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## Across the Continuum of Education - Summer 2022

Dear BSD faculty, residents, fellows, students, and staff,

As I reflect on my first year in this role, I am truly impressed with the recovery, restoration, and renewal that our many medical education teams and learners have made at this institution. As you will read, we have not only restored valued rituals like the entering Class of 2020 White Coat Ceremony before they started on their clinical rotations, but also welcomed undergraduate students from around the country to our in-person Pathways Programs.

Part of restoration includes rebuilding our own community and wellbeing. We are excited for the launch of the new GME Well-Being Champions program as well as the naming of Dr. Bree Andrews as inaugural Chief Wellness Officer for our institution.

Lastly, our work continues to ensure that we are renewing our own commitments to be on the cutting edge of innovation in medical education. That includes our work through the EVOLVES curriculum renewal process as well as the many innovations in Simulation taking place as you will see. As you enjoy the warmth of the Summer, recognize that your contributions are valued, and that our collective work is more



important than ever to ensure that we have safe and supportive environments for learners, faculty, staff and of course our patients.

Best Wishes,

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## Undergraduate Medical Education

### **A White Coat Ceremony at Last**

We are pleased to share the entering Class of 2020 (amidst the pandemic) formally received their white coats in a ceremony held at the Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel in June and celebrated with family and friends. Dr. Stephen Weber, Executive Vice President and Health System Chief Medical Officer at University of Chicago Medicine, addressed the class, imploring the students to enter their clinical year with a sense of humility rooted in the challenges of the pandemic. The entering Class of 2022 will receive their White Coats on August 7 at 3 p.m. at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel and via live stream.

### **Summer Pathways Programs Return**

After a two-year hiatus amid the pandemic, summer pathway programs returned to Pritzker in June with the restart of the Chicago Academic Medicine Program (CAMP) II and the Pritzker School of Medicine Experience in Research (PSOMER). In all, 18 undergraduate students from institutions across the country participated in the programs, conducting research with University of Chicago Medicine faculty. Both programs will culminate with research forum presentations on August 3.

### **Pritzker EVOLVES**

The Creation Phase of the Pritzker EVOLVES curriculum renovation process kicked off in June with more than 100 faculty, staff, and student members of the newly formed Working Groups gathered virtually. The 10 working groups cover the various aspects of the curriculum creation, and groups will now work at staggered intervals through the Fall to begin creating the new curriculum. Working Groups and more information can be reviewed on the new Pritzker EVOLVES website [here](#). A future in-person retreat is being planned for this Fall. Additionally, there will be a medical education keynote address on November 3rd from 12-1 p.m.

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## Graduate Medical Education

### Well-Being Champions

Please join us in congratulating the UCM residents and fellows named recently as the inaugural cohort of Well-Being Champions! The Well-Being Champions program launched this year with a goal of engaging, connecting, and supporting resident/fellow leaders in contributing to institutional well-being in the UCM GME community. Over the course of a year, Well-Being Champions attend Well-Being Advisory Committee Meetings, lead an institutional well-being initiative, and represent UCM at GME-sponsored well-being events. [Learn more here](#).

### UCMC Virtual Residency Showcase

The University of Chicago Medical Center will hold its annual residency showcase on Saturday, September 17th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All UCM residency programs will be represented for this virtual event aimed at 3rd and 4th year medical students exploring residency options. Please share the [registration link](#) and [flyer](#) with any interested students.

### Community Champions

Please also join us in congratulating this year's Community Champions, as selected by GME and the Urban Health Initiative! The [Community Champions program](#) aims to help foster meaningful partnerships between UCM residents and members of our South Side community. Community Champions take part in a community engagement curriculum and represent UCM at Urban Health Initiative events in our surrounding community.

## Faculty Development & Continuing Medical Education

### New IDFPFR Regulations on Dementia

The [Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation](#) has issued a new requirement for licensure renewal, effective Jan. 1, 2023. As part of their CME requirement, all licensed healthcare professionals with direct patient interaction with adults age 26 and above must take one hour of training on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Stacey Zurek, Instructional Designer, and Tom Weber, Associate Director for CME are working with Dr. Shellie Williams, Professor in Geriatrics and Palliative Care and new Ombudsperson, to create an interactive online learning module to help meet this requirement.

## Simulation

### Sim at GME Orientation

Simulation helped prepare new residents for their clinical responsibilities with Graduate Medical Education (GME) Intern Orientation activities that included hands-on training in: Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP), Central Venous Line insertion, and Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS).

### **Bucksbaum Grant to Address Racism and Bias**

Congratulations to the following team on their funding award received from the Bucksbaum Institute to develop a simulation-based curriculum to address racism, implicit bias, and microaggressions experienced by physician trainees and to provide participants with frameworks to better prepare them for these encounters: Priti Jani, MD MPH, Department of Pediatrics and Faculty Director for Simulation; Nathan Olson, MD, Emergency Medicine; Jacob Shulman, MD, PGY2, Department of Pediatrics; Aretha Boakye-Donkor, MD, PGY2, Department of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics; Coralie Pardo, MD PGY2, Emergency Medicine; and Larissa Fomum-Mugri, MD PGY2, Emergency Medicine.

### **Simulated Patient Transport**

The Simulation team recently conducted a transport of a simulated pediatric patient to find the safest way to transport critically ill pediatric patients to a new MRI location in the hospital. This simulation helped detect hidden safety threats and allowed for safety measures to be implemented before actual patients were transported.

### **U.S. Army at the Sim Center**

The 357th Army Reserve unit spent the day at the Simulation Center refreshing their trauma care skills as part of a U.S. Army program that provides military medical teams an opportunity to practice their skills at busy hospital trauma centers across the country. [Read more here.](#)

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