Monday Memo – March 11, 2019

Preliminary NRMP Results

- While the names of this year’s incoming residents will not be available to us until the end of the week, preliminary information from the NRMP indicate that both our Fitchburg and Worcester Family Medicine residencies filled in the match. Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year’s recruitment activities. We are also expecting some very good news regarding the match experience of the Medical School’s 2019 graduating class. Stay tuned!

21 Students to Present Capstones supported by 14 FMCH Faculty Advisors

- 14 Department faculty have served for four years as Faculty Advisors for 21 students from the Class of 2019 who will be presenting their Capstone Projects on Wednesday (March 13, Faculty Conference Room; all day event). The list of students and their Faculty Advisors includes:

  o Corinne Ainsworth: Teen Mothers’ Health Education Program: Nutrition Curriculum Design and Implementation (Advisor: Judy Savageau, MPH)
  o Laurel Banach: Peer Mentoring and Teaching Experience within the Worcester Free Clinics (Jim Ledwith, MD)
  o Annika Bannon: Integrating Oral Health at a Free Medical Program (Hugh Silk, MD, MPH)
  o Malina Filkins: Evaluating the Impact of Global Health Training in Graduate Medical Education Using Standardized Patient Encounters (Olga Valdman, MD)
  o Joanna Glanz and Ellie Meyer: The Worcester Baby Box Initiative: (Sara Shields, MD, MS)
  o Supreetha Gubbala: Unexpected Gatekeepers of Justice: The Unique Role of Healthcare Providers in the Assessment of Asylum Seekers (Lucy Candib, MD)
  o Maxwell Kruse, Simon Ostrowski, and Peter Schnorr: The Worcester People Project (Erik Garcia, MD)
  o Christine Martin: Longitudinal Capstone in Global Health: Furthering the Development of USMLE Step 1 Resources for the Global Health Pathway (Michael Chin, MD)
  o Gwanyalla Nguendab: Discussion-based Health Education Program in Worcester's African Immigrant Population (Suzanne Cashman, ScD)
  o Sarah Ohnigian and Michelle Silver: Med Moth: The Application of a Storytelling Platform in the Medical Community (Mike Ennis, MD)
o Dhrumil Patel: Free Clinics vs. Primary Care Physicians: Why Patients Choose One Over the Other (Amber Sarkar, MD)
o Sean Reid: Care Management as a Model for Improving Healthcare Outcomes and Educating Students (Suzanne Cashman, ScD)
o Blair Robinson: Addressing Food Insecurity in Massachusetts Healthcare Systems: A Multi-Tiered approach (Melanie Gnazzo, MD)
o Noah Rohrer: Lessons Learned from the Opioid Epidemics of the European Union: Many Approaches, Differing Results (Matilda Castiel, MD)
o Kaleigh Timmins: Creating a Partnership Between UMASS Health Professions Students and Local Refugee Families (Olga Valdman, MD)
o Megan Veno: Short Coats: Assessing Tactics to Optimize Reflection from a Student Standpoint (Hugh Silk, MD, MPH)
o Joanna Wang: Advancing Medical Education on Advance Care Planning (Advisor: Jennifer Reidy, MD)

In the News

- **Editorial:** Faculty members Sara Shields and Mattie Castille co-authored an editorial in the February 24 Worcester Telegram and Gazette: *As I see it: Every child in Worcester should live to see their first birthday and beyond*. Sara serves as chairperson of the Worcester Healthy Baby Collaborative, and Mattie is Worcester’s Commissioner of Health and Human Services and a member of the Worcester Healthy Baby Collaborative. See [https://www.telegram.com/news/20190224/as-i-see-it-every-child-in-worcester-should-live-to-see-their-first-birthday-and-beyond](https://www.telegram.com/news/20190224/as-i-see-it-every-child-in-worcester-should-live-to-see-their-first-birthday-and-beyond)

- **Urban Health Scholars Pathway Featured:** The Urban Health Scholars Pathway, supported by MassAHEC, is featured in last week’s UMassMed NOW (see [https://www.umassmed.edu/news/news-archives/2019/03/medical-students-launch-initiative-to-meet-health-care-needs-in-underserved-communities/](https://www.umassmed.edu/news/news-archives/2019/03/medical-students-launch-initiative-to-meet-health-care-needs-in-underserved-communities/) ). The program, which is being piloted at Family Health Center of Worcester, creates a focus on primary care and population health starting in the first year of medical school, with active involvement from faculty at the health center who are serving as Longitudinal Preceptors. Recruitment for next years’ LPPs for the incoming class is underway.

Faculty Resources

- We’d like to highlight two of the links provided on the left side of the Department’s web page devoted our research activities ([https://www.umassmed.edu/fmch/research/](https://www.umassmed.edu/fmch/research/)):

- **List of Upcoming Meetings and Conferences:** The link entitled “Upcoming Conferences” will take you to a list of annual meetings and conferences that faculty members often attend, including meeting dates and deadlines for submitting abstracts. It includes the STFM Annual Spring Conference, Academy Health, AAFP FMX, FMEC, APHA, AAMC, AEA, NAPCRG, Pri Med, STFM Practice and Quality Improvement, and STFM Clerkship/Pre Doc. Contact Kate Sullivan ([kate.sullivan@umassmed.edu](mailto:kate.sullivan@umassmed.edu)) if you would like to add a conference to the list, which will updated periodically.
• **Medical Journal Tables of Contents:** The link entitled “Medical Journal Tables of Contacts” will take you to a collection of tables of contents from 12-15 journals of most interest to the faculty. The tables also contain links to the articles that you might be most interested in reading further. Contact Judy Savageau judith.savageau@umassmed.edu with suggestions of additional journals that should be added to the listings.