Alpert Medical School mints 113 new physicians

PROVIDENCE – One hundred and thirteen students officially became medical doctors when The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University held its 39th Commencement May 26 in the First Unitarian Church.

“It is wonderful to see another graduating class from the Alpert Medical School, as well as the program in biology and the new School of Public Health,” said Dr. Edward J. Wing, dean of medicine and biological sciences, who will step down as dean June 30. “Brown produces the finest doctors and researchers in the nation and I am proud to have been able to influence their educational experiences in a positive way for the last five years as dean.”

Dr. Wing led the 113 graduates in the Physician’s Oath, a version of the Hippocratic Oath that has been a tradition in the Alpert Medical School since the students of the Class of 1975 prepared it. At their graduation the 58 women and 55 men heard from two speakers: Dr. Bethany Gentilesco and fellow student Jonathan Asher Treem.

Dr. Gentilesco, a clinical assistant professor of medicine, works with students both before and after they graduate from medical school. She is the site director for the internal medicine clerkship and associate program director for the internal medicine residency program. She struck a dualistic theme when she gives an address titled...
“Everyone Has Two Secrets” that traces the path from undergraduate study through residency and ultimately into professional practice.

At Brown, Treen pursued the scholarly concentration in aging, conducting research in functional neuroimaging in Alzheimer’s disease. After graduation he will begin a residency in internal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He addressed the importance and difficulty of preserving an expansive sense of self at the beginning of one’s medical career.

Another Commencement tradition—the Medical Senior Citation—is an award voted upon by the graduating medical class to honor a member of the faculty. The MD Class of 2013 honored Dr. Paul George, a 2005 graduate of the Alpert Medical School, associate director of pre-clinical curriculum, and assistant professor of family medicine.