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## A Word from the Academy Director

"Accreditation" has been everywhere the past few months. Our two major anchor sites, the University Health Network and Mount Sinai Hospital have received hospital accreditation with flying colours! The University of Toronto Undergraduate Medical Education Program is about to undergo its accreditation visit the week of May 12th. The undergraduate accreditation process looks carefully at many things including: the facilities we have for our students, the learning environments our students are exposed to, the formal and informal curricula we deliver, our clinical role models and quality of teaching, and the clinical settings in which our students learn. The accreditation process is an important exercise in quality control and continuous improvement and helps us to reflect on what we are doing well, where we may have challenges,

and what we need to do to continue to provide outstanding experiences for both our patients and our learners. Given that our clinical sites of UHN and MSH have recently been identified as providing exemplary care for patients and fostering work place cultures which empower health care providers to deliver high quality care, we can be assured that our students are being exposed to and taught about leading best practices and evidence based clinical care.

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Director*



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### Class of ITS

The class of 1T5 numbering 91 strong, will be the first WB class to remain at the Academy for the full duration of their training. It is hoped that students will enjoy the opportunity to become familiar with core clinical sites and patient populations, form important mentorship bonds with clinical staff, and cultivate relationships with peers. With a diverse choice of clinical sites and community placements to choose from at the WB, the student experience will be varied and can be focused in areas of student interest. And of course, given the many elective and selective opportunities in clerkship, students will have access to a diversity of clinical experiences across the GTA and beyond.



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### WB Doc Talks

WB Doc Talks is a new initiative hosted by Dr. Jackie James to bring together a relatively small group of 2nd and 3rd year students with a few faculty members from different specialties and stages in their careers to engage in an interactive discussion over a light dinner. The faculty members share their own personal experiences with choice of career, what influenced their decisions to follow their chosen paths, and the unique aspects of their specialties, both at work and outside of work. They also shed some light on why they love what they do, as well as things that can present a challenge to those in the specialty.

To date Doc Talks evenings have taken place in November, February and March and featured Internal Medicine, Surgery, and others. Students heard from Drs. Paul Bunce and Andrea Page (GIM/ Infectious Disease), Dr. Alan Barolet (Cardiology), Dr. Jackie James (Endocrinology), Drs. David Urbach, Erin Kennedy and Jaime Escallon (General Surgery), Dr. Stephanie Brister (Cardiovascular Surgery), Dr. Jeffrey Hurwitz (Ophthalmology), and Dr. Denyse Richardson (Physiatry). Students asked some great questions and the faculty answered in an open, genuine and heartfelt way. Faculty shared their thoughts and inspiring personal stories with

the students. The sessions have been very well received and enjoyed by both the students and our faculty.



We plan to continue these evenings every 6-8 weeks over the course of the academic year. Stay tuned for the next Doc Talks.

### Annual Wightman-Berris Holiday Party



The Holiday Party on December 6th brought together students of the academy with tutors and the education coordinators to share some holiday cheer. Once again Dr. James' son Luke Robinson, a budding musician, accompanied his mother with an updated version of the WB Song!

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### Golden Stethoscope Awards

The 2011 Golden Stethoscope Awards were presented to students nominated by their third year clerkship supervisors for admirable physician qualities exemplified by compassion, caring, altruism, academic excellence, and the ability to go above and beyond. These eight are the kind of people you would most want to walk into your room if you were a patient:

**Melanie  
Finkbeiner**

**Stephen Gauthier**

**Mihan Han**

**Jennifer Loo**

**Danielle Rodin**

**Ayaaz Sachedina**

**Alexandra  
Saltman**

**Lynn Sterling**

### The Second Year Students "Farewell"

As some of our second year students will be leaving the WB to go to other academies for clerkship following the final "Clerkship Academy Match". The Academy hosted a luncheon for the second year students to wish them well and bring all the second years together for a final "hot lunch" (not pizza!)



### Simulation at the WB

Harvey Two arrived at the Cooper Centre to complement his twin, Harvey One at Helliwell. Pictured



here is Dr. Luke Devine who has expert knowledge in simulation leading a group of students in a session using Harvey to learn how to recognize and diagnose cardiovascular problems. By using the bedside physical examination skills observation of pulses, the JVP and auscultation one can actually make a diagnosis of a cardiac problem without an Echo!

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## Simulation at the WB

WB has obtained OtoSim models for the Helliwell, Cooper and MedEd West Centres. These unique models were developed right here in Toronto by a team led by Drs. Paolo Campisi and Vito Forte and represents a combined effort of Sickkids and MaRS Innovation. The photos which are used in the model were generously donated by Dr. Michael Hawke who had an amazing collection of various ear findings. Students use an otoscope to look into the near life model which simulates an ear and the tympanic membrane with abnormal findings. They are able to learn to recognize abnormalities using the model so that hopefully they make the appropriate diagnosis when they encounter the finding in a real patient!



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### MedLinks

MedLinks is a student initiative aimed at bringing students together across the four years of medical school for peer mentorship. The Academy supports this initiative and hosted the first academy sited group meeting of the students in the DeGasperis Gallery at TGH on April 3rd. The students got together in groups of 8 and discussed everything from hospital site choices to what's best to do for the summer...research or taking a real vacation!



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### WB Academy Awards

The WB Teaching Award Ceremony will take place **Thursday May 10th at 5 PM in the Mount Sinai Auditorium 18th Floor.**

Our Plenary speaker will be **Dr. Ivy Oandasan MD CCFP MHSc FCFP** on the topic:

***“Being on the Cutting Edge of Health Professions Education - Advocating for Change”***

## Of Note!

**NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING TUTOR OR SUPERVISOR FOR  
WIGHTMAN-BERRIS TEACHING AWARD!**

### ***Deadline: April 26, 2012***

Students should nominate those outstanding tutors and supervisors they have for these all important awards. Any faculty member who teaches on behalf of the Wightman-Berris Academy is eligible. Two students are required to nominate teachers of medical students or residents. One student is required to nominate an Allied Health preceptor. Nomination Forms are available in all our Med Ed Offices.

Use the following categories as a guide to document educational abilities of the nominee. Be sure to include specific examples of how the nominee demonstrates these attributes and how this teacher has made a notable difference to your education. Add additional comments which help describe the teacher's impact.

1. The ability to enhance learning
2. The ability to teach effectively
3. The ability to stimulate critical thinking
4. Leadership, mentoring and role-modeling
5. The ability to encourage scholarly activities

### **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)**

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## Academy Challenge

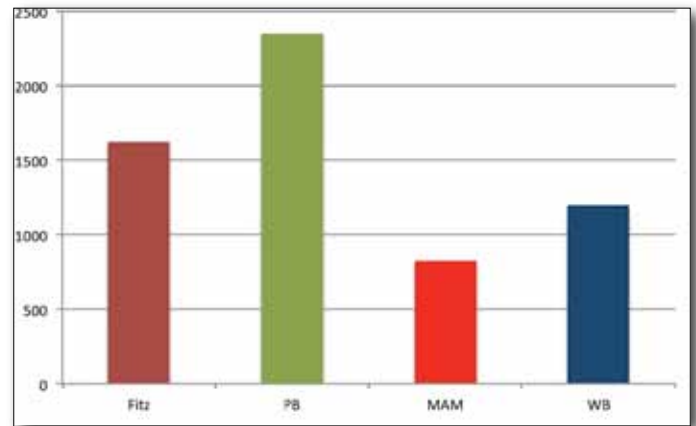
### Standings:

**Fitzgerald: 1600 points**

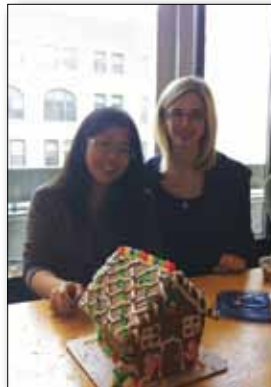
**Peters-Boyd: 2400 points**

**Wightman-Berris: 1200 points**

**WB is planning to come out of  
the basement for 2011-12!**



*Prorating by size seems to be getting us down. Go WB Go,  
there's still a chance in the home stretch!*



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