Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM) is committed to providing care for New Jersey and our nation, through undergraduate and graduate medical education, research, health care and service to the community. During this past year, we have expanded our class size, grown our research initiatives, developed new training sites through increased hospital partnerships and transformed our clinical enterprise. We have provided community outreach and service to our area through leadership and by embracing our mission. Our talented faculty, staff, students and residents are dedicated every day, to excellence in all that we do. As Dean, I am proud to share with you some of our most recent achievements, and to report that our school continues to flourish.

My best regards,

Thomas A. Cavalieri, DO, MACOI, FACP
Dean

**Mission**

The Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM) is dedicated to providing excellence in both undergraduate and graduate medical education, research and health care for New Jersey and the nation.

An emphasis on primary health care and community health services reflects the School’s osteopathic philosophy, with specialty care and centers of excellence demonstrating our commitment to innovation and quality in all endeavors.

The School seeks to develop clinically skillful, compassionate and culturally competent physicians from diverse backgrounds, who are prepared to become leaders in their communities.

**Vision**

To be the best osteopathic medical school in the nation by providing a premier, dynamic academic environment that attracts and nurtures outstanding faculty, staff and students who are dedicated to our mission to promote health and treat illness.
This August, the incoming class of 2020 welcomed 186 student doctors, which marks an increase of 24 spots from previous years.

Another enrollment increase will take effect in 2017, with 200 available spots for first-year students.

Seventy-five percent of first-year students are New Jersey residents, continuing RowanSOM’s mission to educate physicians for the state.

RowanSOM is a leader nationally in geriatric medical education, as recognized by U.S. News & World Report for 15 years.

RowanSOM’s Graduate Medical Education Consortium is moving forward to a Single Accreditation System developed through the efforts of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). This will pave the way for residency programs to submit applications for ACGME accreditation.

Faculty and students collaborated to create the first known Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on “What is Osteopathic Medicine” this past May.

Current Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) enrollment is 167. Additionally, five new accelerated BS/MS (3.5- and 1.5-year) programs were approved, linking GSBS with the following BS programs in the College of Science and Mathematics: Biochemistry, Bioinformatics, Biology, Biophysics and Translational Biomedical Sciences.

Hired an Assistant Dean for Curriculum, Dr. Millicent Channell, who will oversee the ongoing implementation of new curriculum design, bringing our curriculum into the future by integrating evidence-based practice and research concepts, while incorporating OMM/OPP throughout.

Clinical training sites were added, as well as new curricula guidelines for clerkships and new assessment and feedback mechanisms for clinical sites. Three new hubs for clinical education are CentraState Hospital in Freehold, Southern Ocean Medical Center in Manahawkin and Bayonne Medical Center in Bayonne.
Over the past year, faculty have been awarded over $11 million for research initiatives in biochemistry, cell biology, molecular biology, genetics and physiology from such funding sources as the National Institutes of Health, the New Jersey Health Foundation, the American Cancer Society, and many other public and private entities.

Dr. Barry Waterhouse was appointed chair of the Department of Cell Biology in July. With over 30 years of experience as a research scientist, educator and administrator, Dr. Waterhouse will help launch a neuroscience program in collaboration with the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) on the Stratford campus.

RowanSOM’s research mission – to improve the health of individuals and communities – has propelled Rowan University forward as the state’s newest research university, helping to achieve its strategic goal to be a powerful economic driver for the South Jersey region.
Rowan Medicine, the School of Osteopathic Medicine’s clinical practice plan, has provided health care in southern New Jersey for over three decades.

- Rowan Medicine records over 210,000 patient encounters annually.

- The Sewell Family Medicine office has been awarded recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Level Three. As a PCMH, the health care team works together to provide high-quality care and better access within a network of physicians, specialists and health care facilities, which results in improved patient experience and satisfaction, enhanced coordination of care and improved communication leading to better health care outcomes for patients.

- Rowan Medicine joined the New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII) to improve the quality and efficiency of clinical services, while simultaneously reducing costs. The program’s goal is for network providers to manage chronic conditions, which should lead to reduced hospital admissions and emergency room visits.

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services named Rowan Medicine a participant in Next Generation Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Model.

- Recognizing a need for child abuse services in South Jersey, the CARES (Child Abuse Research Education and Services) Institute opened a satellite location in Vineland to better serve the surrounding communities in Atlantic and Cape May counties.
The Saturday Free Clinic in Camden helps to bridge the health care gap of the city’s underserved population by providing free medical services and health education every weekend.

The Healthy Lifestyle Center promotes wellness within the community, offering personal health coaching, exercise and nutrition counseling and health information. The Center hosted a ‘Commit to Fit’ 5k run and walk in October, with proceeds benefiting Camden’s Neighborhood Center.

The Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Clinic is held two Saturdays a month September through May on the Stratford Campus. Supervised students use techniques learned in the classroom to perform free osteopathic manipulative treatments on community members.

RowanSOM has a strong community service mission, and students play an integral role. Supported by the Office of Student Affairs & Alumni Engagement, several faculty-supervised, student-born and run programs are held throughout the year in the Camden County area.
In 2016, the School of Osteopathic Medicine made some capital improvements to existing structures to better meet the needs of the expanding campus population.

- The Health Sciences library underwent a $250,000 renovation that included new paint and carpeting, as well as new furnishings and the addition of new study spaces, which accommodate both independent and group study.

- The Rowan Board of Trustees approved a measure to replace the Science Center roof, which was completed in December.

- To accommodate the first year of our class size expansion, 113 E. Laurel Road was renovated, furnished and upgraded.
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