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Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to **Laurie Plotnick**. Though suggested by David Zielinski on the basis of accreditation results, in truth there are a multitude of good reasons to give Laurie the DA.

Laurie has been a dynamo as Associate Chair for Education since her appointment in 2016. She has developed the Helen Karounis Agora Program (H-KAP) that is a model for intergenerational learning that was cited as a Leading Practice Indicator (LPI) by the Royal College during its Spring McGill Accreditation visit. As if one LPI was not enough, Laurie played a critical role in the sharing amongst sub-specialties of a non-medical expert educational programs that provides an across the board learning in all other CanMEDS roles. This too was cited by the Royal College as an LPI.



Laurie has devoted much energy to putting in place Divisional educational champions who meet and share best practices.

Laurie also led the Women in Leadership Task Force that has done much to address barriers and implicit biases, as well as led to concrete actions such as the Women in Leadership Bursaries to promote the acquisition of leadership skills.

As if the above was not enough, Laurie is early in her mandate as Division Director for Emergency Medicine. I imagine there will be much in terms of novel efforts in that sector in the near future.

Please join me in thanking Laurie for her contributions.

Have a great weekend everyone and for those celebrating Rosh Hashanah next week, may it be a sweet, healthy, happy and prosperous year.

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