

“The young doctor should look about early for an avocation, a pastime, that will take him away from patients, pills, and potions...”

Sir

William Osler

Hi Everyone

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to Preetha Krishnamoorthy and is the second in the series of three to highlight recent Departmental Faculty promotions to Associate Professor.

Quite simply Preetha is an educational superstar. She is a natural-born teacher with an incredible innate skill set. She currently heads up the Department of Pediatrics UGME program which brings her in contact with each McGill 3rd year student during their pediatrics clerkship. She does so with passion, commitment, warmth and unwavering excellence. She does so following in the footsteps of her mentor the remarkable Wendy MacDonald who served as Pediatrics UGME Director for three decades. She not only follows in Wendy's footsteps, but is creating her own path making her own distinctive mark. She has continued the tradition of pediatrics being the most highly rated clerkship experience in the Faculty of Medicine.

Preetha's teaching excellence has been recognized by learners and peers at multiple levels in a very short interval since coming on staff. This recognition speaks volumes regarding her excellence. She has received the Paige and Bernard Kaplan Teaching Award from the pediatrics residents (2005), the Osler Award from the graduating medical school class (2012), and the Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence (2012). She is emerging as a force nationally and internationally in UGME.

In addition, Preetha is a valued member of our Division of Pediatric Endocrinology. She is a superb clinician who embodies at all times the highest values of physicianship, professionalism and patient/family centred care. As if this wasn't enough she is often the social sparkplug for our Department, voluntarily organizing the extra-curricular events that are so vital to maintaining the sense of community that is our most valued and enduring asset.

Preetha brings it all together with a smile, a sense of humor, and her wide-eyed enthusiasm that thankfully shows no signs of diminishing. She is a role model to all the learners that come through our Department and perhaps my daughter Allison (a third year medical student-a Dad can be proud can't he?) said it best when she told me during her recent peds clerkship; "We all want to be just like Preetha".

So please join me in congratulating Preetha on this well-earned step in her academic career.

Have a great weekend

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