

## Brown adopts strategic plan

PROVIDENCE – At its first formal meeting of the 2013–14 academic year, the Corporation of Brown University unanimously adopted *Building on Distinction: A New Plan for Brown*, a strategic plan presented by President Christina H. Paxson.

In the medical and healthcare area, the following programs, appointments and initiatives were announced:

**Approval of a new doctoral program** – The Board of Fellows approved the recommendation of the faculty to establish a PhD Program in Behavioral and Social Health Sciences. The program will focus on developing and evaluating health behavior interventions, research on behavior and health outcomes, and collaboration both across academic disciplines and between researchers and communities.

**Funding for neuroscience professorship** – From the estate of Grace Kennison Alpert, a 1951 graduate, a gift of \$3 million to fund a professorship at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University for a faculty member in the clinical neurosciences

**Professorship in public health** – From Matthew I. Sirovich, a 1987 graduate, and Meredith A. Elson, a 1991 graduate, a gift to provide current-use support

for the School of Public Health and an additional gift to establish the Carole and Lawrence Sirovich Professorship for Public Health.

**New track in Primary Care and Population Health** for students in the Warren Alpert Medical School. Already under development, the new program has attracted national attention for its goal of providing a cadre of physicians with the understanding of medicine and population health needed to be effective leaders in our evolving health care environment.

**Expanding clinical relationships and community partnerships** – With an expanded medical school class and the development of innovative teaching modalities, it is necessary to expand relationships with Lifespan and Care New England, our current partners, and to develop new relationships with physician practices and other hospital partners. We will strengthen collaborations with organizations and clinics that provide care to the underserved and enhance our partnerships with Rhode Island health professional schools.

**Brown's hospital partners** – Lifespan and Care New England, as well as the V.A. Medical Center – are integral to the success of our medical school and

biomedical research. In the last five years, Brown has also developed a range of partnerships with international universities. In the coming decade, we will devote increased attention to the cultivation and stewardship of partnerships as well as the careful assessment of the quality of prospective partners.

**Brown's role in the Jewelry District** is to be a partner in the development of a vibrant mixed-use environment with medical education, scientific research, administrative offices, residential space for graduate and medical students, and retail space.

**Deciphering Disease and Improving Population Health** – Improving human health requires an integrated approach to understanding the causes of disease and translating that knowledge into new modes of diagnosis, treatment, and ultimately prevention – from bench to bedside to population. This theme will rely upon the close alignment of Brown's Alpert Medical School and School of Public Health and synergies with faculty across the campus to create the knowledge on which population health can be improved, and educate skilled professionals to use this knowledge for the benefit of people in Rhode Island and around the world.

### Appointment of faculty to named chairs:

**SAMUEL DUDLEY, MD**, the Ruth and Paul Levinger Professor of Cardiology, effective July 1, 2013

**MAUREEN PHIPPS, MD**, the Chace-Joukowsky Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, effective Sept. 1, 2013

**JACK ELIAS, MD**, the Frank L. Day Professor of Biology, effective Sept. 1, 2013