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The Department of Pediatrics is endowed with many outstanding educational leaders. Two of our brightest stars were recognized recently at the level of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

It will come as no surprise that **Dr. Rob Sternszus** was named to the **Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence**, which recognizes faculty members who have “distinguished themselves in the area of education and whose contributions who have had a broad and substantial impact”. Rob has a reputation as an outstanding educator, appreciated by trainees and colleagues alike. He has been responsible for numerous educational innovations including the creation and implementation of a resident role modelling curriculum at both local and national levels. He also has an active medical education research program. And the really great news is that he is just getting started! Rob is a positive force and himself an outstanding role model for all of us.

Another legendary educator in our department is **Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy**, Director of Undergraduate Medical Education (Pediatrics), who was recently awarded the **2022 Osler Award for Outstanding Teaching**. This award is presented to a professor in the FMHS who, in the opinion of the graduating medical school class, made the most outstanding contribution to their education. It is particularly meaningful that the students select the awardee; nobody knows better than they who had the biggest impact on their education.

While Pediatrics represents a relatively small proportion of the content of medical student education, Preetha’s impact on students is clearly enormous. Her positive outlook, enthusiasm, energy, and commitment to lifelong learning touches all students, regardless of their future career plans. This is Preetha’ second time receiving this award (first time 2012). It is particularly noteworthy that, in the 38 years since the inception of this prize, only one other faculty member has received the award more than once: Dr. Wendy MacDonald (1989, 2001, 2006, 2008). Dr. MacDonald was a mentor and role model to Preetha, and would have been so proud to see Preetha following in her footsteps. I look forward to seeing who will be the one to follow in Preetha’s footsteps...

We are fortunate to have dedicated and talented educators like Rob and Preetha among us. Please join me in congratulating them on these accomplishments.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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