Welcome Lambda Cohort!

The Physician Leadership Development Program welcomes five new dual degree students: Chait Bukkapatnam, Justin Kelley, Neil Knight, Allie Lawson, and Kara Yutzy. Four students, Justin Kelley, Neil Knight, Allie Lawson, and Kara Yutzy, will pursue their M.P.H. degrees and one student, Chait Bukkapatnam, will pursue his M.B.A. degree.

All five students are Ohio natives, including a Wright State University alumna, a Cedarville University alumna, and three Ohio State University alumni. Each student comes from a unique background and will thus bring a fresh new perspective to the program.

The new dual degree students will begin their program of study with the Healthcare Leadership Elective beginning in January 2014. This year’s elective will feature a unique experience for students to participate in a three-class inter-professional collaboration series during which medical students will engage with students from other healthcare disciplines to gain experience working as a healthcare team.

Chaitanya Bukkapatnam  
Hometown: Culpeper, Ohio  
Undergraduate Education: The Ohio State University, B.S. June 2012  
Fun Facts: I enjoy nature and clever comedy, preferably at the same time.

Alexandra (Allie) Lawson  
Hometown: Loveland, Ohio  
Undergraduate Education: The Ohio State University, B.A. May 2013  
Fun Facts: I enjoy playing soccer and rock climbing. I also love to read, cook, and listen to music.

Justin Kelley  
Hometown: Washington Court House, Ohio  
Undergraduate Education: Wright State University, B.S. April 2013  
Fun Facts: I am largely involved with the American Red Cross and aquatics. Swimming and running are my favorite workouts.

Kara Yutzy  
Hometown: West Jefferson, Ohio  
Undergraduate Education: Cedarville University, B.A. May 2013  
Fun Facts: Volleyball is my favorite! I enjoy being outside doing things like biking, canoeing, or being around a campfire.

Neil Knight  
Hometown: Lorain, Ohio  
Undergraduate Education: The Ohio State University, B.S. May 2013  
Fun Facts: I am obsessed with traveling abroad whether it’s for pleasure, to study, or for service.
Current students selected by the American Psychiatric Foundation to receive 2013 Helping Hands Grant

Jasmin Scott, a third-year M.D./M.P.H. candidate, and Ashleigh Welko, a fourth year M.D./M.P.H. candidate, were selected by the American Psychiatric Foundation to receive a Helping Hands Grant for developing a community outreach program entitled Project Parenthood. The program is designed to provide parenting skills to young adult parents at Daybreak, an emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth of Dayton. Scott and Welko intend "to promote confidence in the parenting abilities of the young parents and to foster positive parent-parent and parent-child relationships that will allow them to break the cycle of abuse and grow into psychologically healthy adults."

The American Psychiatric Foundation established the Helping Hands Grant Program to "encourage medical students to participate in community service activities, particularly those focused on underserved populations; raise awareness of mental illness and the importance of early recognition of illness; and build an interest amongst medical students in psychiatry and working in underserved communities."

Brenda Roman, M.D., assistant dean for curriculum development and professor and director of medical student education in Psychiatry at the Boonshoft School of Medicine said, "I have had students apply for this grant in previous years, but this is the first time Boonshoft School of Medicine students have been selected. Typically, only about three schools across the nation receive awards. It is competitive."

Halloween Fun at Rocking Horse!

PLDP M.D./M.P.H. students Rebecca Beesley and Nicole Craker along with their longitudinal pediatric clerkship preceptor Ashley Fernandes, M.D., Ph.D., brightened the day this Halloween for Rocking Horse pediatric patients with their fun costumes.
PLDP Recent Events

August 29
Annual PLDP Meet and Greet BBQ
Each year the Physician Leadership Development Program hosts a Meet and Greet for prospective PLDP students to mix and mingle with current PLDP students. This year’s Meet and Greet was held at Eastwood Metro Park and featured a delicious BBQ potluck.

September 17
Escape Fire Fall Film Screening
The PLDP partnered with a number of Boonshoft School of Medicine student organizations including BHI, SNMA, and AMA, to host the second screening of the film Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare. Boonshoft School of Medicine was selected as an official viewing site and received ownership of an educational copy of the film for future viewings.

September 28
2nd Annual Leadership Conference
Planning committee members (from left to right) Nick Christian, Adam Altman, Jasmin Scott, Rebecca Beesley, Ashleigh Welko, and Nicole Craker.
This year’s conference was entitled “The Path to Physician Leadership: The Forest and The Trees” and featured keynote speaker Alexander M. Djuricich, M.D., associate dean for CME, Medicine Pediatrics Residency Program director, and associate professor of clinical pediatrics and clinical medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine. Students rotated through two large group sessions and four small group sessions for interactive discussion of topics ranging from “Women in Medicine” to “Social Media.”

October 19
SNMA Regional Conference Medical School & Residency Fair
The Boonshoft School of Medicine chapter of the Student National Medical Association hosted this year’s regional conference. The Physician Leadership Development Program participated in the Medical School and Residency Fair at which current students Michael Robertson and Jasmin Scott recruited prospective PLDP students.

November 8
PLDP Advisory Board Meeting
The PLDP Advisory Board met for the second time in November 2013. Program stakeholders gathered to hold a round table discussion regarding PLDP activities, recruitment, room for improvement, alumni relations, funding, and member feedback. The next meeting will be held in May 2014.

December 6
Annual PLDP Holiday Party

PLDP Upcoming Events

March 2014
Match Day
Spring Film Screening

April 2014
Annual PLDP Spring Gathering
Levin Family Foundation Health Fair

May 2014
PLDP Advisory Board Meeting
Boonshoft School of Medicine Graduation, Eta Cohort (Jared Klein and Ashleigh Welko)

Alumni spotlight

Beta Cohort Aaron Patterson, M.D., M.B.A, M.A., served as chief resident in psychiatry at Beth Israel Medical Center and received the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Teaching Award for Excellence in Medical Student Education. He opened a private practice in psychiatry in 2013.

Beta Cohort Matthew Pellerite, M.D., M.P.H., served as chief resident in pediatrics 2012-2013 at the University of Chicago and received the American Academy of Pediatrics 2013 Pediatric Bereavement Lectureship Grant.

Beta Cohort Katherine Wehri Takayasu, M.D., M.B.A., served as chief resident in family medicine and received the Columbia Falcon Award for Physician Service at New York Presbyterian—Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

Delta Cohort Larry Goldenberg, M.D., M.B.A., received the Intern of the Year award at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans.

For more information, please contact the PLDP graduate assistant at som-pldpaga@wright.edu.

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.