Since becoming Interim Dean of the Stritch School of Medicine last May, my knowledge of and appreciation for the many contributions of our Stritch faculty has grown. Stritch students benefit from outstanding teaching and research opportunities from over 50 full-time basic science faculty members, most of whom teach in lecture, small group, or laboratory settings during the first two years. During the clinical years, Stritch students benefit from experiences with our expanded affiliate faculty, as well as our clinical faculty providing care within the Loyola University Health System network of facilities. This year, for the first time, we want to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of our over 400 affiliate faculty who teach Stritch students in more than 20 different locations. Our Affiliate Recognition Reception will be held at Stritch on Friday, December 2, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm and is an outward expression of our thanks and gratitude to our affiliate faculty.

As a clinical faculty member myself, I have observed the tremendous innate abilities that certain physicians have in their teaching abilities. We can learn from these talented teachers and also augment our own educational abilities by accessing the many opportunities that Stritch offers, including the Certificate in Academic Medicine. This certificate program consists of five courses designed to provide a foundation in academic skills and leadership with direct application to medical students, residents, fellows, and physicians. The next cohort begins in September 2012.

Our newest initiative is the EXCELS program (EXcellence in Clinical Education for Loyola Students), a student nominated program designed to acknowledge and reward excellent in clinical teaching. This will be located on the student portal and allow students to identify and comment on clinical faculty, outside of their clerkship evaluations, who have provided them further guidance and mentorship. These comments, as well as an expression of our sincere thanks and appreciation, will be forwarded to those faculty and their chairperson on a periodic basis.

Finally, I would like to highlight the upcoming campus-wide celebration of research, St. Albert’s Day, which will be held in Stritch on October 27-28. High-quality educational research projects and traditional biomedical research will be presented by Stritch trainees (see page 4 for additional information).

I hope to see you at these events. Even if you are unable to join us, please feel free to be in touch with me by phone (708) 216-DEAN (2236) or email (LBrubaker@lumc.edu) with suggestions for high-quality educational activities and initiatives for Stritch students.
GLOBAL HEALTH FIELDWORK FELLOWS

The Center for Service and Global Health and The Department of Preventive Medicine sponsored visiting international medical students during the month of September. Teresa Mensah and Isabella Arthur are from Kwame Nkrumah University in Kumasi, Ghana. Their faculty supervisor in Kumasi, Dr. Jacob Plange-Rhule, has worked for several years with our preventive medicine faculty member, Dr. Amy Luke, on cardiovascular disease and obesity research in African-origin populations.

Teresa and Isabella are in their fifth year of medical training in Ghana and will be returning to their final clinical year. During their time at Stritch, they rotated in the family medicine outpatient center, inpatient general medicine and hematology oncology services, and obstetrics and gynecology service. A special thanks to all students, staff, and faculty who have helped give them a wonderful cultural and educational experience. The Center hopes to continue to exchange with our international colleagues in medical education.

ADVANCED PROCEDURES EDUCATION CENTER (APEC)

The large hole in the ground that was formerly a parking lot west of the medical school is a vivid reminder to all of us that construction is now underway for an exciting new building that will be home to the Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Virtual (mannequin) Hospital, and interprofessional Health Sciences Library. What people may not know, however, is that construction will soon begin in Stritch’s Lower Level on another exciting educational facility.

The Advanced Procedures Education Center (APEC) will be a 7,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art procedural skills training center for healthcare professionals. The modular facility will provide the necessary space and equipment to educate and evaluate clinicians, residents, and students in procedure skills proficiency. It is expected that the facility will serve as an American College of Surgeons Accredited Educational Institute.
In 1947, Loyola medical school students revived an ancient custom of beginning the academic year on October 18th with a celebration of Mass to honor of Saint Luke, the Patron Saint of Physicians. We continue this time-honored tradition with a week-long observance, including medical student service-oriented presentations, special Mass, and dinner dance, in honor of St. Luke and our Stritch community. During this week, we celebrate St. Luke’s mission and vocation, and we recommit ourselves to upholding these values.

St. Luke Week October 10-14, 2011
A Community Celebration of Mission, Vocation, and Service

Please join us for as many events as you can during this school-wide celebration!

Mon Oct 10
11:30am - 12:30 pm  Service in the Jesuit, Catholic Tradition
SSOM 460
Jack O’Callaghan, SJ; Bill Cannon, MD; Vicki Keogh, PhD;
Christine Sajous, MD
(Lunch Provided)

12:30 - 1:30 pm  Medical Student Service Presentations
SSOM 460

Tues Oct 11
11:00am - Noon  Book discussion with Paul Farmer, MD, PhD
Partnering with the Poor: Haiti After the Earthquake
SSOM 150
(Invitation Only)

Noon - 1:00 pm  Partnering with the Poor: Haiti After the Earthquake
Atrium
Paul Farmer, MD, PhD, Founder, Partners in Health

1:00 - 1:30 pm  Book signing with Dr. Farmer
SSOM 150

Wed Oct 12
11:30am - Noon  State of the School Address: From Good to Great
Linda Brubaker, MD, MS, Interim Dean

Noon - 1:00 pm  St. Luke Mass
Atrium
(Lunch following)

Thurs Oct 13
11:30am - 12:30 pm  Student Service and Global Health Awards
Amy Blair, MD
(SSOM 460
(Lunch Provided)

12:30 - 1:30 pm  Medical Student Service Presentations
SSOM 460

Fri Oct 14
6:00 pm - Midnight  St. Luke Dinner Dance
The Carlisle, Lombard, IL

Upcoming 2011 Events
- Stritch Award Dinner, November 19, at the Field Museum
- Affiliate Faculty Reception, December 2, 4:00 pm—6:00 pm, SSOM Atrium
LEISCHNER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM SERIES

The Fall Guest Speaker Symposium is a new program to look at healthcare from a broad perspective and how those perspectives affect us at Loyola and beyond.

On November 17, in collaboration with our Department of Psychiatry, James T. Webb, PhD, SENG founder and professor and associate dean, School of Professional Psychology, Wright State University, will discuss the gifted child during three presentations that day.

On December 1, in collaboration with our Center for Public Health, Jody Weis, Deputy Director, Chicago Crime Commission; Carl Bell, MD President and CEO, Community Mental Health Council; and Timothy Curry, Village of Maywood Chief of Police will discuss the Driving Factors in Youth Violence from an Interdisciplinary Approach. This panel will look at how we, as a healthcare community, can contribute to solving some of these major societal issues.

ST. ALBERT’S DAY 2011

Thursday, October 27

3:30 – 4:00 pm  Opening Ceremony and Blessing (SSOM 190/Tobin Hall)
Junior and Senior Scientists of the Year Award Presentations
Dean’s Office Clinical Scholars (DOCS) Award Presentation

4:00 - 4:45 pm  Poster Viewing with Team Poster Visitations

4:45 - 5:15 pm  Reception (SSOM Lobby)

5:15 - 6:00 pm  Poster Viewing with Team Poster Visitations

Friday, October 28

8:00 - 3:00 pm  Poster Viewing (SSOM 150, 160, 170, Atrium)

8:00 - 9:00 am  Senior and Junior Scientists of the Year Presentations
SSOM 190/Tobin Hall

9:00 - 11:15 am  Graduate Student Oral Research Competition
SSOM 190/Tobin Hall

Noon – 1:00 pm  Medical Student Research Forum
SSOM 190/Tobin Hall

1:00 - 3:00 pm  Clinical, Epidemiologic and Educational Research Forum
SSOM 360

1:00 - 2:00 pm  Postdoctoral Trainee/Research Associate Oral Presentations
SSOM 190/Tobin Hall

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