ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monday Monthly NEWS for January 28, 2013

Newsy Note: Dean Rappley is collaborating with educational leaders in China to envision better primary care training for their physicians as well as develop student and faculty exchanges.

Kudo/s: Ms. Mary Ellen Shea in the Office of Preclinical Curriculum won an Examsoft Champion Award recently. She won the Student Success Award for her work developing a means of providing exam feedback to students as part of our new program of computer-based testing using Examsoft products.

Someone You Should Know: Dr. Kerry Polizzi is a Family Medicine doctor and is a part of the Office of Preclinical Curriculum. She is in charge of quality improvement projects for the Problem-Based Learning curriculum and is also active on the New Curriculum Design Group. She led the implementation of Computer-Based Testing (CBT) in the preclinical curriculum which has been a major innovation for us and has gone very smoothly.

Challenge: Student debt and the need for more scholarships.

Solution: Scholarships are a major part of the upcoming College Capital Campaign. Dean Rappley is meeting with the University to design the most effective fundraising strategy.

Student-to-Student Pearl: If you are confused about the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) process after PF-SIMS, be sure to check out the sample PLP as well as the presentation on PLPs on the College-Wide Assessment Website at www.chm.msu.edu/cwa/resources

Patient Care Pearl: Influenza season is in full swing. Be sure you have gotten your flu shot and WASH YOUR HANDS frequently!!!!

New Curriculum Update: The Curriculum Design Group continues to plan the creation of a pilot Early Clinical Experience that students will volunteer to be a part of this summer. The blend of methodologies and the material to be covered is becoming progressively clearer. Ongoing work on Chief Complaints and Conditions (C3) modules continues to inform this effort. Multiple Curriculum Design Group members and faculty are at work with many more to join soon. There is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/
Picture: Dr. Osuch traveled to Antarctica recently on a transformative journey. Below is the proof as well as a picture of a penguin, apparently waving goodbye!!!