



The Herbert Rakatansky Prize awarded to Elizabeth Janopaul-Naylor, MD'14

This prize is awarded to a graduating medical student who has contributed to the health and well-being of her or his fellow students and/or in other ways exemplified commitment and leadership in the areas of medical professionalism, medical ethics and humanitarian service.

Dr. Herbert Rakatansky, '56, founded the Physician Health Program of the Rhode Island Medical Society in 1979 and has chaired the Program ever since. The program has helped hundreds of Rhode Island physicians, dentists, podiatrists and Physician Assistants consistently maintain the highest standards of professional performance. Dr. Rakatansky is also faculty advisor to the Medical Student Health Council. Dr. Rakatansky was president of the Rhode Island Medical Society in 1985–86. He was a member of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs of the American Medical Association for seven years, from 1994 to 2001 and served as vice chair and chair of the Council for four years. He has served on the clinical faculty of Brown since 1967 and became clinical emeritus professor of medicine in 2008. The prize was established by the Rhode Island Medical Society in 2012 in celebration of its bicentennial. ❖

The Amos Throop Prize awarded to Jordan Sack, MD'14

This prize is awarded to a graduating Alpert Medical School student who has demonstrated engagement in the issues and processes of public policy relating to health and health care, and in the role of medical societies as advocates for patients and for enlightened public policy.



Dr. Amos Throop (1736–1814) was a founder and the first president of the Rhode Island Medical Society (1812–1814). He served in the Revolutionary War as both a soldier and a doctor. A Federalist, Dr. Throop was elected by the people of Providence to four terms in the Rhode Island General Assembly. The founding of the Rhode Island Medical Society in 1812 and the founding of Brown University's first medical school in 1811 were contemporaneous events inspired by similar purposes and involving some of the same individuals. Medical societies promote education, medical ethics and professionalism; they advocate in the public arena for the needs, values and interests of patients and the medical profession. The prize was established by the Rhode Island Medical Society in 2012 in celebration of its bicentennial.

Jordan is excited to be starting his residency in Internal Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital in June.

He received his undergraduate education from Brown University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a focus on Immunology as well as a second concentration in History with a focus on Empires. He graduated magna cum laude, Sigma Xi, and Phi Beta Kappa. He received several awards including the Class of 2010 Senior Prize in Biology and the Frederick Barnes Prize. ❖



Leadership from the Rhode Island Medical Society attended the grand opening of the first Center for Physician Assistant Studies in Rhode Island on May 29, established by Johnson & Wales University. From left are Steven R. DeToy, director of government and public affairs, and RIMS Executive Director Newell E. Warde, PhD.



Working for You: RIMS advocacy activities

June 2, Monday

Meet with *Providence Journal* reporter regarding opioid addiction articles
Council Meeting

June 3, Tuesday

RIMS Physician Health Committee (Herbert Rakatansky, MD, Chair)
Health Services Council
Legislative hearings, State House

June 4, Wednesday

Meeting with Secretary of EOHHS and CEO of Greater Providence YMCA regarding strategic health initiatives for Medicaid population
Legislative hearings, State House
Nick Denise fundraiser

June 5, Thursday

Dr. Jones and staff meet with BCBSRI CEO and senior executives
BMLD policy committee regarding emeritus license fees
Legislative hearings, State House

June 6, Friday – June 11, Wednesday

AMA Annual Meeting; Drs. Jones, Adrain, Hollmann, and staff

June 9, Monday

Joint open meeting of AMA Litigation Center and Scope of Practice Partnership: in Chicago, Newell Warde presiding

June 11, Wednesday

BMLD monthly meeting
Conference call with lawyers representing medical records-processing clients
Meeting with Senate president on legislation; Steven Blazar, MD and RIMS staff
Legislative hearings, State House

June 12, Thursday

Tobacco free Rhode Island legislative conference call
DOH tanning regulations public hearing
Legislative hearings, State House

June 13, Friday

Meeting with Governor to discuss opioid regulations; Dr. Jones and staff
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline Meeting

June 16, Monday

RIMS ad hoc committee on Governance; Peter Karczmar, MD, Chair; Drs. Hollmann, Siedlecki, Ejnes, Collins and Settignano
Health Source RI Executive Board
Legislative hearings, State House

June 17, Tuesday

Legislative hearings, State House

June 18, Wednesday

Primary Care Physicians Advisory Committee
Legislative hearings, State House

June 18–21, Wednesday–Saturday

Physicians Foundation Leadership Academy, Duke University; Peter Karczmar, MD, and Newell Warde, PhD, attending

June 19, Thursday

Lt. Governor meeting on state innovation model grant application
Meeting with Governor's staff regarding legislation
Residents Orientation, Lifespan: Dr. Herbert Rakatansky and Kathi Boyd presenting; Diane R. Siedlecki, MD, and staff at RIMS membership table
Health Care Reform Executive Committee meeting
Legislative hearings, State House

June 20, Friday

Coalition of Mental Health Professionals of RI (COMHPRI)
Legislative hearings, State House

June 21, Saturday

Legislature adjourns, 4:06 am

June 23, Monday

Sheldon Whitehouse health care leaders meeting

June 24, Tuesday

Meeting on controlled substances regulations, RIMS and other concerned parties
Meeting to discuss global signature lawsuit with attorneys
Frank Ferri's Lt. Governor announcement

June 25-26, Wednesday–Thursday

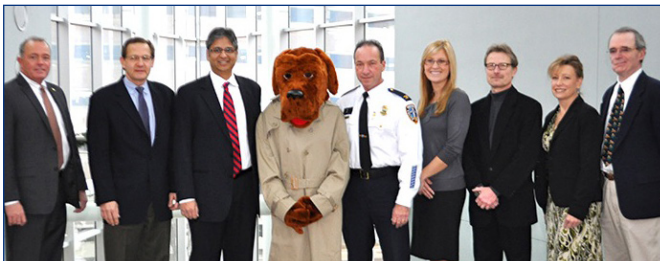
State medical society/PhRMA meeting, Washington, DC; RIMS staff



Why You Should Join the Rhode Island Medical Society

The Rhode Island Medical Society delivers valuable member benefits that help physicians, residents, medical students, physician-assistants, and retired practitioners every single day. As a member, you can take an active role in shaping a better health care future.

RIMS offers discounts for group membership, spouses, military, and those beginning their practices. Medical students can join for free.



APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

RIMS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

Career management resources

Insurance, medical banking, document shredding, and independent practice association

Powerful advocacy at every level

Advantages include representation, advocacy, leadership opportunities, and referrals

Complimentary subscriptions

Publications include *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, *Rhode Island Medical News*, annual *Directory of Members*; RIMS members have library privileges at Brown University

Member Portal on www.rimed.org

Password access to pay dues, access contact information for colleagues and RIMS leadership, RSVP to RIMS events, and share your thoughts with colleagues and RIMS

SPECIAL NOTICE: 2014 AMA DUES PAYMENTS

The American Medical Association (AMA) will direct bill its Rhode Island members for their 2014 dues. Beginning August 2013, AMA members will receive a separate dues statement from the AMA instead of paying AMA membership dues through the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) membership invoice. This is simply an operational change so that both RIMS and AMA can concentrate on their respective member satisfaction. There remains no requirement for RIMS members to join the AMA.

Please let us know if you have questions concerning this change by emailing [Megan Turcotte](mailto:Megan.Turcotte@rimed.org) or phoning 401-331-3207.