Newsy Note: The College’s Masters of Public Health (MPH) had its largest graduation season to date and celebrated 63 Spring and Summer graduates at their May 3rd banquet and the Michigan State University Advanced Degree Commencement.

LCME Accreditation Update: The LCME returns October 19-23, 2014, for our regular accreditation site visit. Dr. Mary Noel is the Chair of our LCME preparation efforts, and 7 Task Force subcommittee chairs have been selected. The LCME Task Force subcommittee chairs are:

- Michael Brown, MD, Educational Resources Subcommittee
- Bill Given, PhD, Research Subcommittee
- Heather Laird-Fick, MD, Educational Program Subcommittee
- Michael McLeod, MD, Faculty Subcommittee
- Chris Shafer, MD, Medical Students Subcommittee
- Deb Sleight, PhD, Institutional Setting Subcommittee
- John van Schagen, MD, Communities Subcommittee

More information about the accreditation can be found at http://lcme.chm.msu.edu/

Kudos: Saturday, May 11, the Class of 2013 officially received their Doctorate of Medicine and joined the ranks of the finest physicians of the world! More than 2000 people attended commencement and helped to send off our graduates and to support them as they take on the amazing opportunities that await. Dr. Harvey Sparks received a College of Human Medicine Lifetime Excellence in Teaching Award at the ceremony and thanked his students (present and past) for making his decades of teaching the best part of his career. Best wishes to Dr. Sparks and to all of the Class of 2013—please don’t be strangers!!!!

Some People You Should Know: The CHM Faculty Meeting and Award Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 20 from 5:30-7:30pm. The following outstanding faculty will be presented with their awards:

- Teacher-Scholar Award: Julie Phillips, MD, MPH
- Outstanding Clinician Award: Adesuwa Olomu, MD
- Outstanding Clinician Award: David Walsworth, MD, FAAFP
- Outstanding Community Faculty Award: Daniel Webster, MD, FAAFP
- William B. Weil Jr. MD, FAAP, Endowed Distinguished Pediatric Faculty Award: Ho-Ming Yian, MD

Congratulations on these well-deserved awards!
Challenge: Streamlining the computer based testing process for the preclinical years.

Solution: A task force has been assembled to explore the possibility of utilizing tablets for computer based testing.

Student-to-Student Pearl: The Year 3 Care of Patients Gateway continues to take place in our simulation facilities in both Grand Rapids and East Lansing. Year 3 students have lots of 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

Patient Care Pearl: Many treatment decisions contain a great deal of complexity—patients and their physicians can be challenged to determine the best course. A recent OpEd in the New York Times by Angelina Jolie discusses her journey to a decision to have a prophylactic bilateral mastectomy. Read it at http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/14/opinion/my-medical-choice.html?_r=0

New Curriculum Update: Curriculum Design Group “Early Clinical Experience Pilot” teams continue to develop components of the six-week experience that will take place this summer. Available slots have been filled and notifications will soon go out to students. This pilot will enable us to gather a great deal of information on what does and does not work as we envision our next great curriculum. Don’t forget that there is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/

Stop and Smell the Roses (or Crabapples): Campus is beautifully a-bloom with flowering trees and bushes. If you haven’t leaned over and taken a sniff of a viburnum or a crab apple blossom, you should!!!