In the face of a current shortage of 700 physicians (a deficit projected to double by 2025), it is vital that we build our physician and allied health workforce. Encouraging more MDs to perform their Graduate Medical Education (GME) training (residency) here significantly increases the likelihood they will practice in the state. We modified our affiliation agreement with the Hawai‘i Residency Programs, Inc., and created the Office of the Designated Institutional Official (ODIO) to coordinate our GME enterprise. Dr. Naleen Andrade was appointed as the DIO and oversees the new office on behalf of the School. Dr. Andrade, former Chair of Psychiatry and past Chair of the Queen’s Health Systems Board, brings much leadership, educational knowledge and a strategic approach to managing GME at the School.

The JABSOM Department of Native Hawaiian Health helped create the first Master’s in Public Health program in Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Health this year. We have worked with Office of Public Health Studies (OPHS) Director Jay Maddock to advance graduate and undergraduate programs needed to transition the OPHS into a new school of public health.
In FY 2013, faculty increased their external funding awards by 28%, bringing into Hawai‘i more than $58 million in competitively funded research grants. That is the second-highest amount among schools at UH Mānoa.

We are sharpening our research focus on health needs most prevalent in Hawai‘i. Those include finding solutions for differences in health and treatment outcomes among our citizens of Native Hawaiian, Pacific Island and Filipino ancestry.

In September, the Department of Native Hawaiian Health presented findings from a two-year report to the state Legislature, focusing on what is working and what challenges remain in the health status of Native Hawaiians, Filipinos, and Pacific Islanders, who collectively represent a significant portion of Hawai‘i’s population. The Center for Native and Pacific Health Disparities, headed by Dr. Marjorie Mau, conducts biomedical and behavioral research on cardiometabolic health disparities in these populations. The center is currently in its 12th of 15 years of consecutive NIH funding.

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SPORTS MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP LAUNCHED

Hawai`i Pacific Health (HPH) is helping JABSOM and UH Athletics provide high quality sports medicine physicians for its student athletes, through sponsoring a Sports Medicine Fellowship. Announcement of the HPH funding to continue the fellowship was made at the Stan Sheriff Center at UH on September 12, 2013.

Ray Vara, HPH President and Chief Executive Officer, said “the partnership enables us to support physician training and research in the field of sports medicine, and also helps ensure UH student-athletes receive health care that is both well-coordinated and personalized to each student-athlete's individual needs.” Associate Dean Roy Magnusson said the fellowship also helps train sports medicine physicians to supplement Hawai`i’s physician workforce.

The fellowship is a 12-month program with one fellow per year. Fellows are MDs who have completed both medical school and residency training. The fellow will gain further knowledge in the sports medicine sub-specialty.

SNAPSHOTS of 2012-2013

Aug. 2013 - 600 Hawai`i school students prepare to take the field to perform a fitness dance to promote JABSOM anti-obesity efforts. They performed at halftime at the UH football’s 2013 season opener against USC.

Aug. 2013 - JABSOM researcher Dr. Stefan Moisyadi partnered with scientists in Turkey to create the world’s first transgenic rabbits in 2013. The rabbits, which glowed green under black light, caused a worldwide sensation, and were featured in news reports around the globe.

Aug. 2013 - JABSOM Researcher Angel Yanagihara, a box jellyfish expert, developed an ointment which helped swimmer Diana Nyad avoid stings and make history crossing the channel from Cuba to Florida. Photo by Keoki Stender, University of Hawai`i Dive Safety Office.


Almost 300 MD alumni, residents, faculty, faculty emeritus, and staff from eight different states and Saipan attended “Reconnect 2013,” the MD Alumni Reunion in July, including a big showing from the Class of 1988, who were boogieing in a conga line by the end of the night. We are stepping up our preparations for the school’s 50th Anniversary (“JABSOM 5-0”) commemoration in 2015.
In 2012-2013, JABSOM raised over $4.8 million in private philanthropic support, bringing the six-year gift total to almost $25 million. Donors continued to invest in a wide array of key priorities at JABSOM. These include endowed faculty support, scholarships, curriculum development, rural and neighbor island clinical training and community outreach efforts. With the upcoming 50th anniversary of JABSOM’s founding in 2015, the medical school will continue to focus on these funding priorities. The school has also set a goal of establishing 20 new endowed scholarship funds by the end of 2015 to help future generations of medical students.

Of special note in the past year are two new endowed professorships. For the cardiology fellowship program, donor Judy Pyle honored her cardiologist, Dr. Robert A. Hong, by establishing the **Judith Dion Pyle Endowed Fund for the Robert Hong, MD Professorship in the Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Program**, thereby providing key resources to train cardiologists right here in Hawai‘i. The first two cardiology fellows completed their specialty training in June 2013, and one of them, Kahealani Rivera, MD, is the first female Native Hawaiian cardiologist trained in Hawai‘i. She will soon be serving the leeward community of O‘ahu at The Queen’s Medical Center – West O‘ahu. In addition, the Estate of Victor Pavel is establishing the **Victor and Peggy Brandstrom Pavel Endowed Professorship in Medicine** in the Department of Geriatric Medicine.

More than 400 friends and colleagues joined the Botticelli family and University Health Alliance (UHA), in establishing the **Dr. Max G. Botticelli Memorial Endowment for Innovative Medical Education** to memorialize Dr. Botticelli’s legacy and impact as an academic medicine pioneer at JABSOM.

In gratitude for the opportunity provided to him thru the Dean’s Guest Program, now the ‘Imi Ho‘ōla Post-Baccalaureate Program at JABSOM, Class of 1976 alumnus, Dr. Rakhi Ram, and his wife Mary Ann Ram, set up the **The Tarsavi Wati and Ishwar Dass Medical School Endowment for ‘Imi Ho‘ōla Program Students and Alumni**, to provide financial support and scholarships to both current ‘Imi Ho‘ōla students and alumni of the program who are pursuing their medical degrees at JABSOM.

JABSOM also made progress in building crucial resources to support clinical training for our medical students in rural and neighbor island areas. The **North Hawai‘i Medical Education Program Endowment** has been established through the generosity of several North Hawai‘i residents including an anonymous donor, the Zimmer Family Foundation, the Young Family Trust and Greg and Vicki McManus. Additional resources for this program were provided by the William J. and Dorothy K. O’Neill Foundation.

The **Hawai‘i Homeless Outreach and Medical Education (HOME) Project** received key funding from the Walmart Foundation to purchase and outfit a new mobile health clinic. HOME also secured a grant from the GIFT Foundation to expand their Hawai‘i Youth Program for Excellence (HYPE) Program to provide mentoring and leadership training to homeless teenagers on O‘ahu.

Finally, faculty and staff continued to set a new record for the fifth annual JABSOM Internal Giving Campaign, co-chaired by Dr. Kamal Masaki and Dr. Marla Berry, with 285 donors donating almost $180,000 to 80 different UHF funds at the medical school.