Enriching the Diversity Pipeline: Cedars-Sinai Summer Scholars Program

This summer, the Office of Faculty Development partnered with Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science to pilot the Cedars-Sinai Summer Scholars Program; a research program designed to increase underrepresented minority students’ exposure to and interest in pursuing a career in healthcare research. Students were introduced to basic research skills as well as a diverse spectrum of leading edge technology in multiple disciplines and projects at the Medical Center. Scholars were paired with mentors according to their research interests. Participating faculty members included Kimberly Gregory, MD (OB-GYN), David Underhill, PhD (Biomedical Sciences), and Beatrice Knudsen, MD, PhD (Pathology and Laboratory Medicine).

“Since getting accepted in the Cedars Summer Scholars Program, I have developed a new understanding of what it means to advance to your highest potential. Putting yourself out there in the midst of unfamiliarity is a great ride of discovering yourself. I am honored to be mentored by one of the best obstetricians of our time. This has led me to continue to follow my passion as a healthcare professional and continue to participate in clinical and quality improvement of healthcare procedures.” Ciarra Jones

“As a summer scholar in the Department of Academic Pathology at Cedars-Sinai, I was given the opportunity to work with and be mentored by pioneering scientists in breast and prostate cancer research. The variety of disciplines and projects presented to me gave me a better understanding of the underlying principles behind cancer research.” Bryan Gonzalez

The Office of Faculty Development looks forward to continuing the Summer Scholars Program in Summer 2015. Interested faculty mentors should contact: denise.gallagher@cshs.org for information on participation in the program.
Supporting New Faculty

AAMC Minority Faculty Professional Development Seminar

The Office of Faculty Development selected Milton Little, MD, a new faculty member in the Department of Surgery, to attend the AAMC Minority Faculty Career Development Seminar. Dr. Little was recruited to CSMC as an orthopaedic traumatologist and adult reconstruction surgeon. His operative and research philosophies are being used to expand the orthopaedic trauma service and increase trauma coverage by diversifying injuries and patient populations throughout the Los Angeles area.

“In September, prior to beginning my career as an orthopaedic trauma attending at CSMC, I had the pleasure of attending the AAMC Minority Faculty Career Development Seminar. The Seminar was an amazing experience that set the stage for the start of my career. The process raised numerous questions about my own academic standing at CSMC. How would I best organize my numerous responsibilities and experiences here at Cedars? The questions set the stage for organizing my career here to prevent falling behind as I move towards advancement in my career. The experience was unparalleled and I am grateful for the opportunity to attend.”

New Faculty Luncheons

New Faculty Luncheons are held quarterly to provide an informal setting for new faculty to connect with other new faculty members. Invited senior faculty also attend to share their perspective on navigating a career at Cedars-Sinai.

The next New Faculty Luncheon is scheduled for:

Friday, January 9, 2015
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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*Invitations forthcoming

Invited guest speaker: C. Noel Bairey Merz, MD
Women's Guild Endowed Chair in Women's Health
Director, Barbra Streisand Women's Heart Center
Director, Linda Joy Pollin Women's Heart Health Program
Director, Preventive Cardiac Center
Professor of Medicine

C. Noel Bairey Merz, MD
## Cedars-Sinai Academic Appointments

Congratulations to the most recent CSMC academic appointment holders:

### Appointments

**Assistant Professors**
- Al-Jilaihawi, Hasan, MD, Medicine
- Pillai, Raju, MD, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
- Savar, Aaron, MD, Surgery
- Shafi, Hedyeh, MD, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

**Associate Professors**
- Moon, Charles, MD, Surgery
- Torbati, Sam, MD, Emergency Medicine

**Professors**
- Bernstein, Robert, MD, Surgery
- Freedman, Andrew, MD, Surgery
- Hamilton, Michele, MD, Medicine
- Henry, Timothy, MD, Medicine

(Professors continued)
- Kobashigawa, Jon, MD, Medicine
- Kuschner, Stuart, MD, Surgery
- Rutgers, Joanne, MD, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

**Professor Emeritus**
- Kedes, Laurence, MD, Biomedical Sciences

### Promotions

**Associate Professors**
- Falk, Jeremy, MD, Medicine

### *NEW Health Services Research Lecture Series*

**Brennan Spiegel, MD, MSHS,** Cedar-Sinai’s new Director of Health Services Research, will kick off the 2014-15 Health Services Research (HSR) Lecture Series with a presentation on wearable biosensors. The lecture will take place **Monday, November 17, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Harvey Morse Auditorium.**

All are welcome. The lecture series will address the potential of HSR to impact the triple aim of improving population health, healthcare and costs. It will feature both Cedars-Sinai and prominent outside speakers. Lectures will be held monthly through January 13, and approximately every two weeks thereafter. Topics will range from mobile health and social media to biometrics and cost-effectiveness analysis. A major goal of the series is to spark interest across diverse groups, and to identify opportunities for collaborations.
Mark Your Calendar!

**RMI Symposium— Emerging Technologies in Regenerative Medicine**

**November 20-22, 2014**

Harvey Morse Conference Center, South Tower, Plaza Level

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**Association for Women in Science Coffee Hour**

**Second Tuesday of every month**

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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**Research Roundabouts for Research Faculty and Staff**

**Fridays, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Mark Taper Rooftop

Weekly informal gatherings of research faculty and staff

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