MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Colleagues,

As the 2011-12 Academic Year comes to a close, I would like to thank each of you for your commitment to our patients, our trainees, and to one another! The past year has had financial challenges, but also remarkable growth in our clinical programs and in many of our research programs. The residency program has been infused with new energy and commitment to the residents through the efforts of Drs. Yadavalli, Rich, Bernard, Noronha, and Upadhyay. The programs in medical student education under Dr. Hershman continue to enjoy rave reviews from the students and to serve as a nidus of innovation for BUSM. The research infrastructure overseen by Dr. Corkey continues to grow in utilization and technological capacity. The Evans Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research under the direction of Dr. Ravid has exceeded all expectations in the scope and quality of its impact. As we move into the coming year, our departmental finances have improved considerably and our financial interactions with BMC are on a more transparent footing. Nonetheless, the pressures on all of us to be efficient and effective in fulfilling all of our responsibilities will continue unabated in the year ahead. We have the great privilege of working in a healthcare institution with an unwavering commitment to the disadvantaged along side academic programs that are a national model. Very few departments of medicine contain this combination of characteristics. I hope you enjoy time with your families this summer and look forward to another year of exceptional discovery, innovation, teaching, and clinical care.

David L. Coleman

AWARDS

Rob Lowe (Gastroenterology) was presented with a Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching at BU's Commencement.

David Center (Pulmonary, Allergy, Sleep, and Critical Care Medicine) will be awarded the 2012 Trudeau Medal from the American Thoracic Society. The society's highest award, it is presented annually to an individual who has made lifelong major contributions to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of lung disease through leadership in research, education or clinical care.

Ann Woolley (resident) was inducted into the BUSM chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

“MY APPROACH TO TEACHING IS BEST DESCRIBED AS USING ACTIVE LEARNING PRINCIPLES AND REAL-LIFE CASES TO HELP STUDENTS INTEGRATE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL SCIENCE WITH THE PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE THAT UNDERLIES CLINICAL MEDICINE,”

Heidi Auerbach (Geriatrics) received the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award at the medical school’s commencement. The award recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates the ideals of outstanding compassion in the delivery of care, respect for patients, their families, and healthcare colleagues, as well as demonstrated clinical excellence.

Eric Hardt (Geriatrics) received the Best Faculty Abstract Award at the 2012 John McCahan Medical Campus Education Day. His oral presentation was titled, “Culturally competent end of life care: a curriculum for fourth-year medical students.”

Dr. Jamie Rosenzweig received the Endocrine Society’s Volunteer of the year Award for his leadership of the Diabetes and CV Risk guidelines and of the Performance Metrics Committee. There were several very outstanding other candidates, but the Society noted that Jamie’s role in handling these very difficult assignments for the Society were particularly important.
Celebrate 100 years of healing, discovery, and education with a special symposium on October 5-6, 2012.

Highlights of the symposium include:

- History of the Evans Memorial from Wilkins Visiting Professor Aram Chobanian, former President of Boston University
- Campus tours of new research and clinical buildings
- Section and residency socials
- Poster session featuring current departmental research
- How computers will revolutionize biomedical research from Ingelfinger Visiting Professor Eric Schadt, Director of the Institute for Genomics and Multiscale Biology, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
- Gala Dinner at the Moakley
- Courthouse

Register here:  
http://www.bu.edu/cme/seminars/CENTMED12/

The American Federation for Aging Research has awarded nearly $2.5 million to 83 advanced fellows and junior faculty members at 28 Hartford Centers of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine and Training. DOM faculty receiving funds include:

- Ilona Kopits
- Christine Liu
- Megan Young
- Ryan Zitnay

The Women's Health Unit received funding from the Avon Foundation to support the Breast Cancer Safety Net Program.
EXPERT OPINIONS

Caroline Apovian (Endocrinology, Diabetes and Nutrition) spoke to the Boston Globe about a survey of the healthiest counties in Massachusetts. “It depends on where you spend most of your time,” Apovian said. “You may live in one county, but you may work in another. That speaks to the efforts to make the workplace more healthy, with fitness centers and better food.”

Local CBS affiliate WBZ-TV featured Barbara Corkey (Gastroenterology) and her research on how food additives like monoglycerides and artificial sweeteners affect metabolism. The Los Angeles Times also sought her opinion on a study that showed fasting mice avoided weight gain.

Thomas Perls (Geriatrics) told the Boston Globe that learning something new and complex can help forestall cognitive decline. “So if there is something brewing like Alzheimer’s, it will probably require more time for the disease to have an impact on you, because there are more connections it has to attack, before there is any impairment in memory.”

The Boston Globe profiled Darrell Kotton (Pulmonary) and his team’s effort to turn embryonic mouse cells into the cells that form air sacs of the lung.

John Meyers (Evans IT) has been nominated for the InfoWorld Technology Leader Awards.

Rich Saitz (GIM) has been appointed chair of the NIH study section for Clinical, Treatment and Health Services Research.

“IT wasn’t until I had just a couple of patients housed that I saw this turnaround in their health. If I could write a prescription for keys to an apartment that was going to do more to improve the health of the patient sitting in front me than the prescription I can write for anything else.”

Jessie Gaeta (General Internal Medicine and Boston Health Care for the Homeless) was featured on CBS Evening News for her work with homeless patients in Quincy, MA.

Vaishali Sanchorawala and David Seldin (Hematology/Oncology) and the Amyloid Program were featured in a patient testimonial at the BMC Gala.
GRANT RECIPIENTS

Four faculty received support in April to attend professional development training opportunities.

**Tom Barber** (General Internal Medicine) participated in the Institute for Health Care Improvement’s Building a Clinician Peer Support Program.

**Andrea Coviello** (Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology) will attend the Nature Genetics conference on Genomics of Common Diseases.

**Amresh Hanchate** (General Internal Medicine) will take an AHA course in the Epidemiology and Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease.

**Alisa Rosen** (Cardiovascular Medicine) will attend the AAMC Early Career Woman Faculty Professional Development Conference.

Congratulations!

**Angela Jackson** received funding for her IMAP/Macy Education and Training to Professionalism Proposal.