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Celebrating the Class of 2013



Congratulations to the newest alumni of the Physician Leadership Development Program! These nine accomplished individuals received combined M.D./M.B.A. or M.D./M.P.H. degrees alongside 98 of their colleagues during the Boonshoft School of Medicine's 34th commencement and hooding ceremony on May 24.

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The occasion featured the conferring of degrees as well as a traditional hooding ceremony and the signing of a professional oath. The commencement ceremony took place at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Center and featured speaker Dr. Michelle Au, a noted author and medical blogger.

To graduates of the Physician Leadership Development Program, the ceremony represented the culmination of five years of rigorous coursework, intricate research projects, innovative leadership initiatives, and raw determination.

Three students received awards of recognition prior to the ceremony. Sarah Elswick, M.D., M.B.A., earned the Dan W. Elliott, M.D., Award for outstanding performance in her surgical clerkships and dedication to the field. The Reach Out of Montgomery County Student Volunteer Appreciation Award was presented to Colleen McCormick, M.D., M.P.H. Sarah and Colleen were both also recognized with the American Medical Women's Association Glasgow-Rubin Citation for Academic Achievement. Meaghan Ebetino, M.D., M.P.H., received the Geriatric Medicine Award.

While eight of the nine graduates call Ohio their homes, they have collectively matched into residency positions in nine different states ranging from Massachusetts to California. Meaghan Ebetino, M.D., M.P.H., will remain in Ohio at the Wright State University Family Medicine Residency Program.

The Graduates:

Shamie Das, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.H.
Hometown: Lima, Ohio
Medical Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Residency: Emory University, Atlanta, Ga

Meaghan Ebetino, M.D., M.P.H.
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
Medical Specialty: Family Medicine
Residency: Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

Robert Eick, M.D., M.P.H.
Hometown: Malveryn, Ohio
Medical Specialty: Family Medicine
Residency: Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Sarah Elswick, M.D., M.B.A.
Hometown: Lucas, Ohio
Medical Specialty: Surgery
Residency: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Kiran Faryar, M.D., M.P.H.
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
Medical Specialty: Emergency Medicine
Residency: University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.

M. Matias Iberico, M.D., M.P.H.
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio
Medical Specialty: Internal Medicine
Residency: Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco, Calif.

Colleen McCormick, M.D., M.P.H.
Hometown: Dayton, Ohio
Medical Specialty: Pediatrics
Residency: Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

Robert Mikan, M.D., M.B.A.
Hometown: Mission Viejo, Calif.
Medical Specialty: Pediatrics
Residency: Indiana University, Indianapolis, Ind.

Lakshmana Swamy, M.D., M.B.A.
Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio
Medical Specialty: Internal Medicine
Residency: Boston University, Boston, Mass.

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Introducing the PLDP Advisory Board

The newly created Physician Leadership Development Program Advisory Board met for the first time in May 2013.

The 16 individuals serving on the Advisory Board represent medical school faculty, community physician and health system leaders, and faculty from the Raj Soin College of Business, as well as PLDP leadership, alumni, and current students. The structure and composition of the advisory board will allow the PLDP to strengthen professional relationships within the Dayton community, foster high-quality ideas for program development, and engage in formalized strategic planning.

PLDP Director Sabrina Neeley, Ph.D., M.P.H., felt that the time was right to bring together an advisory board to assist in strategic planning for the future of the program. "The program has changed significantly in the past year in response to changes at the medical school and university levels," she explained. "The leadership and guidance provided by our board members will benefit our students and the program."

Recent Graduates Establish Quality Improvement Group

When graduates Colleen McCormick, M.D., M.P.H., and Lakshman Swamy, M.D., M.B.A., saw an opportunity to bring patient safety initiatives to the medical school, they did not hesitate.

The two recent PLDP alumni are responsible for establishing a local chapter of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Open School in 2011. The chapter, christened Boonshoft for Healthcare Improvement (BHI), supports students of all health professions in learning about health care quality and patient safety.

McCormick states that the impetus to establish BHI stemmed from a feeling that patient safety is a critical, but at most institutions, an under-taught facet of good medical care, citing a recent statistic from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement that up to 100,000 lives are at stake each year from system-level errors.

"It's great that we are learning how to treat sepsis, but what if we are the ones causing sepsis? What do we do then?" McCormick said.

A 2008 study of fourth-year medical students published in *Medical Education* found that 76 percent of participants had witnessed a medical error at some point in their medical education. For this reason, it is important for medical students to feel comfortable approaching potential patient safety concerns in the clinical setting. BHI helps to provide students with the skills to take action if they witness an error.

BHI also encourages medical students to participate in the IHI coursework and student training conferences, and provides the tools to facilitate student-initiated quality improvement projects in the Dayton community. The courses are also accessible free-of-charge to interested students, residents, and faculty physicians who are not members of BHI.

"We can learn to be better advocates for our patients," McCormick stated. "That is why BHI is so important to me."

PLDP Calendar



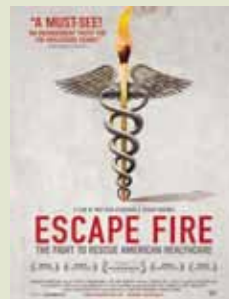
Convocation

Convocation for the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine Class of 2017 will take place on Sunday, July 28, at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Center at 2 p.m. Feel free to attend to welcome these newest physician candidates into the Wright State community.



Leadership Conference

The 2nd Annual Medical Student Leadership Conference will take place on Saturday, September 28, at the Boonshoft School of Medicine from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. PLDP students organized the first conference in 2012 in an effort to provide concrete leadership tools to medical students through networking and small group workshops with community physician leaders. If interested in participating or for more information, please contact Ashleigh Welko (M.D./M.P.H. Candidate, 2014) at welko.2@wright.edu.



Escape Fire Screening

The PLDP and BHI are cohosting a screening of the film *Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare*. The event will take place on September 17, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Gandhi Auditorium of White Hall. There is no admission charge and members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Alumni Q & A: Brian Merrill, M.D., M.B.A.



Dr. Brian Merrill graduated from the PLDP in 2011 with degrees in medicine and business administration. He currently works as a resident physician in the Wright State University Residency Training Program in Psychiatry.

Why did you decide to complete a M.D./M.B.A.?

"I had a genuine intellectual curiosity about finance, marketing, economics, et cetera. The M.B.A. degree provided a great deal of knowledge that I would not

have found elsewhere. Also, I became convinced very early in my clinical experiences that the inefficiencies and ineffectiveness of the health care system would best be addressed by physicians and other clinical practitioners. Physician leaders are in a unique position to understand the complexities that contribute to human disease and solve problems on a systems level, all the while having the patient's best interests at heart."

What, if any, special research, projects, or special committees have you been working on since graduation?

"My M.B.A. degree has afforded me two very unique opportunities. I was selected for the Association of American Medical Colleges' Organization of Resident Representatives. The ORR functions as the voice of resident physicians for input into the development of AAMC policy. This organization has provided a number of leadership opportunities related to academic medicine and professional development. Additionally, I am a part of Premier Health's Innovate Team for Psychiatric Services. This group has tackled issues like reorganizing the number of psychiatric beds in the system, revamping psychiatric consultation services, and establishing outpatient psychiatric services for a Federally Qualified Health Center."

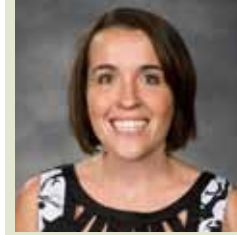
What are your career plans for the future, near or distant?

"I am undecided about pursuing fellowship training in child and adolescent psychiatry, and will be using clinical experiences in the near future to make that decision. In the long run, I see myself sticking around Dayton with my wife, Molly, and daughter, Sally. Ideally my clinical duties would include a mix of inpatient and outpatient services with opportunities to continue delivering psychotherapy services and hopefully teaching. I am definitely interested in pursuing leadership positions, but not unless they involve a heavy dose of clinical medicine."

Just for fun, who is your favorite superhero?

"My favorite superheroes were athletes Michael Jordan and Ken Griffey Jr."

Newest PLDP Co-chairs



PLDP students Rebecca Beesley '16 and Jasmin Scott '16 became the cochairs of the PLDP executive council in May.



Both M.D./M.P.H. students, the two have taken an interest in leadership roles over the past two years. Rebecca served as treasurer of the PLDP Executive

Council last year and Jasmin has held multiple leadership roles within the medical school community, including vice president of the Student National Medical Association and secretary of the American Medical Women's Association.

Rebecca and Jasmin will be spending the upcoming academic year fulfilling their graduate requirements and completing longitudinal clerkships in pediatrics and psychiatry, respectively.

Our Mission: To develop leaders in medicine, health systems, and population health through education, communication, collaboration, advocacy, and experience

Our Vision: As students in the Physician Leadership Development Program pursuing integrated degrees in Medicine, Public Health, and Business Administration, we envision an educational community of global citizens devoted to leadership development, community building, innovation, and advocacy