

WELCOME *from the Dean*

Welcome to the College of Medicine's online *Alumni Magazine*.

I have been on the road meeting alumni. The meetings are usually held in intimate settings, whether in private homes or restaurant rooms, thus allowing for wonderful interactions. I have been impressed by our alumni's strong interest in the progress of the College of Medicine and our efforts to integrate with Drexel University as well as our growing reputation as a competitive school of choice.

Our College has embraced President Fry's key strategic theme of One University, and we are eager to create more and stronger relationships with other Drexel colleges and schools. We look forward to exciting growth in research collaborations across the campuses. Translational research is a natural area for partnership with the College of Engineering, the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems, and the College of Arts and Sciences. As an example of what is possible, the Coulter program for translational research supports interdisciplinary grants to co-principal investigators – a biomedical engineer and a clinician – whose proposals are judged to have a real chance of success at improving or even saving lives.

The Medical Humanities program offers medical students opportunities for self-discovery and reflection through the exploration and discussion of painting, literature, and other arts, and the emotions they elicit. Students think deeply about medical ethics, the experience of suffering, and challenges in the lives of others.





As contemporary as it sounds, our humanities program was founded at Medical College of Pennsylvania nearly 40 years ago, and it is still leading the way.

Also in this issue is a wonderful collection of profiles – each revealing an individual who came here to learn and brought his or her own special gift. The student profiles reveal the variety of our student body – a medical student who hopes to integrate her love of dance into her future profession, a Ph.D. candidate who began his doctoral program at the age of 17. The profiles of your fellow graduates will make you proud.

As always, we want to hear from you. Please let us know what you would like to see in future issues. What topics interest you? Whom or what would you like us to feature? In addition, we invite you to share your professional and personal stories with us. Graduates of the College of Medicine are spread throughout the globe. We would like the online *Alumni Magazine* to reflect that breadth, so that all readers share a sense of pride in their school.

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