The summer months have continued to be a time of unprecedented changes in our personal lives and our entire healthcare system. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a dominator in daily life and many institutions around the State are seeing numbers rise each day. Mississippi has seen a safe-to-return order issued by Governor Reeves while the COVID+ count and death toll continue to rise. The ACP, CDC, MS ACP and numerous other outlets continue to ramp up the reminders to the public that safety is still a top priority and the pandemic is far from over. Members are encouraged to continue to remind patients, colleagues, friends and family to practice social distancing, wear a mask and wash hands.

There are numerous factors that may be contribute to an overwhelming feeling of stress and burnout. The ACP website has a frequently updated COVID-19 resource page. ACP has accumulated a significant resource library covering numerous topics. We encourage all Chapter Members to visit the website often and use the resources that are provided. ACP is advocating strongly for the IM field as new challenges arise. The ACP had special order PPE available to members, held a memorial for members who have lost their lives to COVID, continues to make public statements as it relates to the financial impacts and is providing support to Chapters with numerous resources to transition activities to a virtual platform.

Congratulations to Peyton Treutel, who was named the Intern of the Year by the Department of Medicine at UMMC.

Congratulations to Richard Wardrop, who was appointed to serve on the American Board of Internal Medicine’s Internal Medicine Board and the ACP Education Committee.

As a new year begins for all training programs, we welcome new members to our Fellow, Resident and Student Councils. Serving the Council of Fellows this year are Catherine Lowe as President and Alisha Smith as Secretary/Treasurer. The Council of Residents will be led by Ashley Villarreal as President, Peyton Treutel as President-Elect and Dana Smith as the Secretary. Taylor Moore will be serving as the President of the Student Council (ClubMed), along with Summer Morrisette as President-Elect, Ben Matthews as Treasurer and Alexander
Knight as Secretary. Thank you all for your service to the Chapter in this capacity and, again, welcome.

Despite the many changes and challenges of this year, the ACP resident's council is happy to announce we will still be holding our annual Abstract Day on Thursday, October 29, 2020 to continue to promote scholarly and collegial activity throughout the state. This is a great opportunity for our residents, fellows and students to present a clinical vignette of a patient, to present clinical or basic science research or even quality improvement projects. However, unlike prior years where we had the opportunity to share our work in person, this year's abstract day will be in a fully online format. Many other programs and conferences have already utilized such formats, so we look forward to the challenge of this new form of presentation and in fact hope this will allow for even more opportunity for those to present from across the state. Although it will be online, there will be a portion of live presentation for judging in addition to an electronic form of poster presentation. More details about logistics/portal for submissions will be available soon. Be looking for an email and check the Chapter social media accounts!

ACP is updating all of the State Chapter websites. The new website will have a fresh, new look with easier navigation to locate the information that is being sought out. The pages are being updated in the order of when the Chapter holds its Annual Scientific meeting.

This time of transition is also a great time to log into your ACP account and check that all of your contact information is current. Members are the only ones granted access to edit that information, including your email address.

Be sure to follow the Chapter on social media to see what the Chapter members are doing and for important dates, messages and reminders. The Chapter is on Facebook (@msacp), Twitter (@ms_acp) and Instagram (@acp_ms). Please email any news you would like to share with the Chapter and/or the membership to Mississippi.acp@gmail.com.