



The Pulse

THE DEAN'S MESSAGE

Richard Besdine

For the third time as interim dean, I have the deep pleasure of welcoming students to campus. I'd like to extend an especially warm greeting to the Class of 2008. As the students in the classes before you can verify, this is a time of exciting change and growth, even transformation at the Medical School.

Last month our newest facility at 70 Ship Street opened its doors to faculty and students, who will be using the tools of genomics and proteomics, molecular pharmacology, toxicology/pathology, and other fields to understand ultimately the basis of human health and disease. This facility, the Laboratories for Molecular Medicine, will be the locus of a coherent multi-disciplinary continuum, from basic molecular research to the development of new approaches to clinical care. Here on campus, progress on the Life Sciences Building—future home of the department of Neuroscience and much of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry—continues at an exciting pace. I encourage you to take a look at this massive construction project via WebCam. You can find it at <http://brownuwebcam.chilmarktech.com/>.

Not all the transformations are as visible as new buildings. A faculty retreat held last June to improve medical school teaching has generated exciting ideas that are being shaped into a set of recommendations to consider for implementation. Meanwhile, the focus on curricular reform remains as sharp as ever, and major restructuring of Brown's medical educational program is in the works. This year, we are designing a new course, Doctoring, which will integrate the acquisition of knowledge with the application of clinical skills during the first two years of medical school; it will be implemented in the fall of 2005. I am also very pleased with the initiative under way to establish the Center for Pathways to Recovery from Combat. This devel-

oping program will bring many of the Medical School's best research minds to bear on an area that, tragically, could not be more topical: the mental and physical welfare of soldiers seriously injured in combat.

I hope you will all plan to attend the Medical School's Opening Convocation on Wednesday, September 8. This is a wonderful and inspiring way to kick off the academic year.

My time as interim dean continues to be enormously enriched by getting to know many of you, and I hope that each of you will feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, and interests you have.

Here's to another unforgettable year.

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Don't miss



**Brown Medical School's Third Annual
Opening Convocation!**

Wednesday, September 8th at 5pm

Andrews Dining Hall

Hear speakers Medical Student Senate President

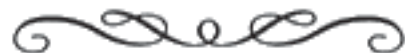
Charles Hebert '01 MD '05

and

2004 Bank of America Community Fellow

Dawn Richardson MD '88

**Join fellow students for inspiration and celebration
and kick off the 2004-2005 academic year in style.**



A reception will immediately follow the program.

Medical Student Affairs

ASSOCIATE DEAN

Steve Smith

Welcome back to returning students and a hearty welcome to the M.D. class of 2008! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer.

We will be visited by the survey team for the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) during the third week in October as part of the re-accreditation process. The survey team will be meeting with administrative staff, faculty, and students during their three-day visit, so don't be surprised if you're asked to talk with them.

The subcommittee on strategic planning of the MD curriculum committee has been meeting over the summer to begin the process of a major curriculum reform effort. The subcommittee reached a consensus on what attributes the new curriculum should possess. The major differences between what is envisioned for a new curriculum and the current curriculum is that the new curriculum would be more integrated and patient centered. This fall, the subcommittee report will be discussed by the full curriculum committee. The committee expects to present a fairly detailed plan for curriculum reform to the new dean once that person is appointed.

For the first time in nearly fifteen years,

Brown Medical School is accepting applications from the standard national pool of applicants. This two-year test will determine whether we want to continue with the standard AMCAS route of admission in subsequent years. This would not necessitate enlarging the class; it would require a review of the other groups of admission aside from the PLME.

The issue of enlarging the size of the first-year class is a separate issue. Recently, the Council on Graduate Medical Education determined that the United States is facing a shortage of physicians and recommended increasing the nation's output of medical school graduates. Our current physical facilities restrain us from any increase in class size, so a decision to enlarge the class would probably mean a new medical school building—something everyone would cheer about. But that is something that is still many years in the future.

I'm pleased to announce that I have a new executive assistant, Rose Bell. Hilary Sweigert has become the coordinator in the PLME office. Please say hi to Rose when you're in Arnold Lab.

I wish everyone a productive and successful fall semester!

THE DIRECTOR

Alexandra Morang

A hearty welcome to the Class of 2008 and a very warm welcome-back to the Class of 2007! On Tuesday, August 31st, the class of 2008 started their three-day orientation to the medical school with a variety of activities and programs. On September 7th, these 62 newly matriculated men and women will begin their formal medical education at Brown Medical School. 39 students received their undergraduate education at Brown University, and the remaining students are from Cornell, Harvard, Haverford, Middlebury, Northwestern, Oberlin, PC, RIC, Tougaloo, University of MI, UNH, Univ. of Notre Dame, Univ. of PA, URI, Univ. of VA, Univ. of WA, Wellesley, Wesleyan, and Williams. 8 students are Rhode Island residents. Of the class, there are 28 men and 34 women, 35 PLMEs, 17 Postbacs, 5 EIPs, 2 Brown Avenue, and 3 MD/Ph.Ds.

I am currently planning new programs and workshops for the year and would welcome any suggestions or ideas for programs that would be of interest to you.



Shuttle Service Resumes

Now called the BrownMed/Downcity Express, shuttle service **resumes September 7, 2004.**

The shuttle leaves Faunce Arch, J. Walter Wilson and the Brown Office Building on campus **every fifteen minutes** bound for the Jewelry District and RI Hospital. The route has changed to include Kennedy Plaza. Please go to <http://bms.brown.edu/news/medexpress/> for more information and shuttle schedule.

Please note: **a Brown or RISD id card is needed to board.**

OFFICE OF MINORITY MEDICAL AFFAIRS

Alicia Monroe

New Funding Opportunity at Brown Med: We are excited to announce the Dr. Veronica Petersen '55 and Dr. Robert A. Petersen Educational Enhancement Fund at Brown Medical School, a new fund made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Veronica Petersen '55 and Dr. Robert Petersen. The goal of this Fund is to support innovative service or research initiatives that are designed to have a positive impact on individuals, families, and communities. These projects may positively serve a community by, for example, generating insights into barriers to quality health care or devising a solution to a recognized problem. The Fund encourages students to undertake local or international projects that will not only foster their own development and enrich their educational experience, but just as importantly, enable them to give back to the community at large. Such socially relevant projects embody Brown Medical School's mission of producing physicians and scientists who view medicine as a human service profession, as well as its tradition of student activism. In addition to support for larger projects, smaller amounts will be available to supplement other projects that are in keeping with the goals of the Fund. The Fund is administered through the Office of Minority Medical Affairs.

Eligibility and Application Information: All current Brown Medical School students in good academic standing are eligible to apply. The Fund will grant two to three awards annually in two tiers: **one grant of up to \$3000** to fully fund a project, and **one or two mini-awards of up to \$1000** to provide support for a proposal receiving additional funding. There are two application cycles (funds not awarded in the first cycle will be available in the second round). The next deadline for receipt of 2004–2005 applications and supporting materials is **Monday,**

November 8, 2004. For more information about the grant and necessary supporting materials, and to obtain applications, please contact Roni Phipps at 863-9717 (Roni_Phipps@brown.edu).

Celebrating Diversity Reception: The Student National Medical Association (SNMA), the Office of Minority Medical Affairs, and the Department of Family Medicine are hosting a “**Celebrating Diversity**” **Reception on Tuesday September 14, 2004 from 5:30PM–7:30PM at the Brown Faculty Club** (1 Magee Street off George Street). Interim Dean Richard Besdine will share remarks at 6:00 PM. The event is designed to bring together Brown medical students, faculty, residents, fellows, administrators, post-docs and members of the Providence community who share a commitment to diversity within the health professions as a strategy to improve access and promote delivery of quality health care. RSVPs are requested. If you would like to attend, please contact Monika Bolino via email (Monika_Bolino@brown.edu) or phone (401-863-3335) by September 8.

Walk for Health with OMMA! OMMA faculty and staff will be participating in the **10th Annual Links “Making Health A Habit” walk-a-thon** down Blackstone Boulevard on **Saturday, September 25** at the Lincoln School, 301 Butler Avenue, Providence, and invite all medical students to join us! The Links, Inc. is a national association of women of African descent focusing on community service, the arts, and health and wellness. We will be meeting at the Lincoln School between 8:30 and 9:00 AM; the warm-up and walk kicks off at 9:00 AM. Call or email OMMA (863-3335, Monika_Bolino@brown.edu) for more information, or if you would like to walk with us!



OFFICE OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE

Debra Abeshaus

Greetings everyone and a warm welcome to incoming students. The Office of Women in Medicine's **new location is Arnold Lab, Rooms 130 and 132.** Michele Cyr, MD, Associate Dean for Women in Medicine, [michele_cyr@brown.edu], x3-2512, and I [debra_abeshaus@brown.edu], x3-2450, invite you to contact us about your interests.

Watch for a flyer and participation form for the **2004 Women in Medicine Mentor Program.** The mentor program promotes connections between women medical students early in their educational and professional studies, with women physicians and housestaff at Brown affiliated hospitals and with community-based physicians. We'll hold a get-together to introduce mentors and mentees.

We welcome you to visit the Office of Women in Medicine web site at <http://bms.brown.edu/wim/> that links to many organizations related to women in medicine, women's health and women in leadership including the Brown University/Women & Infants National Center of Excellence in Women's Health; The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA); The Womens Physicians Congress (WPC).

The WPC designates September as “Women in Medicine Month.” The 2004 theme is *Strength Through Diversity*. Find out more by visiting: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/18.html>.

We look forward to seeing you and to meeting with this year's AMWA student group.

The PLME Page

ASSOCIATE DEAN Julianne Ip

PLME freshmen: Welcome to Brown!! We look forward to a great 8 years together...and believe me it will go fast. The fact that you are reading the *Pulse* shows you are already on the right track.

PLME sophomores, juniors and seniors: Welcome Back!! Tell the truth, did the summer go by too fast or are you really glad to be back? Please meet with your advising dean once you have shopped generally for your classes. We look forward to hearing about your summer and engaging in academic, personal and professional development discussions with you. I was in Germany this summer strengthening our two exchange programs there so be sure to **ask your advising dean** about international opportunities if you are interested.

For PLMEs and Brown Med students: Please join the PLME in **wishing Ms. Debra Abeshaus a fond farewell** from her role as Director of the PLME as she heads to pursue her work more fully in the Office of Women in Medicine. We

are lucky that Ms. Abeshaus will still be at Brown and working closely with us.

We would also like to have you give a big rousing **welcome to Ms. Hilary Sweigart who will our new PLME Manager.** She will take responsibility in interfacing with PLMEs and Med students in the Summer Research Assistantships, Medicine in Action Program, assist with the PLME advising deans, welcoming PLME applicants and a wealth of other areas. Ms. Sweigart is well known to many as she formerly worked with Dean Steve Smith.

Ms. Sweigart and Ms. McAllister are available in room 112 Arnold to meet your needs. Ms. Fullerton will continue to serve as PLME Coordinator in suite 124 Arnold. Finally, a few other changes in offices: Dean Empkie's new office is room 134 Arnold, Ms. Roni Phipps is now in room 138, Dean Brescia remains in room 112 and I am still in room 110. See you all soon and I wish you all a most productive year.

Parents Weekend

October 22-24

*Parents Weekend
is most certainly
an event worth attending...*

You and your family are invited to participate in lively seminars and lectures with faculty and staff in classroom settings. There are chances to ask questions about what it's like at Brown. You'll have an opportunity to meet senior administrators, deans and faculty advisors in several different settings. There will be an amazing array of events and activities to attend – social, cultural, academic, athletic...you name it.

PLME MANAGER Hilary Sweigart

A very warm welcome to all PLME students, veterans and new. It is very exciting to begin a new year, and just like the freshmen, I am new to the PLME program in my position as Manager of the PLME Office. (My previous 8 years were spent with the Medical Student Affairs Office.) I hope that I get the chance to meet many if not all of you throughout the year. My office is in Arnold Lab room 112 and we have "candy," so stop by to say hello! Please feel free to make full use of the **PLME Office as a resource.** We are here to **support you** in any way we can and my door is always open. Be sure to remind

your families that *Parents Weekend is scheduled for October 22–24.*

FRESHMEN: The first **Whole Patient** program is to be held on **September 22 at 5:45 PM in Chancellor's Dining Room** (adjacent to the "Ratty"). The speaker will be Dr. Timothy Flanigan, Associate Professor of Medicine at Miriam Hospital. Check out the PLME Senate section for more info. All freshmen are expected to attend and dinner will be provided.

SOPHOMORES: The PLME Senate is putting together the first **Whole Physician** program. More information will be

forwarded to you by email as plans are firmed up.

Did you know The Foreign Studies Fellowship program awards a small number of **competitive travel grants** to students with particularly meritorious foreign study plans. Because of the PLME's open curriculum, PLME students can engage in foreign study earlier in their education than others, and opportunities are available and appropriate for any stage of your medical education. Check out the International Health Institute web site at <http://bms.brown.edu/ihl/>. **Deadlines are October 1, February 1, and May 1.**

Senate Reports

PLME SENATE George Turini

I would like to introduce Isis Burgos and myself as Co-Presidents of the PLME senate for the coming year. After working together last year as Co-Presidents, we are looking forward to continuing towards our goal helping the Senate return to the standards on which it was originally founded. We will be offering you some great opportunities to interact with a variety of the best doctors in the region through panel discussions and dinners. Also, you'll have the chance to work with children at Rhode Island's Hasbro Children's Hospital or the people of Providence through a wide range of community service opportunities. Finally, Isis and I are eager to help revitalize the Social Committee component of our Senate and Program so that we can provide you with a great range of non-academic events, such as a semi-formal and weekly Scrubs viewing, to meet members of your own PLME class as well as other medical students.

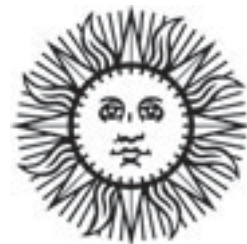
On **Sunday September 12th**, we are having our first Senate meeting of the semester. We are going to have much to

talk about, and we'll succeed only if many people attend. Our first job is going to be to finish piecing together the senate itself. We have a great returning cast of officers who have a year's worth of experience under their belts, but we are still seeking class representatives and committee members. Perhaps even more important than filling those remaining slots is letting you know that absolutely anyone can attend our meetings and speak their minds without having to have an official title. Whether you attend all, or one, of our meetings, in order to make this program succeed, we need as much input as possible and are always willing to consider new ideas. For those interested in being an officer, email me at George_Turini@Brown.edu so that I can send you a document with descriptions for the positions I have available. You will receive an email from Isis and I within the week prior to the meeting letting you know more about the time and place at which it will be held.

FRESHMEN! Mark **September 22th** on your calendars for our first **Whole Patient**

Program of the semester, which is going to be held in the **Chancellor's Dining Hall**. Dr. Tim Flanigan, an infectious disease specialist from The Miriam Hospital in Providence, RI, will not only be speaking to us about some of his own experiences with HIV/AIDS patients, but will also bring one of patients along with him to help offer a second point of view on the doctor/patient relationship.

Our program has a history of helping some of the top students in the world become the best doctors in their fields. We have some great activities planned, but in order for us to be as successful as possible, we need your input and help. If you have any questions, please contact me at the address provided above, or Isis Burgos at Isis_Burgos@Brown.edu. I look forward to meeting many of you soon.



STUDENT SENATE Charles Hebert

Welcome back to a new fall semester! I hope this issue of the *Pulse* finds everyone rested after an enjoyable summer and prepared for the upcoming academic year. As the year gets underway, there are a number of activities planned that you are welcome to be a part of. **The Medical School's Opening Convocation** will be held on **Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at 5:00PM. in Andrews Dining Hall**. The first **Medical Student Senate** meeting will take place the following week on

Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 7:30PM. (location to be announced).

Fostering unity between and across the different class years will be a key goal of the senate in the coming year. Many third and fourth year students have noted the difficulty that comes with being physically distanced from classmates because of the various hospital sites to which we are assigned. Likewise, first and second year students have recognized that the preclinical years can sometimes leave them so immersed in studying that they have little time to maintain close ties with their other classmates. The senate

will work towards eliminating some of these disparities in the ensuing year.

I invite any and all of you to bring the above and any other concerns to my attention or to that of the other senate officers through the forum of our regular meetings, by email, or by any other means you see fit. The officers for the 2004–2005 academic year are as follows:

President: Charles Hebert, MD '05
Vice-President: Jonathan Grossberg, MD '06
Secretary: Jeff Cheng, MD '06
Treasurer: Chris Jue, MD '06

Best of luck with the coming year!



THE DIRECTOR

Kathleen Baer

We extend a warm welcome to all medical students—new—and returning! We hope that you had a wonderful summer and feel refreshed for the start of the year.

We've been very busy over the summer! As you may know, for the first time in more than fifteen years, Brown Medical School will consider applications from qualified graduates of any college or university. As a result, the medical student body—which currently comprises PLME, post-baccalaureate, Brown Avenue, EIP, MD/PhD and Brown-Dartmouth students—will also include eight to ten matriculants, starting with the class entering in September 2005. Our admissions literature and our web site were completely re-designed over the spring and summer months. We invite you to check our web site (www.bms.brown.edu/admissions) and let us know your reactions.

We also are delighted to announce three new members of our staff. **Susan Browne** is our new **Assistant Director of Admissions** (how could we *not* hire someone with that name?). Susan will be responsible for leading the new standard admissions process, including the recruitment, interviewing and evaluation of applicants. She would love to hear from you if you have recommendations for how we can best promote the Medical School.

Barbara Fuller has been named **Admissions and Financial Aid Officer**. She will be responsible for managing a number of admissions and financial aid projects, including a proposal to improve the terms of Brown loans. Barbara also will direct the Bank of America Community Fellows Program (see Convocation ad on page 1)

Lastly, **Jack McCullough** has joined our staff temporarily as our **Administrative Assistant**. Jack will be heavily involved

in the processing of admissions applications and other related projects.

Please stop in to welcome Susan, Barbara and Jack!

MD '06 and '07 Students: Are you interested in serving on the **Admissions Committee**? We already have three fourth-year students on the Committee, and we are looking for two additional students. Students serve as full voting members of the Committee. All Committee members share responsibility for interviewing candidates for admission and for rating applications from all avenues of admission, with particular emphasis on our new standard MD admission route. A commitment of approximately three hours per week from October through April is expected. Students who have served on the Admissions Committee in previous years have found it to be an enjoyable and worthwhile activity. If you would like more information, please contact me (Kathleen_Baer@brown.edu, 863-2149).

Call for Tour Guides: Do you love to talk with prospective applicants about your life as a medical student at Brown? Would you enjoy showing applicants around our campus or hospitals? If the answer to either question is "yes," we would like to talk with you. We are planning to **hire up to three medical students** to give one-hour, campus- or hospital-based tours to admissions applicants throughout the academic year. If you are interested, please contact Susan Browne (Susan_Browne@brown.edu; 863-2149) for more details.

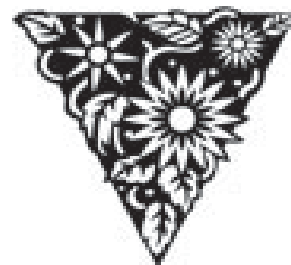
Post-Baccalaureate Visiting Day: Mark your calendars...our annual Post-Baccalaureate Visiting Day is scheduled for **Friday, October 15**. We hope that many of you will be able to participate

in the day's activities. We also would welcome your recommendations for speakers or any other ideas you might have to make this an informative and enjoyable day for our visiting students and for premedical advisors. Additional information will be sent to your mailboxes later this month.

Financial Aid Paperwork: If you applied for financial aid, we hope that you have received your financial aid award, completed your loan paperwork, and applied for a refund for your living expenses. If you are a new borrower in the Medical School and have not attended a **financial aid orientation**, please contact Filomena Zani (Filomena_Zani@brown.edu, 863-1142) to schedule an individual meeting. If you have not yet mailed **deferment forms** for your previous year loans, please stop by our office to complete the appropriate forms.

Federal Loan Consolidation: With interest rates at an historically low level, many students have contacted us with questions about whether, when and with whom to consolidate their student loans. At this point, our advice is NOT to consolidate. We will provide additional guidance via your class listserv next spring. In the meantime, please contact our office if you have any questions.

Best wishes for a wonderful year!



Announcements

The Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and The Department of Psychiatry of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine are pleased to announce the *Senior Medical Student Travel Award* for advanced students planning a career within Psychiatry. With an opportunity to attend the 21st Annual Pittsburgh Schizophrenia Conference on Friday, November 12, 2004. Awardees will receive \$250. **Application deadline is September 15, 2004.** To apply, please send a one-page statement outlining your interest in schizophrenia to Joseph Kithas, MD. kithasja@upmc.edu. For more information www.wpic.pitt.edu/PsychMedStudent/SchizophreniaTravelAward.htm

The American Society for Clinical Nutrition and The American Medical Student Association announce the *2005 National Clinical Nutrition Internships*. Internships increase the role of nutrition in the practice of medicine, medical research, health promotion, and disease prevention by providing a unique combination of education experiences to medical students. Students are encouraged to **apply by February 11, 2005** by contacting ambocus@ascn.faseb.org. For additional information contact (301) 634-7110.

The American Pediatric Society and Society for Pediatric Research are offering a *medical student research program* to encourage students to consider careers in research related to pediatrics. This program is specifically designed for students seeking a research opportunity at an institution other than their own medical school. For additional info and to apply go to www.aps-spr.org. Applications no later than **January 26, 2005**.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has a *membership opportunity for medical students*. The AAP offers benefits, including educational programs,

educational products and services, online resources, and publications and affinity programs. For more info: pedscareer@aap.org or call Roxanne Shannon at 800-433-9016 ext. 7864. To apply: www.aap.org/residents.

The American Osler Society announces the *award for support of research in the broad areas of medical history and medical humanism*. Candidates must be currently matriculated students in approved schools of medicine. The successful applicant may be eligible to present a paper based on his or her findings at the annual meeting of the American Osler Society. \$1,500 stipend, and up to \$750 additional may be available to support travel to the annual meeting. For further information go to www.americanosler.org. Completed **applications must be received by mail by March 15, 2005**. Contact Charles S. Bryan, M.D., MACP, Secretary-Treasurer. University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Two Medical Park, Suite 502, Columbia, SC 29203. Cbryan@gw.mp.sc.edu

The CDC Experience, a **one-year fellowship in applied epidemiology** for third or fourth year medical students, is accepting applications for eight to ten students. Fellows will participate in day-to-day applied epidemiology activities, including field work and possibly outbreak investigations, in programs around CDC. **Application deadline is December 3, 2004**. Info and application at www.cdcfoundation.org/thecdcexperience. For questions contact *The CDC Experience*, Karen Torghelle at 404-458-6151 or email her at ktorghelle@cdc.gov.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America Foundation is currently accepting applications for the *Paul Calabresi Medical Student Fellowship* (previously the Medical Student Fellowship). The fellowship is offered to students with substantial

interests in research and teaching careers in pharmacology and are willing to spend full-time in a specific research effort within a pharmacology or clinical pharmacology unit. Applicants must be sponsored by the pharmacology or clinical pharmacology program in which the investigative project is to be undertaken. Funding up to \$1,500 per month. **Apply by September 1, 2004**. Additional information www.phrrnafoundation.org.

The NIH's Fogarty International Center (FIC), with support from the **Ellison Medical Foundation** is offering a **one-year clinical research training experience** for graduate level U.S. students in health professions. This is an opportunity for highly motivated individuals to experience **mentored research training** at top-ranked NIH-funded research centers in a diverse group of countries. Open to students with a strong interest in, and potential for, a career in international health activities and/or clinical research; an advanced standing in a U.S. medical school; and support of their home academic institution, including a committed mentor. Each fellowship is for one-year. The term will begin with an intensive orientation program on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD in July 2005. This will be followed by approximately 10+ months of intense research training at a foreign site. **Applications due by January 7, 2005**. For application and to learn more visit: www.aamc.org/overseasfellowship

American College of Physicians invites students to participate in the **11th Annual Medical Student Abstract Competitions for the 2005 Annual Session**, to be held **April 14-16 in San Francisco, California**. The top ten winners will be invited to give an oral presentation of their abstract at the 2005 Annual Session in San Francisco, with all expenses paid. In addition, finalists will be chosen to participate in the **11th Annual National Medical Student Poster Competition** and will be invited to present and compete in San Francisco for additional awards. For additional

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CURRICULUM AFFAIRS

Dick Dollase

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The Office of Curriculum Affairs has updated and reissued its MD2000 student handbooks: Handbook for PLME/EIP Students; Handbook for the Preclinical Years, Handbook for the Clinical Years and the Preclinical Course Overviews which describes how the nine abilities are integrated into first- and second-year courses. If you wish a copy of any of these handbooks, contact Amy Leavitt at 863-2006 or email her at Amy_Leavitt@brown.edu.

The Ability III: Using Basic Science in the Practice of Medicine Assessment Committee will be meeting this fall with clerkship directors to determine how this ability may be addressed and assessed in core clerkships. If you are interested in joining this assessment committee, please contact Dick Dollase at 863-3198 or email

Scheduling Changes: This academic year Bio 262: Neurologic Pathophysiology will be taught in the fall semester rather the spring semester of the second year. Bio 372: Epidemiology for the Practice of Medicine will be a half-credit course taught in January 2005.

Curriculum Integration: Professor Chi-Ming Hai, course director of Bio 117: Human Physiology and Professor Marjorie Thompson, course director of Bio 189: Histology have developed a new integrated course: Histology and Physiology of Cells, Tissues, and Organ Systems. The newly designed first-year interdisciplinary course will be taught this fall semester.

The Planning Committee for the new Doctoring course continued its deliberations during the summer. The proposed interdisciplinary course will be offered in academic year 2005–06. For one half-day a week, students will acquire history-taking and physical-diagnosis skills and gain perspectives on professional development and ethical decision making. During a second half-day a week, students will be at an office practice where they will practice their clinical skills and be mentored by an experienced physician. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please call Dick Dollase at 863-3198 or email him at Richard_Dollase@brown.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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information please contact Kelly Ann Lott at 1-800-523-1546, ext 2697, you may also email to klott@acponline.org. **Submission deadline: November 1, 2004.** Abstracts can be submitted electronically at www.acponline.org

Interested in surgery? The **Division of Education** cordially invites you to attend a special program for medical students being held during the **Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons**. Activities designed specifically for medical students will be offered on **October 10–13 in New Orleans, LA**. Participants will be able to meet and interact with prominent Fellows

committed to the education of medical students and residents. Additionally, students are invited to attend general, specialty and multidisciplinary sessions, didactic postgraduate courses, video sessions and exhibits at the Clinical Congress. Registration details available at www.facs.org. For additional information contact Rosemary Morrison at (312) 202-5018.

The **Pauletta and Denzel Washington Family Gifted Scholars in Neuroscience Award** is available to **one undergraduate and one graduate or medical student**. The primary purpose of this award is to mentor and encourage

young, potential scientists and physicians to enter the field of neurological research. Additional information regarding the program as well as the application may be viewed by going to www.cedars-sinai.edu/mdnsi. Application **deadline January 1, 2005**. Contact Felicia Boyd at (310) 423-0825 or boydf@cshs.org if you have any questions.

