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Education and training is a huge part of our academic mission and one at which members of the Dept. of Pediatrics have traditionally excelled. Strong and caring teachers often inspire the next generation of teachers to also become outstanding educators. Many in our department have encouraged and mentored **Dr. Rob Sternszus** in his impressive (and rapid!) trajectory from enthusiastic student and trainee to outstanding educational leader. It was evident even during his residency that Rob was destined for educational excellence. He completed a Masters in Educational Psychology and published two studies on resident role modeling prior to starting his faculty position. He was the recipient of the Paige and Bernard Kaplan teaching award in 2017, and served as the Pediatric Residency program director from 2017-2021. Among many innovations, perhaps his most significant was the creation and implementation of a resident role modeling curriculum, which was adopted in 2019 by the Royal College for dissemination to training programs across Canada. Rob was recently honoured with the **2022 Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada Young Educator Award**. This national-level award recognizes outstanding contributions to teaching, innovation, and scholarship in medical education. This is an extremely competitive award, which speaks to Rob's substantial contributions to medical education in Canada. We are so fortunate to work with Rob, and all look forward to seeing what he will do next. It is equally exciting to contemplate the future accomplishments of the trainees he has mentored and inspired.



Have a great weekend.

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