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## A Word from the Academy Director

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I will be staying on as Academy Director for a second term. It truly has been gratifying to be part of this wonderful organization that we call the WB! I invite you to visit our new website to look at the Five Year + Report to see what we have been up to at the Academy. Although much has been accomplished at the Academy in the last five years, there is still much more to do. My vision for the Wightman-Berris is that we lead the way in advancing the goals and objectives of the undergraduate curriculum and that we provide not only the highest quality education, but that we strive for innovations which take us to new levels of excellence in education in the coming years. I envision that the Academy will participate in pilot approaches for new educational models, use transformative educational technologies and teaching techniques. The Academy should also be seen as a living lab in which education research is conducted. I would like to see the Wightman-Berris strengthen its already excellent relationships with community and specialty partners to be the academy which offers every student a menu of choices for clinical placements which optimizes their generalist and subspecialty exposure, provides them with an appreciation for the continuum of care which patients experience, and tailors to the student's own learning objectives as well as the needs of our local and global communities.

During the summer months we have been busy recruiting all of the excellent tutors and DOCH 2 (Determinants of Community Health) placements for our upcoming academic year, revising and planning new curriculum. During our Transition to Clerkship Academy days we will have a new academy based Interprofessional Education Day in which our incoming third year clerks will shadow and interview a non-MD health care professional and interview a patient or family. We will ask the students to reflect on the role that interprofessional care plays before they start in the clinics and wards as member of our health teams, and to look at the clinical experience from the patient's eyes.

For the coming academic year, the Wightman-Berris Academy was the first choice preference of over one-half of the incoming St. George Campus students. We are proud of the continued excellent reputation of the Academy, its anchor and partner hospitals, as great places to learn the art and science of medicine, and must collectively always strive to fulfill the high expectations of our students.

*Jackie James MED MED  
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Academy Director*



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### WB Launches its New Website

In early April, the long anticipated NEW WB website was launched. It is filled with useful information for students and faculty. We will keep it up to date with information and news about the Academy and its partner hospitals.

<http://wbacademy.utoronto.ca/>



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### Wightman-Berris Residents?

Yes, you will be seeing new badges for the postgraduate trainees who register at either Mount Sinai Hospital or the University Health Network. We have begun a process of streamlining our registration for residents who so often cross University Avenue back and forth in a single day and need access to both hospitals' electronic patient record systems and clinical areas. We have created a single badge for them under the umbrella of the Wightman-Berris Academy. In the coming months we hope to make the registration process for residents less onerous, recognizing that for many of them, they must register at multiple other hospital sites around the GTA in a given year.



### The Annual Wightman-Berris Academy Awards

The WB Teaching Award Ceremony took place on May 10th was hosted by Dr. Jackie James, in her role as Academy Director and MSH VP Education, and was well attended by students, residents, teachers in celebration of our excellent clinician teachers and educators. Dr. Brian Hodges VP of Education at UHN, Dr. Maureen Shandling, VP Medical at MSH and Dr. Robert Bell, CEO of UHN all acknowledged the important contributions of all of our teachers, nominees, and award winners. The Chair of the awards committee, Dr. Woody Wells did a masterful job of introducing our winners. The Plenary speaker was Dr. Ivy Oandasan who gave an inspiring update on where the interprofessional education movement is and where it needs to go in her talk entitled: "Being on the Cutting Edge of Health Professions Education - Advocating for Change."

The following outstanding teachers were honoured for their significant contributions to the educational mission of the Academy.

### Anderson Award for Extraordinary Contribution – Our highest honour.

Dr. Wayne Gold (Infectious Disease, General Internal Medicine)

Dr. Gold has been an outstanding teacher, mentor and educator on the wards of Toronto General Hospital. Some of his many accomplishments include being the site program director of Internal Medicine for UHN, Remediation Coordinator for the Internal Medicine Program, and formalizing the Public Health curriculum for the Infectious Disease trainees. Here are the some words used to describe him by his nominators:

- "He is consistently recognized as one of the very best teachers in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto."
- "Consistently is at the very highest scores in teaching effectiveness from residents..."
- Yet, "...never loses his focus on patient care," and considers "Every patient is interesting."

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### Wightman-Berris Individual Teaching Awards

#### Undergraduate

Nadine Abdullah (UHN GIM)  
Robert Cusimano (UHN Cardiac Surg)  
Paul James (UHN GIM)  
Bohdan Laluck (UHN GIM)  
Bill Mah (MSH Psych)  
Andrew Morris (MSH ID)  
Carol-Anne Moulton (UHN Surg)  
Sev Perelman (MSH ER)  
Shane Shapera (UHN Resp)

#### Postgraduate

Tulin Cil (UHN Surg)  
David Frost (UHN GIM)  
Jane Heggie (UHN Anes)  
Ali Naraghi (UHN Med Imaging)  
Andrea Page (UHN ID)  
Sian Rawkins (MSH Psych)  
Andrew Roscoe (UHN Anes)  
Robert Silver (UHN Endocrin)

#### Allied Health Professional

Karen Cameron (UHN Pharm)  
Francesca Le Piane (UHN Pharm)  
Donna Lowe (UHN Pharm)  
Philip Lui (UHN Pharm)  
Patricia Marr (UHN Pharm)  
June Wang (UHN Pharm)



## Upcoming Events

The Class of 1T6 will be welcomed to the Academy for the first time on August 21. Transition to Clerkship for the Class of 1T4 begins on August 22.

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### Nominate your Third Year Clerk (2011-12) for A Golden Stethoscope Award.

The Golden Stethoscope Awards are given to recognize clinical clerks for being “the kind of student that you would wish to walk into your room if you were a patient”. These Awards recognize students’ caring approach and excellent clinical skills during their 3rd year rotations.

Supervisors need to nominate students and should send nominations to Anne Marie Holmes. You can find the nomination form on our website

### Deadline for Nominations August 31, 2012!

### The WB Mentorship Program

First year students are paired with a faculty member to engage in informal meetings, clinical shadowing opportunities and a chance to chat about careers. Our mentors cover a wide range of generalist and specialist practices. If you would like to become a faculty mentor, contact Anne Marie Holmes. [annemarie.holmes@uhn.ca](mailto:annemarie.holmes@uhn.ca)

### Academy Challenge

The past Academy Challenge was won by the Peters-Boyd Academy. A new year is about to begin, and the Challenge is on for the WB students to show their competitive spirit. The Academy Challenge engages students in friendly fun competitions, social events and fundraising as each academy strives to win points based on participation and performance in events.

### Go Team WB!



Below are WB students at a Bowling Mixer in April.

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