

## Message From The Dean



### DEAR FRIENDS,

From the White Coat ceremonies we highlight here to the celebration of Commencement, a BUSM education is a resource-rich environment for students. Enhancing their experience creates a healthy environment for them to meet the challenges of modern medical and science education and facilitates their development as confident, aware physicians and scientists attuned to patients and to the complex issues in health care delivery and scientific research.

Astronaut and doctor Mae Jemison said, "The difference between science and the arts is not that they are different sides of the same coin, or even different parts of the same continuum, but rather they're manifestations of the same thing. . . science provides an understanding of a universal experience, and arts provide a universal understanding of a personal experience." The arts play a vital role in the lives of our students, faculty, and alumni through a variety of activities on the Medical Campus, including a College of Fine Arts program created to bring the arts across the University. We make available diverse electives like Visual Thinking Strategies, the linkage for that universal experience and understanding. In this issue, we showcase some of

these opportunities. Alumnus and travel and nature photographer Paul Gitman (MED'66) is a perfect example of melding a life of clinical practice with visual representation of the cultural variety of human and animal societies. Some of his wonderful work is included in this issue.

Diverse populations bring diverse thinking and perspective. Seeing things differently can be a key component to effective research teams. Creating a pipeline of diverse students interested in the biomedical sciences is important to the School and to the future of scientific discovery. We highlight here the Division of Graduate Medical Sciences' (GMS) STaRS program. Initiated by GMS Associate Provost Linda Hyman and developed and directed by faculty member William Cruikshank, STaRS is creating access for underrepresented minority students to advanced biomedical education and expanding opportunities for engagement in scientific pursuits.

Alumnus Howard Bauchner (MED'79) received the University's highest alumni award during University Alumni Weekend last fall. Renowned editor-in-chief of *JAMA* and a former BUSM pediatrics professor, Bauchner shares some of his thoughts on publishing one of the world's premier medical journals in the digital age.

The Campaign for Boston University has raised \$768 million of the billion-dollar goal. We are gratified that School of Medicine efforts have raised \$127 million of our \$200 million goal. With the receipt of gifts such as the \$1.3 million bequest of Class of 1959 alumnus Frank Gazzaniga and his wife, Florence, for scholarships, we look forward to reaching our goal that supports the training of our students and the teaching and scholarship of our faculty.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Antman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Antman" clearly distinguishable.

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