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CMS Alumni Reunion Weekend

CMS alumni returned to the Chicago area for a reunion weekend that included alumni presentations, an award ceremony, and a tour of the university's newest technology.

CMS alumni, administration, faculty, and students came together during the 2019 CMS Alumni Reunion, held October 4-5 on campus and in downtown Chicago. During a weekend that ranged from reminiscing about the past (visiting the former site of Cook County Hospital) to looking toward the future (touring RFU's simulation center), alumni celebrated the many opportunities CMS provided to them and continues to provide to current students.

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Dean's Message

Greetings from Interim Dean
Ronald S. Kaplan, PhD

Fall is nearly in the rear view mirror; but April is just around the corner when CMS will be participating in an Accreditation Survey Visit conducted by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). The purpose of a medical school accreditation visit is to assure current students, applicants, the public, government agencies, and professional groups that the educational

programs at CMS meet or exceed nationally accepted quality standards for both educational process and student outcomes. The LCME appointed site visit team determines if the medical education program is in compliance with accreditation standards and associated elements; and also promotes programmatic improvement. As you can imagine, preparations for this visit are extensive and involve the highest degree of collaboration among many people, time, and attention to detail.

The saying, "it takes a village" is a good start when trying to describe the process of preparing for an LCME visit. In our case, I should say "it takes an *entire University*." A Steering Committee led by Dr. Jeanette Morrison, Faculty Accreditation Lead, and Ed Rotchford, Director of Accreditation, has been working tirelessly for months and I can say with great pride that their accomplishments, along with innumerable contributions by CMS faculty, staff, and students, are exceptional. In addition to monthly meetings across CMS focusing on each of the 12 standards, there have been leadership meetings, departmental meetings, and mock site visits. This doesn't include the countless hours spent writing and reviewing our Data Collection Instrument (DCI) or the time spent by our student leaders who spearheaded the Independent Student Analysis (ISA) and provided a full report to faculty.

Added to this all-encompassing CMS involvement is the RFU leadership who have effortlessly and gladly interfaced with our team to encourage, review, and assist us with their expertise and experience. I applaud our team and am grateful for our entire "village" in moving us toward a successful visit this April!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald S. Kaplan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a slightly larger, more formal name at the top and a more personal, handwritten name below it.

Ronald S. Kaplan, PhD
Interim Dean, Chicago Medical School

Student Dean Corner

Each quarter, student dean Matthew J. Christensen will give updates on the projects he will be working on throughout the year.



The 2019-20 academic year is positioned to be a significant turning point for Chicago Medical School. Between the upcoming LCME reaccreditation, CMS Dean search, and a host of other groundbreaking institutional initiatives, the actions and decisions made over the next 12 months will have major influence over the future and legacy of our university. As the CMS Student Dean, elected by my peers to represent the CMS student body, I will be in the thick of it all and look forward to serving as an effective liaison between the CMS office and the students I represent.

As a brief personal introduction, I was born in Portland, OR, and raised in Southern California. I am a scholarship student in the United States Navy with extensive past leadership experience on campus and in various professional medical societies. I intend to apply my past work experience as a hospital internship director and Emergency Medical Technician to pursue a career in emergency medicine and medical education.

For those unfamiliar with the position, the Student Dean is elected by the M1-M3 classes each spring. The Student Dean sits on a handful of administrative CMS committees, representing all four classes by attending or calling in to monthly faculty and admin meetings. With few explicit responsibilities beyond these committee appointments, I have personally designed a series of academic projects that I intend to pursue over the course of the year. Students interested in co-leading any of the described projects are welcome

to contact me at student.deanCMS@rfums.org for more information. Tentative projects include:

- Creating and distributing **medical student-specific resources** including the Professional Medical Student Resource Database, a “Doctor’s Bag” of clinically-relevant mobile phone apps, a collection of free-access clinical skills modules and videos, and an organized list of underutilized CMS and RFU CV- and residency application-boosting opportunities;
- Pursuing a series of **institutional initiatives** with appropriate CMS faculty, including an M4 elective to increase clinical skills training for M1s and M2s, reviving the Non-Traditional Medical Student Committee, revisiting the approach to career advising and residency application planning, improving the M2 to M3 academic-to-clinical transition, and a lecture series highlighting M1 summer opportunities;
- Designing a research study to **quantify our students’ USMLE Step 1 study habits**;
- Contributing to the **LCME site visit** and other administrative initiatives.

While I still have the same exam schedule and expectations as any other student, I recognize the valuable platform afforded by this position and embrace the responsibility of representing the full student body at such a critical time. I am always available at student.deanCMS@rfums.org and would be happy to sit down in person with any students, faculty, or university staff to talk shop.

Cheers to an outstanding 2019-20 academic year.

Matthew J. Christensen, ENS, MC, USNR
Chicago Medical School Student Dean, 2019-20
Chicago Medical School Class of 2021

CMS Alumni Reunion Weekend

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The reunion began with a networking luncheon for alumni and current students. Alumni shared their stories and experiences with students, while students had the opportunity to talk about their career ambitions and what has changed at CMS since the alumni's time here.

After lunch, CMS Distinguished Alumnus **Wayne J. Olan**, MD '89, delivered a lecture based on his research and clinical experience in the field of interventional and endovascular neurosurgery, including his work on cerebral aneurysms, strokes, and other cerebrovascular disorders.

Dr. Olan was then presented with his award — the Distinguished Alumni Award for Achievement — bestowed upon CMS alumni who have made a significant impact in the field of medicine and whose efforts have brought distinction to the Chicago Medical School.

The alumni then took a tour of the RFU campus, culminating in a tour of the university's Center for Advanced Simulation in Healthcare. **James Carlson**, PhD, PA-C, CHSE, vice president for interprofessional education and simulation, introduced the group to the many features of the simulation center, including the amphitheater, the inpatient/critical care unit, and the clinical skills lab.

On Saturday, the action moved to downtown Chicago as the alumni took a bus tour of the Illinois Medical District. During the tour, alumni had a chance to stop by the old Cook County Hospital building, where many of them had completed clerkship rotations during their time at CMS. Afterward, the group visited the Art Institute of Chicago.

The reunion ended with a dinner and awards ceremony at the historic InterContinental Chicago



Kwan Kew Lai, MD '79, examines a manikin in the RFU simulation lab's inpatient/critical care unit.

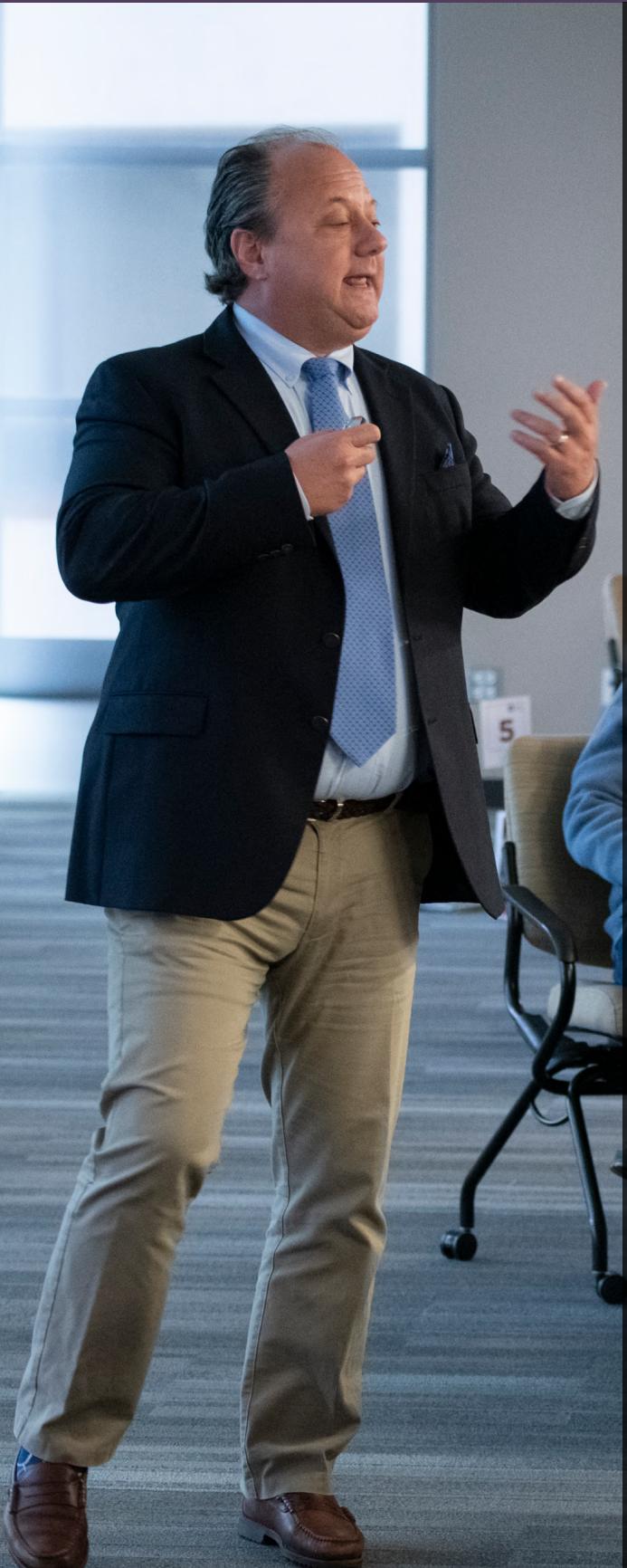
Magnificent Mile hotel. **Kwan Kew Lai**, MD '79, DMD, received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service for her work as a disaster relief volunteer. **Kevin J. de La Roza**, MD '04, received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Early Career Achievement for his co-creation of the HIPAA-compliant messaging app EASE (Electronic Access to Surgical Events). **Elliot Rubinstein**, MD '69 and his wife, P. A. Rubinstein, were awarded the Rosalind Franklin University Philanthropy Medallion for their unwavering support to Chicago Medical School and Rosalind Franklin University over the past four decades. Earlier this year, the couple established an endowed scholarship to help high-need students achieve their dream of attending medical school. ■

1. *Sidharth Mahapatra, MD '09, PhD '07, and Courtney Harris, CMS '22, at the alumni and student networking luncheon.*
2. *Ronald S. Kaplan, PhD, interim dean of CMS, and Ashley Schaefer, CMS '22, M2 class president, present the Distinguished Alumni Award for Early Career Achievement to Kevin J. de La Roza, MD '04 (center).*
3. *CMS Reunion celebrants photographed in front of the old Cook County Hospital during the Illinois Medical District bus tour.*
4. *Members of the CMS Class of 1994 celebrate their 25th reunion.*
5. *Dr. Kaplan and Laura Billstein, CMS '21, with Wayne J. Olan, MD '89 (right), recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for Achievement.*



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Wayne J. Olan, MD '89



Wayne J. Olan, MD '89, is board-certified in radiology and currently serves as the director of interventional and endovascular neurosurgery, co-director of the endovascular stroke program and as an associate professor of neurosurgery and radiology at the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences. Dr. Olan serves as a consulting physician to the National Institutes of Health, the United States Congress and is a member of the White House Medical Unit.

Dr. Olan's clinical and research interests involve the endovascular treatment of cerebrovascular disorders, including the treatment of cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, the endovascular treatment of stroke and assisting in setting up endovascular stroke programs around the country. He has interests in the interventional, minimally invasive treatment of spinal disorders and is a leader in the treatment of degenerative spine disorders. He is also at the forefront of regenerative medical technologies, exploring autologous solutions for many degenerative or inflammatory disorders.

Dr. Olan has published extensively on minimally invasive spinal interventions, endovascular therapy for aneurysms and arteriovenous malformations as well as stroke intervention and treatments. He lectures and teaches around the world on these topics as well as is involved in the development of many devices and ground breaking technology in these arenas. ■

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Kwan Kew Lai, MD '79, DMD



Kwan Kew Lai, MD '79, DMD, an infectious disease specialist and disaster relief volunteer, has volunteered her medical services all over the world, participating in humanitarian missions in the wake of natural disasters, conflict, and war.

After caring for survivors of the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami, she left her position as a full-time professor of medicine in Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine at UMass Memorial Medical Center and created a half-time position as a clinician, dedicating the other half of her time to humanitarian work. Dr. Lai has mentored health workers addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Vietnam, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Nigeria, and Malawi. She provided earthquake relief in Haiti and Nepal, hurricane relief in the Philippines, and drought and famine relief in Kenya and along the Somalia border.

Dr. Lai worked with refugees of the Democratic Republic of Congo, internally displaced people in Libya during the Arab Spring and South Sudan after the civil war, and volunteered in Africa with the International Medical Corps during the heart of the largest Ebola outbreak in history. She served as a medical volunteer in Haiti and the Syrian refugee camps in Greece. Most recently, she offered medical relief to Rohingya refugees fleeing persecution in Myanmar.

Among her many honors, Dr. Lai is a three-time recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition for her volunteer work during the Ebola epidemic. In addition, Dr. Lai has been the lead author of many publications and presentations. Her research has included HIV studies, infection control, hospital epidemiology, and antibiotic trials. ■

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Kevin J. de La Roza, MD '04



Dr. de la Roza is a pediatric cardiac anesthesiologist at The Heart Center at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine in Orlando. specializes in anesthesiology for all types of complicated pediatric surgery with a special interest in the care of neonatal and pediatric patients with congenital heart disease.

During his surgical internship, anesthesia residency, and pediatric anesthesia fellowship, Dr. de la Roza witnessed daily the frustration, anxiety and helplessness of parents and caregivers waiting for information from the operating room. In 2013, in an effort to provide families with frequent updates on what was happening during surgery, Dr. de la Roza co-founded EASE Applications.

Together with two physician colleagues and his brother, Patrick de la Roza, they developed the Electronic Access to Surgical Events (EASE) app — a HIPAA-compliant, encrypted messaging tool that updates the status of patients undergoing medical procedures via texts, photos and videos in real-time. These updates have proven to be a great comfort for the loved ones of patients. ■

RFU PHILANTHROPY MEDALLION

Elliot Rubinstein, MD '69 and P.A. Rubinstein



Elliot Rubinstein, MD '69 and his wife, P. A. Rubinstein, have offered the Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University their unwavering support for over four decades.

Married in 1970, Dr. Rubinstein served as a general medical officer in the Vietnam War. Following a pediatrics residency at Buffalo Children's Hospital in Buffalo, NY, Dr. Rubinstein completed a fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at Buffalo General & Children's Hospital, NY. Dr. and Mrs. Rubinstein moved to Ithaca, NY, in 1977 where he has served his community with care and compassion for over 40 years.

The Rubinstein family possess a powerful empathy for the Chicago Medical School and its students. They humbly acknowledge that CMS has given them many opportunities and those opportunities have been extended to their children and grandchildren. "Our ability and success now gives us the opportunity to give back to Chicago Medical School."

Earlier this year, they established the Elliot Rubinstein, MD '69 and P.A. Rubinstein Honorary Endowed Scholarship to help CMS students become outstanding physicians. They are truly dedicated to providing scholarships for high-need students and are putting the dream of attending medical school within financial reach for many future CMS doctors who will carry forward their legacy of commitment. ■

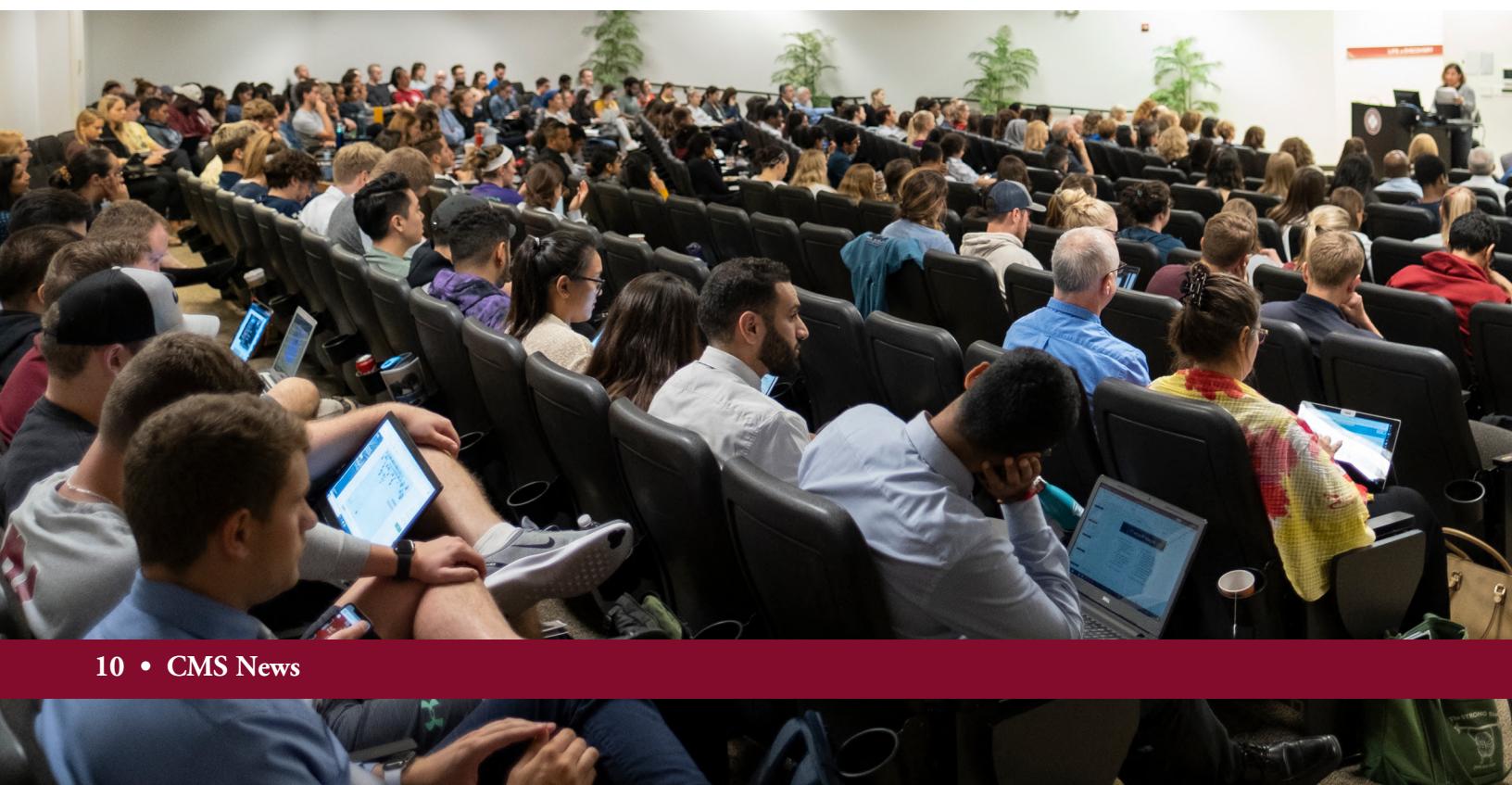
WiSH Symposium: SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

RFU hosted its fourth annual Women in Science and Healthcare (WiSH) Symposium on September 12. This year's theme, "Sexual Harassment Under the Microscope," focused on #MeToo and #TimesUp in academia, research, and healthcare professions, and how these movements have exposed the widespread impact of sexual harassment on victims' mental health and career advancement.

During her opening remarks, **Rosalind Franklin**, CPCC, ACC, RFU trustee and niece of the university's namesake, praised the university's ongoing pursuit of equality and stressed the importance of continuing to challenge disparities that have become norms. She also spoke of the importance of institutional leadership in addressing and eliminating sexual harassment and gender inequality. "Leadership is everything," she said. "Wherever the opportunity to lead is present, one can have impact."

She also highlighted the fact that everyone in the audience had the ability to make a difference by working together to challenge the status quo. "We must remember that we all have power. When we are seen standing up fearlessly together for our dignity and our rights, demanding our voices to be heard for justice and fairness, the unimaginable can happen."

Veronica Arreola, MPA, director of the Latin@s Gaining Access to Networks for Advancement in Science program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, delivered the keynote speech, titled "What Students Expect in the #MeToo Era." Ms. Arreola addressed different types of harassment and the reasons why people don't report it. She also discussed how to minimize the chance of harassment occurring in the academic workplace, which has a 58 percent rate of harassment — higher than any other



workplace except the military.

The symposium concluded with a panel discussion on "Sexual/Gender Harassment in Science and Healthcare." Participants included **Ronald Kaplan**, PhD, interim dean of CMS, vice dean for research, and RFU executive vice president for research; **Brenda Affinati**, MD, assistant dean of clinical education and vice chair for clinical sciences; Tamekia Scott, EdD, RFU associate vice president for diversity and inclusion; Jenna Kuczak, SCPM '22; and panel moderator **Lise Eliot**, PhD, executive chair of foundational sciences and humanities and professor of neuroscience.

The panelists talked about their own experiences and observations of harassment

in the clinical or academic setting, as well as how medical students and physicians can respond to harassment and mistreatment. Dr. Affinati, who has been teaching CMS students in a clinical setting for over 25 years, emphasized the school's and university's commitment to eliminating harassment and urged medical students to report any mistreatment. "We're an amazing medical school and we have resources and ways of keeping you safe, because your health and wellness are by far my number-one priority," she said. "It's really important to know that you're not alone and that you should not tolerate it."

Dr. Kaplan echoed the sentiment, recognizing that educators can only bring students to their full potential in a healthy and safe environment. "As a researcher and seeker of truth, as an educator, as



Above: Dr. Ronald Kaplan, interim dean of CMS, and Dr. Brenda Affinati, assistant dean of clinical education and vice chair for clinical sciences, participate in a panel discussion of sexual harassment in the field of science and health care.

Opposite page: Event attendees listen to the keynote speaker, Ms. Veronica Arreola.

a leader, I think there's nothing more important than trying to enable each person to reach their fullest potential," he said. "That requires creating a safe space, and I think we have no more important responsibility than that."

The WiSH Symposium was created in 2016 to foster the success and advancement of women in science and healthcare professions. This year's symposium was co-organized by Dr. Eliot and Rea Katz, PhD, PA-C, associate vice president of RFU faculty development, with support from event coordinators **James Mote**, executive administrative assistant in the university's Office of Academic Affairs, and **Nichole Ulibarri**, undergraduate medical education specialist in CMS's Department of Foundational Sciences and Humanities. ■

Past, Present, and Future: The Changing Roles of Physician Leadership

CMS hosted the annual SNMA Region II Leadership Institute, inviting medical students from all over the Midwest to explore their leadership potential.

Article and some photos submitted by Yukyee (Lexi) Tsang, CMS '22



This year, the Chicago Medical School Chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) hosted the Annual Region II Leadership Institute Conference for the first time at RFU. The conference was geared towards leadership and had the biggest turnout in history, with students from medical schools all over Region II — which encompasses Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming — travelling to RFU to attend. The event featured a special appearance from Omonivie Agboghidi, the National SNMA President.

This Regional Leadership Institute was something that we, as students of SNMA, are very proud of. It was a day full of support, intelligence, and inspiration that we hoped every participant felt. The conference was filled with guest speakers, such as Major General Elder Granger, MD, U.S Army (Ret.), chief medical officer of LifeWIRE; Brandi Jackson, MD, and Brittani Jackson, MD, creators of the online

mentoring and pipeline program Med Like Me; and even some of our own CMS faculty.

“Are you a leader?” Major General Elder Granger asked the students in the audience during his opening keynote address. A few hands shot towards the sky, while some hands stayed just below the head in uncertainty. As Major General Elder Granger continued to speak, he later presented the students with a leadership mnemonic and an opportunity to join the American Association for Physician Leadership. “Now, are you a leader?” Major General Elder Granger asked again toward the end of his presentation, and this time, every hand shot towards the sky.

The next guest speakers were twin sisters Brandi Jackson, MD, and Brittani Jackson, MD. Both sisters recalled failing their first medical school exam and spoke passionately about their experiences with feeling that they didn’t belong in the healthcare field. Their stories reminded us that obstacles can and will occur during our journey in medicine, but we must not let our failures stop us from becoming the physician that we were meant to be. Overcoming their obstacles, both sisters received their medical degrees and became Chief Residents at their respective hospitals. They created Med Like Me, a website with resources for minorities who want to pursue a career in medicine. Their website eventually gained so much attention that they were invited to make an appearance on the Ellen Show.

The rest of the day consisted of a resident-led panel. Eleven residents — including recent CMS alumni **Joyce Jones**, MD '19; **Monica Branch**, MD '17; **Maya Rolfe**, MD '16; and **Temiwumi Ojo**, MD '19 — shared their



SNMA CMS Chapter Co-Presidents Chinelo Okolo and Andrew Martin, both CMS '22.

experiences, which allowed the students to ask questions about residency application processes, how to find the “right” residency program, and even about the experiences of being a minority in the hospitals. Then, a panel of CMS faculty led a discussion on leadership in medicine. **Charisse Hudson-Quigley**, MD, instructor of obstetrics and gynecology; **Amy Swift-Johnson**, MD, assistant professor of family medicine; and **Cynthia Abban**, MD, PhD, assistant professor of medicine, spoke about their background, what positions they held, and the importance of being in leadership positions.

Our last guest speaker was another of own faculty: **Fred Richardson Jr.**, MD, ABFM, associate professor of family medicine and director of RFU’s Pre-Matriculation Program. Dr. Richardson spends a few hours every Saturday bringing Problem Based Learning (PBL) to RFU’s campus, and on this day he brought PBL to the Regional Leadership Institute. With two large rolling whiteboards, a bag of erase-board markers, and his incredible knowledge of

medicine, he began with a clinical vignette and had the students analyze the case piece by piece. His teaching technique is always integrated; for this case, he started with a patient who presented with chronic kidney disease that ultimately led to analyzing chest x-rays for left-sided heart failure.

The conference concluded with a “Think Tank” held by SNMA Region II Director Autefah Sajjadi. The students gathered in a large circle and began to bounce ideas off each other based on everything they had learned during the conference. They talked to each other about the experiences of being a minority in medicine, and providing a listening ear and a shoulder to lean on to their fellow students. Resilience and support emanated from this circle of peers.

We want to thank our guest speakers and our faculty for spending their Saturday with us and giving us a breath of fresh air as we continue on this path of medicine. ■



The SNMA CMS Chapter Executive Board (all CMS Class of 2022) with the Region II Director. Bottom row: Andrew Martin and Chinelo Okolo, co-presidents. Middle row: Laura Rodrigues, parliamentarian; Lexi Tsang, social media chair; and Autefah Sajjadi, Region II Director. Top row: Jennifer Alvarez, historian, and Abel Ketama, treasurer.



Clockwise from bottom left: Major General Elder Granger, MD, U.S. Army (Ret.), delivered the conference's keynote address. CMS faculty Dr. Charisse Quigley-Johnson, Dr. Cynthia Abban, and Dr. Amy Swift-Johnson spoke about their experiences and leadership roles. Dr. Fred Richardson gave the students a taste of Problem Based Learning (PBL). Major General Granger with Dr. Swift-Johnson.

Learning from Alumni

CMS alumni return to campus to share their wisdom, advice, and experiences with students.

In recent months, many CMS alumni have visited the RFU campus to meet with current Chicago Medical School students. These alumni have shared their wisdom by discussing their career paths, answering questions about their specialties, and giving advice on topics like applying to residencies or choosing a career path. Some came to share specialized knowledge, like **Peter Orris**, MD '75, MPH, co-founder of Physicians for a National Health Plan (PNHP), who spoke about the U.S. healthcare system and Medicare for All, and **Sevgi Sipahi**, MD '14, a global

health fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital, who spoke about women's global health in honor of Reproductive Health Awareness Week.

Dr. Sipahi had her first experience with global health during an undergraduate mission trip to El Salvador. She decided to attend CMS in part because of the global health opportunities offered, and during her time as a medical student, she helped establish the partnership between RFU and Hope of Children and Women (HOCW) in Uganda that still exists today.

Dr. Sevgi Sipahi talks to students about women's global health and her experiences working in east Africa.



During her presentation, Dr. Sipahi encouraged current students to incorporate global health into their future careers, reminding them that the goal of global health — to improve health for all people worldwide — can be done on a local level. “Global health does not mean that you have to be in Kenya or in rural China,” she said. “Global health can also be Waukegan, it can be the south side of Chicago, it can be Alabama. It can be the street down from where you live.”

Other visiting alumni included **Wendy Binstock-Rush**, MD '87, pediatric anesthesiologist at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, who shared her experiences and career in anesthesia and gave advice on work-life management; **Philip Krause**, MD '87, cardiologist and senior clinician educator at NorthShore University Health System, who met with members of the Cardiology Interest Group; **Rukhsana Mirza**, MD '01, associate professor of ophthalmology and medical education at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, who talked about her experience as a medical retinal specialist and offered insights on applying to residency and fellowship programs; **Sidharth Mahapatra**, MD '09, PhD '07, assistant professor of pediatric critical care at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, who gave a presentation on his journey as a clinician and researcher; **Martin P. Lanoff**, MD '85, physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist, who talked about his career in sports medicine; **Christopher D. Reger**, MD '91, assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, who met with members of the PM&R Interest Group; **Ravi M. Iyengar**, MD '12, an endocrinologist who presented on gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender health as part of Reproductive Health Awareness Week; and **John Weitzner**, MD '75, an obstetrician-gynecologist at Rush University Medical Center, who shared “Pearls of Ob/Gyn” with students. ■



Dr. Sidharth Mahapatra with CMS faculty Dr. Barbara Vertel.



Dr. Philip Krause studies his class composite (the CMS Class of 1987).



Dr. Wendy Binstock-Rush with students from the medical school's Anesthesiology Interest Group.

The BENCH *and the BEDSIDE*

New grand rounds series combines scientific research and clinical care.

Two CMS faculty members recently delivered the first presentation in a new grand rounds series, presented jointly by the Clinical Sciences Department and the Department of Foundational Sciences and Humanities. The series explores topics from two lenses: scientific research ("the bench") and clinical care ("the bedside").

Grace "Beth" Stutzmann, PhD, associate professor of neuroscience and director of the Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases and Therapeutics, and **William Rhoades**, DO, FACP, associate professor and chair of medicine and assistant dean of clinical affairs, gave their joint presentation titled "Dementia: The Bench and the Bedside." Dr. Stutzmann discussed current research on the mechanisms and treatment of Alzheimer's disease (AD), while Dr. Rhoades discussed some of the applications of what is known

about AD to clinical care of geriatric patients.

"I'm a basic scientist, but I've always had great interest in applying basic science to clinically relevant topics," said Dr. Stutzmann, who has studied symptoms and therapeutics of AD for over a decade. Her half of the presentation addressed the symptoms and development of AD, as well as current research in the field of AD treatment strategies.

Dr. Rhoades then discussed the clinical side of AD and other dementias, drawing from his clinical experiences with geriatrics patients. He compared the stages of AD to the four stages of cancer, explaining that physicians can make the biggest impact when treating mild cognitive impairment. "Find it early and treat it early; it makes a big difference," he said. ■



DOCS Mentoring Program

A joint initiative between CMS and the Cook County Physicians Association provides mentoring and scholarships to medical students from groups underrepresented in medicine.

Students from CMS and other Chicago-area medical schools joined local physician mentors for the annual fall mixer that launches the Doctors of Color (DOCS) Mentoring Program. The program, now in its sixth year, pairs medical students from CMS, Loyola, UChicago, UIC, Rush, Northwestern, SIU, and Midwestern University with a physician mentor to promote and support students from underrepresented minority groups as they pursue careers in medicine.

The DOCS program is sponsored by CMS and the Cook County Physicians Association (CCPA), a local chapter of the National Medical Association.

The physician mentors are all volunteers from the Chicago area, and the group includes several CMS alumni who are eager to provide mentoring and support to the students following in their footsteps.

The CCPA also provides scholarships to several students each year. Two CMS students, **Carolyn Cook** and **Laurine Tiema-Benson**, both CMS '22, were among this year's recipients. ■

Clockwise from left: Carolyn Cook with her scholarship donor, Dr. Gregory Primus. Sharne Morrow, CMS '22; Sharne's physician mentor, Dr. Audrey Tanksley; and Carolyn Cook. The CCPA scholarship recipients, including Laurine Tiema-Benson (fourth from left).



Attention, CMS Alumni! If you would like to be a mentor in the DOCS program, please contact Mildred M.G. Olivier, MD '88, at mildred.olivier@rosalindfranklin.edu.

Students Attend Neurology Annual Meeting



Alexandra Ritger, CMS '21; Andrew Martin, CMS '22; Kayla Rae Cordova, CMS '22; Dami Kim, CMS '22; Mia Harrow-Mortelliti, CMS '22; Riya Bhavsar, CMS '20; and Alvin Singh, CMS '21.

Seven CMS students attended the 2019 Illinois State Neurological Society Annual Meeting — the most students from any Illinois medical school! The event, held September 21 at the Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago, featured clinical and research updates given by experts on dementia, neuromuscular disease, neuro-oncology, neuro-ophthalmology, stroke, and neuro-critical care. There were also special talks given on contemporary issues in neurology, including traumatic brain injury and opioids. ■

Right: CMS students attend the presentation "Neuromuscular Disease: Updates in ALS," given by Raymond Roos, MD, University of Chicago.



Annual COPD Symposium

The medical school's Clinical Sciences Department hosted its 12th annual COPD Symposium on August 28, inviting nationally recognized speakers in the field of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) to discuss recent advances in technique and research.

This year's theme, "Advances in ILD," focused on new research and developments in treating interstitial lung disease, a category of disorders that cause scarring of the lungs. Mary Strek, MD, professor of medicine and director of the Pulmonary Medicine Service at the University of Chicago, gave a presentation titled "Approach

to a Patient with ILD." Deji Adegunsoye, MD, MS, clinical instructor of medicine at the University of Chicago, spoke about "Advances in Usual Interstitial Pneumonia (UIP)/Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)." Renea Jablonski, MD, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Chicago, discussed "Pulmonary Complications of Collagen Vascular Disease."

The event was organized and moderated by Ashok Fulambarker, MD, FCCP, professor of medicine at CMS and director of the Pulmonary Division at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center. ■





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Advocacy in Action: Shiva Barforoshi, CMS '21

This quarterly spotlight focuses on a student or a student-led organization that works to benefit Chicago Medical School and the wider community.

Shiva Barforoshi, a third-year medical student, has always had a strong passion for advocacy and healthcare issues, which has driven her to become involved with organizations and committees aimed at empowering women in medicine.

As the 2018-2019 vice president of Chicago Medical School's **American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)** Chapter last year, Shiva led the school's 14th annual **Woman to Woman Soirée** in March 2019. This event celebrates women supporting women in medicine with a focus on mentoring, inspiring, and empowering one another. About 30 medical students had the opportunity to expand their professional network at the soirée, hosted at Cafe Ba Ba Reeba in downtown Chicago. CMS alumni and fourth-year medical students applying to residency were in attendance to share their expertise and personal stories with students.

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- SHIVA BARFOROSHI, CMS CLASS OF 2021

Neelum Aggarwal, MD '92, and Nancy Church, MD '90, both actively involved with AMWA on a national level, spoke to the ways students could get involved in women's health advocacy at the local or national level. Alumnae in female-underrepresented medical specialties including neurology, anesthesiology, neurosurgery, and pathology discussed challenges they faced, hurdles they overcame, and advancements they have made in their respective fields. Other topics discussed throughout the evening included making the most out of the CMS experience, navigating careers, serving the community and the medical profession, work/life integration, and looking toward the future of the medical profession.

Sparking from the momentum of AMWA's soirée, Shiva became further involved in advocating for women in medicine and advancing women's health by serving as a student leader in the steering committee for the first annual **Women in Medicine (WIM) Summit**, a conference co-founded by Shikha Jain, MD, FACP, of Rush University and Mamta Swaroop, MD, FACS of Northwestern University. The summit was created to unify women physicians with the shared goal of finding and implementing solutions to gender inequity. Shiva represented Chicago Medical School and incorporated the CMS AMWA Chapter in partnering with WIM Summit leaders.

The summit was held September 20-21 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago, with over 400 medical students, residents, physicians, industry leaders, and other healthcare professionals in attendance. During a pre-conference targeted towards medical students, conference keynote speakers Lexie Mannix, MD and Melissa Parsons, MD, founders of SheMD (a virtual community aimed at supporting, encouraging, and inspiring women in medicine), shared “Things We Wish We Knew Earlier in Medical School.” Medical students and physician leaders discussed topics including aspirational career planning, residency interview tips, clerkship success, social media in medicine, and family planning.

The summit’s two-day conference focused on identifying barriers that women in medicine face in the medical field as well as fostering discussions about action plans that can be executed at both the regional and national level. Topics included self-advocacy, imposter syndrome, sexual harassment, implicit bias, health policy, and how to develop leadership skills for career development. Diverse

Want to learn more about becoming an advocate for women in health care? Get involved with AMWA at www.amwa-doc.org and learn about the annual WIM Summit at www.womeninmedicine-summit.org.

physician leaders from various specialties and institutions delivered evidence-based talks during breakout sessions to present tools and solutions that could be utilized in helping close the gender gap across all specialties. Speakers included Dana Corriel, MD, founder of SoMeDoCS (an online forum, short for Doctors on Social Media, that connects patients and physicians across multiple platforms),



CMS students and alumnae at the 14th annual Woman to Woman Soirée. Back row: Ashley Wong, CMS '21; Elyse Fults, MD '19, Emergency Medicine Intern, Yale New Haven Hospital; Sheila Ehrlich, MD '79; Lucy Hammerberg, MD '82; Nina Rahimi, MD '15; Shiva Barforoshi, CMS '21; and Jenan Shukry, MD '19, Neurology Intern, University of Chicago. Front row: Neelum Aggarwal, MD '92; Nancy Church, MD '90; Andrea Blumstein, MD '89; and Anjana Chandran, MD '15.

who spoke about “Gender Disparities and Advocacy: Unconventional Avenues” and “How to Use Social Media.” CMS alumna Neelum Aggarwal, MD ’92, also participated in the summit with a presentation titled “Getting Involved in a National Organization.”

The summit was a success, empowering women in medicine at various stages of their careers to develop skills and work towards making positive changes within the healthcare system as a whole. Shiva appreciated the opportunity she had to make a difference.

“It was an honor being a leader at the Women in Medicine Summit as gender inequity in health care deserves a lot of attention,” Shiva said. “The summit was the perfect way to take this issue to the big stage and to social media. We created an environment where women in medicine could begin discussing and coming up with evidence-based solutions to tackling the issues faced. With my background in policy and medicine I strive to continue being a leader in this discussion and working with other passionate leaders to empower current and future female physicians.” ■

Top: Shiva Barforoshi at the Women in Medicine Summit with CMS alumna Dr. Neelum Aggarwal.

Middle: WIM Summit co-founders Shikha Jain, MD, FACP, and Mamta Swaroop, MD, FACS.

Bottom: Dr. Dana Corriel discusses gender disparities and advocacy at the summit.

All photos provided by Shiva Barforoshi.



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CMS House Council Events

“Sugar and Spice” Wellness Event

The House Council’s Wellness Committee hosted a “Sugar and Spice” snack break for first- and second-year medical students. Students were encouraged

to take a break from their study routines to grab a snack in the DNA Cafe. ■



“PASSION *and* PURPOSE to SUCCESS”

The Office of Diversity hosted a welcome dinner with the theme “Passion and Purpose to Success” for members of the Class of 2023 identified as “URM students” — students from minority groups historically underrepresented in medicine. These students were invited to network with their peers and faculty, learn about helpful resources offered by CMS and RFU, and meet key faculty members who will provide resources and support during their time at CMS.

William A. McDade, MD, PhD, was the keynote speaker at the event. Dr. McDade is the Chief Diversity and

Inclusion Officer for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), leading the ACGME’s mission to increase physician diversity and ensure inclusive clinical learning environments for the nation’s residencies and fellowships.

Chicago Medical School offers several workshops and other events throughout the year to provide additional resources and support to URM students. ■

Kelechi Emuchay, CMS '22; Carolyn Cook, CMS '22; Sharne Morrow, CMS '22; and Ronald Hunter, CMS '23.



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RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT:

Michelle Hastings, PhD

Michelle Hastings, PhD, associate professor of cell biology and anatomy and director of the university's Center for Genetic Diseases, was recently named to the Illinois Science & Technology Coalition's (ISTC) second-annual "Researchers to Know" list. The list recognizes distinguished researchers at Illinois universities who have driven innovation and made significant impacts in their fields. Dr. Hastings is one of only 21 researchers to receive this distinction from ISTC.

Featured in the ISTC's "Fighting Disease" category, Dr. Hastings was recognized for her work with antisense oligonucleotide technology in developing treatment for genetic diseases. Antisense oligonucleotide technology, or genetic "patches," is an emerging field in pharmacology that aims to mitigate the damage a disease can cause at the cellular level by modulating

or inhibiting the expression of certain genes. It has the potential to be applied to a large number of inherited diseases, including spinal muscular dystrophy, Batten disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Usher syndrome, and cystic fibrosis.

Dr. Hastings has been part of the Chicago Medical School faculty since 2007. Her lab has been awarded over \$3.5 million in funding, including several grants from the NIH, as well as grants from the Michael J. Fox Foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Forebatten Foundation, Batten Disease Support and Research Alliance, Noah's Hope/Hope4Bridget, Foundation Fighting Blindness, Hearing Health Foundation, Midwest Eye-Banks, and many others. She has published extensively and is the holder of numerous patents on antisense technology for the treatment of disease. ■

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Get to know the people who make
CMS a great place to study and work!



Victoria Johnson

Undergraduate Medical Education Specialist, Emergency Medicine and Surgery
Clinical Sciences Department
Time at CMS: 11 months

In 2018, Victoria joined Chicago Medical School as an undergraduate medical education (UGME) specialist for the emergency medicine and surgery disciplines within the Clinical Sciences Department. In this position, she plays a vital role in the students' emergency medicine and surgery clerkship rotations. From scheduling and orientation to data tracking and more, she ensures that the students have a seamless experience within the clerkships and at their sites.

Victoria was no stranger to education before coming to CMS; she previously spent three years teaching in Sasebo, Japan, in addition to running a school in Nagasaki. She is also a spoken word artist and writer and runs her own blog/website. "I love education and any advancements towards becoming more socially

aware and culturally sensitive to those around us," she said. "I believe that how we interact with one another shows the essence of who we truly are. I advocate for many and while I am quiet in nature, some would say my heart and fight are pretty loud!"

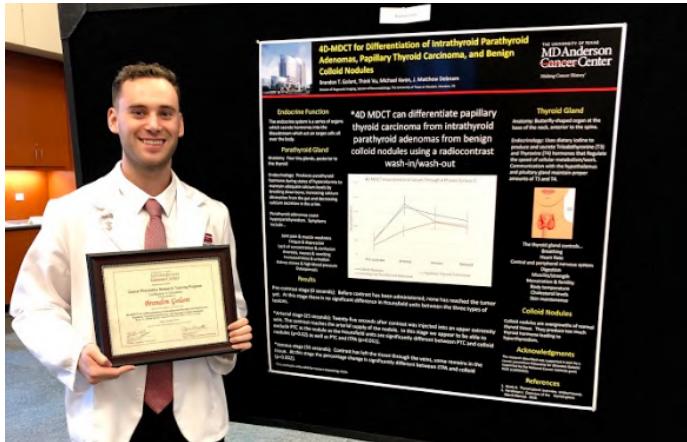
Victoria has brought that same passion and dedication with her to CMS. When asked about her favorite part of working at CMS, Victoria responded, "It would have to be the students! While the job can be challenging, it is a pleasure to see the students grow, flourish, and become more and more confident each rotation." ■

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Awards & Accomplishments

Brandon Golant, CMS '22, was awarded a National Cancer Institute R25E grant to participate in the Cancer Prevention Research Training Program at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, the nation's #1 ranked cancer hospital. Brandon was selected as one of 25 participants out of over 400 applicants.

During the program, Brandon worked with the department of diagnostic radiology, division of neuroimaging. He first-authored four papers which are currently under review for journal publication, and he presented a poster titled "4D-MDCT for Differentiation of Intrathyroid Parathyroid Adenomas, Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma, and Benign Colloid Nodules."



Brandon with his poster and certificate of completion.



David Mueller, PhD, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, Center for Genetic Diseases, received a five-year, \$2.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health-Institute of General

Medical Sciences for his research project, "Structure and Mechanism of the Mitochondrial ATP Synthase and Batten Disease Gene Product, Cln3p."

Dr. Mueller's study uses structural and molecular biology to study both the mitochondrial ATP synthase and Batten disease, a deadly, genetic neurodegenerative disease that affects young children. While there currently is no cure for Batten disease, the hope is that studies such as this can pave the way toward a better understanding of the disease and ways to treat it.

This grant is RFU's first-ever Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (MIRA). According to the NIH, the goal of MIRA is to increase the efficiency of funding by providing investigators with greater stability and flexibility, thereby enhancing scientific productivity and the chances for important breakthroughs.



Lisandra Ochoa, CMS

'22, was awarded a scholarship by the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF), the philanthropic arm of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA). This award is given to select medical, dental, and pharmacy students who exhibit exceptional academic performance, leadership, and commitment to their Hispanic communities.



Lisandra will be honored at the NHHF's National Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Gala this December.

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Mildred M.G. Olivier, MD '88, professor of ophthalmology and assistant dean for diversity and learning environment, received the National Medical Association's (NMA) Scroll of Merit. She was recognized for her leadership and

promotion of wellness, healthcare equality, medical education and efforts toward increasing the pipeline of minority students entering medicine.

Dr. Olivier received the award, the NMA's highest honor for merit, at the Annual NMA Convention and Scientific Assembly in Honolulu, HI on July 27.

enhancer of the promoter of the TBG gene. Her work has helped scientists understand more about how thyroid hormones act in the human body and how changes to DNA can result in hereditary thyroid abnormalities.



Daniel Peterson, PhD, professor of neuroscience, Center for Neurodegenerative Disease & Therapeutics, was awarded a \$390,000 NIH supplement to extend his current RO1 award. Dr. Peterson is studying how

directly reprogramming new neurons in brains with Alzheimer's disease affects pathology.

Theodora Pappa, MD, PhD,

one of Chicago Medical School's internal medicine residents, was recently recognized at the second annual Halo Awards, held October 12 at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago to celebrate scientists who pursue cures



and treatments that help people live better lives. Dr. Pappa was honored as one of the "40 Under 40" — a selection of forty Chicago-area scientists representing the next generation of translational researchers.

She was chosen for her research into the role of genetics in thyroid disease. Working with Dr. Samuel Refetoff of the University of Chicago, Dr. Pappa identified a gene responsible for thyroxine-binding globulin (TBG) deficiency caused by a mutation in a liver specific

Elina Pliakos, CMS '22, received the James P. Campbell, MD, Memorial Scholarship from the DuPage Medical Society Foundation. This scholarship is awarded to students with outstanding academic backgrounds who demonstrate extraordinary potential for a future in medicine.



Presentations & Publications

Nikki Barrington, CMS '24, and **Grace "Beth" Stutzmann**, PhD, associate professor of neuroscience and director of the Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases and

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Therapeutics, co-authored a book chapter titled "Calcium Handling Defects and Neurodegenerative Disease," published in *Calcium: Second Edition*. Dr. Stutzmann also served as one of the book's editors.

Urban Health Institute (SUHI), **Maureen Benjamins**, PhD, assistant professor of medicine, and Sharon Homan, PhD. The brief outlines the policies and laws regulating access to firearms in Chicago at the federal, state, county, and city levels. It also explores the laws of Illinois's neighboring states as contributors to firearm access in Chicago. It was written as part of Sam's internship at SUHI during the 2018-19 academic year.

Professors of physiology and biophysics **Robert Bridges**, PhD; **Hector Rasgado-Flores**, PhD; and **Neil Bradbury**, PhD, presented at the 2nd International Congress of Cystic Fibrosis (Congreso Internacional de Fibrosis Quística), held July 5-6 in Leon, Mexico.



Dr. Robert Bridges



Dr. Hector Rasgado-Flores



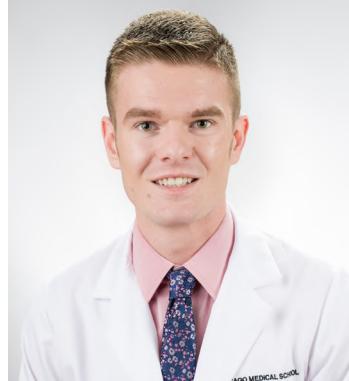
Dr. Neil Bradbury

Melissa Chen, MD, assistant professor of medicine and clinic director, Interprofessional Community Clinic, presented two posters on behalf of the ICC at the Integrative Medicine for the Underserved annual conference, held Aug. 22-24 in Santa Clara, CA. Co-



Dr. Melissa Chen

authors of the poster "Integration of Four Co-located Services for an Underserved Population in a Student-led Pro Bono Clinic" included **Dr. Chen**; **Claire Scott**, CMS '20; **Noor Siddiqi**, CMS '20; and **Varsha Swamy**, CMS '22. Co-authors of "Collaborating with CHWs in the Education of Health Profession Students Leading a Pro Bono Clinic" included **Dr. Chen** and **Janki Thakkar**, **Kyle Behrens**, and **Maritza Martin**, all CMS '21.



Sam Bunting

Sam Bunting, CMS '21, and **Robert Saqueton**, MD, FACP, assistant professor of medicine, co-authored the article "Using a Student-led, Community-specific Training Module to Increase PrEP Uptake Amongst At-Risk Populations: Results from an Exploratory Pilot

Implementation," published in the journal *AIDS Care*.

Sam also published a policy brief, titled "Gun Violence and Access to Firearms in Chicago: Federal, State, and Local Legislation" along with colleagues from the Sinai



Michelle Hastings, PhD, associate professor of cell biology and anatomy and director of the Center for Genetic Diseases, co-authored the article "Mitochondrial Clearance and Maturation of

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Autophagosomes are Compromised in LRRK2 G2019S Familial Parkinson's Disease Patient Fibroblasts," published in *Human Molecular Genetics*.

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Paul Hung, MD, psychiatry residency program director and assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, contributed to the article "Post-discharge Interventions to Enhance Coping Skills for Survivors of Stroke and Their Caregivers: a Scoping Review Protocol," published in the *JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports*.



the *American Journal of Biomedical Science & Research*. Dr. Mosnaim collaborated with several researchers from the Department of Preventive Animal Medicine at the University of Chile's College of Veterinary Medicine.

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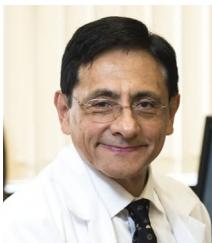
Mildred M.G. Olivier,

MD '88, professor of ophthalmology and assistant dean for diversity and learning environment, co-edited the book *Global Health and Volunteering Beyond Borders: A Guide for Healthcare Professionals*, which contains chapter contributions by several CMS faculty.



Dr. Mildred M.G. Olivier

Hector Rasgado-Flores, PhD, professor of physiology and biophysics, co-authored the chapter "Cultural Considerations for Healthcare Treatment of Latinos in the United States." **William Agbor-Baiyee**, PhD, assistant dean for educational research and student learning, authored the chapter "Professionalism in Global Health." **Carl Lawson**, PhD, MPH, RFU director of interprofessional global health, authored the chapter "Global Health Education." **Dr. Olivier** co-authored the chapter "Global Ophthalmology."



Dr. Hector Rasgado-Flores



Dr. William Agbor-Baiyee



Dr. Carl Lawson



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Hunter Launer, CMS '20, was recently published as first author in the article "An Automated Fractionation Mapping Algorithm for Mapping of Scar-Based Ventricular Tachycardia" in the journal *PACE*.

Aron Mosnaim, PhD, professor of cellular and molecular pharmacology, contributed to the article "Detection of Resistance *mecA* Gene in Gram Positive Bacteria Described as Nosocomial," published in



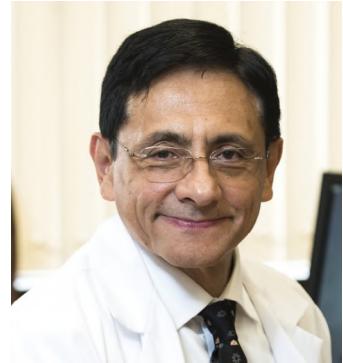
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Cherilyn Mae Acorda Palochak, CMS '20, published an article in the *Journal of Clinical Medicine* special issue in Ophthalmology on Diabetic Retinopathy entitled "Retinal Blood Velocity and Flow in Early Diabetes and Diabetic Retinopathy Using Adaptive Optics Scanning

Laser Ophthalmoscopy". The article uses Adaptive Optics to characterize blood flow in patients with diabetes with and without early, mild non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy. The authors suggest that early increases in retinal blood flow may be a compensatory mechanism that occurs prior to the onset of clinically significant diabetic retinopathy, and that clinical manifestations occur with decreased flow when this compensatory mechanism reaches its limit.

article "Computational Identification of Key Genes that May Regulate Gene Expression Reprogramming in Alzheimer's Patients," published in *PLoS One*.



Hector Rasgado-Flores, PhD, professor of physiology and biophysics and director of diversity outreach success, gave the keynote address, "The Remarkable and Surprising Effective Treatment for Cystic Fibrosis: Salt," at the annual Congress of the Mexican Society of Physiological Sciences, held in Queretaro, Mexico.



Dr. Heinz Steiner



Dr. Anthony West

published in the journal *Molecular Neurobiology*.

Judith A. Potashkin, PhD, professor, Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases and Therapeutics, collaborated with an international group of colleagues on the review article "Understanding the Links between Cardiovascular Disease and Parkinson's Disease," published in the journal *Movement Disorders*. Dr. Potashkin also co-authored with **Virginie Bottero**, PhD, cellular and molecular pharmacology research associate, the



Dr. Judith Potashkin



Dr. Virginie Bottero

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Grace "Beth" Stutzmann, PhD, associate professor of neuroscience and director of the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease and Therapeutics, recently gave two presentations as an invited speaker. She presented "Inhibiting Ryanodine

Receptors, an ER Calcium Channel, to Prevent Synaptic Pathology and Protein Mishandling" at the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation's annual meeting in Jersey City, NJ, and presented "Signalling Deficits in Early Alzheimer's Disease Pathophysiology" at the European Calcium Signaling Workshop in Coimbra, Portugal.

Ellen Yang, CMS '22, presented her poster "Rosalind Franklin University/Chicago Medical School and Global Health Education: The China Experience" at the Midwest Universities for Global Health



Conference, held September 13-14 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. **Carl Lawson**, PhD, RFU Director of Interprofessional Global Health, was also in attendance at the conference.

Other News

Peter Lorenz, CMS '22, was featured in a recent Time Magazine article titled "A New Generation of Activist Doctors Is Fighting for Medicare for All." This fall, Peter helped start a CMS chapter of Students for a National Health Program (SNaHP), the student arm of

the advocacy group Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP). SNaHP and PNHP unite medical students and physicians who support a single-payer healthcare system for the U.S.

Courtney Harris, CMS '22, was also quoted in the article.



Peter Lorenz



Courtney Harris

Nichole Ulibarri, undergraduate medical education specialist in the Department of Foundational Sciences and Humanities, was elected chair of the All Staff Assembly (ASA) Board for the 2019-20 term. The ASA is a staff-led organization that serves the community of RFU staff members through education, communication and inclusion. ■



Nichole Ulibarri (second from right) is pictured with fellow ASA Board members Aries Hernandez, recorder, Debbie Caraher, co-chair, and Ramone Jones, treasurer.

Upcoming Events

Operations M.E.D.S.

Monday, January 13, 2020
6:00-9:30 PM

Couples in Medicine

Tuesday, January 28, 2020
6:00-9:30 PM

AMWA Woman to Woman Soiree

Sunday, March 1, 2020
6:00-9:00 PM

Match Day

Friday, March 20, 2020
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