As this year and semester wind down, I find myself more and more involved in planning for the move to the new medical school building. There are a number of things that I can report on that relate to the move.

With the help of Karen Scanlan in Dean Wing’s office, we are developing a web site that will provide information on the building, including floor plans and renderings, construction progress, information on the surrounding neighborhood, and details pertaining to the move and life after the move. The web site will be updated weekly. We will send out regular emails to students, staff and faculty with updated information and a link to the site. The goal is to make the impending move more tangible and to get input from all quarters on the transition.

Some positive information that has not been widely disseminated includes the following. The project is on time and on budget. The projected occupancy date for the building is in late July/early August 2011. As of now, the safety record for the building project is perfect—there have been no injuries or accidents on the site. This is a remarkable achievement on the Suffolk construction firm’s part given that demolition is just about complete. And the building is greener than I could have imagined. At this time, we are on track to achieve a LEEDS Gold certification.

Students know that I recently circulated a survey on parking and transportation issues. As of this moment (late in the day on December 9) we have 308 responses. We know how important these issues are. I appreciate the thoughtful input I’ve already received from MD12, and there will be a town hall meeting with MD14 next month. All of this information will be critical in determining how med school resources are used to deal with this critical issue.

I expect that the web site will be a great help in providing everyone in the Alpert Med School community with information on the building and the move. Please feel free to contact me with concerns, questions and suggestions. Looking back on my 30+ year career at Brown, this is by far the most significant transformation the med school has undergone since its founding. Like all change, it will continue on the next page...

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be as challenging as it is exciting, but I know that it will be a huge boon to our school.

Best wishes for the New Year.

The Office of Financial Aid
Linda Gillette, Director

Office of Financial Aid

NHSC Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Camia Crawford, an AMS second-year medical student who was awarded the National Health Service Scholarship (NHSC) this year! The application process is very competitive so it is truly an honor for Camia to have been honored this year.

NHSC Scholarship recipients make a commitment to serve as a primary care physician in a medically underserved area of the U.S., after completing residency. As part of the scholarship award, recipients receive compensation for tuition and fees for up to four years of medical school in addition to a monthly stipend. Congratulations, again to Camia!

Collins Scholarship Nominations

Each year, Alpert Medical School is invited to nominate one student for the Joseph Collins Foundation Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide assistance to needy medical students to achieve an adequate education without sacrificing all other interests in the broad fields of learning. This scholarship is valued at $20,000 per year and is renewable contingent upon satisfactory academic progress and continued financial need. It is awarded to a first-or second-year student who is an institutional aid recipient. Eligible candidates must have completed the Need Access Form and have received need-based scholarship funding. The Office of Financial Aid will send an email announcement to all eligible students soon after the New Year, providing specific details about the scholarship criteria and requesting a one- to two-page essay from interested candidates. Essay submissions will be reviewed by medical education faculty and staff and a nominee is selected in February. The selected nominee will submit an application form, official transcripts of post-secondary work, and three letters of recommendation to the Foundation.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need help as you complete your applications. Have a wonderful and restful holiday!

PLME

Hilary Sweigart/
Dean Julianne Ip

Hope you enjoyed a restful and happy Thanksgiving with family or friends. Here are some opportunities to keep in mind during Winter Break. Good luck with exams, and enjoy a safe and peaceful holiday!

Have you checked out these summer research opportunities?
SRA-Biomedical http://med.brown.edu/plme/current/plmesra.html
SRA-EM http://med.brown.edu/plme/current/emsra.html

Want to travel and learn abroad this summer? Check out these programs:

Germany at http://med.brown.edu/plme/current/germany.html (Possible funding through International Health Travel Scholarship http://med.brown.edu/plme/current/international.html)
China, Zhejiang University School of Medicine TCM, or Taiwan, National Cheng Kung University School of Medicine (NCKU) community medicine at http://med.brown.edu/research/international.html (Possible funding through Luke or Pang funds—contact Dean Ip)
Philippines, University of Philippines Manila, contact Dr. Jennifer Friedman Jennifer_Friedman@Brown.edu (Possible funding through International Health Travel Scholarship http://med.brown.edu/plme/current/international.html)

Fellowship opportunities through Dean of the College, International Health Institute, PLME Office, or Swearer Center for Public Service: http://med.brown.edu/plme/current/fellowships.html

Have you signed up to shadow a Brown alum in your home state during Winter Break? http://med.brown.edu/plme/current/miap.html

SENIORS ~ sign up with Terry McAllister for the annual Senior Lunch to be held on February 10 at noon in the Faculty Club. Reservations with Terry McAllister are required for assigned seating with MD student hosts at each table.

SOPHOMORES: Remember to “THINK” about your concentration and overarching educational plan; continued on next page...
reflection is good. Then, make an appointment with your advising dean to discuss your academic, professional and personal goals early in the spring semester.

All Students ~ The Whole Physician Program committee is working on a round-table event to be held on February 9 at 7PM in Pembroke Hall #305 to discuss Morbidity and Mortality cases with a faculty facilitator at each table. Sign up for the event will be required as space is limited. More information will be emailed to students over break.

AHEC
RI Area Health Education Center
Anne M. Alessi,
Financial Coordinator

The celebration of National Primary Care Week, coordinated by the RI AHEC Network, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island Department of Family Medicine, and the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 from 3-5:30pm in the Chancellor’s Dining Hall, with student research presentations, student awards, and the honoring of 3 local primary health care providers for their outstanding efforts to care for the underserved.

The RI AHEC Network supported 6 medical students whose projects included working with children with disabilities and their families, nutritional counseling and weight loss, health care advocacy, promotion of patient safety, medical-legal advocacy for people with HIV/AIDS, working with chronic pain patients and their primary care providers.

One Brown senior student, planning on attending medical school, presented her report about hygiene workshops with children at local preschools. Other AHEC supported projects were presented by 2 nursing students from the University of Rhode Island and 3 students from Rhode Island College studying nursing, health education, political science and public health administration. They reported on teaching youth about health careers, examining why health care disparities exist, and nutrition and food access for the homeless. One student from Stonehill College, inspired by her AHEC project of assessing rural maternal and child health needs, is planning to obtain a master’s degree in public health.

Three students were awarded a Certificate of Recognition and given a copy of the book, entitled, Plagues and Politics: The Story of the United States Public Health Service by Fitzhugh Mullan, M.D. Reshma Ramachandran (M13) was honored for Student Leadership, Hannah Watson (M12) for Commitment to Primary Care and Hillary A. Tellier (Stonehill College) for Elimination of Health Disparities.

Dr Fadya Elrayess and Dr America Foster were given preceptor awards for their tireless commitment to working with the underserved community and a lifetime achievement award was given to Dr Colleen Cleary. All awards were presented by Dr. David Anthony, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine. This annual event was well-attended, informative, and inspiring.

BMAA
Brown Medical Alumni Association
Bethany Solomon, Director

Reduce the travel expenses associated with your residency interviews. The HOST (Help Our Students Travel) program, sponsored by the Brown Medical Alumni Association, matches participating medical students with Brown alumni and parent volunteers who have offered to provide a free place to stay for medical students interviewing in their community. This same group has also expressed interest in serving as student mentors.

To apply for the program, you will need to fill out an application, which you can do online at http://med.brown.edu/alumni/HOST/students_registration.html. Once we receive your application, we will match you with a HOST volunteer and provide you with their contact information. Please feel free to contact Bethany Solomon, Director of Alumni Programs, at 401 863-1635 or Bethany_Solomon@brown.edu, with any questions.

A BMAA Grant is available to medical student groups that are officially recognized by the Medical Student Senate. These funds will be distributed through the Medical Student Senate. Groups must apply, stating their intentions for the funds, amount requested, history of funding or previous activities, student group leaders, and a brief description of the group.

Funding requests must be received by February 1 and should be sent...
to Carlen Adler, alumni relations administrative coordinator, at Carlen_Adler@brown.edu or fax to (401) 709-5836. All requests will be reviewed by the Secretary/Treasurer. Groups will be made aware of the decision by **February 15**.

BMAA Grant funding of **$1,000** is available for the 2010/2011 academic year. This can be distributed to more than one student group. Student groups who receive funding should acknowledge the receipt of a BMAA Grant. A sign posted at an event or notice to participants will suffice.

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**Office of Women and Medicine in Science**

**Debra Abeshaus, Director**

Please save these dates. (Details to follow)

- **February 3, 2011**
  - Conversation with MomDocFamily
  - 12 noon-1:00pm
  - Petteruti Lounge, Faunce House

- **February 17, 2011**
  - Women in Medicine and Science Evening at the RISD Museum - Porcelain Gallery
  - 5:30-7:30pm

- **March 3, 2011**
  - Women in Residency Fair
  - 5:30-7:30pm
  - Brown Faculty Club

Best wishes for the Holidays and New Year!

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**Student Affairs**

**Donna Arruda, Events Manager**

**Seventeenth Annual Stanley D. Simon Lecture**

**February 3, 2011**

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Salomon Hall, Room 101**

Guest Speaker: Rafael Campo, MA, MD, DLitt (Hon)
Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Director, Katherine Swan Ginsburg Humanism in Medicine Program, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Author of *The Other Man Was Me* (A Reception and Book Signing will follow.)

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**"Ethics Night"**

**February 23, 2011**

**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**McMillan Hall**

**Starr Auditorium**

Guest Speaker: Gregory Luke Larkin, MD, MS, MSPH, MA, FACEP
Professor of Emergency Medicine and Chief, Section of International Emergency Medicine and Global Health, Yale Medical Group, Vice Chair for Academic Development and Global Health, Yale School of Medicine

(A Reception will follow.)

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**We wish you all....**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**A HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

**AND A WONDERFUL BREAK!**