Awards & Recognition

- Bob Baldor was awarded the Chancellor’s Medal for Distinguished Service at the Medical School’s Sept. 14 Convocation Ceremonies. In his remarks, Chancellor Collins made note of Bob’s service to the Department, to the Medical School, and to the community, noting that he has “been described as one who ‘brings good humor, a strong work ethic and sense of responsibility, team integration and the ability to get things done with all projects assigned. You are intellectually honest and challenge dogma in the proper way, using evidence-based medicine. Yours is an outstanding example as mentor, teacher, clinician and committed member of our community.”

- Dan Lasser was recently honored by the Board of Directors of the Family Health Center of Worcester, where the Board presented him with the 2018 Dr. Felix G. Cataldo and Mrs. Anne M. Cataldo Lifetime Achievement Award; the award recognized the many contributions he has made to the community.

- Daniel Mullin, PsyD MPH is the PI on a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This 3-yr grant in the amount of $450,000 to the Center for Integrated Primary Care will fund the development of the Waiver Course for Massachusetts Students (WCMS). This course will consist of 8 hours of web-based, asynchronous modules that prepare students to care for patients with Opioid Use Disorder, including the prescription of buprenorphine. This project is a partnership between the University of Massachusetts’ Medical School and Graduate School of Nursing, Tufts Medical School, Harvard Medical School, and the Boston University School of Medicine and Physician Assistant Program. This grant will ensure that every medical student graduating from a Massachusetts medical school has completed the required training to receive their DATA waiver, making them eligible to prescribe buprenorphine.

- For the third year, Dan Lasser provided the Primary Care Principles Optional Enrichment Elective’s introductory session for medical and nursing students. This year he was joined by Frank Domino (2nd year), Angela Beeler (2nd year) and Nancy Skehan. The elective is supported by MassAHEC.

- Lisa Gussak was awarded 1st place tie – for the Prose category by a panel of reviewers for our Creative Writing Competition for her submission How Do You Code That,. This award will be given out during the 2018 Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) Annual Meeting November 9th – 11th at the Hilton Westchester Hotel in Rye Brook, New York on Saturday morning prior to the Plenary presentation.

Presentations

- Dugas EN, Sylvestre MP, Wellman RJ, O’Loughlin J. The 100-cigarette lifetime criterion: time for a change? Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco-Europe (SRNT-E), Munich (Germany), September 6-8, 2018.
• Dugas EN, Hanusaik N, O'Loughlin EK, Winickoff, Montreuil A, Wellman RJ, Sylvestre MP, O'Loughlin J. Parental cannabis use is associated with cannabis uptake and use in offspring. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco-Europe (SRNT-E), Munich (Germany), September 6-8, 2018.


Publications

• Singh S. Nautiyal A. Fluoroquinolones increase the risk of aortic aneurysms and aortic dissection? Journal of the American College of Cardiology 2018: 72 (12): 1379-81

Save the Date for the Department’s Annual Faculty Retreat: Friday, October 26, 2018

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