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Hi Everyone.

Our Departmental community is robustly enhanced by a number of individuals from other disciplines who have joint, secondary, associate, or adjunct status as a result of their interests and efforts. This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to one such individual from the Department of Pediatric Surgery: **Sherif Emil**.

Sherif is receiving the acknowledgment particularly for his recent receipt of the Faculty's Haile T. Debas Prize. This Prize is given every second year and previous Departmental Awardees include; Saleem Razack (2012), Loydie Majewska (2014), and Kent Saylor (2016) (quite a Departmental and MCH run I might add).

Here is a description for the prize from the Faculty's website:

The **Haile T. Debas Prize** was established in 2010. In order to promote equitable diversity at all levels in the Faculty of Medicine, this prize recognizes a faculty member(s) of any gender or ethnicity who helps promote diversity; which could be by acting as role model(s), mentor(s), or by implementing new policies so as to increase underrepresented minorities in undergraduate or postgraduate training, faculty recruitment, retention and/or promotion.

Originally from California, Sherif came north to do his MDCM at McGill and then returned for his pediatric general surgery fellowship. Sherif is Director of the Division of General Pediatric and Thoracic Surgery, holds Professorial status at the University, and is a noted clinician-educator. He has been active in a number of low resource settings in Africa and has served aboard the Mercy Ships which is a floating hospital that provides advanced medical care at various ports of call along the African coast. In this context, Sherif has made an enormous difference in the lives of children with varied congenital anomalies amendable to surgical intervention.

Let us congratulate Sherif on this terrific personal recognition.

This will be the last DA of 2018. We will resume on January 11, 2019.

Let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous and happy holiday season and all the best for 2019!

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