On March 2nd, our residency programs in Virginia came together for a day of celebration and networking for our 20th annual Virginia Residents' Day. This year's event was held in Charlottesville, VA at Pinn Hall. We had an wonderful day of competition between Internal Medicine residency programs, awards and celebrations.

Throughout the day attendees from across the Commonwealth were amazed and in awe of the talent and expertise presented in the competition. There were 132 total abstracts were submitted for review in the Fall of 2016 and narrowed down to the presenters and posters for this final step of competition. We had competitions in research, quality improvement, and clinical vignettes. There were both oral and poster presentations. The winners of the research, clinical vignette and quality improvement oral abstract competition will represent our chapter at the national meeting in New Orleans in 2018.

We had judges from across the state who had to make some very difficult decisions in determining our winners for the top prizes. Our judges this year who took time out from their busy schedules were: Rudra Beharrysingh MBBS, Michael Berry MD FACP, Craig Cheifetz MD FACP, Stuart Henochowicz MD FACP, Sorin Laza MD FACP, Simon Lehtinen MD FACP, Glenn Moulder MD, Andrew Parsons MD, Moira Rafferty MD FACP, Sami Tahhan MD FACP, John Paul Verderese MD FACP, Eileen West MD FACP an Darren Witte MD FACP.

Our keynote speakers were Manpreet Malik MD and Kenneth Warren-Foster who gave a presentation on "Mobile Apps in Medicine: Harnessing Mobile Technology to Enhance Patient Care and Preserve Physician Sanity". The formal program continued with two workshops: More information on the mobile apps moderated by Dr. Malik and Mr. Warren-Foster and a second one addressing health and public policy moderated by Stuart Henochowicz MD FACP and John Paul Verderese MD FACP.

The day ended with a celebratory dinner award celebration where the Internal Medicine Programs presented their Academic Teaching Faculty awards for 2017 and the winners of the competition were announced.

A huge thank you to Anke Hacker, MD FACP who organized the program and Jody Boggs MD FACP who ran the program during the day, Daniel Rausa DO and Logan Rhea DO who are the Resident representatives on our Governor’s Council. All put in hard work in making this a successful and fun day for our residents. The winners for the competition were as follows:
**Posters**

1st - Dennis Hopkinson MBbch -- VCU - "Eye Spy MRSA: A Case of MRSA Endogenous Endophthalmitis"

2nd - Katie Bean MD -- VCU - "Make Mine a Venti!: An Extreme Presentation of Pheochromocytoma"

3rd - Tharini Gunapalan MD -- EVMS -- "The Golden Masquerader: A Case of Empyema Necessitans Caused by Actinomyces"

**Oral Research**

1st - Shipra Maheshwari MS -- EVMS - "Molecular Mechanisms of Heightened Cellular Stress and Increased Cellular Death in Response to Oncogenic ERBB/K-RAS Inhibition" (will present poster at Internal Medicine 2018 in New Orleans)

2nd - Sean Fortier MD -- UVA -- "Plasma Biomarkers of Interstitial Lung Disease in Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome"

3rd - Lawrence Istrail MD -- Inova -- "Automated SMS Text Messaging to Monitor Weights in Patients with Congestive Heart Failure"

**Oral Clinical Vignette**

1st - Douglas Thaggard MD -- UVA -- "Statin-Induced Necrotizing Autoimmune Myopathy as an Emerging Cause of Proximal Muscle Weakness" (will present poster at Internal Medicine 2018 in New Orleans)

2nd - Joshua Reuss MD -- UVA - "Acute Hypersensitivity to Crotalidae Polyvalent Immune Fab as Initial Presentation of Galactose-Alpha-1, 3-galactose Allergy"

3rd - Michael L'Heureux MD -- VCU -- "A Missed Diagnosis of Lance-Adams Syndrome"

**Quality Improvement**

1st - Danielle Kania MD -- VCU -- "An Educational Intervention Increases Appropriate Telemetry Use" (will present poster at Internal Medicine 2018 in New Orleans)

2nd - Derek Kruse MD -- UVA -- "Is This Patient Sick? Physician Assessment Versus Early Warning Scores in Predicting Patient Decompensation"
We once again presented our academic teaching awards. These are special in that the recipient is chosen by their students. For the last few years, we have asked members of each residency program to provide names of a faculty member they would like to have recognized with this honor. The award is presented by a resident from each program. The Academic Teaching Awardees for 2017 presented were:

**EVMS** - Sami Tahhan MD FACP  
**Inova** - Ivan Garcia MD  
**Naval Medical Center Portsmouth** - Joseph Sposato DO FACP  
**UVA** - Adam Carlson MD  
**VA Tech-Carilion** - Michael Berry MD FACP  
**VCU** - Amanda George MD PhD FACP

On Friday, March 3, our Chapter awards were presented. This year the awards went to:

- **Laureate Award** - William Daniel Prince III MD FACP  
- **Community Teaching** - Kevin Bedell MD FACP  
- **Young Internist** - Neeral Shah MD FACP  
  - Homan Wai MD FACP

Lastly, during Internal Medicine 2017, the College presented its national awards. This year, masterships in the College were bestowed upon Mitchell Rosner MD MACP from UVA and John Nestler MD MACP from VCU. In addition, Paul Marik MBBCh FACP from EVMS received the ACP Award for Outstanding Educator of Residents and Fellows. We congratulate each of the awardees!

If you would like to nominate a colleague for a national award, full information can be accessed at https://www.acponline.org/about-acp/awards-masterships-and-competitions or by sending your nomination to me at wefox@hotmail.com. We also will soon be soliciting nominations for chapter awards to include the Laureate, Young Internist (16 years of less out of medical school), Volunteerism and Community Teaching for presentation at our annual meeting which will be held at the Omni Hotel in downtown Richmond, March 16-17, 2018.

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