



Monday Memo – June 30, 2014

Residency

The Fitchburg Family Medicine residency and Sports Medicine fellowship held their annual joint graduation ceremonies on Friday evening at the Chockesett Inn. Congratulations to the graduates:

Family Medicine

Nicolas Hernandez, MD

Luisa Amanda Hiendlmayr, MD

Jennifer RuiLin, DO

Ryan Joseph Montoya, MD

Stephanie Jean Muriglan, MD

Samantha Louise Richards, DO

Sports Medicine

Christie J. Langenberg, MD

Gregory Raymond Murphy, MD

Olga Valdman also presented a certificate to Stephanie Muriglan in honor of her graduation from the Global Health Track. The presentation was accompanied by a video from colleagues and friends in Nicaragua congratulating Stephanie on your graduation.

It is also traditional at the graduation for residents to present awards recognizing special contributions from the faculty. This year Abhijeet Patil was recognized as Teacher of the Year, and Julian Sanchez, MD and Roberto Larios, MD were recognized as Specialist Teachers of the Year. The residents also recognized Jim Ledwith, Nic Apostoleris and Elaine Desjardin for their leadership, steadfastness, and advocacy during this year of transition.

Interdisciplinary Student Education

Suzanne Cashman facilitated and presented at the 13th annual Paul Ambrose Scholars Program June 19-22. The program brings together 40 health professions students from 7 different clinical professions as well as public health to learn how they might address various population health challenges; they are expected to carry out a health promotion project upon return to their schools and communities. Geneva DeGregorio, a rising second year UMMS medical student, was accepted into the program; for her project, she'll be focusing on improving the health of children on the autism spectrum.

Youth Programs

On Tuesday June 24, Jay Broadhurst presented to the National Youth Leadership Forum – a group of high school students hosted by the UMass Medical School. Jay spoke on his medical school and career experiences. Each summer UMass Medical School hosts High School students participating in the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF) summer program. These students come from all over the country, and are very interested in learning about careers in medicine and biomedical research. In addition to touring departments in the school, participants are provided the opportunity to listen to guest speakers talk about their journey through medical school and familiarize them with their personal experiences in their health profession.

Presentations

Ali Connell presented on *Health Behavior Change for Chronic Illness Care Management* at the Annual Case Management Society of America Conference in Cleveland Ohio June 19th. Ali also presented on *Integrated Care for Older Patients* as part of a panel of experts at the local Aging with Dignity Conference, sponsored by the Massachusetts Council on Aging and the Mass Dept of Mental Health.