

“He who studies medicine without books sails an uncharted sea, but he who studies medicine without patients does not go to sea at all.”

Sir William Osler

Hi Everyone!

This academic year's final Departmental Acknowledgement goes to **Farhan Bhanji** on the occasion of his induction into the Faculty's Honour List for Educational Excellence.

I never cease to emphasize our Department's "Culture of Education" at multiple levels and the Roll Call of this Honour List (established in 1999) bears eloquent testimony to this. A remarkable 12 members (including now Farhan) of the Department (**Wendy MacDonald, David McGillivray, Aurore Côté, Saleem Razack, Ron Gottesman, Celia Rodd, Hema Patel, Laurie Plotnick, Preetha Krishnamoorthy, Evelyn Constantin, Richard Gosselin**) and 2 Associate Members (**Robert Primavesi, Isabelle Gagnon**) have been selected.

A graduate of Western Ontario at the undergraduate and medical levels, Farhan did his pediatric residency here followed by sub-specialty fellowship training in both emergency medicine and critical care. This included a year in Melbourne, Australia of refined fellowship training in cardiac critical care and extracorporeal life support.

Right from the start of his academic affiliation with McGill and the Department of Pediatrics, Farhan's natural knack and skill set in teaching was evident. He has received the Paige and Bernard Kaplan Teaching Award. He has also developed an interest in educational scholarship. This was further enabled by his pursuit at the University of Maastricht in The Netherlands of a Masters in Health Sciences Education.

Farhan has an impressive array of accomplishments thus far in medical education. These include; Program Director in Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Fellowship Program Director at the Centre for Medical Education, recipient of the CAME-New Educator Award, and a prestigious Fellowship in the American Heart Association. He has garnered local, national and international recognition as witnessed a Visiting Professorship addressing the topics of faculty development and training at Gifu University in Japan. Currently, Farhan is the Assistant Director of the Office of Assessment at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Ottawa where he has a mandate to transform assessment to a competency-based model. As if this roster was not enough, he was our Faculty's inaugural Richard and Sylvia Cruess Scholar in Medical Education. To support his research efforts in medical education, Farhan has secured external support from the CIHR.

Farhan's efforts are another example of how we punch well above our weight with a prominent national and international level of impact and recognition. Please join me in congratulating Farhan on his entry into the Faculty Honour List.

This will be the last Departmental Acknowledgement for the 2013-2014 Academic year. The weekly Acknowledgement will resume after Labour Day in September. Since I started these Acknowledgements when I began my mandate as Chair in November 2011, they have opened with a quote from Sir William Osler. I have saved one of my personal favourites till last. I will be giving Sir William a well-deserved break next year and will turn to weekly words of wisdom to two touchstones of my youth. Stay tuned.

Finally, before the Acknowledgement resumes in September, our Departmental family will be joined by a new cohort of incoming pediatric residents. They will be the last cohort to begin their pediatric training on our current site. From what I know about them, they are a particularly gifted group that we are fortunate to

have join us. Please give a warm welcome over the summer to our "work" family to the R-1s; Fatema Al-Amrani (neurology), Fajer Al Tammar, Abdulla Alawdhi (neurology), Natascia Anastasio (genetics), Marie-Helene Gagnon, Avigyle Grunbaum, Marie-Pier Guilbault, Rawan Hammad, Mohannad Ibn Homaid, Esli Osmanliu, Enass Raffa, Marcel Sévère, and Allison Shevell. We also have a transfer in at the R-3 level; Jessica Yeates, and a Gen Peds Fellow; Sara Long-Gagne.

Have a great summer everyone!

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