

# The University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND** College of Pharmacy ([www.uri.edu/pharmacy/](http://www.uri.edu/pharmacy/)) will begin its 55th year at the University in a \$75 million research and teaching facility. The new pharmacy building is the largest academic building on the Kingston campus. To mark the occasion, we planned a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 4, a one-day symposium on *Drug Therapy in the 21st Century* for September 14, 2012, and an international scientific conference featuring researchers from around the world from September 28–30, 2012.

The College includes more than 50 faculty who are leading experts in pharmacology, toxicology, medicinal chemistry, natural product chemistry, pharmaceuticals, pharmacokinetics, clinical sciences and practice, epidemiology, and pharmacoconomics. These individuals conduct cutting-edge research in areas that range from the neurosciences, HIV, diabetes, and cancer to pharmaco-economic management of pharmaceuticals. We are also passionate about mentoring and training the next generation of scientists, practitioners, and academics by offering highly-specialized graduate MS and PhD degrees in pharmaceutical sciences. More than 20 practice-based faculty are located in health settings across the state where they teach and provide clinical services to the people of Rhode

Island. The healthcare settings for practice faculty include acute care hospitals, long term care institutions, clinics, physician offices, community pharmacies, as well as consulting practices with the state.

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In the 2011–12 academic year, we had 572 **Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)**, 77 **Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Science (BSPS)**, and 66 graduate students in the College. Since 2000, the College has received over \$83 million in private and federal funds to support research in the biomedical, pharmaceutical and clinical sciences. In this edition of *Medicine & Health/Rhode Island*, we highlight the research and clinical practice work of several junior faculty at the College. In addition, the College has a large group of senior faculty who are actively engaged in funded research on drug discovery and development in cancer, HIV, and Alzheimer's disease, as well as molecular toxicology, nanotechnology and geriatrics.

We thank *Medicine & Health/Rhode Island* for the opportunity to showcase just a small sample of the work at the College. We would also thank the citizens of Rhode Island for supporting the 2006 bond that provided funding for the new College of Pharmacy building. Please come and visit the College at our new facility.

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