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Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to **Samara Zavalkoff** on the occasion of her promotion to Associate Professor.

Samara is a member of our Division of Pediatric Critical Care and joins fellow division member Patricia Fontela in receiving a promotion in this cycle. Samara was recognized for her teaching excellence and extensive teaching, both within and outside the Faculty. She has also distinguished herself as an Osler Fellow and has been an innovative Program Director for the Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship Program that has distinguished itself for extensive international learner participation. Samara's innovative leadership in patient safety efforts that has creatively been coupled with scholarly activity was also a key driver in her promotion. Her dossier was replete with peer recognition for this innovative work, including peer-reviewed publications and external granting success.



Samara was also a key player in our innovative and widely recognized Women in Leadership Task Force that has led the way in enabling the advancement of women into leadership roles. Indeed, it is perhaps noteworthy that 5 of 6 of those promoted this year were women and 11 of 13 promoted over the past two years were women.

Please join me in congratulating Samara on this personal accomplishment.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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