

Hi Everyone

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to the dynamic duo of Evelyn Constantin and Preetha Krishnamoorthy. They have been chosen because of their selection to the Faculty of Medicine's Honour List for Educational Excellence. This selection is based on recognition of their enormous contributions to teaching within the Faculty.

Evelyn can be considered a "triple threat" excelling in the domains of clinical service, research and teaching. A member of the Division of General Pediatrics, she is a chercheur-boursier clinicien of the FRSQ having an externally supported research program that is focused on sleep and its disorders in children. Her research efforts have been recognized by her selection for membership in the Society for Pediatric Research. Plus she just had her FRSQ salary support award extended for four years at the Junior 2 level. Evelyn's teaching contributions cover an extensive breadth of involvements. Particularly noteworthy is her development of the PHRESCA Course (Pediatric Health Research Epidemiology Statistics Curricula) directed at health professionals to foster academic skills and an improved knowledge of research methods. She also serves as the site co-Director for the CCHCSP (Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program), a national multi-disciplinary program funded by CIHR to train child health clinicians in clinical research. She is also actively sought out as a mentor and supervisor by pediatric trainees and played a key role in advising the residents in the RHALY project that promotes healthy living in children. She is presently supervising several graduate and post-graduate students addressing various aspects of sleep disorders in children and indeed her postdoctoral fellow has a CIHR-Banting Award. Evelyn receives consistently excellent teaching evaluations on the wards and in the clinics from medical students and residents alike. Finally, as if this all was not enough, she has undertaken the organization of the Department's weekly Grand Rounds bringing to the task her ever present enthusiasm.

Preetha has distinguished herself from the start as an educational superstar (and Bollywood dancing legend). Only two years into her Faculty appointment she received the Paige and Bernard Kaplan Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching as selected by the pediatric residents. She has been the co-ordinator for the consistently highly rated Introduction to Pediatrics Course assuming overall responsibility for the course's organization. Her passionate commitment and excellence in undergraduate medical education was recognized by her selection to replace THE Wendy MacDonald as Director of our Pediatric Clerkship program. Preetha has done this without a hitch, maintaining the Department's consistently high ratings in UGME within the Faculty. Her local excellence and enthusiasm for the art and science of medical education has translated itself into a key role in national curriculum development. The students' one45 evaluations of her and the rotation itself are nothing short of glowing.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that Evelyn's nomination was put forward by Geoff Dougherty and Bob Brouillette and that of Preetha by Richard Gosselin and Wendy MacDonald.

Have a great weekend everyone

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