anne Fadiman, author of *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, will deliver the Sheridan Lecture on April 27. I urge you to attend both, if at all possible.

I wish all of you a successful and productive end to this semester!

residency placement

Paul Alleyne	Delaying Residency
Myron Allukian	University of Pennsylvania- Surgery
Alexander Amby	Memorial Hospital - Family Practice
Kathy Anderson	University of Hawaii - Pediatrics
Hannah Awai	University of Connecticut Health Center - Peds
Jerel Banks	Delaying Residency
Carmen Barnes	Delaying Residency
Alka Basil	McGaw Medical Center - Internal Medicine
Stephanie Beall	U. of California San Diego Medical Center, - Ob/Gyn
Robert Becher	Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center - Surgery
Andrew Beck	Stanford University - Pathology
Adam Bier	UCLA Medical Center - Orthopedic Surgery
Vanessa T. Bobb	New York Presbyterian Hospital - Psychiatry
Anthony Breu	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Internal Medicine
Perry Brittit	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Radiology / St. Vincent Hospital - Internal Med (Prelim)
Heidi Brown	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - Ob/Gyn
Parag Butala	Mt. Sinai Hospital - Surgery
Emily Caro-Bruce	Swedish Medical Center - Family Practice
James Carroll	University of Massachusetts Medical School - Surgery
Charles Chan	SUNY at Stony Brook - Orthopaedic Surgery
Jeffrey Cheng	Mt. Sinai Hospital - ENT
Grant Chu	UCLA Medical Center - Internal Medicine
Erica Chung	UC San Francisco - Pediatrics
Christine Combs	Brown Internal Medicine Residency - Internal Medicine
Keith Corl	Rhode Island Hospital - Emergency Medicine
Colleen Craig	Delaying Residency
Antonio Cruz	Rhode Island Hospital - Dermatology / Roger Williams Medical Center - Internal Medicine (Prelim)
Gregory Dadekian	Yale-New Haven Hospital - Internal Medicine–Primary
Geoffrey Douglas	David Grant Medical Center Program - Surgery
Stephen Flynn	Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia - Pediatrics
Carlie Gaunty	Delaying Residency
Katja Goldflam	Brigham & Women’s Hospital - Emergency Medicine
Shayla Graham-Brock	Lehigh Valley Hospital - Family Practice
Nicole Grenier	Rhode Island Hospital - Dermatology / Brown Internal Medicine Residency - Internal Med (Prelim)
Jonathan Grossberg	Rhode Island Hospital - Neurosurgery / Rhode Island Hospital - Surgery (Prelim)
Anna Haemel	University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics - Medicine-Dermatology
Allan Hansen	UC San Diego Medical Ctr - Emergency Med / Scripps Mercy Hospital - Internal Medicine (Prelim)
Julia Harris	Delaying Residency
Amanda Irmen	National Naval Medical Center - Pediatrics
Beverly Johnson	New York Presbyterian Hospital - Internal Medicine–Primary
Adisa Jones	Delaying Residency
Christopher Jue	Brown Internal Medicine Residency - Internal Med
Edward Jung	NYU School of Medicine - Radiology / Washington Hospital Center - Internal Medicine (Prelim)
Woojin Kim	Cedars-Sinai Medical Center - Surgery
Monica Kumar	University of Southern California - Emergency Med / Brown Internal Med Residency - Internal Med (Prelim)
Felicia Kuo	University of Massachusetts Medical School - Psychiatry

Andy Lai	University of California-San Francisco Internal Medicine–Primary
Jennifer Lee	Massachusetts General Hospital - Anesthesiology / Lahey Clinic - Internal Medicine (Prelim)
Jason Lewis	Mass General Hospital - Anesthesiology / Brown Internal Medicine Residency - Internal Med (Prelim)
Onna Lo	Sutter Medical Center - Family Practice
Mohsin Malik	UMDNJ-RW Johnson-Piscataway - Dermatology / Brown Internal Medicine Residency - Internal Med (Prelim)
Jyothi Nagraj Marbin	University of California-San Francisco - Pediatrics–Primary
Akanksha Mehta	Rhode Island Hospital - Urology / Rhode Island Hospital - Internal Medicine (Prelim)
Yasmin Metz	New York Presbyterian Hospital, Cornell University - Internal Medicine
Kimberly Miller	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - Ophthalmology / Western Pennsylvania Hospital - Transitional
Christine Montross	Brown University Psychiatry Residency - Psychiatry
Fernando Moreno	Jamaica Hospital Medical Center - Family Practice
Katherine Moreno	University of Washington - Surgery (Prelim)
Jeffrey Ogbara	Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - Internal Medicine
Christy Paiva	Delaying Residency
Urvi Pajvani	Strong Memorial Hospital - Dermatology / University of Illinois College of Medicine - Internal Med (Prelim)
Andrea Parada	Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - Radiology / University of Texas Medical Branch - Transitional
Charles Park	University Hospital of Cincinnati - Surgery
Stanley Pelosi	Mt. Sinai Hospital - ENT
Leslie Pham	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics - Ophthalmology / Presbyterian Medical Center - Transitional
Michael Pirozzi	University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals - Internal Medicine
Gregory Renza	Delaying Residency
Jesse Ritvo	Fletcher Allen Health Care - Family Medicine
Theresa Ross	Naval Medical Center-San Diego - Internal Medicine
Priya Sateesha	Mt. Auburn Hospital -Internal Medicine–Primary
Leah Scherzer	St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children - Pediatrics
Cheryl Shannon	University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals - Internal Medicine
Shirin Sioshansi	New England Medical Center - Radiation-Oncology / John Peter Smith Hospital - Transitional
Erin Smith	Harbor UCLA Medical Center - Emergency Medicine
Hilary Smith	Childrens Hospital of Pittsburgh - Pediatrics
Sarah Squire	Wake Forest Baptist Med Center - Radiation-Oncology / E. Tennessee State University - Internal Med (Prelim)
Colin Stack	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Emergency Medicine
Erin Teeple	Rhode Island Hospital - Orthopaedic Surgery
Rebecca Traub	NY Presbyterian Hospital Program - Neurology / New York Presbyterian Hospital - Internal Med (Prelim)
Stephanie Tuttle	Walter Reed Army Medical Center - Psychiatry
Uzoma Ukomadu	Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center - Orthopaedic Surgery
Snigdha Vallabhaneni	University of California-San Francisco - Internal Medicine
Simmy Varghese	Oregon Health & Science University - Internal Medicine
Jaime Vasquez	Delaying Residency
Daniel Vazquez	University of South Florida College of Medicine - Surgery (Prelim)
Ann Walling	Cambridge Hospital - Psychiatry
Melanie Watts	Brigham & Women’s Hospital - Emergency Medicine
Cathy Clarke Wells	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center - Radiology/ Griffin Hospital - Internal Medicine (Prelim)
Cyrus Yau	UMDNJ-New Jersey Med-Newark - Med/Peds
Elizabeth Yu	University of California-San Diego - Pediatrics

PLME Senate Continued

Our next Whole Patient Program, to be held at the end of this month, will feature Dr. Dean Roye, bariatric surgeon. First-years: please be on the lookout for future announcements of this exciting event!

Our social committee hosted our very first Grey's Anatomy marathon on Friday, March 17, sponsored by the Brown Late Night fund. Thanks to the social committee and all who attended—we hope to continue hosting similar events in the future!

Elections for the 2006-2007 school year will be held on Sunday, April 9. The details/available positions will be forwarded to you via email. I hope that you will consider becoming involved in our multifaceted organization next year!

We have several other events in the works for the rest of the school year and as always, welcome your input and ideas! Feel free to contact me (Carly_Seidman@brown.edu) or a class representative at any time!

Opportunities Continued

The Ida Foreman Fleisher Fund - The fund provides scholarships for the purpose of permitting all women, preferably Jewish, to obtain professional educations. Grant distributions, which range from \$2,000-8,000 are administered by a local bank and customarily sent directly to the chosen recipient's school to be used for tuition. For application please visit www.jewishphilly.org and type in "Scholarship Funds." For additional information please contact Erica Miller at emiller@philafederation.org.

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, on account of the generosity of the Frank and Florence Marino Scholarship Fund, will be awarding scholarships to graduates of Connecticut high schools. Must be college graduates or students who are in their last year of college who have attended Connecticut public and/or parochial schools for at least eight years (K-12) and who have graduated from a Connecticut public or parochial high school, and are attending a U.S. Medical School. One renewable scholarship of \$1,000 or more will be awarded annually. For additional information contact Rita Fry at rfry@charter.net.

The Joanna F. Reed Medical Scholarship provides scholarships to students pursuing a degree in medicine at private medical schools and to exceptional individuals who are pursuing an undergrad degree in pre-medicine at private universities. Open to residents of Alabama and northwest Florida who attend recognized private medical schools (wherever located) and who are pursuing a degree in medicine. For additional info contact Elaine Catoe at 1-866-878-7802. Deadline is May 15, 2006.

student news

Judy Nee, MD'06

Recipient of a Charles Carpenter Fund grant, and has been named a Finalist in the National Student Clinical Vignette Competition of the American College of Physicians (ACP) for her work, "Clinical guises of aorto-duodenal fistula: report of 5 cases". She will present her project in the juried competition at the annual ACP scientific session in Philadelphia. Faculty sponsors are Fred Schiffman, MD and Edward Feller, MD.

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