

Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgment goes to a virtual all-star lineup of Departmental members and is in recognition of the recent milestone for each in terms of years of service to the McGill Community.

The individuals to be noted include; Saleem Razack (15 years), Hema Patel (15 years), Louis Beaumier (15 years), Robert Platt (15 years), Brian Greenfield (25 years), Marie Josee Beland (25 years), Lorraine Bell (25 years), Rick Haber (30 years) and Wendy MacDonald (30 years). Sorry ladies for the numbers.

Saleem, an intensivist, as Assistant Dean for Admissions at the School of Medicine has radically altered the means and mechanisms by which medical students are selected for entry. Hema, Director of our Intensive Ambulatory Care Service, has been a forceful advocate for children with complex care needs who has altered provincial and national policy. Louis, a neonatologist is a fellowship program Director and has done monumental work in neonatal transport and outreach education. Robert, an epidemiologist and biostatistician, has continued our Department's tradition of world leadership in epidemiology, Brian has taken on the difficult issue of teenage suicide from both service and research components. Marie Josee has served as a Director of our Division of Pediatric Cardiology and has played a leadership role in altering the internationally accepted nomenclature for congenital heart lesions. Lorraine, a nephrologist, has managed our End Stage Renal Disease Program and has now taken on the challenging dossier of transition of complex care needs children from the pediatric to adult sectors of health services delivery. Rick has played a model role at the community-hospital interface and leads educational programs in ambulatory care directed at family medicine and pediatric trainees. Wendy, well let's just say four Osler Awards from McGill's School of Medicine Graduating Classes recognizing her enormous impact and appreciation as a medical educator over the decades speaks volumes.

While the years of service are long for each of these individuals, what I observe of each in what they do is that they are still young-full of dedication, commitment and passion for the diverse and challenging tasks they take on. They really are an example to all of us. We can learn from each of them.

Have a great weekend

Michael