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College of Medicine honors Faculty and Community Health Providers

PEORIA – (Nov. 13, 2014) The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria honored more than 70 faculty members on campus Wednesday for their teaching, award-winning research and outstanding service to patients and the community at the Sixth Annual Celebration of Excellence. UICOMP also bestowed the annual Community Health Awards.

Recipients are located below and at http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/celebration_of_excellence. Among just a few:

FACULTY OF THE YEAR: Dr. Marc Squillante of Peoria, an emergency medicine physician at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center and the UICOMP Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director for the past 21 years, received the Faculty of the Year Award. More than 180 graduates of the program who trained under Dr. Squillante are practicing emergency medicine locally and throughout the U.S., literally from coast to coast.

2014 COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARDS: Continuing an 18-year tradition of recognizing special contributions in patient care, health-support services, medical education, research, wellness programs and disease prevention, this award is given each year to a local individual and organization. Recipients are selected by a committee composed of past recipients and representatives of local service groups. This year Dr. Arun Pinto was named recipient for an individual and the Peoria District Dental Society received the award for an organization.

2014 Community Health Award for an individual: Dr. Arun Pinto

About Dr. Pinto: Providing psychiatric care in the Peoria for nearly 25 years, Dr. Arun Pinto is the senior vice president and corporate medical director at the Human Service Center as well as the medical director for Children's Home. He was key in the development of the community crisis center, a facility that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help patients with medical detox and psychiatric needs. He also was key in developing and providing emergency response services in Peoria; and has been very active working with different agencies to insure local needs are met as well as helping to develop public policy as it relates to psychiatric health care.

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2014 Community Health Award for an organization: Peoria District Dental Society

About the Peoria District Dental Society: With more than 220 active and retired members in Peoria, Fulton, Mason, Stark and the Eastern parts of Tazewell and Woodford Counties, the PDDS each year provides free dental care, dental education, toothpaste and toothbrushes to thousands of children, including during the Give Kids a Smile Day and Healthy Heroes program with Hult Center for Healthy Living. The PDDS also has been a driving force in the Mission of Mercy program in central Illinois. This all-volunteer clinic provides free dental care over two days to all who need it, which this year served over 2,000 patients.

Also among this year's Celebration of Excellence faculty award recipients include:

UICOMP Outstanding Research

Ai-Xuan L. Holterman, M.D.

Carl V. Asche, Ph.D.

UICOMP Outstanding Service

Sudhir Mungee, MD

Stephen Lasley, PhD

Jalayne Lapke, MD

UICOMP Outstanding Teaching

Jean Clore, PhD

David Pinson, DVM, PhD

Glenn D. Miller, MD

Joe Peters, DO

UICOMP Outstanding Clinical, Technological, or Scholarly Achievements Applied to Medical Research

Girish Deshpande, M.D.

UICOMP Outstanding Teaching and Service for Community-Based Faculty

Jocelyn R. McClain, MD

J. Scott Denton, MD

Remi Satkauskas, MD

Teaching Excellence for M2 Courses

Meenakshy Aiyer, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Cardiovascular Course

Ronald Rabjohns, MD, Teaching Excellence for the Cardiovascular Course

Roger W. Geiss, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Endocrine and Reproductive Course

Sara L. Rusch, MD Teaching Excellence Award for the Epidemiology Course

John Hafner, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Ethics Course

Julius Bonello, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Gastrointestinal Course

Roger W. Geiss, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the General Pathology Course

Michael Veeder, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Hematopoietic & Reticuloendothelial Course

James Graumlich, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Infection and Immunity Course

Gene Hoerr, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Introduction to Clinical Medicine Course

Meena Gujrati, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Neurology Course

James Graumlich, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Pharmacology Course

Timothy J. Bruce, PhD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine Course

Gordon James, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Renal-Urinary Course

Roger W. Geiss, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Respiratory Course

Mark Getz, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Skeletal, Connective Tissue, and Skin Course

Teaching Excellence for Clerkships

Thomas Murphy, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Family Medicine M3 Clerkship
Richard C. Luetkemeyer, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Internal Medicine M3 Clerkship
Fredrick Hoy, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Internal Medicine M4 Clerkship
Lorin D. Whittaker, Jr., MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Internal Medicine M4 Subinternship
Esther Fuchs, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Obstetrics & Gynecology M3 Clerkship
Umesh Chatrath, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Pediatrics M3 Clerkship
Sara Zafar, DO, Teaching Excellence Award for the Pediatrics M4 Subinternship
Steven Thornton, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Psychiatry M3 Clerkship
Richard C. Anderson, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Surgery M3 Clerkship
Samir K. Gupta, MD, Teaching Excellence Award for the Surgery M4 Subinternship

Curriculum Innovation Award: For work with the Intern Preparedness Course

Trina D. Croland, MD
Sara M. Krzyzaniak, MD
Matthew J. Mischler, MD
Francis J. McBee Orzulak, MD
Gerald P. Wickham, EdD

2013 Promotions

Craig Griebel, MD, Promoted to Clinical Professor in Family and Community Medicine
Ossama Ikladios, MD, Appointed to Clinical Associate Professor in Medicine
Jeffrey Leman, MD, promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in Family and Community Medicine
Teresa Lynch, MD, promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in Medicine and Pediatrics
Matthew J. Mischler, MD, promotion to Clinical Associate Professor in Medicine
Craig S. Mitchell, DO, promoted to Clinical Professor in Radiology and Pediatrics
Sudhir Mungee, MD, promoted to Clinical Associate Professor in Medicine
Srinivas Puli, MD, appointed to Clinical Associate Professor in Medicine
Peter Alahi, MD, promoted to Professor of Clinical Psychiatry in Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine
Mohamad Al-Rahawan, MD, promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in Pediatrics
Julius Bonello, MD, promoted to Professor of Clinical Surgery in Surgery
Daniel Fassett, MD, promoted to Associate Professor (CT) with tenure in Neurosurgery
Jalayne Lapke, MD, promoted to Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in Pediatrics
Kamlesh Macwan, MD, promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in Pediatrics
Francis J. McBee Orzulak, MD, promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine in Medicine
S. Brian McIntyre, EdD, promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Associate Professor of Clinical OB/GYN and Associate Professor of Clinical Family Practice in Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, OB/GYN and Family and Community Medicine
Heather McLaughlan, MD, promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in Pediatrics
Kelvin Wynn, MD, promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Family Practice in Family and Community Medicine

2013 Honorees

M2 Course Directors

Roger W. Geiss, MD, Co-Course Director for General Pathology
Pushpa Joseph, MD, Co-Course Director for General Pathology
Stephen Lasley, PhD, Course Director for Pharmacology
Matthew Jager, DO, Co-Course Director for Introduction to Clinical Medicine
Glenn D. Miller, MD, Co-Course Director for Introduction to Clinical Medicine
Shweta Ramsahai, MD, Course Director for Infection and Immunity
Sara L. Rusch, MD, Course Director for Epidemiology

John Hafner, MD, Co-Course Director for Ethics
S. Brian McIntyre, EdD, Co-Course Director for Ethics
Timothy J. Bruce, PhD, Course Director for Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine
John Pula, MD, Co-Course Director for Neurology
Julia Biernot, MD, Co-Course Director for Neurology
Meena Gujrati, MD, Co-Course Director for Neurology
Muhammad Yunus, MD, Course Director for Skeletal, Connective Tissue, and Skin
Michael Cashman, MD, Co-Course Director for Gastrointestinal
Zahangir Khaled, MD, Co-Course Director for Gastrointestinal
Michael Veeder, MD, Course Director for Hematopoietic & Reticuloendothelial
Ronald Rabjohns, MD, Course Director for Cardiovascular
Gordon James, MD, Course Director for Renal-Urinary
Subramanyam Chittivelu, MD, Course Director for Respiratory
Maqbool Ali, MD, Course Director for Reproductive
Roxana L. Aguirre, MD, Co-Course Director for Endocrine
Valeria Benavides, MD, Co-Course Director for Endocrine

Clerkship Directors

Glenn D. Miller, MD, Family Medicine Clerkship Director
Matthew Mischler, MD, Internal Medicine Clerkship Director
Thomas Lee, DO, Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship Director
Jorge Kattah, MD, Neurology Clerkship Director
Patrick Tracy, MD, Neurosurgery Clerkship Director
Heather McLaughlan, MD, Pediatrics Clerkship Director
Timothy J. Bruce, PhD, Psychiatry Clerkship Director
Richard C. Anderson, MD, Surgery Clerkship Director

Subinternship Directors

Glenn D. Miller, MD Family Medicine M4 Subinternship Director
Matthew J. Mischler, MD, Medicine-Pediatrics M4 Subinternship Director
Harleena Kendhari, MD, Pediatrics M4 Subinternship Director
Richard C. Anderson, MD, Surgery M4 Subinternship Director

Outstanding Senior Scholar

Fred Hoy, M.D.

Community Health Award

Arun Pinto, MD
Peoria District Dental Society

Special Retirement Award

Thomas J. Cusack, MD
Glenn D. Miller, MD

One of four campuses that make up the largest public medical school in the United States, the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) educates more than 150 medical students annually and offers 20 graduate medical training programs.

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