ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monday Monthly NEWS for April 29, 2013

**Newsy Note:** The 2013 College of Human Medicine graduation speaker will be Claire Pomeroy, MD, MPH. Her leadership has emphasized academic excellence and social responsibility, and a commitment to address the social determinants of health. She founded the Center for Reducing Health Disparities and led the establishment of Rural-PRIME, a program specifically designed to prepare physicians to practice in underserved rural communities.

**LCME Accreditation Update:** The LCME returns October 19-23, 2014, for our regular accreditation site visit. Our SCRIPT competency framework (Service, Care of Patients, Rationality, Integration, Professionalism, Transformation), in place since 2005, has guided our curricular efforts and continues to fuel our New Curriculum work. To see a copy of the College of Human Medicine SCRIPT competencies, go to [http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/documents/script.html](http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/documents/script.html).

**Kudos:** Our very own Chad Kloskos, Class of 2013, is the author of an article in The Pharos, Summer 2012 edition. Alpha Omega Alpha's quarterly journal publishes works covering a wide array of medical subjects. In his essay entitled “Past, present and future” Chad details his childhood dream of becoming a physician and the personal journey that has put that dream into very real perspective. Congratulations, Chad!

**Someone You Should Know:** Dr. Gary Ferenchick, Professor of Medicine, Division Chief of General Internal Medicine and longtime clerkship director of the Internal Medicine Clerkship has been awarded the highly-prestigious Clerkship Directors of Internal Medicine (CDIM) Fincher Service Award. This national award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the work of the CDIM, and highlights Dr. Ferenchick’s ground-breaking innovations in the teaching and evaluation of students. Additionally, Dr. Ferenchick spearheaded the College’s letter of intent in response to a call from the American Medical Association for ideas which “transform medical education.” The College is among the 30 schools chosen from among 130 applicants to submit a full grant proposal with a chance to share in the $10 million in monies being offered.
Challenge: Students have asked for earlier opportunities to participate in elective rotations that may help them guide their specialty selection.

Solution: Block III has been modified to permit a 4 week elective during the third year. The total length of Block III is unchanged. The required Psychiatry Clerkship has been shortened from 8 to 4 weeks and with a portion of the psychiatry material distributed into other clerkships.” More information about electives is available at [http://www.chm.msu.edu/future/MSUCHMSTUDENTS.php](http://www.chm.msu.edu/future/MSUCHMSTUDENTS.php).

Student-to-Student Pearl: The Year 3 Care of Patients Gateway will take place in Grand Rapids and East Lansing beginning in mid-May. Year 3 students have received scheduling and other information about this important required College assessment—read everything CAREFULLY and be sure to visit the College-wide Assessment website for more information and resources to help you prepare. Find what you need at: [http://cwa.chm.msu.edu](http://cwa.chm.msu.edu)

Patient Care Pearl: The United Kingdom is reporting six deaths, among 12 people infected, from a novel coronavirus infection similar to the SARS virus. UK health authorities report there is strong evidence of human-to-human transmission and, although the risk for spread to the general population is low, public health officials continue to monitor this situation. This contrasts with concerns about two deadly influenza virus variants--H5N1 and H7N9—which have shown, almost exclusively, only animal-to-human transmission and no human-to-human transmission. Public health authorities routinely monitor influenza virus variants with high mortality or morbidity to determine if they develop human-to-human transmission capabilities as this can be the precursor to a global epidemic.

New Curriculum Update: Curriculum Design Group “Early Clinical Experience Pilot” teams continue to develop curriculum for the six-week experience that will take place this summer. Student response to the call for volunteers has been brisk, and the group is also working on filling the available slots. Don’t forget that there is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to [http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/](http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/)

There was a Town Hall meeting on March 26, 2013. You can see the meeting using MediaSite streaming technology at [http://media.hc.msu.edu/Mediasite/Play/300907afe023431196b3b43260be5da31d](http://media.hc.msu.edu/Mediasite/Play/300907afe023431196b3b43260be5da31d).