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## A Word from the Academy Director

The last few months have gone quickly for me since starting as the Academy Director. Sitting down to write this newsletter has been a welcomed opportunity to reflect. In doing so, what is clear is how lucky I am to work with such wonderful people – the faculty, the administrators, and the educational leadership at WB and the MD Program work tirelessly and with great enthusiasm to ensure that our students are getting an excellent experience as they train to become our future physicians. Our students, in turn, give their all – they work hard and care about being the best version of themselves. It has been my true honor to serve as the Academy Director thus far and I can say without a doubt, that I am so grateful for the opportunity.

Moving into spring, lots of work is underway at the Academy to prepare for the successful end to this academic year and the welcoming of the next. This includes but is not limited to, recruitment of our valued faculty teachers and welcoming of new students come end of summer. We will be working hard on our processes of onboarding our tutors and students and hope to continue to improve the experience at WB. As always, if any of you have concerns or suggestions, my door is always open.



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### Golden Stethoscope Awards

Our Golden Stethoscope Awards are given to students who display the following characteristics during their third-year rotations:

- compassion, caring, altruism
- academic excellence
- the ability to go “above and beyond”

As such, the recipients of this award are recognized for the core qualities of a physician and being granted an award is a great honor. This year the Awards were presented during our WB Holiday Party. A special, “Congratulations” to the following recipients: Omri Arbiv, Sally Carver, Matthew Da Silva, Samik Doshi, Alexander Koven, William Lin, Anath Lionel, Nardin Samuel, and Brandon Tang. A special thank you to the faculty that took the time to nominate our worthy students.

*Nominations for the Golden Stethoscope Award are ongoing throughout the year. Any faculty who would like to nominate a student are kindly asked to download the Golden Stethoscope Nomination form from the WB Academy website (<http://wbacademy.utoronto.ca/awards-and-achievements/golden-stethoscope-award>) and submit the completed form to Anne Marie Holmes by email at [annemarie.holmes@uhn.ca](mailto:annemarie.holmes@uhn.ca) or by FAX to 416-340-4705.*



*William Lin and Dr. Katina Tzanetos*

### WB Clerkship Information Night and the Academy Match

The WB Clerkship Information Night took place on March 7, 2018 at Mount Sinai Hospital's Cooper Centre. During this event, second year medical students were introduced to the clerkship curriculum and began to understand the unique features that various WB hospitals have to offer. There were able to hear first-hand insight from a current WB clerk and have their clerkship questions answered. Students were introduced to the process for hospital site selection for each of their rotations via the Academy Match, formerly known as the “Mini Match.” The Academy Match is set to take place near the end of April. A confirmed date will be sent via email.

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### Annual WB Holiday Party

Students, faculty, and friends of WB came together to celebrate the holidays at the Annual WB Holiday Party. With good food and drink, entertainment from our talented students, and a photobooth, the festivities were a great way to kick-off the season. Congratulations to Abirami Kiurbarajan, our WB student winner of the “Ugly



Sweater Contest” and a special thank you to the following students who performed so beautifully and helped to make the event a success: Carter Winberg, Liz Pope, Ellie Henry, Joshua Hooper, Yang Chen, Richard Chen, Alex Dhaliwal, and Sheida Nader-Azad.

### Welcome Breakfast 2T0

The WB students from the class of 2T0 came together to celebrate the start of a new year and get to know one another better during our first Annual Pancake Breakfast. A relaxed and fun time was had by all and special toppings such as sprinkles, donated by the student representatives, made the pancakes especially fun to eat. We have started a tradition that we hope to carry through for years to come.



### Transition to Clerkship at the WB Academy

Although a bit off in the past now, the memories of 2017’s Transition to Clerkship (TTC) Academy Days will not fade. Students preparing to enter clerkship were given an opportunity to learn about life as a clinical clerk with the



hope of easing the transition from the Foundation to the Clerkship years. Examples of topics covered included Oral and Written Case Reports, Resource Management, Order Writing, Recognizing and Caring for an Acutely Ill Patient, Cultural Competency, Occupational Health and Safety, ECGs, Clinical Skills, Violence, and more. A sincere note of appreciation to our faculty and resident teachers who donated their time and expertise to teaching our students.

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### WB Doc Talks and Mentorship Program

Career decision-making is an integral milestone for physicians-in-training. The WB Doc Talks Series and the WB Mentorship program are two initiatives that aim to help medical students with this important task. The Series brings together students with a panel of faculty clinicians from a variety of specialties to share their career experiences and advice in an informal setting. This year we are grateful to the following physicians who attended our Doc Talks series and generously and honestly shared of themselves: Dr. Lindsay Melvin (Internal Medicine), Dr. Philip Mok (Radiology), Dr. Jon Yeung (Thoracic Surgery), Dr. Fayez Quereshey (General Surgery), Dr. Taufik Valiante (Neurosurgery), Dr. Rory O'Sullivan (Family Medicine), Dr. Kathleen Sheehan (Psychiatry), Dr. Jack Brzezinski (Pediatric oncology), and Dr. Jennifer Croke (Radiation Oncology). The WB Mentorship Program matches medical students with faculty mentors to provide individual one-on-one career guidance and advice. This year 78 matches were made and the relationships are underway. A huge thank you to our faculty mentors who are too numerous to name.

### Mack Foundation UHN Medical Student Bursary Call for Applications

Through a generous donation by the Mack Family, each year Undergraduate Medical Education at UHN offers bursaries to support medical students who were supervised by a UHN-affiliated supervisor to do research during their MD Program period and who presented their research at a conference. Up to \$2500 will be awarded to successful applicants to cover the cost of travel, hotel/accommodations, conference registration and posters. The deadline is March 31, 2018. Full information was sent via email and can also be found on the WB website at <http://wbacademy.utoronto.ca/awards-and-achievements/mack-bursary-for-undergraduate-medical-students>. Please send completed applications to Samara Gravesande at [samara.gravesande@uhn.ca](mailto:samara.gravesande@uhn.ca).

### WB Teaching and Anderson Awards

Our faculty and resident teachers serve a critical function in the training of our medical learners and health professionals. Without them our curriculum could not run at the hospital level. We are fortunate at WB to have a plethora of excellent teachers from all of the professions and the WB Individual Teaching and Anderson Awards are one way for our amazing faculty to be recognized. Nominations are now being accepted and information on the requirements was sent via email, but can also be found on the WB website at <http://wbacademy.utoronto.ca/awards-and-achievements/wightman-berris-academy-awards/the-anderson-awards>. Submissions should be made to the office of the Academy Director via Mail (TGH Eaton Wing G-001) or email [medicaleducation@uhn.ca](mailto:medicaleducation@uhn.ca), no later than April 30, 2018. Please take the time to nominate your outstanding teachers!

### MD Program Curriculum Updates

This year the MD Program will say goodbye to our well-regarded Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LInC) stream. A special thank you to the faculty who have devoted their efforts and expertise to this initiative. We appreciate the tremendous strengths that LInC brought to our MD curriculum and we look forward to incorporating all that we learned about what works well into a newly revitalized clerkship for all of our students as we make way for some upcoming, exciting changes. Stay tuned for more details on the clerkship renewal as the work gets underway.

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### Upcoming Events

#### 1. Resident Talks – A Special Edition of the Doc Talks Series:

Due to high student demand we will be organizing an additional WB Doc Talks night with a focus on resident panelists. Students can look forward to learning information that may help in their career decision making from doctors who remember what it is like to be in their shoes as they are not much further in their career trajectory. Topics such as: balancing life and work during residency training, choosing electives, and being successful in extra-academic activities are sure to be covered, so stay tuned and come out! The first Resident's Talk will take place on March 26, 2018 from 6-7:30pm at Helliwell Centre. An invitation has been sent via email

#### 2. WB Awards: May 17th 5 pm Mount Sinai Hospital Auditorium.

## Of Note!

### Privacy is Paramount!

#### Tips to safeguarding personal health information

- Never discuss patients in public areas, buses, and elevators.
- Hold onto your sign-out sheets – treat them as gold! Shred all consult sheets and sign out sheets that are not going into patient charts.
- CGTA and PRO results are only for use in direct patient care only. They cannot be used for education, research or quality projects.
- Only use your own EPR access numbers, never use someone else's.
- **NEVER** post photos of patients or patient histories online without explicit patient permission.
- **NEVER** text PHI (Personal Health Information) on a mobile phone.
- Use only hospital email or ONEMAIL for secure communication of PHI.

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