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Hi everyone,

This week's DA goes to **Claire Leblanc** on her receiving the Faculty's 2020 Osler Award for Teaching Excellence at the virtual convocation this past June.

Selected each year by the graduating medical class at McGill University, the Osler Award for Teaching Excellence recognizes an extraordinary educator who made a lasting impact on the graduating cohort over the course of their four years of medical school. Given the number of teachers one is exposed to in the four-year journey through medical school from all sectors of the health sciences, to receive this award is a superlative and extra-ordinary attribution of teaching excellence.

A pediatric rheumatologist and sports medicine physician, Claire joined the Department in 2011. She has served as Division Director of Pediatric Rheumatology since 2013 and is an Associate Professor at McGill.

For the past six years Dr. LeBlanc has been the INDS 118 block (Movement) leader in the Fundamentals of Medicine & Dentistry initial portion of the UGME curriculum, which she says allows her to share her passion for her field and her dedication to improving the health of children affected with arthritis.

A positive can do presence in everything she does, it is not surprising that for Claire; "Seeing the joy in a student's eyes as they gain an understanding of musculoskeletal medicine is my 'joie de vivre'," A wonderful commentary on her teaching effectiveness was offered by a member of the MDCM Class of 2020: "Every hour spent with Dr. LeBlanc is a lesson, but never limited to anatomy or pathophysiology – always the joy of lifelong learning and translating clinical thinking into every space."

Claire joins past Departmental members who were Osler recipients; Apo Papageorgiou, Preetha Krishnamoorthy, Christos Karatzios and the late Wendy MacDonald (4 times!). An amazing roster to be part of.

Congratulations Claire! Have a great weekend everyone!

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