



The holiday season is a busy time; we conclude the semester, wind down one calendar year and begin a new one. In the midst all of this activity, there are several items that I

would like to share with our School of Medicine community through this special edition of the Dean's Newsletter.

On Dec. 14, UofL, University Medical Center (UMC) and KentuckyOne Health announced they have agreed to redesign their partnership with a vision to better support the future of health and wellness in Louisville and across Kentucky. UofL and KentuckyOne Health will continue their academic affiliation, including Academic Affiliation Agreements with Jewish Hospital and Frazier Rehab Institute. The Joint Operating Agreement established in 2012 will be revised, placing management of the University of Louisville Hospital and the James Graham Brown Cancer Center under the UMC. This decision was agreed upon by all parties as the

most effective and collaborative way to care for the community. Moving direct operations of the academic medical center to UMC ensures our ability continue innovative and high-quality patient care and clinical training as we care for our patients and educate the next generation of physicians.

I would like to use this opportunity to shine a spotlight on our [distinction tracks](#), which provide medical students the opportunity to explore a specific area in medicine through academic and scholarly activity and to enrich their medical education without prolonging their course of study. A distinction track culminates in a capstone project and is noted on the student's official transcript and MSPE letter for residency application.

In November, I was delighted to present our school's first staff recognition awards. More than 30 staff were nominated for recognition of outstanding service. Our staff is one of our school's greatest assets, and I am pleased to begin a new tradition where we will recognize our staff for their commitment and excellence.

In 2017 a priority will be to provide enhanced communication with our School of Medicine community. We are introducing a new initiative, "Conversations with the Dean," presented as recorded video messages containing updates and information to our school community. In addition, I will host a series of dinners with new and mid-career faculty, directors and division leaders. These new initiatives will create additional opportunities for interface and idea exchanges.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to you for all that you do in supporting the school, and I wish you a joy-filled and safe holiday season. I look forward to ushering in 2017 with a renewed commitment to our mission to create a healthier future for the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Happy Holidays!

—Dean Toni Ganzel

EDUCATION

Students who hope to pursue a career in academic medicine may further their understanding of multiple teaching formats in medical education in the **Distinction in Medical Education** track. Students engage in direct teaching activities, develop instructional content and complete an educational scholarship or research project. The track is directed by Jennifer Brueckner-Collins, Ph.D., Charles Kodner, M.D., and Pradip Patel, M.D.

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RESEARCH

The original distinction track, **Distinction in Research (DIR)** began in 2010, training students in the role of clinician as researcher through methods of basic and translational research. This track aims to provide meaningful and productive research experiences that enrich students' medical school training. Directed by Dale Schuschke, Ph.D., and Russ Prough, Ph.D., DIR accepts students in their second year of medical school, following participation in the Summer Research Scholars Program.

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PATIENT CARE

Participants in the **Distinction in Business and Leadership** track gain a fundamental knowledge base of the business of medicine. Trainees are instructed in formal business skills that enable them to succeed in the health economy, with its an emphasis on cost savings and improved outcomes. Directed by Brad Sutton, M.D., M.B.A., and In Kim, M.D., M.B.A., the program culminates in a data-driven capstone project.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The **Distinction in Global Health** track, directed by Bethany Hodge, M.D., M.P.H., and Mary Carter, M.D., Ph.D., is a service-oriented program focused on the needs of the world's poor and combating health inequities across the globe. In 2016, two students in this track, Jessica Eaton and Mackenzie Flynn, received Fulbright-Fogarty Fellowships for separate projects in Africa. This was the first time two awardees were named from the same medical school in one year.

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Staff Recognitions 2016

Employee of the Year

Amy Kiper, Director of Curriculum Management Information Systems, Undergraduate Medical Education

Team of the Year

Mike Sobieski, Karen Lott, Laura Lott, Cary Woolard and Todd Adams in the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery

Heart of the School

Sarah Gardner, Research Coordinator, Department of Surgery

View profiles of all staff nominees, awards and recognitions, years of service and photos from the awards presentations at [SEE MORE](#).

FACULTY AND STAFF IN THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Andrew Bankston, Ph.D., was elected to national postdoctoral association board

Paula Bates, Ph.D., was named a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors

Jeffrey Callen, M.D., was elected president of the Association of Professors of Dermatology and recognized as a Master of the American College of Rheumatology

Nemr Eid, M.D., delivered the keynote lecture at the Arab Paediatric Pulmonology Association Congress in Doha, Qatar in November.

Eleanor D. Lederer, M.D., was elected president of the American Society of Nephrology

Cynthia Metz, Ph.D., was elected secretary of the Teaching Section of the American Physiological Society and selected by the American Dental Association for the National Board Dental Test Construction Committee of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The stories included here were selected from information submitted by departments.

Content for the next issue of the newsletter should be directed to karan.chavis@louisville.edu.



Toys for Tots Drive

Resident physicians, along with faculty, staff and medical students, are making the holidays brighter for our community's children by collecting nearly 1,000 toys for Toys for Tots.

New Exchange Agreement with Wenzhou Medical University



UofL and Wenzhou Medical University of Wenzhou, Zhejiang in China signed an international letter of understanding on Nov. 16 at UofL. The two-year agreement facilitates collaboration through the exchange of faculty, students and information for educational and research purposes.

Fall Honors Convocation

More than 40 faculty, staff and students were recognized with awards at the Fall Honors Convocation on Nov. 2. Photos and full program at [SEE MORE](#).

Ganzel Honored as LGBT Ally



UofL School of Medicine Dean Toni Ganzel received the LGBT Center's 2016 Faculty/Staff Ally Award for the Health Sciences Center.

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Being Well

Free yoga and tai chi classes for students, residents, staff and faculty will resume in February 2017. To enroll, [view the schedule](#) then email beingwell@louisville.edu indicating your desired class and time. For updates on WHIL and Healthcare Leadership School, go to [SEE MORE](#).