Dear Faculty, Students and Staff,

A milestone academic year has come to a close. While our first class graduated under our new name, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, the road to commencement was paved with familiar faces, practices and over 30 years of tradition. I want to thank the faculty and staff who work hard each and every day as teachers, role models and mentors to our students. I also want to thank the students who dedicate themselves to the core of our mission—to become great physicians who are leaders in their community.

140 New Physicians Graduate

On May 15th, in a ceremony held on the Glassboro campus immediately following Rowan University's Graduate Commencement, 140 new Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine – the first physicians to graduate from Rowan – were hooded by their faculty, and celebrated by their family, friends and guests. At this 34th annual celebration of the graduating class, the greatest day of our academic year, I reminded our newly-minted physicians of the qualities that encompass a great physician: integrity, respect, compassion and professional responsibility toward patients and colleagues. I also encouraged them to take the Osteopathic Oath to heart at graduation and each time they encounter a patient.

The ceremony welcomed Dr. Stephen C. Shannon, President of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), as keynote speaker. Linda M. Rohrer, Chair of the Rowan University Board of Trustees, was presented the 2014 Medal of Excellence in recognition of her leadership, support of higher education and commitment to RowanSOM. The 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award, which recognizes a graduate who has brought honor to the school, went to Dr. Wayne R. Carlsen, a 1986 graduate of SOM. Two members of the faculty were selected by the Class of 2014 to receive Golden Apple Awards: Dr. Richard Jermyn, Associate Professor and Chair, Rehabilitation Medicine and Director, NeuroMusculoskeletal Institute (NMI), was chosen from the full-time faculty, and Our Lady of Lourdes Obstetrician-Gynecologist Dr. Daniel Berger ’96 received the award for volunteer faculty.
The following students were honored with individual awards recognizing their demonstrated exceptional interest and achievement overall or within a specific discipline and science:

**The Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement**  
Barry Evan Perlman

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cell Biology**  
Mark Darocki

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Emergency Medicine**  
Jason Kim

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Family Medicine**  
Patricia Hughes Martin

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Geriatrics**  
Andrew Kamal Abdou

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Internal Medicine**  
Dhaval K. Naik

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Molecular Biology**  
Stephanie Lynn Chapin

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Obstetrics/Gynecology**  
John Joseph Campbell

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine**  
Jonathan C. Sedeyn

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Pathology**  
Shivani Jatin Gandhi

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Pediatrics**  
Rebecca J. Rothstein

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**  
Andrew Stephen Isleib

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Primary Care**  
Jesse S. Abesh

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Psychiatry**  
Stephen Mateka

**Award for Outstanding Achievement in Surgery**  
Mark Darocki

**New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Award for Excellence in Osteopathic Medicine**  
Robert C. Gesumaria

**Community Service Award**  
Megan Lisset Jimenez  
Patricia Hughes Martin

**The Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities**  
Patricia Hughes Martin

**Alumni Association Leadership Award**  
William Alexander Gartlan  
Nosheen Jawaid

**RowanSOM Dean's Recognition Award**  
Magdala K. Chery

**The President's Award**  
Mark Darocki

Left: Magdala K. Chery ’14 is presented with the RowanSOM’s Dean’s Recognition Award.

Right: Dr. Ali Houshmand, President of Rowan University and Dean Cavalieri congratulate Mark Darocki ’14 with the President’s Award.
18th Annual Research Day Highlights Discovery and Innovation

Stratford Research Day, hosted by RowanSOM and Rowan University Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (RowanGSBS), welcomed nearly 200 attendees and more than 100 poster presentations on May 8th. Posters were predominantly from RowanSOM and RowanGSBS, but also included submissions from Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), Kennedy University Hospital (KUH), Rutgers University School of Nursing, as well as Rowan’s Glassboro campus. Dr. Guenther Boden, Laura H. Carnell Professor of Medicine (Emeritus) at Temple University School of Medicine, presented the day’s keynote address, “Insulin Resistance, the Link between Obesity and Cardiovascular Disease,” highlighting the vast research he has performed in the field.

The annual Research Day celebration concluded with a presentation of the 2014 Rowan University Award for Excellence in Graduate Research to Harini Krishnan, as well as awards to the best research project poster presentations from both the Summer Medical Research Fellowship Program and RowanGSBS. The following students received awards during the medical student and graduate student poster competitions:

**Summer Medical Research Fellowship Program Competition**

First Place: Evan Nevel (OMS-II) – Podoplanin signaling can be regulated to affect tumor cell migration and invasion
Second Place: Izza Mir (OMS-II) – Localized clustering of obesity in community dwelling older adults; a spatial analysis
Third Place: Jacqueline Dash (OMS-II) – General anesthesia-induced blood-brain barrier breakdown leading to delirium

**RowanGSBS Student Competition**

First Place: Karen Agaronyan – Human mitochondrial transcription elongation factor, TEFM, affects MTRNAP stability and processivity
Second Place: Minshi Wang – Ribosome biogenesis and quality control in mammalian cells
Third Place: Samantha Zaroff – Transcriptional regulation of NAA synthase and its relationship to neuronal energy homeostasis
Upcoming Events

**11th Annual Get an A+ in Aging – Your Health Matters Health Fair**
Friday, June 20 • 10 am to 1:30 pm
Academic Center, Multipurpose Room and Atrium
Visit www.theuniversitydoctors.com on how to register!

**White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2018**
Sunday, August 3 • 9:30 am to 2 pm
Academic Center, Multipurpose Room

My best regards,

Thomas A. Cavalieri, DC
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