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Hi Everyone

The last Departmental Acknowledgement for the academic year typically goes to our **2020 Graduating Residents and Fellows**, who are the core of an academic institution such as ours. And this year will be no exception. All have contributed in multiple ways to our community and each have made their mark. Their time here will always be an important and integral part of their professional and personal journeys. And ours.



The past year has been marked by a historical and most impactful pandemic. All of us, including our trainees, have been affected in ways known and unknown. Life has been altered, disrupted, and at times put on hold. We are still on a path to a 'new normal' (there's that cliché again) that will not be an exact replica of our past.

The pandemic was a powerful theme for the last 3 months of training for these graduates. No doubt it instilled in them knowledge and models to make the next pandemic a smoother, less disruptive ride. Knowledge gained is always power.

Today in a year other than the present 2020, we would have had a lovely Graduation ceremony in the MCH atrium. This year we will be gathering and celebrating virtually, but hopefully for the graduates, their families and their teachers it will still be a sweet and joyous moment in time as it should be. Thanks to **Christine Sabapathy** and her group for making this possible.

Congratulations to all our graduates listed below:

Graduating General Pediatric Residents

Rosalie Cavin
Avigyle Grunbaum
Jumanah Karim
Kimberley Kaspay
Noah Marzook
Norah Nahhas
Marta Pérez Morgui
Catherine Rich -CanMEDS Health Advocate Award

General Pediatric residents completing training at MCH (PGY-3)

Émilie Filion-Ouellet
François Gagnon-CanMEDS Communicator Award

Pediatric Fellows

Audreanne Pelletier – Academic Peds
Jana Pamela, Pena Graca - Cardiology
Audrey Lafontaine - Complex Care

Ghadd Alhajaj - EEG/Epilepsy
Faisal Alwadiy- Endocrinology
Al-Qasim Al-Bahlani - Gastroenterology
Keren Nathan - Infectious Disease
Maria Helena Correa Salustiano - Neonatology
Punnanee Wutthigate - Neonatology
Charbel El Kosseifi - Neurodevelopmental
Sarah Alsubhi - Neurogenetics
Zahraa Al Lawati - Critical Care
Paulina Armendariz - Critical Care
Ravi Jayas - Critical Care
Marie-Pier Dumas - Respiriology

I would also like to note that **François Olivier** of MCH Neonatology is this year's recipient of the **Paige & Bernard Kaplan Teaching Award**. This Award is selected by the trainees. Congratulations François!

The DA will now go on hiatus for the summer and is set to return the Friday after Labour Day. I already have 12 DAs lined up as there is never a deficit of accomplishment in this Department!

Hopefully summer brings to each of you rest, calm, health and peace. We could all use it.

Have a great summer everyone!

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