Monday Memo – May 22, 2017

Awards and Recognition

- Mike Ennis is the inaugural recipient of the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring. This newly established faculty award will be bestowed annually to a UMMS faculty member, holding the rank of associate or full professor, who exemplifies the role of and demonstrates the qualities associated with an outstanding mentor. Mike received the well deserved award at this year’s Education Recognition Award celebration on April 25.

- Jeremy Golding has been elected as a Faculty Member to the UMass chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society, in honor of his “distinguished professional accomplishments and contributions”.

- Heather-Lyn Haley has been recognized by the Women’s Faculty Committee with its Outstanding Community Service Award. The Women’s Awards Luncheon honoring Heather and other awardees will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 11:30am – 1:30pm on the University Campus in the Cube AS3-2119

Congratulations Mike, Jeremy and Heather!
Presentations

- Phil Bolduc  I presented at the New England AETC Annual HIV Primary Care Conference on “Strengthening HIV and HCV Programs in Community Health Centers” on April 28.

- Bill Foley was the course director and lecturer for a 20hr CME course May 5-7 at the Hampton Inn in Westborough, MA. The course was attended by osteopathic and medical doctors from all around the US, Canada, and Japan. The title of the course was "Conception to Birth" and included osteopathic approaches to pregnant woman and new-born babies.

Suzanne Cashman co-led a session entitled, “Developing an International Strategic Plan for Service-Learning and Community Engagement” at the CU Expo 2017, a biannual conference exploring community-university partnerships as catalysts for social innovation held last week in Vancouver,

- Joe DiFranza gave a Grand Rounds on Nicotine Addiction for the Family Medicine Department SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn on April 26.


- Carolyn Langer, MassHealth CMO and Director of Commonwealth Medicine's Office of Clinical Affairs, served on a panel entitled "Using Innovation in Healthcare to Address the Needs of the Underserved" at the Most Powerful Women in Healthcare IT Conference in Boston on May 17.
The Senior Scholars Program (a 2-3 month research elective for 4th year medical students) recently held its annual celebration. There were 38 4th year students who completed the Senior Scholars Program this year - the 2nd highest number in the program's 20+ year history. Directed by Judy Savageau, there were 3 students who presented their work who are going into Family Medicine: Star Wang (mentored by Suzanne Cashman), Christian Rose (mentored by a faculty member in Psychiatry), and Aimee Kobjack (mentored by a faculty member in Preventive and Behavioral Medicine). Given the large number of students this year, 26 faculty judges were needed to evaluate all of the poster presentations and several of those were faculty in our department: Jack Gettens, Sai Cherala, Bonnie Greenwood, Melodie Wenz Gross, and Santosh Verma. If you have a project that you think would be great for a Senior Scholars student, Judy is already recruiting and signing up students for this coming academic year. Feel free to reach out to her.

WELLNESS MOMENTS FOR THE MONDAY MEMO

Spirituality  Week 1

One important component of wellness is spirituality. Brené Brown, PhD, LMSW defines spirituality as “recognizing and celebrating that we are all inextricably connected to each other by a power greater than all of us, and that our connection to that power and to one another is grounded in love and compassion. Practicing spirituality brings a sense of perspective, meaning, and purpose to our lives.”

Take 5 minutes today to reflect: what does spirituality mean to you?