

## **Strategic Plan Update July 21, 2010**

In 2005, the CSD Department developed a strategic plan that included the following goals:

- increased collaboration between clinical, tenure-track and research faculty for translational research
- articulation of space needs for the Department's research and clinical enterprises
- reduction of reliance on adjunct teaching faculty
- increased funding for students

Since the development of that strategic plan, some of the results that have been achieved include the following:

- The CSD Department applied for and was recently awarded a T32 training grant from the National Institutes of Health for translational research in CSD. This summer marks the beginning of the second year of the grant, which will allow the Department to fund 5 additional pre-doctoral students and 3 post-doctoral trainees.
- The Department has begun organizing case-based presentations, in which one research and one clinical faculty member team together to present a disorder from the perspectives of underlying physiology, prevention and treatment. These presentations help bridge the gap between research and clinical activities, and stimulate discussion of possible translational research projects.
- The CSD Department, with financial support from the Provost's Office, opened a new student center in the basement of Frances Searle. By consolidating student-related facilities into the new 7000-square-foot space, which includes meeting rooms, work areas, lockers, computer equipment, storage areas for clinical materials, an open community lounge, and kitchen facilities, the Department was able to create additional research and clinical facilities in other areas of the building.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, the CSD Department will review its progress towards the goals outlined above, and will formulate a new strategic plan not only to meet unachieved goals, but also to establish new initiatives that will allow the Department to both improve its current programs and develop new research and clinical endeavors.