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Hi everyone,

Completing our trio of DAs celebrating Divisional leadership, this week's DA goes to **Christine McCusker**.

A graduate of the University of Toronto, Christine did her medical degree at McMaster's followed by a residency in pediatrics and sub-specialty training in clinical allergy and immunology at the MCH and McGill. This was followed by a research fellowship at the bench at the Meakins-Christie Laboratory under the supervision of Bruce Mazer. Upon completion of the research fellowship, Christine joined the attending staff of the MCH and the Faculty at McGill, where she is currently an Associate Professor. Christine has been Division Director of Allergy, Immunology & Dermatology since began 2015.



Christine is a triple threat. A standout clinician, she is also heavily engaged in UGME as the Course Director of the Defence block in the Fundamentals of Medicine & Dentistry segment. She is a highly productive clinician-scientist with a substantial publications and external funding record. She has received research awards and has been cited for a Top 10 in Quebec Science Discovery.

As Division Director, Christine has enabled her group to flourish across the academic spectrum. She can take credit for sponsoring clinical innovations in biological therapeutics, drug allergy and food desensitization. At the research level her group has published more than 100 papers in the last 5 years and emerged as key players in the Faculty's MI4 initiative. The Division remains a key player nationally in Allergy and Immunology PGME with many of the graduates assuming national academic positions. In addition, Christine's leadership has enabled our Dermatology group to flourish and become contributors across all academic sectors.

During her review I was particularly impressed by the breadth and depth of laudatory comments from Division members about Christine's leadership. These comments spoke of her passion, advocacy for her group, nurturing and mentoring approach.

Christine is another example of leadership excellence. Coincidentally Christine received the 2020 MCHF Award for Research Excellence yesterday.

Have a great weekend and Happy Halloween everyone!

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