ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Monday Monthly NEWS for October 28, 2013

Newsy Note: The AAMC has announced that the number of entering medical students has increased by about 5% this year.

LCME Accreditation Update: The LCME returns October 19-23, 2014, for our regular accreditation site visit. Student and faculty self-study groups are hard at work.

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

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

Kudos: Congratulations to Flint campus students Juliet Amene, Nakia Hunter, and Stephanie Ann Frazier, as well as Jenny LaChance, research elective coordinator at Hurley Medical Center, whose abstract, "Patient Demographics as Risk Factors for Manipulation Under Anesthesia after Total Knee Arthroplasty," won the Zimmer abstract award at the International Congress for Joint Reconstruction meeting in New York recently. Well done!

Someone You Should Know: Mr. Jerry Kooiman is the College of Human Medicine’s Assistant Dean for External Relations. Though his office is in the Secchia Center in Grand Rapids, he spends a significant amount of time in each of our clinical communities, building relationships with local governments and institutions. Mr. Kooiman has been instrumental in developing a Speaker Panel of CHM faculty members who travel around the state to give presentations, thereby taking some of our College expertise to the residents of our campus communities. Mr. Kooiman also meets with the administrators of our affiliate hospitals and helps to forge relationships with new clinical sites where our students might rotate. You may see Mr. Kooiman visiting your campus sometime soon. Make sure you say hello!
**Challenge:** The College needs a robust curricular data base to track objectives and outcomes for accreditation and managing the curriculum itself.

**Solution:** In addition to filling a “home grown” data base for the last six months, a task force of faculty and staff is researching a variety of commercial options. Some of these options may help simplify other activities like student evaluations of courses and publishing student schedules.

**Student-to-Student Pearl:** The Careers in Medicine website (accessed through www.aamc.org) contains a wealth of information about how to choose a specialty, characteristics of different specialties, and even how one might stack up against the competition in applying for particular specialties. You need an AAMC log-in to access the information, but it is well-worth your time, as the site is continually updated with interesting information.

**Patient Care Pearl:** World Stroke Day is tomorrow, October 29. Stroke affects one in six persons worldwide, and occurs throughout the life cycle, including the newborn period. This year’s theme, “Because I Care” seeks to emphasize prevention strategies which include knowing your personal risk factors, engaging in regular physical activity, eating healthfully, limiting alcohol consumption, avoiding cigarette smoke, and stroke warning sign recognition.

**New Curriculum Update:** The New Curriculum Town Hall took place Thursday evening, October 24. Many faculty and students attended in both East Lansing and Grand Rapids, including some of the “Piloteers” who participated in the summer Early Clinical Experience pilot. Data on findings from the pilot were presented by Drs. DeMuth, Gold, Paganini, and Sousa. Piloteers were able to describe some of their experiences and insights. Faculty and students asked questions and shared their reactions to the data presented. The Town Hall was recorded and can be accessed at: http://media.hc.msu.edu/Mediasite/Play/c216a93313c449f29163fc914c59074c1d

Don’t forget there is a New Curriculum website you can visit: go to http://curriculum.chm.msu.edu/