Newsy Note: The 2014 Student Awards and Scholarship Banquet was held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel on April 21st. It was a wonderful evening with over 80 students being recognized as scholarship recipients and more than 40 seniors being recognized as inductees into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society and the Gold Humanism Honor Society. This is always an evening of great pride and celebration in recognition of our students’ excellence in academics, service, leadership, research, and outreach.

LCME Accreditation Update: Hard to believe that we are 6 months out from our site visit on October 19-23, 2014. The Steering Committee is nearly finished with reviewing the self-study reports for the overall Institutional Self-Study Report preparation. Work continues on the required database and the details that the self-study indicates we need to work on.

At the upcoming CHM Faculty Meeting (May 14th at 5:30pm in the Radiology Auditorium) there will be a report to the faculty on the Self-Study.

We encourage you to review the college’s SCRIPT educational competencies at http://lcme.chm.msu.edu/documents/script.html. More information about accreditation can be found at http://lcme.chm.msu.edu/.

Kudos: Our students announced the coveted Green Apple Award winners at MedBall which took place April 12th. Block 1 winners included Dr. Anthony Paganini, Dr. Young-Allie, Dr. Judy Brady, and Ms. Candice Obetts. Block 2 winners were Dr. John W. Walker, Dr. Dianne Wagner, Mr. Bud Schulz and Ms. Keli Chapman. Congratulations to all!

Academic Affairs People You Should Know: Effective March 1st, Carol Parker became the Executive Director for Academic Affairs. In addition to her responsibilities as Director of Continuing Medical Education, Carol will be working to improve core functions in Academic Affairs and participate in projects in accreditation, curriculum, and outreach. Carol was most recently leased to serve as the Executive Director of the Great Lakes Health Information Exchange (GLHIE) and she will conclude that role in June when GLHIE completes a merger with Michigan Health Connect (the two largest sub-state health information exchanges in Michigan).

Formerly, Carol served as the Executive Director of Graduate Medical Education, Inc. (GMEI), worked to increase training opportunities for health professionals in medically underserved communities, was responsible for policy and advocacy on behalf of Michigan’s Federally Qualified Health Centers, provided the initial program development for Critical Access Hospitals, supported community mental health centers as they converted to authority status, and assisted Health Maintenance Organizations with accreditation and contracting. Carol is the Past-
President of the Board of Trustees for the Michigan Health Council and a member of the Center for Health Professions Advisory Council.

Carol holds a master’s degree in public health from the University of Michigan and is working on a Ph.D. in Epidemiology at Michigan State University.

Student-to-Student Pearl: If you are going to watch lectures from home, stay with the course schedule, and make the most of the on-line lectures. Do things at home you can’t do in lecture. Watch them at double speed, but use the extra time to take notes, explain the concept to yourself out loud, look up words or concepts you don’t know, move to another place for the next lecture, exercise for 3-5 minutes between lectures. Use all of your senses and more muscles than you can in lecture.
Signed,
Gunner MacGuffin

Patient Care Pearl: Most foodborne illnesses can be prevented by safe buying, preparation and storage of foods. FoodNet, also known as the Foodborne Diseases Active Surveillance Network, is a part of the Centers for Disease Control disease surveillance system. In 2013, FoodNet identified 19,056 cases of infection, 4,200 hospitalizations and 80 deaths in the 15% of the US population monitored. The incidence of most types of infection was highest in children under the age of five. A resource for patients about food safety can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/pdfs/prep-common-food-safely-508c.pdf.

New Curriculum Update: Curriculum work groups are forming to create the Early Clinical Experience, Middle Clinical Experience, Late Clinical Experience and other components of the new curriculum. All interested faculty and students should email Lisa.Galbavi@hc.msu.edu.

Twenty seven first- through fourth-year students participated in a new assessment called the Progress Clinical Skills Exam in the East Lansing Learning and Assessment Center on April 19th. This experience combines aspects of an OSCE with short answer questions about the basic science underlying the case. More students will participate May 3rd in Grand Rapids, and initial feedback has been very positive. Our offices of College-wide Assessment and Medical Education Research and Development are analyzing a great deal of information, so stay tuned!

Don’t forget that there is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/, which includes the video from the most recent Town Hall meeting.