



## Newsletter

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### Recognition Corner:

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following faculty who received awards for their teaching and/or research work here at the JCESOM.

- *Rural Preceptor of the Year* - Kimberly R. Becher, M.D., assistant professor, department of family and community health
- *Excellence in Mentoring* - Dilip Nair, M.D., professor, department of family and community health
- *Excellence in Leadership* - Gary O. Rankin, Ph.D., professor and vice dean for basic science
- *Clinical Care* - Adrienne M. Mays, M.D., assistant professor, department of family and community health
- *Education* - Farid B. Mozaffari, M.D., associate professor, department of surgery, division of plastic and reconstructive surgery
- *Basic Science Research* - Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., M.P.H., professor, department of biomedical sciences
- *Faculty Impact Award* - Franklin D. Shuler, M.D., Ph.D., professor, department of orthopedic surgery
- The department of Surgery was the recipient of the "Most Published Department" award

### You Asked. We Did.

A number of students have benefited from the Medical H. E. L. P. program on campus as well as other academic assistance programs in the past. However, as we did not have our own learning specialist, it was often difficult to get full access to these services in a timely fashion. As some of you know, we now have our own JCESOM specialist, Robbie Ashworth, M.A., here with us full time. Students who are struggling with academic issues will be encouraged to meet with him, but any student who wishes to improve their study skills may book an appointment with him at the Office of Academic Support. We are confident that his presence will assist our student remediation process.

For more information, contact Robbie at: ashwort7@marshall.edu.

### New Initiatives Corner

The Academic and Professionalism Standards Committee (APSC) has been busy updating its policies to incorporate many changes that have been made over the last year or two concerning clerkship assessments, the creation of the new office of academic support and clarifying the roles and process of remediation. All of these changes are in line with staying up to date with curricular changes and assisting struggling students as much as possible.

Dr. Canterbury, the Vice Dean of Medical Education from the University of Virginia visited our medical school and spoke with the MS1 and MS2 biomedical science faculty and the Curriculum Committee in December of 2016. The nature of his talk and discussions was the transition from a full two year pre-clinical program to a shorter term curriculum. He walked us through the planning and implementation that occurred and the issues one needs to think carefully about. We are currently in the process of looking at our two year curriculum to see if 1) it can be shortened, 2) it can be further integrated and/or 3) the pedagogy can be improved.

The JCESOM curriculum committee is one of the most important committees that implements curricular change at the medical school. As the structure of our basic science departments have recently changed, a review of the bylaws and operating procedures was undertaken. After extensive discussion, the composition of members will be revised to accommodate the new changes in department structures and a move towards electing members of the committee. The newly elected committee will be in effect July 1st. Each clinical and basic science department will begin electing voting members to the committee soon.

### Awards/Community Activity Corner

The class of 2020 had a successful fund raising event as part of their 2017 Winter Gala Event entitled 'The Gatsby Gala'. 242 Donations of badly needed items were provided to the Recovery Point of West Virginia, a local non-profit group as a result of this event. The students also raised a total of \$9,576.64 towards the Class of 2020 Scholarship fund. Congratulations MS1s on a job well done!

### 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.

*Herpes simplex virus type II in a patient having Periodic Lateralized Epileptiform Discharges.* **Justin Chuang (MSIV)** and Sona K. Shah

*Evolution of Clinical Trials throughout History.* **Emma M. Nellhaus (CTS grad student)** and Todd H. Davies

*Self-Reported Tobacco Use and Correlation with Umbilical Cord Blood Cotinine levels at Delivery among Appalachian Gravidas.* Jesse Cottrell, Brenda L. Mitchell, **Pooja N. Sangani, (MSIV)**, D'Andrea S. Thomas, and Monica A. Valentovic

The following students were awarded prizes in the 3rd Annual Joint Quality and Safety Summit:

*Student Outstanding Quality Improvement Award*

*"Trauma Team Activation for Geriatric Trauma at Level II Trauma Center: Are the Elderly Under-triaged?"* **Daniel Kahn (MSIV)**.

*Student Outstanding Patient Safety Award*

*"Patient Satisfaction for Orthopedic Department in Cabell Huntington Hospital"* **Zachary Hunter (MS-III)**

*"Analyzing the pharmacologic management of patients after osteoporotic hip fractures"* **Joseph E. Klaus (MSIII)**.

Below is a article from the office of medical education:

*Lessons from the transition of 'fee-for-service' to 'fee-for-value' on American academic medical centers – can medical education programs learn from this experience?* MedEdPublish. Dec. 06; 2016. **Gullo CA**.



Recipients of the 2016 Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Faculty Awards are pictured with Darshana Shah, Ph.D., associate dean for the office of faculty advancement, following a year-end ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 30.