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Hi Everyone!

On Monday there will be a changing of the Chief Residents' Guard. As has been traditional in my Departmental Acknowledgments throughout my mandates, on their final week of leadership the DA will go to our outgoing Chiefs **Rosie Dion** and **David D'Arienzo**. I have invited Rob Sternszus to co-sign this DA.



Rosie is an accomplished tennis player holding several provincial championships in her age category on different court surfaces (take that Nadal!). She leveraged her tennis skills into an athletic scholarship at Mississippi State prior to going to Medical School at Sherbrooke.

Throughout her training she has been extremely committed to fostering resident well-being. Aside from athletic skills, she has artistic skills as she is the force behind the creative and hugely entertaining MCH residency and fellowship promotional video. Rosie will be heading on to sub-specialty training in critical care at CHEO in Ottawa.

I am unaware of David's athletic powers but I do recall a Residency Program Committee meeting where he dialled in from a ski hill. A McGill grad, David has expended much energy towards innovation in social pediatrics, including the novel school-based Resident Continuity Clinic, Heart and Hands in Verdun. For this, he received an inaugural Teaching Innovation Award for trainees from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. Noted to be a sharp dresser, David is noted for his work ethic and his habit of sending middle of the night emails (even when not on call). David will be continuing with us as an R4 in General Pediatrics.

Rosie and David worked extremely well together during their year as Chiefs. They revamped the resident call schedule achieving the miracle of comprehensive back up coverage while simultaneously meeting full compliance with the FMRQ collective agreement. They were effective advocates for learner wellness and for program improvements that makes our Department-wide flagship PGME program better than when they started; also a remarkable achievement. They responded to the challenges of the pandemic, which began in their first week as Chiefs, with poise, calm and maturity, serving as role models for their fellow trainees. They help implement public-health and infection control modifications that adapted the program to enable a successful pivot paralleling all other sectors in Departmental operations. In a word- they were: LEADERS.

Please join me in thanking Rosie and David for their service.

Please also join me in welcoming our new Chiefs, Lara Berliner and Florence Gagne.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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