Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

As a milestone academic year comes to a close, I want to extend my wishes for continued success to the Class of 2013, the last graduating class under UMDNJ. The faculty and staff at our great school have prepared these young doctors for bright futures not only in medicine, but in life. As we look ahead to our future as Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, we need to remember our legacy as part of UMDNJ, and to remain true to our commitment to teach, discover, heal and care.

123 NEW DO’S GRADUATE AT SOM CONVOCATION, UMDNJ COMMENCEMENT

On Monday, May 20th, in a Convocation ceremony and reception held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, 123 new Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine were hooded by their faculty, and celebrated by their family, friends, and guests. Two days later, they joined the final graduating class of UMDNJ at the IZO D Center in East Rutherford, New Jersey, for the official conferral of their degrees. The SOM Convocation on May 20th featured Dr. Ali A. Houshm and, President of Rowan University, as keynote speaker. Dr. Houshm and acclaimed SOM's graduates for

1. Dean Cavalieri and John B. Crosby, JD, Executive Director of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) 2. Lesly D’Ambola, DO ’94 and Dean Cavalieri. 3. The 123 new doctors of Osteopathic Medicine, the SOM Class of 2013.
their many accomplishments, challenged them to continue to make outstanding contributions in the future, and underscored his enthusiasm about welcoming the school to Rowan University. He was joined in the audience by many of our new Rowan colleagues in the President’s Cabinet and other key leadership positions.

The 2013 SOM Medal of Excellence was presented to John B. Crosby, JD, Executive Director of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), in recognition of his years of outstanding leadership for the AOA and his continued commitment to the success of the osteopathic profession. The 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes a graduate who has brought honor to SOM, went to Lesly D’Ambola, DO ’94, Assistant Professor of Medicine, SOM, and Medical Director, St. Luke’s Catholic Medical Services in Camden, for her work as a physician committed to serving the health care needs of the underserved and her outstanding mentorship of our students and residents.

Two members of the faculty were selected by the Class of 2013 to receive Golden Apple Awards. Judith Lightfoot, DO, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, was chosen from among the volunteer faculty, and Sajid Surve, DO, Assistant Professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) and Rehabilitation Medicine, NeuroMusculoskeletal Institute (NMI), received the award for full-time faculty.

The most prestigious student honor, the Stanley S. Bergen, Jr. MD, Medal of Excellence, was presented to Brittany Perry by Ira Monka, DO, MHA, FACOFP, a member of the UMDNJ Board of Trustees and President of the SOM Alumni Association. This award goes to the graduate whose activities inside and out of the classroom embrace Dr. Bergen’s vision to improve the health and quality of life of all of New Jersey’s citizens. The NJAOPS Award for Excellence in Osteopathic Medicine was conferred upon Natalie Anne Hyppolite by NJAOPS’ President John LaRatta, DO.
The following students were honored with individual awards recognizing their demonstrated exceptional interest and achievement overall or within a specific discipline of medicine and science:

- **The Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement**: Nidhi Sondhi
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Molecular Biology**: Johnathon LeBaron
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Obstetrics/Gynecology**: Andrew Buchholz
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine**: Elan Luria Goldwaser
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Pathology**: William Peter Frampton
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Pediatrics**: Brittany Alexis Perry
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**: Natalie Anne Hyppolite
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Primary Care**: Christine Katharine Garnier
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Psychiatry**: Michael David Metzger
- **Award for Outstanding Achievement in Surgery**: Alexander John Hannan
- **Community Service Award**: Anna Grushevsky
- **The Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities**: David DiCaprio
- **Alumni Association Leadership Award**: Luigi Ayston Cendana, DO ’13 and Yewade Ng, DO ’13, Alumni Association Leadership Award winners with Ira Monka, DO, MHA, FACOFP.
- **L-R**: Christine Katharine Garnier, DO ’13, recipient of the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Primary Care and her mother, Katharine Garnier, MD, Assistant Professor, Family Medicine.
- **11.**: 123 new DOs recite The Osteopathic Oath.
- **12.**: Rose Parks ’15 sings the National Anthem.

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A major milestone was achieved in May, when all UMDNJ employees were notified of their new employer – Rowan University, Rutgers University, or University Hospital – as of July 1, 2013. Of UMDNJ's approximately 15,000 faculty and staff, 1,170 will join the Rowan family. These include all faculty and employees who currently staff SOM, its related graduate programs, and various support functions for the Stratford Campus.

Dr. Ali Houshmard, President of Rowan University, looks forward to welcoming us to Rowan, and plans to send individual letters to incoming Rowan faculty and staff at their home addresses soon. Also, Dr. Houshmard will be featured at a Dean’s Forum on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 10:00 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room, Academic Center, to welcome us personally. All are invited to attend.

We already are working closely together on a myriad of integration activities to ensure a smooth transition for students, patients, faculty, and staff. The Transition Steering Committee and the 12 integration teams continue to meet, and Rowan leaders are presenting to the Department Operations Meeting (DOM) monthly. Training has begun for individuals who will be using Rowan's Banner system. Although UMDNJ also uses Banner, there are differences in specific applications, and we want all Stratford personnel who work with Banner to be prepared for the Rowan system.

There also are ways that every employee can play a part in ensuring a smooth transition. You should have received an SOM Automail with an insert for your email messages, to begin branding SOM's new identity. If you have not already started using this insert, you can access it on the school's homepage, som.umdnj.edu, and follow the instructions to add it to your email signature. You also have been asked to update your workplace contact information in the UMDNJ online Telephone Directory, and your personal information in the Banner Self-Service site on the Welcome page of the my.umdnj.edu web portal. These will help to ensure the accurate transfer of information to Rowan.

Dr. Denise V. Rodgers, UMDNJ's Interim President, will host a final UMDNJ legacy celebration on the Stratford campus this Friday, May 31, 2013 at 12:30 PM, in the Fountain Plaza behind the Academic Center. And planning for a “Day One” celebration for Monday, July 1, 2013, at 10:00 AM continues. Mark your calendars now for both events.

For additional information on the anticipated transition of SOM into Rowan, see the updated Rowan/SOM integration website at: http://www.rowan.edu/integration/.

17TH ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY SETS NEW RECORDS FOR POSTERS, ATTENDANCE

With over 200 attendees and more than 90 poster presentations, Stratford Research Day on Thursday, May 2nd demonstrated the strong commitment to discovery and innovation on our campus. Ten of the posters were from Rowan, and Dr. Ali Houshmard, the President of our new host university, accompanied by members of his faculty and administration, were present to join us in celebrating this important domain of our mission. Karen Moxon, PhD, Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Director of Neuroengineering at Drexel University, presented the day’s keynote address, “Brain-Machine Interfaces for Restoration of Volitional Control in a Rat Model of Spinal Cord Injury,” highlighting on recent advances to restore function following spinal cord injury. The annual Research Day celebration concluded with a presentation of awards to the best research project poster presentations from both the Summer Medical Research Fellowship Program and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

The following students received awards during the medical student and graduate student poster competitions:

**SOM Summer Medical Research Fellowship Program:**
- **First Place:** Eric Goldwaser
  2nd year medical student
- **Second Place:** Adil Manzoor
  2nd year medical student
- **Third Place:** Eric P. Nagele
  2nd year medical student

**Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS):**
- **First Place:** Harini Krishnan
  4th year PhD student
- **Second Place:** Qing Wei
  5th year PhD student
- **Third Place:** Karen Agaronyan
  2nd year PhD student
OUTSTANDING STRATFORD CAMPUS INTER-PROFESSIONAL GRAND ROUNDS ON IMPROVING THE CARE OF DEMENTIA PATIENTS

Also on Thursday, May 2nd, the Spring Stratford Campus Inter-Professional Grand Rounds Program, “Improving Care of Dementia Patients through an Inter-Professional Approach,” concluded the series for the year. The format for the day was a simulated family conference with a patient’s spouse/caregiver, who volunteered to share her family’s experience coping with Alzheimer’s Disease in order to educate the next generation of health care professionals. Faculty for the well-received program included Nancy Altermann, MSW, Geriatric Clinical Instructor, NJISA; Mike Burgo, OT, Regional Director, South NJ Region 2, FOX Rehabilitation; Danielle DiGregorio, PsyD, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NJISA; Patty Hoffman, OT, Coordinator of Dementia Services, Regional Mentor and Fieldwork Educator, FOX Rehabilitation; Christian White, DO, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, NJISA; and Samuel Zwetchkenbaum, DDS, MPH, Geriatric Dental Fellow, NJISA, SOM and UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School. The grand rounds was attended by approximately 100 students and others, who had a unique opportunity to learn about dementia, gain greater sensitivity to its management, and understand the benefits of inter-professional collaboration.

FIRST WEB-BASED CME PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL

On Saturday, May 18th, SOM’s Continuing Medical Education (CME) Office entered the world of Online Live Internet CME Programming with a one-day, seven (7) credit Category 1A CME program, “360° Feedback: Calibrating Pain and Addiction Management.” Approximately 75 registrants from New Jersey to California participated from their homes or offices by PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, Android devices and Kindles. Excellent feedback was universal about the content, quality, and caliber of speakers involved, as well as the flawless technology. For more information about SOM-sponsored Category 1A CME, see: http://som.umdnj.edu/education/continuing_ed/cme1a/index.html.

FAMILY MEDICINE DOCTORS TRAVEL TO CHINA TO EDUCATE ON PRIMARY CARE

Joshua S. Coren, DO, MBA, FACOFP, Associate Professor and Vice Chair, Family Medicine, and Director, Continuing Medical Education, and Adarsh K. Gupta, DO, MS, FACOFP, Director, Center for Medical Weight Loss and Metabolic Control; Director, Center for Information Mastery; and Associate Professor, Family Medicine were among seven physicians, including AOA Trustee Dr. William J. Burke, who traveled to the city of Yibing, located in the Sichuan province of China, from May 4th to 12th as representatives of the International Primary Care Educational Alliance (IPCEA). For the past seven years, the IPCEA has been working in China, helping to train trainers who will in turn teach physicians there how to provide primary care.

The program, which in the past has included visits to SOM by Chinese physicians and administrators, is part of a massive effort by the Chinese government to revamp health care. Currently, health care in that country is dependent on a specialty medical care system and there are few physicians who provide primary care or focus on preventive medicine. The Chinese government’s goal is to develop a network of 300,000 more primary care physicians by the year 2020 to meet the country’s needs.

During their time in China, Drs. Coren and Gupta visited Yibing’s two main hospitals, saw patients alongside Chinese doctors and medical students, and delivered lectures on primary care training to medical and administrative staff.
SO M ACTIVE AT JOINT AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (AACOM) AND ASSOCIATION OF OSTEOPATHIC DIRECTORS OF MEDICAL EDUCATION (AODME) ANNUAL MEETING

SOM was well-represented at the Joint AACOM & AODME Annual Meeting, “Foundations for the Future,” held in Baltimore, MD, April 24th to 27th. Faculty presentations included:

- Thomas A. Cavalieri, DO, FACOI, FACP, Professor of Medicine, NJISA and Dean, moderated “Accreditation of Medical Education Programs Leading to the Medical Degree: A Review of the Decisions of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education from 2004 to 2012,” as part of a session on “Common Challenges in Osteopathic and Allopathic Curricula and Accreditation,” April 24, 2013;

- George J. Scott, DPM, DO, FACOFP, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Residency Program Director, presented on “Using Innovative Free Internet Sites to Enhance Teaching Clinical Exam Skills,” as part of a session on “Administrative Effectiveness,” April 25, 2013;

- Pamela Basehore, EdD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine, NJISA and Acting Assistant Dean for Assessment, facilitated a session on “Curricular Approaches in Geriatrics Education,” and co-presented, with Kevin Overbeck, DO, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, NJISA, on “Meeting Geriatric Competency Domains: The Story Student Data are Revealing about Geriatric Integration at Two COMs,” April 26, 2013.

Additionally, Janette Pierce, MS, Public Services Librarian, and Janice K. Skica, MS, Stratford Campus Library Director, presented a poster on, “Promoting Resource Sharing among Osteopathic Medical School Libraries,” and SOM’s 35th Anniversary Publication won the AACOM 3rd place Excellence in Communications Award (see http://som.umdnj.edu/about/docs/SOM/SOMmag.pdf).

5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

On April 20th, the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) and the Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS) sponsored their 5th annual Community Health Fair at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken, NJ. Students from SOM and GSBS shared their passion for wellness by providing health information, free screenings, OMM demonstrations and other activities for the local community. New to the health fair this year was a 3k run, which benefited the Ronald McDonald House Charity. The event encouraged participants to take a proactive role in preserving their well-being through healthy eating, exercise and disease prevention.

9TH ANNUAL ANATOMY MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Class of 2016 gathered to honor and celebrate the individuals who donated their bodies in the name of medical education at the Anatomy Memorial Service on May 8th. The first-year students remembered their ‘silent teachers’ and ‘first patients’ through song, poetry and reflection. Following the service, the students returned to the anatomy laboratory to spend a few final moments with their cadavers, leaving a flower as a token of appreciation.

1. L-R: Steve Bialick ’16, Class President; Rocco V. Carsia, PhD and Shilpa Samudrala ’16, Class Vice President. 2. The class gift presented by Shilpa Samudrala ’16.
UPCOMING EVENTS

STRATFORD CAMPUS RECEPTION IN CELEBRATION OF UMDNJ LEGACY -
FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2013
12:30 to 1:30 pm
Academic Center Courtyard (rain location: Academic Center Multi-Purpose Room)

10TH ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY -
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013
10:00 am to 1:30 pm
Academic Center Atrium and Multi-Purpose Room
“What to do when you are forgetting”
Presented by: Robert Nagele, PhD, Professor, Medicine and Cell Biology, New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA) and Danielle DiGregorio, PsyD, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry, NJISA

“DAY ONE” CELEBRATION -
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013
10:00 am
Academic Center Courtyard

My best regards,

Thomas A. Cavalieri, DO, FACOI, FACP, AGSF
Dean