



**Boston University School of Medicine
Alumni Association**

To my fellow alums,

I'd like to share with you the inspiring story of [Rahul Desikan, MD, PhD \(MED '09\)](#) who has spent his career researching neurodegenerative diseases. Having received both his MD and PhD from BUSM years prior, he was studying the genetics of ALS when he was diagnosed with the disease. I think you will appreciate both his passion for research and his tenacity in learning more about ALS.

Below is the announcement of [Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Doug Hughes, MD's retirement](#). Dr. Hughes has had a tremendous impact on the curriculum changes at BUSM and is beloved by the students. He has impacted our alumni also with his captivating discussions of BUSM history during Alumni Weekend. We are very grateful to him and wish him all the best.

Our alumni inspire me every day in the work that they do and the ways in which they choose to give back. One form of giving back is through philanthropic support of the school. New in this issue is a Donor Spotlight (much like our Alumni Spotlight) to highlight what drives our alumni to give. Please take a look at our inaugural spotlight below of [Dan Oates, MD \(MED '05\)](#).

There is still time to make your fiscal [year end gift](#) before June 30! Whether your passion is research, students, or continuing the BUSM legacy, know that your gift makes a lasting impact.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean E. Ramsey".

Jean E. Ramsey, MD '90 MPH '08
Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs
Vice Chair of Education and Program Director of Ophthalmology
Associate Professor, Ophthalmology and Pediatrics





Rahul Desikan MED '09

Devastated by ALS, trying to save others: With his voice silenced and body ravaged, Rahul Desikan's research gives him a 'reason to live.



Elizabeth Barnett MED '85 Appointed Division Chief, Pediatric Infectious Diseases

Dr. Barnett succeeds Stephen Pelton, MD, who has directed the Division since 1996.

SCHOOL NEWS |



Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Announces Retirement

Professor of Psychiatry, Douglas Hughes, MD has served 21 years on the BUSM faculty and seven years as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.



BU Experts Offer Insight on New Ebola Outbreak in Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

BU Today spoke with two BU Ebola experts about the unfolding situation in the DRC.

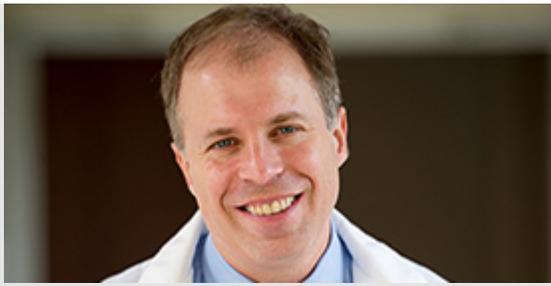


McCahan Day Showcases Innovation and Scholarship

More than 100 faculty, staff, residents and students attended the daylong event focused on the theme "Leadership Redefined."

BU and Johnson & Johnson Innovation Team Up to Fight Lung Cancer

New Medical Campus center led by Avrum Spira, MD, MSc, hopes to speed development of interventions and cures.



Walmart Foundation Grant Continues to Support Women Veterans

This \$250,000 grant to BUSM's Women Veterans Network (WoVeN) brings the Foundations' total commitment to \$750,000.

STUDENTS IN ACTION |



Third-year Student Wins Mass Medical Society Information Technology Award

The honor recognizes the development of an information technology tool that helps physicians practice medicine, teach medicine, or pursue clinical research.



BUSM Student Selected by NIH for Medical Research Scholars Program

The program allows students to live on the NIH intramural campus and conduct basic, clinical or translational research.



Video: Med Students Look for Answers to Palliative Care Needs

"The body, as we all know, does die and does get sick, and we have to be experts in shepherding our patients in that process." Maria Geba, MED '18

ALUMNI & DONOR SPOTLIGHT |

Alumni Spotlight



Jamin Brahmhatt MED '07

Donor Spotlight



Daniel Oates MED '00

BUSM RESEARCH CORNER |

- **Researchers Create New Tool to Better Evaluate Implementation of Science Research Proposals**
- **HIV Researchers Awarded \$9.1 million NIH Grant**
- **Flavored Electronic Cigarettes Linked to Possible Cardiovascular Disease**
- **Possible Marker Found to Predict Long-term Learning**

Alumni Weekend September 21-22, 2018

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