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SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

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More than Four Decades of Achievement, Service and Excellence

In 1976, the legislation to create a new medical school in South Jersey was met with opposition from some who did not see the need for a third medical school in the state. But thanks to the energy and persistence of Sen. Joseph Maressa, Dr. Howard Levine and Dr. Joseph Riley, the legislation to create SOM was signed by Gov. Brendan Byrne. The inaugural class of 24 future physicians began their careers the following year at New Jersey's only osteopathic medical school and the first four-year medical school in South Jersey.

In 1986, SOM's second decade welcomed the establishment of the New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (then called the Center for Aging). A statewide center of excellence, the NJISA is dedicated to training health care professionals while providing medical care and public policy advocacy to benefit older adults and their families. Since its inception, the NJISA has helped RowanSOM achieve national recognition in the field of geriatric medical education, including consistent national accolades as one of America's top schools for geriatric medical education.

In 1987, SOM began to establish its footprint on the Stratford campus with the opening of a medical office building. In 1988, the CARES (Child Abuse Research, Education and Service) Institute opened its doors as the diagnostic and treatment center serving the needs of children who have suffered abuse or neglect. From its Stratford location, CARES staff members have reached around the globe. Diagnostic techniques and therapeutic interventions developed at CARES have helped children in Asia, Europe, Africa and South America to recover from traumas associated with abuse, wars and natural disasters.

By 1990, new and newly renovated buildings allowed SOM to finally call the Stratford campus home to the entire four-year program. That was followed by a decade of firsts that solidified SOM's reputation as one of the nation's premier osteopathic medical schools. SOM was the first osteopathic



In 1976, Gov. Brendan Byrne signed the Senate bill authorizing funding to create the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford. From left, witnesses at the signing included Dr. Joseph Riley, Agnes McGinnis, Dr. Howard Levine, Robert Chapman and Sen. Joseph Maressa.

medical school to hold a White Coat ceremony (1996), the first to offer dental medicine as part of its curriculum (1997), the first to offer a problem-based learning curriculum (1998) and one of the first medical schools in the country to require that all students receive specific training in geriatrics.

SOM consistently ranks among the top osteopathic schools for research funding, with over \$25 million in research and extramural grants awarded last year. Among the scientific advancements under development at SOM are new technologies to combat rare childhood diseases, a blood test that can accurately diagnose neurological diseases associated with aging, research on gene regulation during development and the evolution of new traits, and new therapeutic approaches that interrupt the growth and spread of cancer.

Just as it was an early voice in recognizing the needs of children through the CARES Institute and the challenges presented by an aging population with the NJISA, SOM was among the first to respond to the predicted shortage of physicians facing New Jersey and the rest of America.

In April 2019, the Rowan Integrated Special Needs (RISN) Center officially opened its doors in the Bankbridge Development Center and began offering patient centered primary and behavioral health care services for individuals with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The RISN Center is the first facility of its kind in the South Jersey region and will lead the school's proposed expansion on the Sewell campus.

Since 2009, SOM has twice received approval from its accrediting agency to increase class size. In 2019, SOM enrolled an entering class of 202 students, more than doubling the size of the class that entered the school a decade ago. This entering classes medical education was delivered through a new integrated curriculum that stays true to SOM's osteopathic heritage and prepares these future physicians to become GME ready and deliver excellent medical care throughout their careers. More than 80 percent of these first-year students are New Jersey residents. Among its alumni, the largest proportion of SOM graduates live and practice in New Jersey, with almost half specializing in primary care.

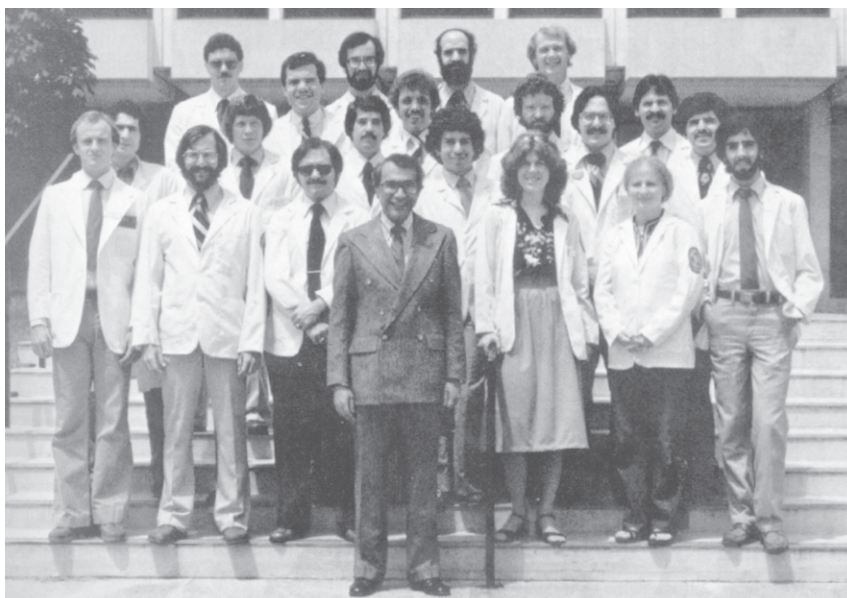
SOM's July 2013 integration into Rowan University has expanded the school's reputation and reach. The Stratford campus, with more than 800 students and dozens of clinical offices, has become a bustling hub for research, education and

In recent months, the United States has faced a health crisis like none other. The rapid spread of COVID-19 has challenged institutions across the country and around the world to adapt quickly and significantly to a new reality.

As a leading provider of health services and a premier institution of medical education, the School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM) has been called to meet the challenges of this crisis. Thanks to the collaborative and innovative efforts of students, faculty and staff, SOM has provided invaluable medical services to the residents of New Jersey and continues its mission to prepare physicians and scientists who are committed to improving health in New Jersey and throughout the nation. The unprecedented public health dilemma caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the graduates of the Class of 2020, and like the institution they leave behind, they are better prepared to become healers in their communities and leaders in the medical profession.

patient care. Rowan Medicine, the school's faculty practice plan, is a regional leader in patient care with more than 210,000 patient visits each year.

SOM has major teaching affiliations with hospitals and health systems throughout New Jersey, including Jefferson Health-Stratford, Cherry Hill and Washington Township (primary teaching partner), AtlantiCare, Capital Health, CarePoint Health, Inspira Health Network and Virtua Health.



Dr. Benjamin Cohen, founding dean of SOM, is pictured with the Class of 1981, SOM's first students.

Improving Health Through Science

The breathtaking speed of discovery and innovation in today's world is reflected in the compelling mission of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS)—to develop scientists who will contribute new knowledge in the biomedical disciplines through creative research and scholarship. More than 700 alumni have benefited from unparalleled access to research faculty whose discoveries have opened new doors to the world's understanding of disease.

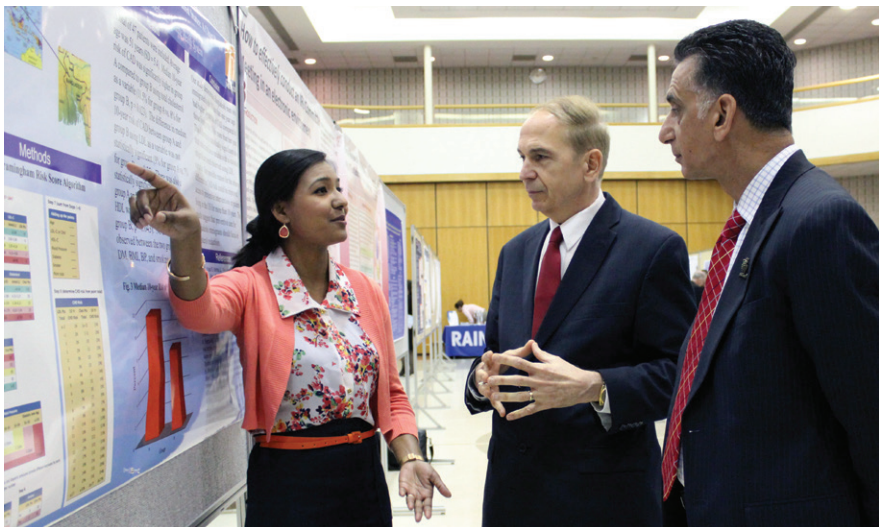
The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences was established in 1956 as a program in biomedical sciences in the former Seton Hall College of Medicine and Dentistry, and in 1969, GSBS became a separate school of the State's Health Sciences University. The July 2013 integration with Rowan University has expanded the institution's reputation, reach and research prowess. GSBS is a vital part of Rowan's research effort, helping it to earn designation as New Jersey's second comprehensive public research institution and, in 2017, status as a Carnegie-classified national public research institution. In December 2018, Rowan University was reclassified as a Carnegie R2 (high research) institution. Only 135 of the more than 4,300 colleges and universities in America have achieved that distinction.

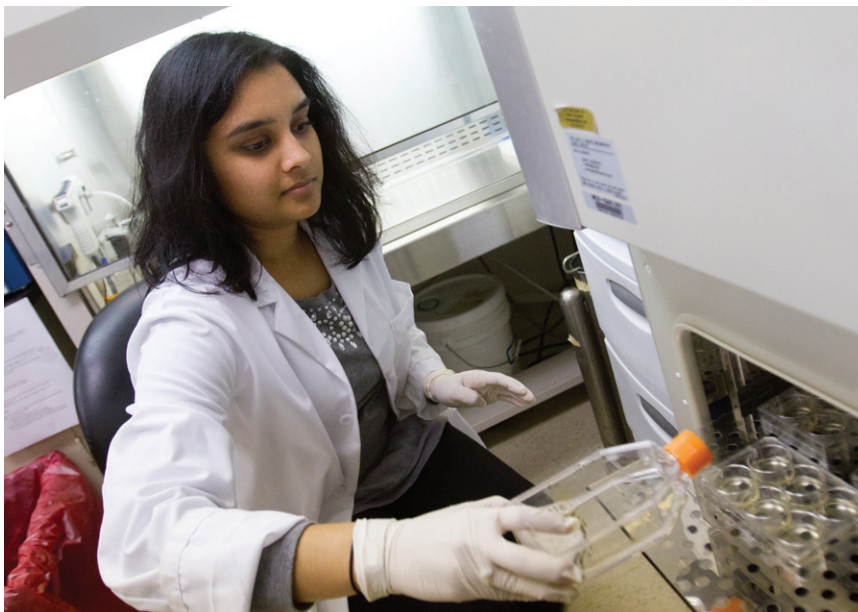
GSBS faculty provide classroom instruction and research opportunities for School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM) and GSBS students. A joint D.O./Ph.D. program provides physician-scientists with the unique experience to practice medicine while contributing to the study of diseases and new medical treatments or to become educators of the next generation of physicians.

Graduates of the Cell and Molecular Biology (CMB) program have continued their careers as researchers, scientific writers and educators or in supervisory positions, overseeing research at government agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. Within one year of graduation, 93 percent of the CMB Ph.D. students and all of the M.S. students have secured employment in their field, including positions at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Limelight Bio, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, University of Pennsylvania, Weill Cornell Medical Center and Yale University.

Many Master of Biomedical Science (MBS) program graduates have become successful medical school applicants, enrolling in SOM, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and, among others, Rutgers University, Drexel University and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

This year, more than 140 research teams presented their findings at the annual Stratford Campus Research Conference.





State-of-the-art facilities on the Stratford campus provide for hands-on graduate training and help answer the latest, toughest questions in biomedical research.

In fact, 100 percent of the GSBS students that have met the RowanSOM linkage (3.60 GPA in 18 credits of our MBS program and a 500 MCAT) were guaranteed an interview at SOM and are currently enrolled or accepted into medical school. Other MBS graduates have earned acceptance into prestigious dental schools, including Boston University, Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania, or enrolled in physician assistant, physical therapy or nursing school programs throughout the region.

The Master of Science in Molecular Pathology and Immunology (MSMPI) program is another GSBS program preparing graduates for successful biotechnology careers. This 17-month, interactive learning experience combines traditional classroom instruction with hands-on experience at the region's largest biotechnology consortium, the Genesis Biotechnology Group. Before graduation, 95 percent of MSPMI graduates have accepted positions in their field at such organizations as Bristol-Myers Squibb, Incyte Corporation, Kansas University Medical Center, L'Oréal Group, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Novartis, Wake Forest University, and WuXi Advanced Therapies.

The Master of Science in Histopathology program prepares students for careers in clinical and biomedical research laboratories with over 300 hours of hands-on training guided by expert instructors

and more than 150 hours of training in clinical or research laboratory internships at GSBS affiliate sites. All of the Histopathology graduates found a professional position in science within two months of earning a degree, working with organizations including Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Cooper University Health Center, Corteva (DowDuPont), Crozer-Chester Medical Center, LabCorp, Penn Vet, University of Pennsylvania Mohs Dermatology Lab, and Virtua Hospital.

The wide array of other degree programs available at GSBS is evidenced among this year's graduates. They are:

- Ph.D. in Cell & Molecular Biology
- Master of Science in Cell & Molecular Biology
- Dual D.O./Ph.D.
- Master of Biomedical Sciences
- Master of Science in Molecular Pathology & Immunology
- Master of Science in Histopathology
- Accelerated B.S./M.S. dual programs in Biochemistry, Bioinformatics, Biophysics, Molecular and Cellular Biology, or Translational Biomedical Science with the Rowan University College of Science & Mathematics, and the Master of Science in Cell & Molecular Biology.

Commencement Ceremony

WELCOME

Thomas A. Cavalieri, D.O., MACOI, FACP
Dean

GREETINGS

James Newell, PH.D.
*Senior Vice President for Medical Initiatives
and Affiliated Campuses*

MESSAGE TO GRADUATES

Thomas A. Cavalieri

STUDENT AWARDS

MILITARY COMMISSIONING

Thomas A. Cavalieri

GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS

Michael J. DeFilippo
President, Class of 2020

PRESENTED TO

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*Associate Professor & Vice Chair of Education,
Cell Biology and Neuroscience*

Peter Bulik, D.O.
Attending Physician, Lourdes Cardiology

STUDENT REMARKS

Michael J. DeFilippo

OSTEOPATHIC OATH

Thomas A. Cavalieri

Michael J. DeFilippo

Andrea Iannuzzelli, D.O.'83, FACOI, CMD
President, Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INDUCTION

Andrea Iannuzzelli

CLOSING REMARKS

Thomas A. Cavalieri

THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

ALMA MATER

Words by Ada P. Schaible '24, Revised '17

Oh Rowan, we greet thee. All praise to thy name;
Thy banner unfurl to the breeze.

Thy children salute thee and pledge to thy fame
The resounding voices reprise.

All about thee arise the first temples of God,
Lifting high, leafy arms to the sky.

And the flowers that bloom in the green of the sod
Seem to sing thee a sweet lullaby.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES



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Thomas A. Cavalieri, D.O.

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- Rahil Kheirkhah
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- Shawna Marie Rotoli
Advisor: Salvatore Caradonna, Ph.D.
 - Abhirup Sarkar
Advisor: Robert Nagele, Ph.D.

Candidates for Master of Science Degree

HISTOPATHOLOGY

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Alexander Anthony Ciaciarelli Jr.
Davina Jackson
- Kevin Hien Tran

MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY & IMMUNOLOGY

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- Jill Marie Thompson
Nicholas Anthony Wachowski

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Mohammed Housseem Elassa
Christina Nahed Fanous
Lemuel Figueroa
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- Cayanne Liew
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Karen M. Custodio	Community Service Award
William Fuller Baker	New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons Award For Excellence in Osteopathic Medicine
Neil Kalpesh Jain	The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Awards
Christian White, D.O.'07 (<i>faculty recipient</i>)	presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

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Adam Matthew Pearlstein	Outstanding Achievement in Cell Biology & Neuroscience
Bryan Charles Lembo	Outstanding Achievement in Emergency Medicine
William Fuller Baker	Outstanding Achievement in Family Medicine
Helene P. Puzio	Outstanding Achievement in Geriatrics
Palak Arvind Patel-Rodrigues	Outstanding Achievement in Internal Medicine
Jonathan C. Lee	Outstanding Achievement in Medical Humanities
Jeffrey Allen Thomas	Outstanding Achievement in Molecular Biology
Alexandra Caroline Nutaitis	Outstanding Achievement in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Karen M. Custodio	Outstanding Achievement in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
Nailah Fathima Mubin	Outstanding Achievement in Pathology
Christine Lucille Tichonevicz	Outstanding Achievement in Pediatrics
Teymur Aliyev	Outstanding Achievement in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Leanna Panepinto	Outstanding Achievement in Primary Care
Nardin Nabil El-Shammaa	Outstanding Achievement in Psychiatry
Linnea Chase Russell	Outstanding Achievement in Surgery
Helene P. Puzio	Dean's Award
Erin Lynne Gallagher	President's Award

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES ACADEMIC HONORS

Stephany McDonald	Outstanding Academic Achievement in Master of Biomedical Sciences
Alexander Anthony Ciaciarelli	Outstanding Academic Achievement in Master of Science
Shawna Rotoli	Outstanding Achievement in Doctoral Research

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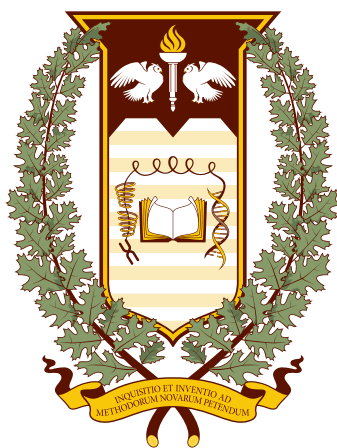
THE GONFALONS

Among the most visible elements of academic pageantry are the gonfalons, which represent each of the Colleges and Schools in the University. Acting as the College or School Marshal, the senior member of the faculty in each division bears the gonfalon in academic processions.

All Rowan gonfalons have in common several elements that symbolize the unified mission of the institution's seven colleges and five schools. Among the common elements are the school colors, brown and gold, derived from the Brown-eyed Susans that grew wild in the orchard that was part of the original Whitney estate where the main campus now is situated. Also in common is the oak swag, inspired by the stately oaks that shade the Glassboro campus and symbolize long life, strength and endurance. Within the shield, the owls suggest the pedagogical heritage of the University. According to heraldic code,

their posture—shown in profile with inverted, addorsed wings and with both feet on the ground—suggests a collegial relationship, positive demeanor, readiness and intent to rise with purpose. Following the pattern of the University seal engraving, beneath each college shield is a motto in Latin, the classic international language of scholarship and thought.

Within the shield on each gonfalon is imagery specific to each College and School. Rowan student and alumni artists created the art after extensive research. Commissioned to design banners that would efficiently represent the many diverse disciplines and philosophies of study in the Colleges and Schools, the University's illustration and design team turned to traditional symbols, mythology and metaphors to create historically meaningful imagery that would be relevant today and in the future.



GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Inspired by the idea of unraveling the mysteries of life sciences, the art on the gonfalon for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences depicts the study of the entire genome as illustrated by the chromosome and the DNA double helix. The book reminds the observer of the goal described in the School's mission statement: to develop scientists who will contribute new knowledge in the biomedical disciplines through creative research and scholarship. As they unravel complexities in the biomedical sciences through experimentation and analysis, scholars and researchers illustrate the method and results of their work as described in the GSBS motto, "Inquisitio et Inventio ad Methodorum Novarum Petendum": "research and discovery for the purpose of innovation."



SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

The School of Osteopathic Medicine gonfalon contains images that represent the school's mission to provide excellence in medical education, research and health care for New Jersey and the nation. The Rod of Asclepius, a staff encircled by a snake, evokes the traditional symbol of the Greek god of medicine revered for his power to heal. The DNA helix acknowledges the molecular basis of all being as examined by SOM students, researchers and physicians. Combined, the two symbols indicate the school's commitment to serve and lead as professionals inspired and informed by SOM's rich research heritage in social, behavioral, clinical and basic sciences. The SOM motto is "Teaching the next generation, treating every generation."

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