Monday Memo – November 13, 2018

This past weekend’s meeting of the Family Medicine Education Consortium (Nov. 9-11) in Rye Brook, NY set a record for attendance, with over 280 faculty, 300 residents and 285 medical students gathering from medical schools and residency programs from across the northeast to learn about Family Medicine careers, examine the critical role of Family Medicine within the health care system, and celebrate the richness of academic Family Medicine across the region. Our Fitchburg and Worcester residencies were well represented at recruitment booths and across the program.

Presenters included:

- David Gilchrist: *Moving Beyond the Yoga Mat and Mindful Moments to Combat Burnout*
- Melanie Gnazzo and Harshal Patel: *Tick Tock: Time Management Concepts in Primary Care*
- Beth Mazyck: *Obesity Evaluation and Treatment: Review and Updates*

Residents from the Barre Family Health Center presented a poster:

- Anne Gifford, Michael Maddaleni, Julia Vu, and Jad Jalal: *Barre Fit*

The awards portion of the program was dominated by UMass faculty, including:

- Jennifer Bradford received one of FMEC’s two Emerging Leader Awards
- Stephanie Carter-Henry received the organization’s Mid-Career Faculty Achievement Award
- Warren Ferguson received 1st and 3rd place creative writing awards for prose
- Lisa Gussak received the 2nd place creative writing award for prose
- Hugh Silk received the 1st place creative writing award for poetry

Stepping down as immediate past President, Stacy Potts was honored for her years of service as a leader for FMEC, including 12 years of service as a member of the Board. She moderated a planning session devoted to *Responding to the Primary Care Challenge Working Group*, considering how FMEC can support initiatives working toward the goal that by 2030, 25% of US medical school graduates should be choosing to specialize in Family Medicine.