

# Departmental Acknowledgement

"If you try to be anyone but yourself, you will fail; if you are not true to your own heart, you will fail. Then again, there's no success like failure"

Bob Dylan

Hi Everyone,

This Departmental Acknowledgement is prompted by an initial event yesterday that took place in the Atrium of our new hospital at the Glen that will hopefully become a 'new' tradition if I may be permitted such an oxymoron. Yesterday, we celebrated for the first time in a formal graduation ceremony the completion of residency and fellowship training for our paediatric residents, general paediatric fellows and paediatric subspecialty fellows. This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to the following deserving individuals:

<i>Adolescent Medicine:</i>	Maya Leitner
<i>Academic General Pediatrics:</i>	Catherine Nolin
<i>Allergy /Immunology:</i>	Bahar Torab
<i>Cardiology:</i>	Claudia Renaud
<i>Complex Care:</i>	Sara Long-Gagné
<i>Developmental &amp; Behav Peds</i>	Iskra Peltekova
<i>Emergency Medicine:</i>	Brett Burstein
	Audrey Dadoun
	Emmanuelle Fauteux-Lamarre
	Jade Seguin
<i>Infection Disease :</i>	Jeannette Comeau
<i>Nephrology:</i>	Watfa Al Dhaheri
	Sabrina Jeanty
<i>Neurophysiology:</i>	Bradley Osterman
<i>Neonatology:</i>	Sabrina Furtado
	Marie St-Hilaire
<i>Neonatal Follow-Up:</i>	Kim-Anh Nguyen
<i>Palliative Care:</i>	Lisa Anne Rasmussen
<i>Pediatrics:</i>	Ahmad Al-Zahrani
	Abdulmajeed AlSubaihin
	Dania Basodan
	Janie Desrochers
	Bruce D'Souza
	Samar El Tarazi
	Karine Falardeau
	Kaitlin Penney
<i>Pediatric Critical Care:</i>	Majed Alabdulhafid
	Conall Francoeur
<i>Respiratory Medicine:</i>	Ahlam Mazi
<i>Rheumatology:</i>	Jean-Philippe Proulx-Gauthier

A most sacred portion of the academic triad is teaching. It is the way we renew ourselves, pass the torch to a new generation and extend our reach. It is vital that we train future child health professionals.

Together with research and the acuity and complexity of our patients, it's what distinguishes us from a community hospital.

The Department of Pediatrics and the Montreal Children's Hospital has (yes, you have heard me say it many times before) a culture both of a commitment to education AND a culture of educational excellence. I repeat myself on this because these statements are manifestly true and they are both something I am most proud of.

This pride extends to the individuals above. Collectively, the Department has contributed to their education and formation as health professionals. They are imbued with our spirit, our wisdom, our ways. No doubt as individuals they will make these collective values and traits their own, in their own way as they make their own professional path. They are ours and whenever or wherever they will see children, they will be doing so together with those who have taught them.

However, the gift of teaching is not unilateral. Our trainees give back in a myriad of ways. From the frontline work and call they undertake, to the challenging questions they pose that keep us teachers on our toes and honest, they add a richness to our lives. I am sure I speak for many when I say that I can't imagine being a physician in an environment devoid of residents and fellows. In a way, they keep us young - a most precious gift indeed.

Please join me in wishing our graduates the very best in their careers.

This Acknowledgment will be the last before the summer hiatus and I will resume the Friday after Labor Day.

Have a wonderful summer everyone !

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