

## Message from the Dean

Spring is a time of renewal, and nowhere is this more evident than on the Upstate campus where new buildings continue to sprout. Like new trees, construction cranes blossom over our second new parking garage in two years and over the vertical expansion of University Hospital. The Golisano Children's Hospital, on its 11th and 12th floors, includes a "tree house" as its signature architectural feature, a dedicated entrance for children and families. The crane no longer hovers over the Setnor Academic Building, which has become a hub of activity for students, faculty, and staff, and is simply a delight. Renovations continue throughout Weiskotten Hall.

This is but one phase of Upstate's renewal. President Smith has articulated a vision for growth of Upstate that includes expanding enrollment in the medical school by 30 percent, to 200 students per class. This will require recruitment of many new faculty members in addition to construction of new space for classrooms, auditoria, laboratories, offices, and clinics. We have begun to acquire properties in downtown Syracuse near our campus, are exploring ways to strengthen our roots on the Binghamton campus, and to create a presence in other Upstate communities. This "Upstate Initiative" will not only expand our mission of education, research, clinical care, and service, but will also bring substantial economic benefits to the region where we are already the largest employer.

Renewal continues within our walls as well. We have brought on more than 40 new faculty members in the past year, including new chairs in Neurosurgery, Radiation Oncology, and Microbiology and Immunology. This spring, our new chair of Urology will arrive from the Cleveland Clinic with a crowd of new recruits to grow that

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department's clinical, training, and research programs. Our new Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Julie White, is off to a great start and has excited the entire student body with her energy, boundless enthusiasm, and fresh ideas.

Our alumni have contributed generously to this renewal. The Upstate Scholars campaign has already raised more than \$550,000 from alumni, and with matching funds from the Alumni Foundation and the University, this adds more than a million dollars to our endowment for scholarships. Every bit as important as bricks and mortar, scholarship funds address one of the most critical needs for our students. I encourage all alumni to consider taking advantage of this opportunity while matching funds remain available.

I also encourage all of you to visit the campus, and certainly to attend reunion weekend in September, where you can meet Dr. White, tour the new facilities, renew contact with your old friends, and get your own sense of how our garden grows.



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