ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monday Monthly NEWS for July 29, 2013

Newsy Note: CHM’s newest rural physician training program, the Rural Community Health Program (R-CHP), began this month. It is designed for students interested in careers in rural medicine. More information can be found at http://mdadmissions.msu.edu/R-CHP/r-chp.php.

LCME Accreditation Update: The LCME returns October 19-23, 2014, for our regular accreditation site visit. A student survey done by the Dean’s Student Advisory Council (DSAC) will be administered in the fall.

For a description of the College’s SCRIPT educational competencies, go to http://lcme.chm.msu.edu/documents/script.html

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Kudos: On Friday, July 19, the CHM Simulation Center hosted approximately 45 high school Health Science Scholar Institute participants from Flint, East Lansing and Grand Rapids for a day of hands-on simulation experiences. Drs. Phil VanLente and Patricia Brewer organized this event which included interacting with SimMan, the patient manikin, Harvey, a heart sound simulator, gloving and gowning, blood pressure determination, bone anatomy lab and virtual microscopy. Many thanks to Drs. Brewer and VanLente, Dr. Jana Simmons, Tina Barnikow and the entire simulation center staff, and the 9 student volunteers who made this wonderful event happen!

Some People You Should Know: Welcome to Sarah McVoy, our new Community Administrator for the CHM Lansing campus. Sarah, who previously worked for the Psychiatry department as administrator for the CHM and COM Psychiatry clerkships, replaces Karlene Torres in this role. We wish Karlene, who served as Lansing community administrator for more than 40 years, all the best on her retirement.

Challenge: There is a need for ever-increasing collaboration between basic scientists and opportunities for students to do research.

Solution: Construction on the new Bioengineering Building between the Clinical Center and the Life Sciences Building will begin in the next few weeks.
Student-to-Student Pearl: “The best way to learn on a clerkship is to listen to other people on the team. You have to pay attention to what is going on with patients other than your own, and how the residents and attending make decisions about them. I learned so much third year just by being on the floor and helping with the patient care. Don’t stick yourself in the library!”

Patient Care Pearl: A source of the Cyclospora outbreak which centers in Iowa, Nebraska and Texas has yet to be identified. There are a handful of victims in Wisconsin, Illinois and Kansas as well. The official outbreak count stands at about 250. The outbreak is believed to be foodborne and likely to involve a fresh vegetable. Patients (and their providers) should wash produce thoroughly before eating.

New Curriculum Update: The “Early Clinical Experience Pilot” is in full swing. Each of the 21 participants is working hard and the faculty is running to keep up with their work ethic and enthusiasm. So far students have experienced several patient clinics, Problem-Based Learning, Team-Based Learning, Integrative Clinical Correlations, Journal Club, and they have engaged in a tutorial week that culminated in a presentation to their classmates and faculty. This is the “half way mark” and there is much more to be experienced and evaluated! Don’t forget that there is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/