

IT CAN BE ALTOGETHER TOO EASY TO GET BOGGED DOWN IN the many challenges facing our health care system — from reducing disparities to restraining costs — while at the same time creating the medicine of tomorrow through discovery, and finding new and better ways to educate the next generation of physician-scientists. We talk a lot about these issues in our meetings, conferences, laboratories — even before legislators on Capitol Hill.

But it's vitally important to celebrate and talk about our successes, as well as the challenges we face. In our story "Soundly Invested" (page 30), we get to watch as the seed of an innovative idea gets sown by two first-year medical students and nurtured further by our faculty and educational environment.

Despite their youth, these students at the outset of their medical training are already helping to build the future of health care. The story contains many noteworthy themes: developing new technology, reaching underserved populations, creative problem-solving, resourceful fundraising. Often we speak of collaboration and innovation as core values in our mission, and here we pause to hold up but one great example from among many. To see these values put into action by our students refreshes my spirit and makes me proud.

Sincerely,



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