Dear Faculty, Students and Staff,

February is a month often associated with matters of the heart, both literally and symbolically. I have often said that I believe our students, faculty and staff are the heart and soul of RowanSOM, and by virtue of this month’s update, I am confident of it.

New Department of Geriatrics and Gerontology Established Effective July 1, 2014

At its meeting February 19th, the Board of Trustees of Rowan University approved the establishment of a new Department of Geriatrics and Gerontology at RowanSOM, effective July 1, 2014. The new department will comprise two divisions: Geriatric Medicine and Geriatric Behavioral Health. The creation of a new academic department, in which New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA) faculty members will hold their primary appointments, will increase the visibility of geriatrics and gerontology at RowanSOM and open the door to an even greater role in education, research and clinical care related to aging. It is an important next step to continuing to advance the role of the school and NJISA regionally, nationally and internationally in geriatrics and gerontology.

Osteopathic Match Day

Members of the Class of 2014 gathered on Monday, February 10th to receive Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education (OGME) program match results. The initial results were very positive, with many highly qualified RowanSOM students opting to continue their training in one of the 61 first-year OGME positions sponsored by the RowanSOM Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution (OPTI) of New Jersey.

A match celebration for all members of the Class of 2014 will be held on Friday, March 21st, when results from the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) for allopathic graduate medical education (GME) programs are announced.

Community Grand Rounds Program

At the February 20th Community Grand Round lecture “Health Disparities: What was, What is, What will be,” members of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) at RowanSOM joined Dean Cavalieri and OMM chair and SNMA faculty advisor, Dr. Millicent Channell, to thank the keynote speaker, Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee. Dr. Ross-Lee is the Vice President for Health Sciences and Medical Affairs at NYIT-College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee was the featured speaker at our latest Community Grand Rounds program on February 20th. Dr. Ross-Lee presented “Health Disparities: What was, What is, What will be.” Dr. Ross-Lee is the Vice President for Health Services and Medical Affairs at New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine and was appointed by the Institute of Medicine, the health arm of the National Academy of Sciences, to join its Consensus Committee on the Governance and Financing of Graduate Medical Education (GME). She has an extensive background in health policy issues, and serves as an
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advisor on primary care, medical education, minority health, women's health and rural health care issues on the federal and state levels.

Relay for Life Raises Money in the Fight against Cancer
Friday, January 31st through Saturday, February 1st, RowanSOM teamed up with the American Cancer Society to hold the third annual Relay for Life in Stratford. Relay is a 12-hour overnight cancer research fundraising event, recognizing cancer survivors, those battling the disease and those who lost the fight.

Over 80 students, faculty, staff, family and friends formed 12 teams to take turns walking the indoor track and participating in activities such as carnival games, relay races and salsa dancing. Proceeds raised during the event, as well as through recent fundraising activities at local restaurants and eateries, will benefit local chapters of the American Cancer Society to support cancer research, educational awareness, patient advocacy and survivor services.

Medicine Ball
A record crowd of 380 students and guests dined and danced the night away at the annual RowanSOM Medicine Ball at The Mansion on Main Street, Voorhees on Saturday, February 22nd.

Dr. Martin Finkel Receives Honor from Philadelphia 76ers
Dr. Martin Finkel, Professor of Pediatrics and Co-Director, CARES Institute, was recently honored as a ‘Hero Among Us’ at a Philadelphia 76ers basketball game on February 21st. The Sixers 'Heros Among Us' program awards people in the greater Philadelphia area who have made exceptional and overwhelming contributions to better the lives of children in the community. Proceeds from the night's 50/50 raffle were donated to the CARES Institute.

Lights! Camera! Action! RowanSOM Student Joins Dr. Caudle on CBS 3
Adil Manzoor '15 joined Dr. Jennifer Caudle, Assistant Professor, Family Medicine, on a recent appearance on Philadelphia's CBS 3. Dr. Caudle discussed Seasonal Affective Disorder with morning show anchors Ukee Washington and Erika von Tiehl.
Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Students from the RowanSOM chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) provided free blood pressure screenings in the University Doctors Pavilion on February 5th and 19th. Pictured, from left: Rachel Odeyemi '16, Mariam Keita '16 and Joselito 'Tito' Numa '16.

RowanSOM Student Wins Ripple Effect Contest

Meghan Meghpara '16 received quite the surprise in a recent Tuesday afternoon class – an oversized boarding pass to Port Au Prince, Haiti, and the notice that she was a winner of the “Ripple Effect Contest” sponsored by medical supply company WelchAllyn and international nonprofit organization Heart to Heart International. Megan will travel to Haiti this summer on a humanitarian service trip to work alongside physicians and aid workers. The contest encourages medical students to share how they will create their own ‘ripple effect’ of good in their own community or around the world. Megan submitted a short video, titled, “I Know that I am Lucky,” which a panel of judges deemed superior for its personality, passion, creativity, sincerity and quality of expression.

AOA and ACGME Agree to Single GME Accreditation

A final agreement has been reached by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), which begins the process to create a single accreditation system for graduate medical education programs in the U.S. Starting in July 2015, AOA accredited programs will undergo transition to ACGME accreditation. By July 2020 all programs must be ACGME accredited. The single accreditation system will allow graduates of osteopathic and allopathic medical schools to complete graduates of osteopathic and allopathic medical schools to complete residency and/or fellowship training in ACGME-accredited programs, and demonstrate achievement of common milestones and competencies.

This agreement provides the framework for the osteopathic and allopathic communities to join together to prepare future generations of physicians with the highest quality graduate medical education and the broadest opportunities to serve the public while preserving and expanding the distinct contributions of osteopathic medicine to healthcare. There are still significant operational details to be worked out, but the foundation has been laid with sufficient detail to enable us to move forward confidently, as we work out those final implementation measures. The home page of AACOM’s website (www.aacom.org) offers quick access to information on this development, and updates will continue to be posted as the process continues to evolve.

For information specific to Graduate Medical Education at RowanSOM, visit: http://www.rowan.edu/som/education/graduate_medical/ or call the GME Office at 856-566-7121.
Upcoming Events

Community Grand Rounds
Why is Access to Medicine such a Big Problem in the United States?
Dr. Donald W. Light, Professor of Psychiatry, RowanSOM and Fellow, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University
Monday, March 3 • 12 noon
Academic Center, Multipurpose Room

AOA President Luncheon & Meeting with Students
Friday, March 14 • 12 noon
Academic Center, Multipurpose Room

RowanSOM Reception at ACOFP
Friday, March 14 • 6 pm
Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

RowanSOM Match Day Celebration
Friday, March 21 • 12 pm
Mansion on Main Street, Voorhees

Understanding Your Student Loan Portfolio
Wednesday, March 26 • 6 pm - 8 pm
Academic Center, Room 276
Sponsored by the RowanSOM Student Financial Aid Office.
Space limited, RSVP to 856.566.6044 by Friday, March 21st.

RowanSOM Accepted Students Day
Saturday, March 29 • 8:30 am - 5 pm
Academic Center, Atrium

2014 Spring Interprofessional Grand Rounds
“Do Not Harm: Our Role in Ensuring Patient Safety”
Thursday, April 10 • 3 - 4:30 pm
Academic Center, Multipurpose Room

CARES Institute 8th Annual Statewide Symposium
Wednesday, April 23
The Conference Center at Mercer
1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ
Registration is required; please direct inquiries to caretraining@rowan.edu or 856.566.6744

My best regards,

[Signature]
Dr. Thomas A. Cavalieri, Dean