Kudos:  

This year’s Gold Humanism Award was also given to the following Inductees:  
Faculty Inductee: Julie Phillips, M.D., M.P.H.  
Student Inductee: Serena Zhou

Our apologies for these inadvertent omissions, and CONGRATULATIONS!

Newsy Note: The LCME committee met in February and reviewed the college’s materials and site visit report. The final result for the college is complete eight-year accreditation with a single area of non-compliance out of the 133 standards. This is an extremely gratifying result to a very long and labor-intensive process. Many thanks to everyone who participated and to all the work that is done every single day to enable such a wonderful outcome!

Shared Discovery Curriculum Update: Another result from the LCME report is the approval to move forward with the Shared Discovery Curriculum Pathway which will enable one quarter of the entering class of 2015 to volunteer for this curriculum. We continue to await University Curriculum Committee approval as well as the results of a faculty endorsement vote. Applications to be a Learning Society faculty went out widely by email in early March with a deadline of March 19th.

For more information on the Learning Society structure and the Shared Discovery Curriculum in general: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/

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The Match:  
178 graduating students have confirmed their residency placements as a result of the 2015 Match season. Approximately 34% of the seniors will remain in Michigan for their graduate medical education. Students will be training in many other states in the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest and the West. Forty five percent (45%) of the 2015 class will be entering primary care. The top seven specialty placements were: pediatrics (28), family medicine (27), internal medicine (25), obstetrics-gynecology (17), emergency medicine (15), general surgery (14), and anesthesiology (12). Students had very exciting Match Day celebrations in each of the clinical communities and videos and photos have been posted to the college website. For a copy of the college report, email Dr. Wanda Lipscomb, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, at wanda.lipscomb@chm.msu.edu

This year’s Gold Humanism Award Inductees are:  
Faculty Inductee: Robin DeMuth, M.D.

Student Inductees:  
Haydar Ali  Maggie Collison  Andrew Kline  Erika Phelps Nishiguchi  
Joyce Ang  Virginia Corbett  Rachel Mason  Danielle Robinett  
James Bistolarides  Vincent Cracolici  Michael Merren  Stephen Selinsky  
Sarah Bonczyk  Drew Emge  Laurel Mulder  Joshua Smith  
Alison Case  Sahil Gambhir  Thomas Murphy  Matthew Steibel  
Nicole Cervantes  Michael Goldstein  Elitsa Nicolaou  Stephanie Vachirasudlekha  
Margaret Chi  Stephanie Hendrick  Yasaswi Paruchuri  Matthew Veltkamp  
Anna Coles  Ashley Hilbrand  Neil Patel  Kimberly Walhof
**Academic Affairs People You Should Know:** Dr. Terry McGovern is the most recent addition to the Office of Student Affairs and Services. He joined the College in February 2015 as the Assistant Director of Student Counseling and Wellness. He brings over 20 years’ experience as a behavioral health therapist in Grand Rapids and as a Behavioral Science faculty member in the Grand Rapids Family Medicine Residency Program. In his work at CHM, he supports medical students seeking to maintain a good balance between their rigorous academic pursuits and their personal well-being. He finds his own balance through time with family, participating in a variety of outdoor activities and mindfulness meditation. Stop by 624 Secchia Center and ask him about his Irish passport.

**Tips for Students:** When planning fourth year electives, students should consider several key issues:

*What do I need to get ready for intern year?* To prepare yourself to be your best during your internship, consider additional rotations where you can practice core skills. No matter what your field, you will spend some time caring for sick patients in the hospital. Internal Medicine, Surgery, Critical Care, and Emergency months can help you maintain and refine these skills.

*What do I need for my career planning?* If you will need to complete a lot of interviews, consider scheduling a research month during interview season (November – January). The added flexibility will give you more time to interview at many programs. Many students complete “audition” rotations at residency programs where they would like to apply. This isn’t necessary to match in less competitive specialties, but it may be helpful. In more competitive specialties and programs, it may be essential. Plan audition rotations when you can be your best, because you will want to demonstrate a high level of professionalism, commitment, and skill. If you are applying in a very competitive specialty, don’t invest time auditioning at a program where you will not be competitive. Instead, audition at programs where you have a good change of matching.

*What are my best opportunities for personal and professional growth?* The fourth year is a great time to take advantage of opportunities you may have not had before. Consider international electives or opportunities at different institutions. This is also a great time for electives like Dermatology, Sports Medicine, Radiology, Neurology, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, or Addiction Medicine. Consider experiences that will make you a better physician, especially if they are not a required part of your residency training program.

**Wellness Tip:** April is Fitness and Nutrition Month/Wear Green Tuesday’s in April: What underrated source of nutrition provides 38% of daily vitamin C, 32% of daily Vitamin A and 7% of daily potassium for only 85 fat-free, salt-free calories per standard serving (2 cups)? Answer: Watermelon (Nutrition Action/Center for Science in the Public Interest)
Patient Care Pearl: The activity of influenza in the US began increasing in mid-November, remained elevated in mid-February, and is expected to continue for several more weeks. The cumulative influenza-associated hospitalization rate among adults aged 65 or older is the highest recorded since 2005, when this type of surveillance was begun. Late in February, pneumonia and influenza were reported as the underlying or contributing causes of death in approximately 7% of all deaths. Drifted influenza A (H3N2) viruses have resulted in reduced vaccine effectiveness this season. The CDC recommends that antiviral treatment should be initiated as soon as possible after illness onset for any hospitalized patient or anyone with severe, complicated or progressive illness, and that decision to begin antiviral treatment should not be delayed awaiting lab confirmation.

Publications and Presentations:

Gold, J. “miniCLIPPs: Use of advanced organizers and illness scripts to enhance clinical reasoning in pediatric medical students”. Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics Annual Meeting workshop, New Orleans, March 2015


Wagner, D. “Medical Education Innovations Old and New/Near and Far”. Medicine Grand Rounds, March 9, 2015


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