Recognition Corner:
Six current medical students have been selected for membership into the prestigious medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA). Medical Student Membership. Congratulations to the following class of 2017 selections:
- Obioma A. Ralph, Class of 2017
- Adam R. Davis, Class of 2017
- Corey A. Randolph, Class of 2017
- James "Tanner" J. Fritzling, Class of 2017
- Ozkia A. Mayfield, Class of 2017
- Matthew O. Thompson, Class of 2017

Medical School Homecoming 2016
Ten legacy students attended the SOM's Homecoming this past weekend. They include Alia Gillispie, Class of 2020, and her four siblings Dr. Deb Gillispie, Class of 1991, and Michelle Studeny, Class of 1993, and her father Dr. Mark Studeny, Class of 1986 and the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus.

You Asked. We Did.
Students often write that they do not know the faculty they are evaluating when filling out their evaluations through New Innovations and have asked that we allow them to choose this designation if relevant. Thus, we have added a box at the top of faculty evaluation that allows students to indicate that they do not know the faculty member in question and that their evaluation will not be accurate. We have implemented this on a trial basis to ensure that it is only selected when appropriate.

New Initiatives Corner
Discussions are being held with the clerkship directors and curriculum committees meetings concerning the shortening of the pre-clinical curriculum. Early studies have shown that this may be important as we recognize how competitive and time-dependent residency applications are becoming. Shortening the pre-clinical curriculum may improve the curriculum’s quality, enhance integration of content, and transitions from a graded to a pass/fail system. Consultants who have undergone this transition are currently being sought to help us addresses the concerns that faculty and students are likely to have.

As many of you may be aware, clinical clerkships have transitioned to a pass/fail/honor design. However, the issue of ranking has come up for the current MS4 year (Class of 2017) as we will not be using the P/F/H to calculate class ranking for MSPE’s. We will be using the H (4.0)/P (3.0) and Fail (2.0) clerkship calculations for classes of 2018 onwards.

Awards/Community Activity Corner
Congratulations to Evan Maddox (MS4) who is the KSCOM student ambassador at the American Academy of Family Physicians Association.
Also, congratulations to J. Wesley Uriah (MS2) on his selection to serve on the Student Section Committee for Medical Education for the American Medical Association.
It is also great to see Brandon Merritt (MS3) selected to serve on the Committee on Global and Public Health representing our program.

Flood Relief Efforts
This year saw devastating flooding over much of the region. Volunteers from both the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy assisted in medical care and counseling. We would like to say thanks to our medical school students in particular. They are: Sara Dusing (MS4), Alana Yance (MS3), Melissa Saab (MS1), Rikima Mentai (MS3), Aubrey Fleming (MS3), Bilkei Josh (MS4), Nate Cow (MS4), Emily Wright (MS2), Erin Libenson (MS2), Nicole Lee (MS2), Cathryn Williams (MS2), Erin Casey (MS2), Michelle Stedney (MS4), Michael Matheney (MS3), Caleb Webb (MS4), Yusuf Mohammed (MS4), Matt Menneworth (MS4), Joseph Ta (MS1), Forest Lefevre (MS1), Daniel Desiderio (MS1), James E. Hatten, Class of 2017

Scholarly Activity Corner
The following medical students or recent grads have been listed as authors of the studies listed below. Please congratulate them when you see them.
Preeya Shaw (MS1) also has an abstract that has been selected to be presented at the upcoming Journal of American Society of Nephrology Kidney Week in November, 2016 entitled ‘Novel method of Determining Kidney Age’ and its Relationship in the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease Study. This work was carried out in the laboratory of Dr. Joseph Shapin.

We would like to welcome our newest group of St. George’s University students to our school. They are:
Katherine Adhikari, Laynya Bilotwor, Mohiya Chakraborti, Rachit Gupta, Javin Kaur, Pami Malik, Jing Nguyen, Shaurak Patel, and Maya Sikka.

Innovations Corner

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