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Hi Everyone!

This week's Departmental Acknowledgment goes to **Deborah Friedman** and **Samara Zavalkoff** on the occasion of their both being awarded a well-deserved place on the Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence. Education is a core 'business' of the academic mission and a key effort of the Department is the training of the next generation of child health professionals. I often like to say that "the Department has a culture of educational excellence". Here is a number to back it up. Since 2011, we have had 11 Departmental members over the past decade recognized for inclusion on this list (Ilana Bank, Farhan Bhanji, Evelyn Constantin, Richard Gosselin, Preetha Krishnamoorthy, Stephen Liben, Laurie Plotnik, Pramod Puligandla, Anne-Marie Sbrocchi; please note that Franco Carnevale, Aurore Cote, Ron Gottesman, Wendy Macdonald, David McGillivray, Hema Patel, Saleem Razack, Celia Rodd received this honour prior to 2011) which exceeds that for any other Department of the School of Medicine and the other Schools within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. Something we can all take collective pride in.



Deborah is professionally a physiotherapist and has her Departmental home in the Division of Emergency Medicine and a joint appointment in the Department of Pediatric Surgery. Deborah's teaching is primarily in the context of her extensive knowledge mobilization and translation efforts with respect to pediatric trauma. Specifically, she has had extensive, and indeed exhaustive, efforts in media and in the community in promoting the awareness of pediatric trauma and efforts that can be undertaken to prevent it. Of particular note is her being awarded the inaugural School of Physical and Occupational Therapy Alumni Award of Merit in 2013. Deborah is the inaugural Assistant Dean Student Affairs for the Schools of the Faculty of Medicine (School of Physical and Occupational therapy, Ingram School of Nursing and the School for Communication Sciences Disorders as well as co-Director of the WELL Office in the Faculty of Medicine). In this position, she has not only fostered and enhanced inter-professional education within the Faculty of

Medicine, she has also promoted healthy learning and building resilience in learners in the various schools of the Faculty of Medicine through curricular development.

Samara is a member of our Division of Pediatric Critical Care. 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 is an example of her knowledge translation efforts to the broader health care and general community that has creatively been coupled with scholarly activity. Samara also received recently the Prix Marthe Pelland from the FMSQ in recognition of her impact as an emerging female leader in specialty medicine.



Please join me in congratulating Deborah and Samara on this peer recognition of their educational achievements.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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