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2016-17 FRANKLIN FELLOWS PROJECTS

Students summarize the service projects they completed over the last year.

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Two CMS faculty members recently received NIH grants for their research.

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2017 AMA National Medical Student Annual Meeting

Representatives from CMS who attended the Medical Student Section of the AMA Annual Meeting share their thoughts and provide an overview of the conference.

The 39th AMA National Medical Student Annual Meeting took place on June 8-10 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. AMA Representatives from Chicago Medical School joined over 750 medical students from across the country to learn about networking, policy making, and advocacy to help shape the future of healthcare. Students learned about resolution writing, the parliamentary procedure, and participated in the AMA General Assembly. Featured education programs included "Narcan Training: Combatting the Opioid Epidemic," "Healthcare Delivery in Hostile Conflict Zones," and "Addressing Intentional Violence Through a Public Health Lens."

Networking sessions provided the opportunity for mentorship between the AMA Women Physician Section, the AMA Resident and Fellow Section, and the AMA Medical Student Section.

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Dean's Message

Greetings from Dean James Record

Catastrophe takes its roots from the odes and rhythmic movements of the classical Greek chorus, the dramatic turn, literally and figuratively, on stage in a tragedy. The events of this hurricane season have left a trail of clouded tragedy, present and future, with a better understanding about deficits of past community engagement. But Harvey and Irma have also revealed shining lights of participation and heroism, and while indelible marks remain in our memory, as an extended

community we have the opportunity to ensure those marks do not remain on the landscape of our future.

Too often the roots of catastrophe grow unnoticed. An engaged community is best prepared to both avoid catastrophes and better respond to those that occur. In these pages you will see the engagement of our CMS students and faculty. From CMS students' participation in advocacy and policy making for the future of healthcare at the national AMA meeting to our service-oriented Franklin Fellows dedicating their efforts to raise our local healthcare standards, CMS is dedicated to our communities. As we seek out those current and future roots of tragedy with selfless and passionate giving to better prepare for our future, I ask you to support causes, local and national. Help us create the rhythm of caring that we all need to rely upon before the next dramatic turn of events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Record".

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Camp Neuro

This summer, CMS students and faculty welcomed local high school students to Camp Neuro, a national summer camp designed to provide early clinical exposure to students interested in pursuing a career in medicine or psychology. During the week-long program, which was organized and run by medical students, high school students learned about neuroanatomy, participated in balance workshops, and practiced suturing skills. ■



Student Quotes



"The AMA conference was great in introducing a wide range of relevant topics for medical students to explore, including topics on global health, health insurance, and rotation etiquette. I especially enjoyed the interactive workshops where I got to try techniques used in certain specialties."

— Eric Zhang, Treasurer, CMS '20



"The session on how to recruit new members and engage new and existing AMA members resonated best with me. It provided me with valuable strategies and tactics to help lead the AMA recruitment efforts at RFUMS. I look forward to collaborating with my fellow AMA classmates to organize membership recruitment events, in hopes of strengthening the voice of the AMA at RFUMS." — Anthony Guglielmi, Recruitment Chair, CMS '20



"My favorite part of the meeting was attending the various breakout sessions. The Women Physicians Section led a great discussion on different aspects of being a woman in the healthcare field, including how to decide a residency and how to negotiate your own contract as a physician. I learned a lot throughout the entire conference!" — Eshita Shah, Social Chair, CMS '20



"Having the opportunity to meet medical students from across the country and hear their perspectives on the healthcare issues they found most important was as inspiring as it was informative." — Brett Nelson, Vice President, CMS '20

2017 AMA National Medical Student Annual Meeting

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Clinical skills workshops provided students the opportunity to practice suturing, splinting, ultrasound, and intubation.

AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) Meeting Highlights

The MSS assembly considered 56 items of business and adopted policy concerning the rights of transgender individuals, rights of sexual assault survivors, immigration, and mental health in medical students. Overall, the MSS authored 18 resolutions that were considered by the AMA House of Delegates. The AMA-MSS Assembly also elected the 2017-2018 MSS Governing Council.

CMS students joined over 100 peers to listen to guest speakers Mufaddal Hamadeh, MD, board member of the Syrian American Medical Society Foundation, and John Kahler, MD, a member of the Syrian American Medical Society Foundation, speak about their experiences caring for Syrian pediatric patients in Aleppo. They had the opportunity to network with the Women Physicians Section and learn about choosing a specialty, negotiating contracts, and communicating effectively with patients. The Clinical Skills Workshop and Specialty Showcase had over 200 students in attendance.

Future AMA Conferences

The AMA-MSS Interim Meeting will take place on November 9-11, 2017 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The CMS Office of the Dean will provide funding support for four students to attend AMA's national meetings, coordinated through AMA at CMS.

About the AMA at RFUMS

The mission of the American Medical Association is to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health. The AMA Chapter at RFUMS serves the students of Chicago Medical School as an organization whose primary focus is advocacy and community service, while being a liaison between the local chapter and the national medical student section. ■



Top of page: Eric Zhang, Michelle Lim, Brett Nelson, and Eshita Shah, all CMS '20. Left: Zachary Bahr, CMS'20, at the conference's Clinical Skills Workshop. Above: Eric Zhang, CMS'20, at the conference's Clinical Skills Workshop.

Front cover image, from left to right: Anthony Guglielmi, Brett Nelson, Michelle Lim, Zachary Bahr, Eshita Shah, and Eric Zhang, all CMS'20, at the AMA conference.

Wealth and Personal Branding Workshop

In May, two CMS student organizations hosted a Wealth and Personal Branding Workshop for students. The two organizations, Everyone Has a Shot (EHAS) and the CMS Chapter of the American Medical Association (AMA), invited a series of speakers to talk to students about the importance of personal branding and financial literacy. This event gave students the opportunity to engage with members of the local community and learn the importance of personal development beyond the classroom.

Lee Francis, MD, MPH, started the evening by discussing the importance of branding and how it helped him obtain the role of CEO of Erie Family Health Services. Later, Bank of America representatives discussed financial topics and opportunities relevant to healthcare providers. The event ended with smaller discussions with members of the community, including **Liza Pilch**, MD, physician and CMS learning community mentor, and Dean **James Record**, MD, JD, FACP, who gave his perspective as both a lawyer and a physician.

The workshop was coordinated by **Kenneth Furlough** and **Leslie Amonoo**, both CMS '20. Kenneth is the president and founder of EHAS, an organization whose mission is to enrich lives by promoting financial literacy, wellness and wellbeing, and education and career development. ■





Kenneth Furlough, CMS'20, with Dr. Lee Francis, president and CEO of Erie Family Health Services.



Leslie Amonoo, CMS'20.



Liza Pilch, MD, Lipshultz House learning community mentor for the Class of 2020.



2016-17 Franklin Fellows Projects and Poster Presentations

On May 2, the 2016-2017 Franklin Fellows presented posters detailing the health service projects they spent the year implementing in the local community. This event was part of RFU's Impact Week, when the university celebrates student leaders.

The Franklin Fellowship was established through a gift by the Franklin family in 2012. Each year, RFU students who are committed to interprofessional service and leadership are selected to participate. Over the course of their fellowship, students develop and implement a year-long service project to improve the health of local populations in need.

CMS Projects



Estefan Beltran, CMS '20

Project: Cross-Age Training in Science (CATS)

Goal: To provide high school students with the opportunity to offer mentorship and scientific knowledge to elementary school students, while simultaneously improving their own scientific knowledge and communication skills needed to apply for undergraduate and graduate education.

Process: RFU students mentored high school students once a week for four weeks. During these sessions, the RFU students performed scientific demos involving chemistry, physics, biology, and health, and worked with them to create a routine that the high school students presented to North Elementary School for a half-day "Science Day." During the Science Day, elementary school students rotated in groups to different stations, learning about different science- and health-related concepts.

Community Partner: North Chicago Community High School



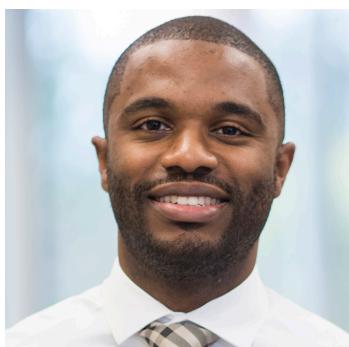
Shelby Crawford, CMS '19

Project: Interactive Workshop for Seniors

Goal: To inform and empower seniors to stay healthy and maintain independence and a good quality of life.

Process: Shelby ran a four-session interactive workshop for seniors in the local community regarding how to maintain brain fitness as they age. Topics included the importance of physical fitness, nutrition, stress reduction, mental stimulation and social connections.

Community Partner: Park Place Waukegan Senior Center



Kenneth Furlough, CMS '20

Project: Student Athletes

Goal: To educate young student athletes about the importance of creating wellbeing centered on financial literacy, career development, and wellness (physical and psychological).

Process: Kenneth used sports case studies as a teaching tool on how students can incorporate wellbeing into their lives and apply the skills learned in their households.

Community Partner: Waukegan High School



Michelle Lim, CMS '20

Project: "Stomp the Stigma"

Goal: To raise awareness about mental health, to encourage students to take care of their physical and mental health, and provide students and their families with resources.

Process: Michelle's project consisted of mental health education, awareness and prevention at Waukegan High School. Students learned about various mental illnesses including depression, anxiety, and eating disorders. Students also participated in art therapy activities.

Community Partner: Waukegan High School



Molly Steelman, CMS '20

Project: Expanding Care for Gender-Related Situations

Goal: To raise awareness about the opportunities available to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for transgender folks and people with differences of sex development (DSD), and to provide visibility of providers and health centers that are welcoming to these patient groups.

Process: Molly provided informational presentations on healthcare topics related to transgender people and people with DSD. These presentations were given at Rosalind Franklin University to students and faculty at the university, and to the Lake County Health Centers. After attending the presentation, attendees from the Lake County Health Centers were given the opportunity to add their name to an online resource for the transgender and DSD population.

Community Partner: Dr. Robert Saqueton, Chief Medical Officer of the Lake County Health Department



Kelsi Swanson, CMS '18

Project: Sanitary Products

Goal: To provide sanitary products to homeless women in Lake County.

Process: Kelsi worked with two organizations serving homeless women to provide hygiene kits for menstrual cycles. In addition, she organized preventative health screening clinics where women could get their blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels checked.

Community Partners: A Safe Place and PADS Lake County ■



Esteban Beltran presenting his poster.



Kenneth Furlough presenting his poster.

CMS Faculty and Friends Recognition Dinner

On May 18, the Office of Academic Learning Environment hosted the third annual CMS Faculty and Friends Recognition Dinner. This event gives the CMS administration the opportunity to express appreciation for the school's faculty, including the many volunteer faculty members who dedicate their time and effort to CMS.

Each year, several faculty members are given special recognition for their excellence in teaching and leadership:

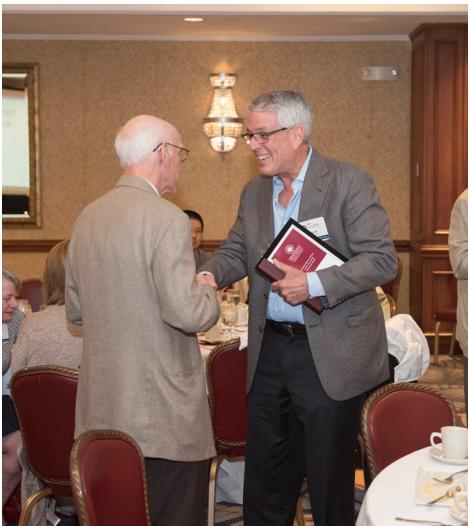
Rebecca Gilfillan, MD '12, psychiatry clerkship site preceptor (Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center); **Sung Ai Cheon**, MD, assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences; **Mark Neault**, MD, clinical assistant professor of surgery; and **Aras Tijunelis**, MD, clinical instructor of surgery, received the CMS Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical Education. This award is given to clinical educators who show empathy and respect for students, serve as role models, and demonstrate exceptional teaching skills.

Carl Correll, PhD, associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, received the CMS Dean's Award for Excellence in Educational Innovation. This award is given to an individual who demonstrates innovation in teaching and learning approaches, with a focus on significant accomplishments in curriculum and instructional development. Dr. Correll received this award for his work on the medical school's new curriculum.

Tonya Dixon, RN, MSN, MBA, MPH, assistant professor of medicine and clinical education specialist, and **Richard Pervos**, MD '82, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics, received the CMS Champion Award. This award is given to faculty members who embody the core values of the CMS mission statement, including civility, diversity, excellence, innovation, integrity, scholarship, and teamwork.

Every year, the learning community mentors for the graduating class are also recognized for their exceptional service to CMS and its students. The four mentors for the Class of 2017 were **Kenya Williams**, MD '02, assistant professor of ophthalmology; **Dirk DeHaas**, MD '95, clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine; **Naomi Parrella**, MD, former clerkship director for family medicine; and **Roberta Glick**, MD '78, lecturer of surgery. ■





Above, from left to right: Dr. James Record, dean of CMS, with Tonya Dixon. Charles McCormick, PhD, professor of physiology and biophysics, and Dr. Richard Pervos. Dr. Dirk DeHaas, Lipschultz House learning community mentor for the Class of 2017. Left: Dr. Carl Correll with Jean Kim, MD, assistant professor and clerkship director for pediatrics. Dr. Record with Dr. Sung Ai Cheon. Below: Dr. K. Michael Welch, president and CEO of RFU; Dr. Pervos; Dr. DeHaas; Ms. Dixon; Dr. Correll; Nutan Vaidya, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Learning Environment; and Dr. Record.





Farewell and Best Wishes to Dr. Slabaugh!

Dr. Slabaugh earned her medical degree and completed her surgery residency at Chicago Medical School, and she has remained dedicated to the school and its educational mission ever since. She helped generations of students through her teaching and mentorship. She served as Surgery Clerkship Director for 23 years and Internal Coordinator for the surgery clerkship for 14 years. She also directed several courses, including the first-year Essentials of Clinical Reasoning course and several community health electives. She assisted and mentored students as a faculty advisor to the Surgery Interest Group (SIG) and the International Health Interest Group (IHIG).

Dr. Slabaugh has held several administrative roles in her years at CMS, including Assistant Dean for Clinical Science Education, where she oversaw the medical school's core clerkships; Assistant Dean for Faculty and Global Development, where she lead the development of U.S.-based global health partnerships and faculty development innovations; and Assistant Dean for Faculty Talent, Recognition and Enhancement, where she developed programs and resources to aid faculty in their

educational goals.

The RFU administration and the students she taught recognized her contributions to the school, the university, and the community through numerous honors and awards, including a Certificate of Excellent Teaching, the CMS Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Rosalind Franklin Award for Excellence in Service to the University, the CMS Outstanding Professor in the Basic Sciences Award, and the Rosalind Franklin Award for Excellence in Teaching. She was also inducted into the university's Master Teacher Guild, a group dedicated to excellence in educational leadership, outstanding teaching, educational innovation, and research. Dr. Slabaugh also received awards from the American Red Cross and the Illinois division of the American Cancer Society in recognition of her volunteer service and contribution to the community.

On behalf of the entire CMS community, we would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Slabaugh for her work and wish her a wonderful retirement! ■



Top to bottom, left to right: With Dr. Welch and members of the Class of 2015 (then M1s) at the 2011 CMS Alumni Weekend event. With Jennifer Lobb, MD '15, winner of the CMS Humanitarian Award, at the 2013 Awards Ceremony. With Mary Roper, medical staff coordinator at Advocate Condell Medical Center, at the 2015 CMS Faculty and Friends Recognition Dinner. Speaking at the 2011 White Coat Ceremony. At the 2013 Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program (CAH MCP) Reunion and Awards Dinner. At the 2013 VA and RFU Awards Ceremony. With fellow members of the RFU Master Teacher Guild. With fellow alumni at the 2013 CMS Chicago Alumni BBQ. With the members of the Office of Academic Learning Environment. Opposite page: Dr. Slabaugh with Mildred M.G. Olivier, MD '86; Nutan Vaidya, MD, James Record, MD, JD, FACP, dean of CMS; William Agbor-Baiyee, PhD; and Sarah Schuck.



Stephanie Miles



Sohaib Amjad



Salvatore Aiello & Michelle Lim
Helix Award (MedH)

Student Leadership Awards

On May 4, RFU held the annual Student Leadership Awards Ceremony to celebrate leadership in categories relating to service, mentoring, community engagement, and advocacy. Students who received awards were selected for their leadership roles in the university and the community. Congratulations to the winners from CMS:

Nikki Barrington, CMS '19 — CMS Student Leadership Award

Stephanie Miles, CMS '19 — Rising Rosalind Award

Molly Steelman, CMS '20 — Rising Rosalind Award

Elyse Fults, CMS '19 — Outstanding Ambassador Award

Sohaib Amjad, CMS '19 — Outstanding Representation of a Student Voice

Bryan Ho, CMS '19 — Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

Osasoyi Tongo, CMS '19 — Diversity & Inclusion Peer Mentor Award

Several student groups and organizations were recognized for their members' leadership and service to the community.

Salvatore Aiello, CMS '20; **Andrew Becker**, CMS '19; **Michelle Lim**, CMS '20; and Benjamin Martin, SCPM '19, received the Helix Award on behalf of the Medical Humanities Club (MedH), for the club's mask-making clinic which encouraged students to create an artistic representation of their personal and professional identity. **Emily Marré**, CMS '19, received the Outstanding Multicultural Project Award on behalf of OUTPatients, for the group's LGBT ally training.



LMSA

Pratyusha Banik, CMS '19; Pavneet Dhillon, COP '19; Zenat Hussaini, SCPM '19; **Mansi Katkar**, CMS '20; Hetal Patel, COP '18; **Julie Patel**, CMS '21; **Neil Patel**, CMS '20; **Sachini Ranasinghe**, CMS '19; **Eshita Shah**, CMS '20; and Krishna Tikiwala, SCPM '19, received the Team Unity Award on behalf of the South Asian Medical Association (SAMA) for the group's annual Diwali show. **Meinkeng Achamorfaw**, CMS '19; **Victoria Hooker**, CMS '21; **Joshua Kogan**, CMS '20; **Stephanie Miles**, CMS '19; **Temiwumi Ojo**, CMS '19; **Leila Patterson**, CMS '20; and **Vanessa Rose**, CMS '19, received the Outstanding Established Program Award on behalf of the Student National Medical Association for the group's Taste of Diversity event. **Ester Banh**, **Julie Carroll**, **Joshua Kogan**, **Hunter Launer**, **Neil Patel**, and **Tammy Zhou**, all members of the CMS Class of 2020, received the Outstanding Student Organization Award for their activities in the Class of 2020 Class Council. **Rachel Bruckman**, **Melissa Mariscal**, **Sara Medina Bielski**, and **Michelle Perez**, all members of the CMS Class of 2019, received the Outstanding New Student Organization Award on behalf of the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA). Last fall, several CMS LMSA members traveled to Washington, DC, to attend a policy summit encouraging medical students to be active in the discussion and formation of health policies. Several RFU students received the Outstanding Community Service Award on behalf of the Interprofessional Clinic Initiative (ICI), the student organization that helps run and manage the Interprofessional Community Clinic (ICC). The ICC provides accessible, quality healthcare for the underserved and underinsured of Lake County. ■

Molly Steelman



Rising Rosalind Award

Osasoyi Tongo



D&I Peer Mentor Award

Elyse Fults



Outstanding Ambassador Award



Outstanding New Student Organization

Psychiatry Residency Graduation and Awards Ceremony

Six psychiatry residents celebrated their graduation from the program, and residents and faculty were recognized for their research, teaching, and professional accomplishments.





During the June 9 graduation ceremony, six residents received their diplomas: **Dima Arbach, MD**; **Ibtisam Hannan Choudhury, MD**; **Shivani Sharma, MD**; **Sung Eun Shim, MD**; **Eric C. Tee, MD**; and **Ravi Valluripalli, MD, MPH**.

Several graduates and current residents received awards for their clinical and scholarly work. **Dima Arbach, MD**; **Sung Eun Shim, MD**; and **Eric C. Tee, MD**, received certificates of appreciation for their role as chief resident. **Dr. Arbach** will be joining the CMS faculty as associate psychiatry program director.

Several residents received prizes for poster presentations based on their research. **Marci Manna, MD, PGY-4**, and **Silu Lohani, MD, PGY-4**, won first place in the poster competition. **Ladan Khazai, MD, PGY-2**, won second place. **Gayatri Baker, MD, PGY-3**, won third place, and **Divya Sarath, MD, PGY-4**, received the Faculty Choice award.

Jayson Masaki, MD, PGY-3, received the Collegiality and Humanism Award. **Krushen Pillay, DO, PGY-2**, and **Divya Sarath, MD, PGY-4**, received the Marc Fahami Award, for demonstrating passion in psychiatry. **Patricia Calimlim, MD, PGY-3**, and **Gaurav Kumar, MD, PGY-3**, received a Research and Scholarship Recognition certificate. **Thomas Lobur, MD, PGY-3**, received the Resident Teacher of the Year Award, after being nominated by students.

The residents recognized several faculty members and expressed appreciation for their teaching. The graduates presented **Lori Moss, MD**, associate professor of psychiatry, with the Clinical Teacher of the Year Award. **George Gettys, MD**, assistant professor of psychiatry, received the Academic Teacher of the Year Award. **Jessica Wertz, PsyD**, instructor of psychiatry, and **Michael Shuman, PharmD**, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, received a Faculty Service Award. ■



FHCC Internal Medicine Residency and Fellowship Graduation

On June 8, family, friends, faculty and staff gathered to celebrate the graduation of the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (FHCC) internal medicine residents and fellows. The graduates received their certificates during a ceremony held at Audobon Hall in Independence Grove. Eight residents and five fellows graduated during the ceremony. The fellows completed their subspecialty training in cardiovascular disease (2), interventional cardiology (1) and endocrinology (2).

The keynote address was given by **Anil Ramesh**, MD, an assistant professor of medicine who specializes in nephrology. **Khalid Al-Khafaji**, MD, one of the chief medical residents, delivered the commencement address.

Congratulations to all the graduates:

Residents:

Limitha Adimala, MD
Khalid Al-Khafaji, MD, Chief Medical Resident
Sindhu Golla, MD
Ravikumari Gollapalli, MD

Shirisha Peddi, MD
Ghaith Hikmat Majeed Shaaya, MD
George Sousanieh, MD, Chief Medical Resident
Sara Tasneem, MD

Fellows:

Punheet Dhillon Grewal, MD
Sreedhar Madireddy, MD
Rehmat Ullah Sheikh, MD
Ifrah Jamil, MD
Sarena Reddy Ravi, MD

Cardiovascular Disease
Cardiovascular Disease
Interventional Cardiology
Endocrinology
Endocrinology ■



Top of page: the graduating residents and fellows, along with several current residents. Above, from left to right: Khalid Al-Khafaji, MD, chief medical resident, delivering the commencement address. Vidya Puthenveetil, MD, FACP, residency program director, and William Cotter, MD, associate program director, with the two chief residents. Ifrah Jamil, MD, and Sarena Reddy Ravi, MD, both endocrinology fellows, with Janice Gilden, MD, endocrinology fellowship program director; Linda Smith, endocrinology program specialist; and Charles Barsano, MD, PhD, clinical professor of medicine. Left: The eight graduating residents.

Annual Awards Ceremony

The following awards were presented to students at the Annual Awards Ceremony on June 1. Unless otherwise indicated, recipients are members of the Class of 2017.

CMS Alumni Association Scholastic Achievement Award

For maintaining the highest GPA throughout all four years of medical school.

Ken Lee

John J. Sheinin, MD, PhD, DSC, Research Award

For outstanding achievement in research performed while a CMS medical student.

Olsi Gjyshi

MD with Distinction in Research

For completing a substantial research project during the course of their medical studies through the MDDR program.

Karthic Chandran Saman Sizdakhani
Syed Khalid

Ronald M. Reifler Primary Care Award

For plans to provide primary care to underserved patients. This award commemorates Mr. Reifler's love of learning and enthusiasm for helping others to reach their potential.

Cristina Nguyen

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

For demonstration of integrity, excellence, compassion, altruism, respect, empathy and service. Presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

Student: Carlo Prades

Faculty: Phillip Zaret, MD, associate professor of surgery

Melvyn Leichtling, MD '48, Oncology Research Award

Awarded to students who submit an outstanding research proposal related to the field of Oncology.

Natalie Balfe, CMS '20

Basic Science with Distinction

For maintaining a weighted cumulative score of 89.5% or higher, accumulated from the first two years of coursework.

Kawsu Barry
Ajay Bhandari
Kimberly Blankshain
Sarah Carballo
Penuel Chen
Robert Christie
Minal Cordeiro
Joanna Curran
Bhargav Desai
Binnie Desai
Laura DiDomenico
Kristina Doytcheva
Carolyn Draus
Larissa Epstein
Zekun Feng
Mari Freedberg
Laura Leigh French
Kristen Goulee
Daniel Grahf
Kathryn Hallberg
Joelle Harwin
Omar Hassan
Mohamad Hemu
Meghan Hermanson
Landon Herrera
Victoria Hoch
Shenche Hsieh
John Hunter
Karen Huynh
Preston Jacob
Brian Kurcz
Ken Lee
Kenneth Less
Lisa Lester
Amy Marks
Sipan Mathevosian
Michelle Meder
Julia Miao
Luke Miller
Christopher Molitor
David Moravec
Lana Moy
Gautham Oroskar
Suhag Patel
Daneel Patoli
Samantha Phou
Carlo Prades
Elizabeth Quincer
Michael Ries
Lauren Shevell
Gurmit Singh
Karandeep Singh
Jason Smith
Shivani Sockanathan
Keith Solvang
Andrea Sterenstein
Stephen Supple
Andrew Surro
Emily Tamadonfar
Bethany Underwood



Laura Jacobson
Aiyang Jiang
Blair Jones
Jamie Keen
Samuel Klein
Matthew Kobeszko

Chetan Velagapudi
Paul Vithayathil
Katarzyna Wlodarczyk
Kenneth Woo
Ian Worden
Ilspu Yoon

CMS Scholarship Award for Highest Average in the Clinical Sciences

For achieving the highest average in clinical clerkships.

Kimberly Blankshain
Sarah Carballo
Robert Christie
Minal Cordeiro
Kristen Corrao
Joanna Curran
Carolyn Draus
Kathryn Fideler
Olsi Gjyshi
Daniel Grahf
Joelle Harwin
Omar Hassan
Meghan Hermanson
Victoria Hoch
Brittany Hunter
Karen Huynh
Preston Jacob

Aiyang Jiang
Blair Jones
Jamie Keen
Nicholas Leader
Ken Lee
Amy Marks
Michelle Meder
Luke Miller
David Moravek
Priyesh Patel
Samantha Phou
Kathryn Skibba
Jason Smith
Andrea Sterenstein
Bethany Underwood
Chetan Velagapudi
Paul Vithayathil

CMS Clerkship Awards

For excellence in academics, clinical skills, and professionalism in their respective specialty. Chosen by each department.

Emergency Medicine: Preston Jacob
Family Medicine: Hillary Tamar
Medicine: Paul Vithayathil
Neurology: Andrea Sterenstein
OB/GYN: Zenobia Gonsalves
Pediatrics: Naseem Ravanbakhsh
Psychiatry: Laura Leigh French
Surgery: David Moravec

Martin Gecht, MD '44, Memorial Award

For dedication to community service projects. This award honors Dr. Gecht's love for CMS and commemorates his commitment to his community.

Victoria Hoch

Ronald Bangasser, MD '75, Memorial Award

Commemorates the commitment that Dr. Bangasser had for organized medicine and service to his colleagues.

Patrick Holman, CMS '18

CMS Dean's Award for Service to the School

For outstanding service to the medical school.

Monica Branch	Patrick Kent
Daniella Brutman	Kristen Lang
Sarah Carballo	Shana Patel
Minal Cordeiro	Suhag Patel
Brett Goldman	Hillary Tamar
Daniel Grahf	Jalia Tucker
Victoria Hoch	

Eugene J. Rogers, MD '46, Memorial Award for Excellence in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Awarded to an outstanding student going into physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Kevin Thomas

Senior Independent Project Award

Awarded to graduating students who complete an outstanding independent project.

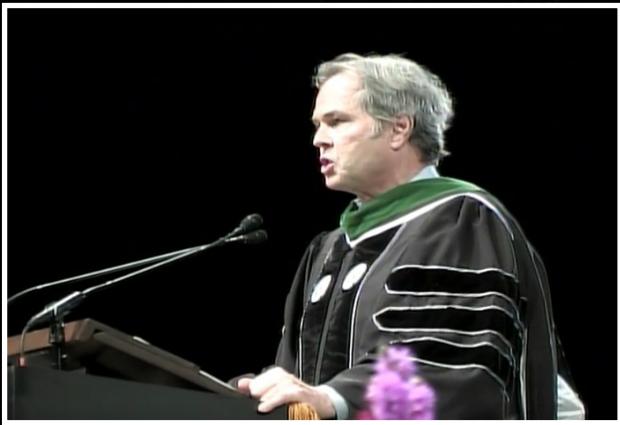
Laura Leigh French
Hillary Tamar

USPHS Excellence in Public Health Award

For involvement in public health issues and commitment to the mission of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Kristina Doytcheva, CMS '18 ■





Commencement 2017

The Class of 2017 graduated on June 2 at the UIC Pavilion, marking the university's 103rd commencement ceremony. The graduates joined a family of almost 8,000 CMS alumni and over 17,000 RFU alumni.

The commencement address was delivered by Alexa Canady, MD, the first African-American woman neurosurgeon. Dr. Canady extolled the importance of patient-centered care, encouraging the graduates to always put the patient first and forge an emotional connection with patients despite the increased prevalence of technology and other changes to the healthcare industry. "Making people better is lots of fun," she said, "but making the effort to connect emotionally to each patient rewards you with more happiness." ■

Opposite page, from top to bottom: Douglas Anderson, MD '77, sings the National Anthem during the ceremony for the 39th straight year. Victoria Hoch, MD '17, receives her degree from Dr. James Record, MD, JD, FACP, dean of CMS. Monica Branch, MD '17, recites the Oath of Geneva. Zenobia Gonsalves, MD '17, after the ceremony.



Welcoming New Residents

The eight newest psychiatry residents were welcomed to the program and introduced to their fellow residents during a reception held on campus. The new residents joined the second-, third-, and fourth-year residents in a painting session led by Artist @ Heart, a local studio offering classes and workshops. The residents painted their interpretations of Edvard Munch's *The Scream*.

The new residents in the Lovell Federal Health Care Center internal medicine program (pictured below) also connected during an on-campus orientation session. ■

Top right: Psychiatry residents paint and get to know each other during the welcome reception. Bottom right: The residents with their finished paintings. Opposite page: Ahmed Maki, DO; Nishaan Nagarakanti, DO; Deepa Nadella, MD; and Jennifer Harkey, DO, all new residents.

Below: The new FHCC internal medicine residents: Zaid Abood, MD; Waseem Ahmed, MD '14; Raghda Al Anbari, MD; Edgar Davila, MD; Gagandeep Grover, MD; Ali Hamoudi, MD; Amrit Bhaskaria, MD; Raval Veeramachaneni, MD; and Alaa Alsakaty, MD. Not pictured: Abhinav Nadipalli, MD.





Classroom to Clerkship Ceremony

On June 23 and June 30, the CMS Class of 2019 gathered with faculty and mentors for the Classroom to Clerkship Ceremony, an event marking the transition from classroom-based education to patient-based education. Students read poems and essays, and learning community mentors gave advice regarding clerkships and patient interactions.

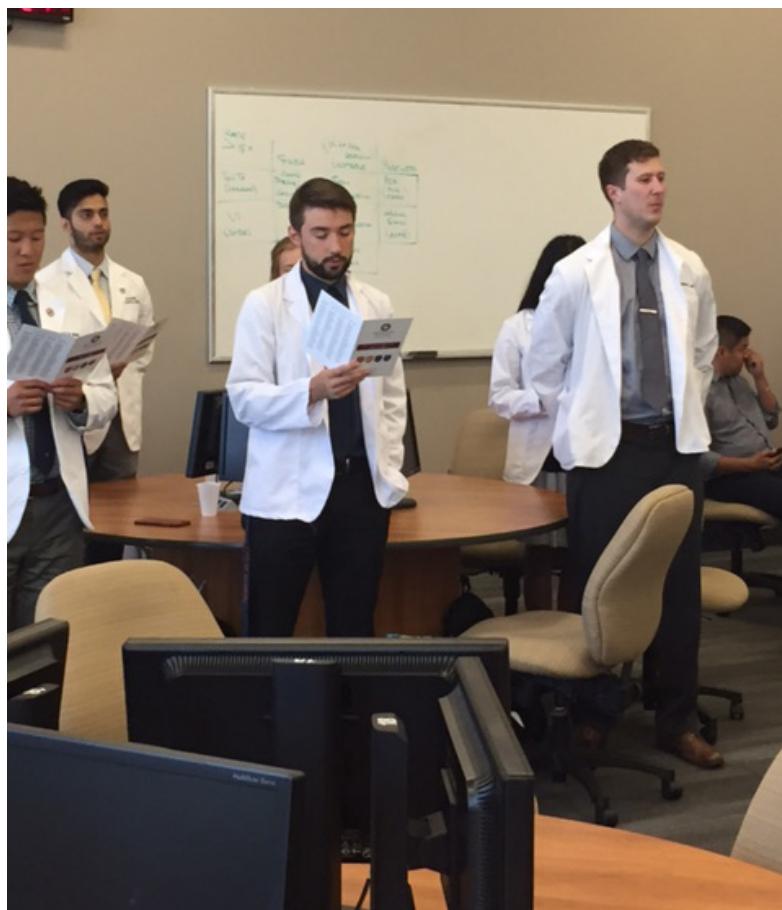
During the ceremony, **Nutan Vaidya**, MD, senior associate dean for academic learning environment, and **James Record**, MD, JD, FACP, dean of CMS, talked about the increased responsibilities and opportunities students would encounter as third- and fourth-year medical students. During their clerkships, students interact with patients and participate in their care — and as they do so, they gain knowledge and forge professional relationships that will last for the rest of their career.

Roberta Glick, MD '78, lecturer of surgery and former learning community mentor for the Class of 2017, spoke to the students about how they can become good doctors. "You have to remember

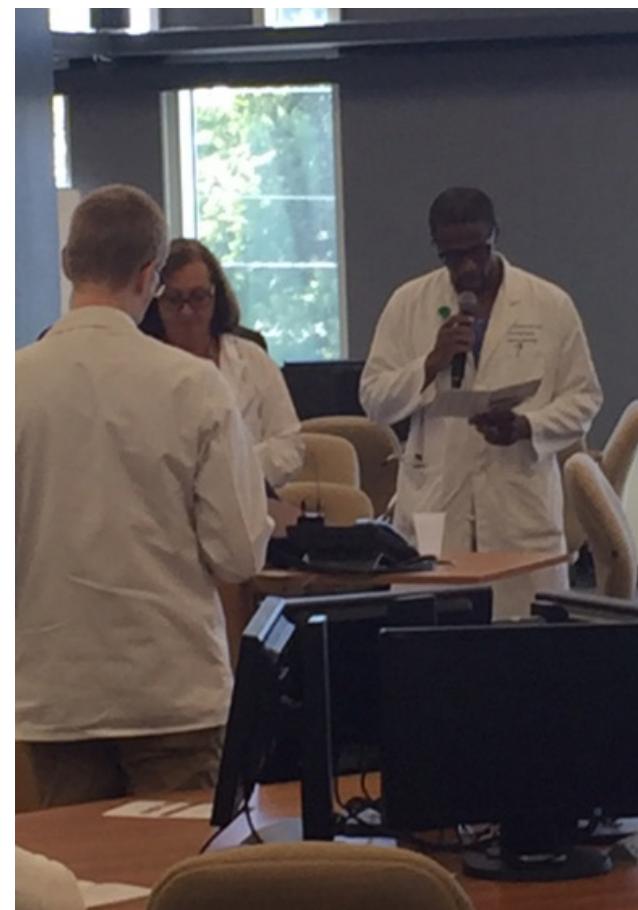
that it's a privilege and an honor to take care of other people," Dr. Glick said. "It's about service to others." She also emphasized the importance of the patient-doctor relationship, urging students to always stay in touch with the ideals of compassion and kindness.

Javier Jimenez, CMS '18, read a poem he had written titled "Specimen," in which he reflects on the relationship between doctors and their patients. **Aaron Nehamkin**, **Pratyusha Banik**, **Kate Marichal**, and **Sarah Afzal**, all CMS '19, read White Coat Reflections, essays they wrote about what their white coat means to them. In her reflection, "Indelible," Kate Marichal said that the white coat "is a metaphor for our careers as physicians. It's a canvas of experience, if you will. In medicine we paint our white canvases, not with acrylics and brushstrokes, but with our clinical encounters."

At the end of the ceremony, the students recited the Oath of Geneva, led by their learning community mentors, reaffirming the oath they took when they first received their white coats. ■



Students reciting the Oath of Geneva.



Sharyl Balkin, MD '85, and Jamil Abdur-Rahman, MD, two of the learning community mentors for the Class of 2019.

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

Two CMS faculty members received grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to continue research that may lead to therapies for neurodegenerative diseases and anxiety disorders.



Daniel Peterson, PhD, professor of neuroscience and director of the university's Center for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine, and **Robert Marr**, PhD, assistant dean for research and associate professor of neuroscience, received a five-year, \$2.8 million grant from the NIH for their research project "Reprogramming Cell Fate for Repair." Dr. Peterson and Dr. Marr are collaborating with co-principal investigators Oliver Brüstle, MD, and Martin Schwarz, PhD, at the University of Bonn in Germany.

The researchers will study how to replace neurons lost through stroke, brain injury, spinal injury or disease. Neurons in the brain and spinal cord are not naturally replaced in the body when they are damaged or lost, which means there are few options to repair neurons lost through injury or through diseases such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's diseases. Dr. Peterson and his team will use gene therapy approaches to reprogram rodent and human progenitor cells, directing those cells to become neurons. This research could lead to new therapies for conditions such as stroke, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's disease.



Joanna Dabrowska, PhD, PharmD, assistant professor of neuroscience and cellular and molecular pharmacology, recently received a five-year, \$2 million grant from the NIH's National Institute of Mental Health for her research study "Modulation of the BNST Activity by Oxytocin — Role in Stress, Fear and Anxiety."

Dr. Dabrowska, principal investigator for the study, along with co-investigator **J. Amiel Rosenkranz**, PhD, associate professor of cellular and molecular pharmacology, will study the role that oxytocin – a hormone which regulates a variety of social behaviors – plays in stress-induced psychiatric disorders. They will investigate the way oxytocin regulates the activity of the bed nucleus of the stria terminalis (BNST), a small region of the brain that plays a role in anxiety and stress response.

Dr. Dabrowska's research could lead to new drug therapies for stress-induced mental disorders, including anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). ■

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AAMC-Boston

CMS Alumni and Friends Reception

Saturday, November 4, 2017, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

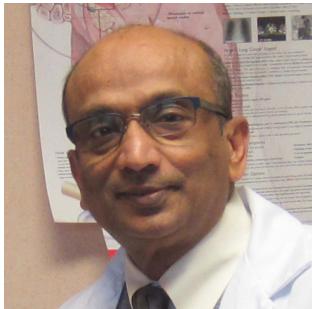
Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA

Simmons Meeting Room

RSVP at alumni@rosalindfranklin.edu

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Awards & Accomplishments



Dr. Bharat Agrawal

Several residents, fellows, and faculty in the CMS/FHCC internal medicine residency and fellowship program received awards during the program's annual awards ceremony on June 8.



Dr. Ashley Wang

Bharat Agrawal, MD, associate professor of medicine, received the Max H. Weil Excellence in Clinical Teaching Award, given to an individual who demonstrates outstanding teaching in a clinical setting. **Ashley Wang**, MD, assistant professor of medicine, received the James B. Hammond Humanitarian Award, which recognizes an individual who has exhibited humanitarianism for the community or the world. **Khalid Al-Khafaji**, MD, received the Outstanding Graduating Medical Resident Award, given to one graduating resident each year.

Mahwash Siddiqui, MD, received the Outstanding Medical Intern Award, given to one first-year resident each year. **Ifrah Jamil**, MD, graduating endocrinology fellow, received the Eric P. Gall Professionalism Award, which recognizes the resident or fellow who demonstrates the highest degree of welfare for their patients and aspires to altruism, accountability, excellence, duty, service, honor, integrity and respect for others and for the health needs of society.



Dr. Khalid Al-Khafaji



Dr. Mahwash Siddiqui



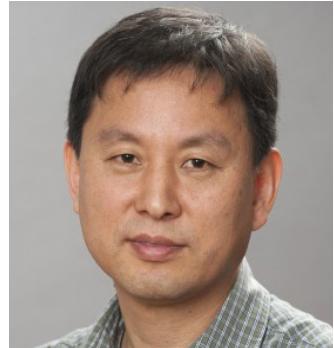
Dr. Ifrah Jamil

Diane Bridges, PhD, MSN, RN, CCM, Associate Dean of Interprofessional and Distance Education and associate professor of Medical Education, Innovation, and Humanities, was appointed by the Board of the American Interprofessional Healthcare Collaborative (AIHC) to serve on the Program Committee. Committee members serve a three-year term, renewable for one additional three-year term. They are responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring programs and functions under the purview of the committee as identified by the Committees and Board of AIHC. AIHC is also a co-sponsor with Collaborating Across Borders, a joint United States-Canada conference that focuses on issues related to interprofessional health care education and practice.



Kwang-Poo Chang, PhD, professor of microbiology and immunology, received a one-year, \$79,000 grant from Innovate UK and GeneFirst, Ltd., for his research study "Development of Inducible Expression-Inactivated Leishmania as Vaccine Carriers."

Jun-Yong Choe, PhD, assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, was awarded a four-year, \$1.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for his research project "Ligand Specificity in Human Glucose Transporters GLUT1-5 and GLUT9."



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Dr. Neelam Sharma-Walia
Dr. Neelam Sharma-Walia, PhD, assistant professor of microbiology and immunology.

Jaleesa Harris, CMS '20, was accepted into the 2017–18 Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship Program. This year's class of 30 fellows includes students of medicine, public health, nursing, nutrition and dentistry, who will design and direct innovative community service projects that address the health needs of underserved Chicagoland residents.



Jaleesa will spend her fellowship year teaching middle school students in Chicago's Austin community about how the body functions and the importance of keeping their bodies healthy. Her curriculum will incorporate organs from the university's anatomy lab, providing the students with an engaging learning experience and allowing them to see each organ as they learn about its function.

In addition to her service project, Jaleesa will participate in a 13-month program that provides opportunities for mentorship, professional development, and interdisciplinary collaboration. This program supports the Fellows' interest in becoming lifelong leaders in public service.

As a Schweitzer Fellow, Jaleesa joins a network of over 550 Chicago Program alumni who have provided over 110,000 hours

Salah Dajani, Sidney Iriana and Arjun Ranade, all CMS '19, received travel awards for the Central Society for Clinical and Translational Research/ Midwestern Section of the American Federation for Medical Research Combined Annual Meeting, held April 20-21 in Chicago. The students work in the lab of **Neelam Sharma-Walia**, PhD, assistant professor of microbiology and immunology.

of community service to more than 150 community groups over the course of the program's 22-year history.

Congratulations to **Kate Marichal**, CMS '19, who was elected to be CMS student dean for the 2017 – 2018 school year. She was also elected to the RFU Board of Trustees as Student Trustee.



Judith Potashkin, PhD, professor of cellular and molecular pharmacology, was elected to the Rosalind Franklin University Board of Trustees as Faculty Trustee.



Congratulations to **Gordon Pullen**, PhD, for his promotion to Associate Dean for Basic Science Education and Vice Chair for Medical Education, Innovation, and Humanities. Dr. Pullen is an extremely accomplished administrator and faculty member

and the recipient of many awards. In 2016 he received the President's Civility Award for his generosity and kindness as part of the RFU community. He received three student awards in 2017: Outstanding Faculty Member for the Epidemiology Course, Outstanding Faculty Member for the Pharmacology Course, and the Most Active in Student Life Outside the Classroom Award.



Fabio Re, PhD, associate professor of microbiology and immunology, received a two-year, \$430,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for his research study, titled "Regulation of Intestinal Microbiota by B1 B Cells During Lung Infection."

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Roha Shaikh, CMS' 2020, won the prize for the top Health Sciences Poster at the Keenan Research Summer Student Poster Competition, held at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. Roha had been doing research at the hospital's Centre for Urban Health Solutions. The poster, which Roha co-presented with Maggie Jiang, a student from

Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, was titled "Do Country Characteristics Explain Essential Medicines List Differences?"

Josiah To, CMS '20, received the 2017 Hematology Opportunities for the Next Generation of Research Scientists (HONORS) award from the American Society of Hematology (ASH). The award provides stipends to support his research project, "Defining the Impact of JAK2 V617F Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Cells on their Bone Marrow Stromal Microenvironment," and his attendance at the ASH annual meeting for the next two years. Josiah was one of only 18 medical students in North America selected this year to receive the award.



Janice Urban, PhD, professor and chair of physiology and biophysics, received a two-year, \$385,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health for her research study "Maternal Experience and Stress Resilience in Females."

Jacqueline Valkanet, coordinator of clinical training, received a Summer GEM Award. GEM Awards are quarterly awards that recognize RFU staff members who "Go the Extra Mile" to make the university a better place.



Presentations & Publications

Banujan Balachandran, CMS '18, recently published several papers. He was first author on "A Comparative Study of Outcomes Between Single-Site Robotic and Multi-port Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy: An Experience from a Tertiary Care Center," published in the May 2017 issue of the *World Journal of Surgery*. He was first author on "Prospective Analysis of the Sealing Ability of the ENSEAL(R) G2 Articulating Tissue Sealer and Transector on Human Mesenteric Vessels in Colorectal Surgery," published in the journal *Techniques in Coloproctology*. He also co-authored "Sacral Nerve Stimulation Can Be an Effective Treatment for Low Anterior Resection Syndrome," published in the May issue of *Colorectal Disease*.



On May 3, the Department of Clinical Sciences and the Department of Medical Education, Innovation and Humanities co-hosted a medical grand rounds lecture. **Neil Bradbury**, PhD, professor of physiology and biophysics, presented "Principles of Gender Specific Biology." Dr. Bradbury discussed the underlying chromosomal differences between males and females and how those differences can affect the impact and severity of certain diseases. His presentation highlighted the importance of taking into account the sex of the patient when practicing personalized medicine.

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William Frost, PhD, professor and chair of cell biology and anatomy, presented "Watching Memories Form: Imaging Brain Networks During Behavior and Learning" as part of the College of Lake County (CLC) STEM Speakers Series on March 30 at the CLC campus in Grayslake, IL.



Stuart Goldman, MD, executive chair of clinical sciences and professor and chair of family and preventive medicine, recently gave a presentation titled "Reinforcing Patient Safety Concepts through Simulation" at the Chicago Simulation Consortium.

On May 3, **Luke Miller**, MD '17, who recently matched into an otolaryngology residency at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, participated in an M4 ENT Match Panel, where he discussed his experience and shared advice with current medical students.



On May 9, **Iain Sawyer**, PhD, postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy, presented a seminar titled "Exploring Nuclear Body Formation and Genomic Function in Cancer," in which he discussed the formation and function of protein-rich, membrane-less structures within the cell nucleus. Dr. Sawyer is currently performing his studies at the National Cancer Institute/NIH in Bethesda, MD.

On April 26, **Pallavi M. Shah**, MD, assistant professor of medicine at CMS and gastroenterologist attending physician at the Lovell Federal Health Care Center, gave a medical grand rounds presentation titled "Colon Cancer Screening in 2017." Dr. Shah discussed the different types of colon cancer screening and how early detection has decreased the mortality rate of colon cancer in the United States.

Bharathi Swaminathan, MD, associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, and **William Cotter**, MD, assistant professor of medicine and associate program director of the CMS/FHCC internal medicine residency, contributed to a poster presentation, "Motion-Based Gaming to Improve Balance and Physical Activity in Patients with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI)," that was presented at the 2017 IEEE Great Lakes Biomedical Conference, held in Milwaukee, WI.



Dr. Bharathi Swaminathan



Dr. William Cotter

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Richard Hellman, MD '66, received his third Distinguished Reviewer award from the American Diabetes Association and the editorial board of the journal Diabetes Care.



Lawrence E. Ginsberg, MD '82 and a CMS Distinguished Alumnus, was awarded the Ya Yen Lee Endowed Professorship in Head and Neck Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX.

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Robert Rogers, MD '82, FACP, SFHM, was elected to the board of directors of The National Association of Healthcare Advocacy Consultants.

Gregory Vitas, MD '84, was appointed chief of staff at North Memorial Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN.



David Walner, MD '90, recently facilitated an ENT simulation lab on campus. Dr. Walner, a pediatric otolaryngologist, presented a complex pediatric ENT case and guided an interactive discussion in which students established a full diagnosis and treatment plan.

Ivan Albert Gomez, MD '97, MS '93, FAAFP, was named Chief and Vice Chair of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California San Francisco in Fresno.



Karthik Rajasekaran, MD '11, has joined the faculty of the hospital at the University of Pennsylvania as an instructor of otorhinolaryngology.

Events

RFU Faculty Awards Ceremony

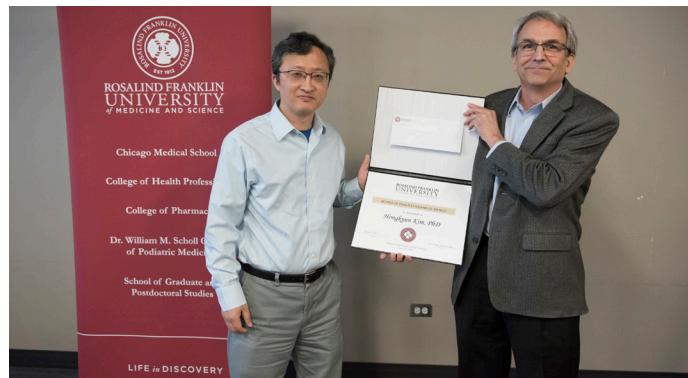
Congratulations to the CMS faculty members who were honored at the university's annual Faculty Awards Ceremony on April 21.

Hongkyun Kim, PhD, associate professor of cell biology and

anatomy, received the Board of Trustees Research Award, presented to a junior faculty member for excellence in research.

J. Amiel Rosenkranz, PhD, MS, associate professor of cellular and molecular pharmacology, received the Morris L. Parker Research Award, presented to a senior faculty member who has demonstrated national and international meritorious research in medicine or health sciences.

Carl Correll, PhD, associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, received the Rosalind Franklin Award for Excellence in Service, presented to a faculty member who has made outstanding service contributions to the university. He also received the Deans' Award for Diversity and Inclusion, presented to a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding contributions to diversity and inclusion at RFU. Dr. Correll was also inducted into the Master Teacher Guild, a group dedicated to excellence in educational leadership, outstanding teaching, educational innovation, and research.



Dr. Hongkyun Kim (left) receives his Board of Trustees Research Award.



Dr. Carl Correll (center) with other members of the university's Master Teacher Guild.

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CMS House Council Event: Daybreaker

Students gathered in the early hours of the morning to take part in a healthy start to the day. Daybreaker, typically an early-morning workout class in major metropolitan areas, is a workout that includes yoga and dancing. The morning starts in a more relaxed tone with yoga, followed by fun dancing.

Using this model, the CMS House Council provided a fun and positive experience for students. After the workout, which was held in the university's group fitness area, coffee and bagels were provided for breakfast.

The CMS House Council's mission includes thinking of interesting ways to enhance student culture on campus.



ICC Fundraiser Gala

On April 22, the Interprofessional Clinic Initiative (ICI) held its fourth annual Interprofessional Community Clinic (ICC) Benefit Gala to raise funds for operating expenses and supplies for the clinic, which provides free medical care and health screenings to the medically underserved. The gala raised an estimated \$6,000.

The student-run ICC has served 3,000 underserved and uninsured patients since it was founded in 2013 by four CMS students.



Interprofessional Student-Led Grand Rounds

On May 8, **Salah Dajani**, CMS '19, and **Hunter Launer**, CMS '20, along with students from the College of Pharmacy and the College of Health Professions, participated in the third Interprofessional Student-Led Grand Rounds, titled “Exploring a Surgical Case of Stomach Cancer.” This series, sponsored by the DeWitt C. Baldwin Institute for Interprofessional Education, illustrates the benefits of interprofessional education and practice. Students demonstrate how healthcare providers from a variety of areas – in this case, medical, pharmacy, pathologists' assistant, and

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nurse anesthesia – can combine their strengths to provide the best care for the patient.



The interprofessional team: Dennis Colón, CHP '19; Alexandra Jurgens, CHP '18; Salah Dajani, CMS '19; Hunter Launer, CMS '20; and Dalia Aguilar, COP '18.



Hunter Launer and Salah Dajani.

BioPathways Entrepreneur Speaker Series

Several CMS faculty and one alumnus have participated in the university's new BioPathways Entrepreneur Speaker Series, a monthly event series featuring discussions with prominent bioentrepreneurs, biotech executives and biotech venture capitalists.

In the first installment, held June 13, Jeffrey W. Sherman, MD '81, FACP, presented "Challenges in Developing and Commercializing New Therapies for Rare Diseases." Ronald Kaplan, PhD, executive vice president for research at RFU and vice dean for research at CMS, discussed plans for the university's new Innovation and Research Park, and Raúl Gazmuri, MD, PhD, FCCM, professor of physiology and biophysics and director of the university's Resuscitation Institute, shared updates on his

research.

In the second installment, held July 11, Daniel Peterson, PhD, director of RFU's Center for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine, discussed advances in regenerative medicine and the potential applications of his NIH-funded research study on replacing lost or damaged neurons.



Dr. Daniel Peterson at the second installment of the speaker series.

Other News



We wish a warm welcome to **Carissa Van Ausdall**, who has joined the Dean's Office as the new Director of Business Operations.

Carissa is an experienced business operations manager deeply familiar with the world of health care. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater from the University of Illinois, and a Masters of Public Administration in Nonprofit Management from Roosevelt University. Most recently, Carissa served at the Association Management Center as an Account manager, handling all academic and career focused programs for the American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. Previously she was the Associate Director for ACGME International, responsible for business and project development. ■

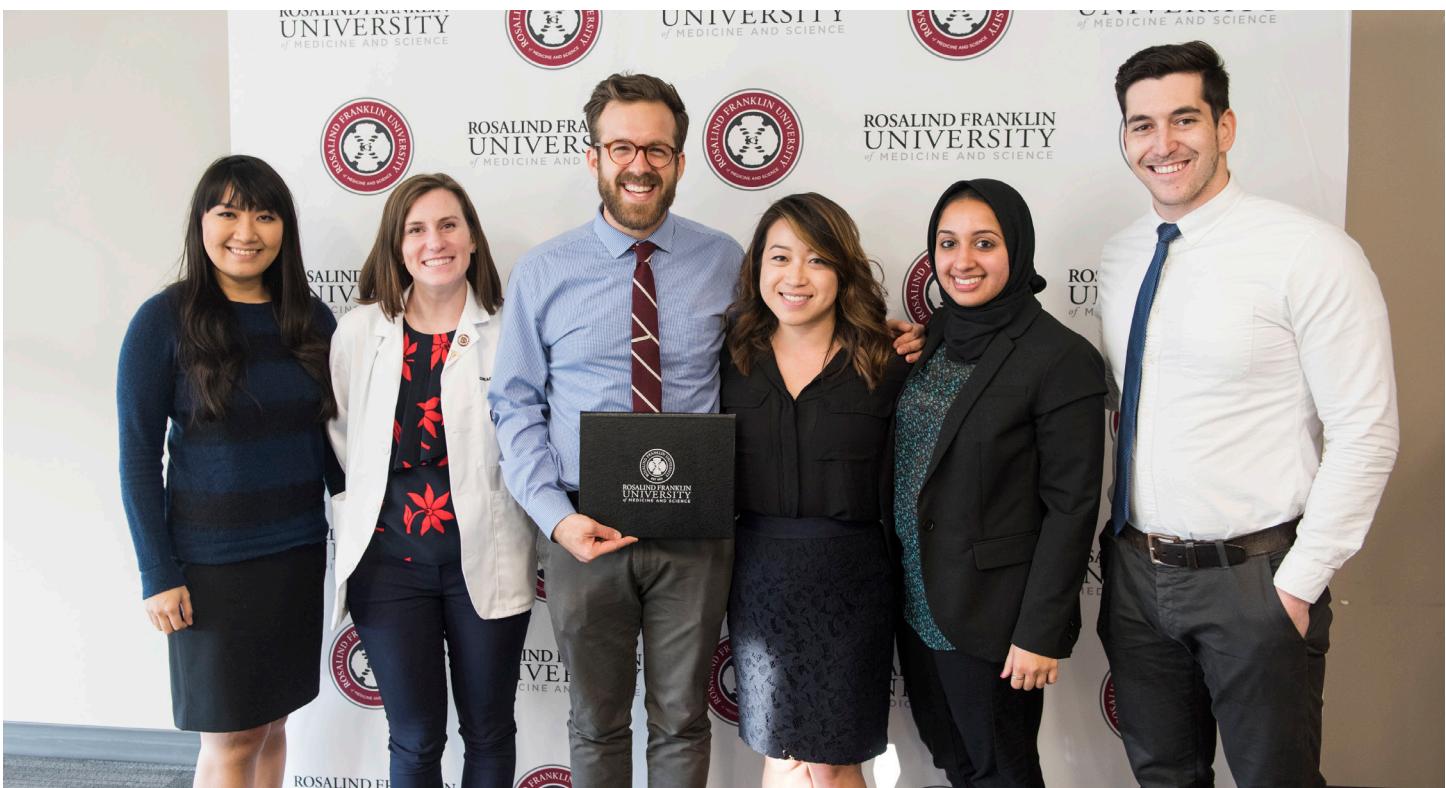
Around Campus



Ngoc-Anh Le and Lindsay Ling, both CMS '21, participate in the university's Day of Service at Bernie's Book Bank, one of RFU's community partners. Students also volunteered at Our House of Hope, HACES, Feed My Starving Children, and A Safe Place.



Mildred M.G. Olivier, MD '88, professor of ophthalmology and Assistant Dean for Diversity and Learning Environment, and Nutan Vaidya, MD, professor of psychiatry and behavioral science and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Learning Environment, at the CMS Faculty and Friends Recognition Dinner.



The Class of 2020 Class Council at the Student Leadership Awards, where the group received the award for Outstanding Student Organization.



The CMS Class of 2021, posing in their new white coats after the White Coat Ceremony.

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