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A Word from the Academy Director

At the Spring Convocation of the 1T4 Class on June 3, I was once again reminded of the outstanding talent, brilliant minds and caring people we admit to medical school. Within four short years, a little longer for those completing an MD PHD, these great people are off to their residency programs for the next challenging chapter in the development of their careers. At the Pre-Convocation Ceremony, students who excelled both in academic and co-curricular activities were recognized for their outstanding achievements. Student leaders who give of their time and are dedicated to improving the lives of their friends and colleagues during medical school by organizing social events, mentorship opportunities and participating in student governance are especially dear to my heart as I too, as a grad of 8T7, felt the call to enhance the rigorous academic experience of the University of Toronto through my involvement in the Medical Society. Of course I also had lots of fun participating in Daffydil and I don't think I missed a single med school party.

But unlike two decades ago, our graduating medical school class is much more aware of the challenges which some grads may face in securing permanent employment in their chosen specialty field on completion of residency. And in somewhat unprecedented very small numbers, in keeping with the trend across Canada, some of our students are actually going unmatched to residency positions this year. There is clearly more competition for some of these spots, and many excellent candidates, who have been trained outside of Canada are now eligible for these residency positions. Eventually I am sure that all of our graduates will find their way to excellent careers despite the stumbles along the way, because I am sure, at U of T and WB, we have prepared them really well!

But as someone who frequently speaks to students about choosing a career, just "wanting something



it badly enough" and "going with your dream" may not be the wisest advice. One of the most difficult things to do in the history of Canadian physician human resource planning has been to accurately predict future physician need. We will indeed have to counsel our students and residents to think about planning for some flexibility in their career paths, understanding that perhaps there isn't just "one thing they love to do or can do". They will need to be ready for practice outside larger urban settings, and potentially choose a career quite different from what they see us doing in the large academic health science centres. However, for those who wish to be leaders, like many of those I recently saw graduate at Convocation Hall, there will always be a place for physicians who take responsibility for improving the work lives of their colleagues and other health care professionals. Congratulations to all of our WB 1T4 Grads and I wish you well in your future careers!



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Academy Awards

The WB Teaching Award Ceremony took place on May 8th and was hosted by Dr. Jackie James, Academy Director and VP of Education at MSH. This event was well attended by students, residents and staff in celebration of our excellent educators. It was a pleasure to have Dr. Bob Bell, CEO of UHN make his final Awards Ceremony appearance before his departure at the end of May. He acknowledged the important contributions of our teachers, nominees and award winners. Sentiments that were echoed by Dr. Brian Hodges, VP

of Education at UHN and Dr. Maureen Shandling, Senior VP of MSH. The keynote speech was delivered by Dr. Martin Schreiber with enthusiasm and humour. His colourful presentation allowed us a glimpse of the UofT initiatives we can expect to see in the bright future of Medical Education.

Dr. Woody Wells introduced the winners with ease, sharing anecdotes and praise from their nominators. The following outstanding teachers were honoured for their significant contributions to the educational

mission of the Academy at our Anchor, Community and Specialty sites.

Dr. Lesley Wiesenfeld is the winner of the Anderson Award for Extraordinary Contribution. Dr. Wiesenfeld is a geriatric psychiatrist and site program coordinator for the Psychiatry Residency Program at Mount Sinai Hospital. She has led several significant initiatives and improvements in the program over the years and is awarded for her exemplary skills as a teacher, leader, role model and ability to create an outstanding educational program.

Anderson Awards

Extraordinary Contribution – Lesley Wiesenfeld (MSH Psychiatry)

Program Innovation & Development – David Frost (UHN Medicine) & Sheila Riazi (UHN Anaesthesia)

John W. Bradley Educational Administration – Karen Cameron (UHN Pharmacy)



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Undergraduate

- Alan Barolet (MSH Cardiology)
- Dennis Di Pasquale (Trillium Surgery)
- Douglas Ing (UHN Cardiology)
- Jo Jo Leung (UHN Emergency Medicine)
- Ozgur Mete (UHN Pathology)
- Joyce Nyhof-Young (UHN)
- Fayez Quereshy (UHN General Surgery)
- Michael Reedijk (UHN Surgical Oncology)
- David Rosenstein (TEGH Emergency Medicine)



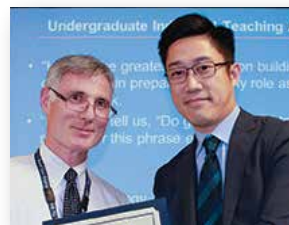
Postgraduate

- Philippe Bedard (UHN Medical Oncology)
- Pamela Catton (UHN Radiation Oncology)
- Ki Jinn Chin (UHN Anaesthesia)
- Sarah Fleming (UHN Family Medicine)
- Chase McMurren (UHN Family Medicine)
- Ravi Mohan (UHN Nuclear Medicine)
- Matthew Sibbald (UHN Medicine)
- Jeffrey Singh (UHN Medicine)
- John Thenganatt (UHN Respiriology)
- Gelareh Zadeh (UHN Neurosurgery)



Health Professions

- Aleesa Carter (UHN Pharmacy)
- Karla Dawdy (UHN Dietician)
- Linda Dresser (UHN Pharmacy)
- Olavo Fernandes (UHN Pharmacy)
- Debbie Kwan (UHN Pharmacy)
- Kingsley Lai (UHN Radiology)
- Gordon Nicholson (UHN Speech-Language Pathology)
- Martin Vera (UHN Speech-Language Pathology)
- Sue Worrod (MSH Social Work)



Harvey Gets Some Visitors

During March Break, with Dr. Lisa Richardson's coordination, the WB Academy hosted a group of Aboriginal high school students from across Ontario for a visit with Harvey©, the cardiopulmonary simulator. The

students were a part of the University of Toronto's SOAR program and spent several hours at the Faculty of Medicine to learn about the medical field. Thanks to Dr. Ho Ping Kong, and Harvey who *never* says no to students!



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MedLinks – CARMS Party

MedLinks, a student initiative aimed at bringing students from all four years of medical school together for peer mentorship, teamed with the WB Academy to host a party on April 9th in

the TGH DeGasparis Conservatory. In attendance were some of the Fourth Year students who had recently received their confirmed CaRMS matches and happily shared personal stories of their

experience. The MedLinks team ran an educational round of Trivia with the victors receiving gift cards and praise. A fun evening of conversation, laughter and learning!



Daffydil 2014

Wightman-Berris Students played a major role in this past year's production of Daffydil. They thank you for attending and for contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society.



Upcoming Events

New curriculum elements will be added to Year 1 and Transition to Clerkship.

Students and tutors in Year 1 will experience Phase 1 of the new Adaptive Integrated Module in November 2014. This will involve academy case based sessions to enhance learning about the cardiorespiratory system in more integrated fashion.

In Transition to Clerkship, Dieticians at UHN and MSH will facilitate a two hour session for the incoming third year clerks about how to take a diet history, understand the need and

rational for special diets, and how to order them. Thank you to our allied health professionals who are helping us to teach the med students!

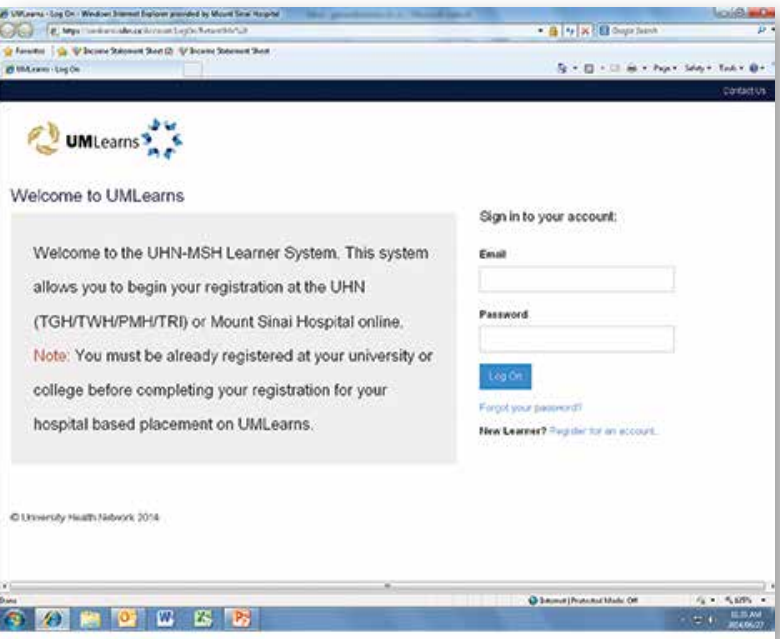
These modules will equip them with knowledge and skills to keep them and their patients safe, and to comply with workplace legislation.

Of Note!

UMLearns (UHN MSH Learner Registration System)

A new registration system is being introduced called UMLearns, an ONLINE registration system for the 2014-15 Academy Year. Learners will be able to start their registration for UHN, MSH or Both hospitals through the one site.

Students and residents will have to complete TAHSN eLearning modules on Privacy, Sharps Safety and Injury Prevention, Workplace Violence and Harassment, Hand Hygiene and WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System).



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For more information about the Academy and past editions of the newsletter, nomination forms etc.

Nominate your Third Year Clerk (2013-14) 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 are asked to nominate students for their performance in Third Year and should send nominations to Anne Marie Holmes. Find the nomination form on our website.

Deadline for Nominations August 30, 2014!

Academy Challenge

Talent Show

The final leg of the Academy Challenge occurred in the form of a 1T6/1T7 Talent Show. Held at the El Mocambo Tavern on May 21st, the performances ranged from stand-up comedy to Flamenco dancing. Attended and judged by the Academy Directors, the acts were varied but the talent was consistent. Brilliant performances filled with skill, humour, creativity and fun. As the final scores were tallied, Orbital Groove took to the stage and rocked the house!

WB successfully held their first place spot until PB took the final win at the end of the night. A narrow win for PB and a devastating loss for WB.

However, NOT included in this final tally was the fact that **WB won the Academy Challenge to complete the Canadian Medical Graduate Questionnaire!**

Final 2013-14 Results

1st	Peters Boyd	684 points
2nd	Wightman-Berris	612 points!
3rd	Fitzgerald	504 points
4th	MAM	90 points



Filled out by all medical students graduating in Canada, information on this survey is extremely important to the Faculty in understanding how to improve the educational experience for our students.

70% of the WB graduating class completed the survey compared with 53% Fitz and 65%PB.

As a prize, we have been awarded a PIZZA PARTY which will be held for WB alumni and the fourth year class in the new academic year.

The Academy Challenge is a collegial competition between the academies in which each academy scores points for participation in activities and raises money for charity.

Go Team WB!

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