MD Class of 2018 White Coat Ceremony

On September 7th, TUSM held its annual White Coat Ceremony for first-year students at the Cutler Majestic Theatre. This year’s ceremony featured a keynote address by Robert Blackman, MD, a longtime supporter of the School of Medicine who in 2013 endowed the Blackman Foundation Scholarship. Read the article from the Fall 2013 edition of *Tufts Medicine* about Dr. Blackman’s life-long mission and partnership with his patients.

Faculty Updates

The Department of Molecular Biology and Microbiology welcomes a new assistant professor, James Munro, PhD (pictured at left). Munro comes to TUSM from Yale University, where he completed his postdoctoral training. His research focuses on applying single molecule imaging to various aspects of the HIV life cycle.

Paul Beninger, MD, MBA, (pictured at right) is the new director of the MD/MBA and MBS/MBA programs. A member of the Public Health and Community Medicine faculty since 2012, and the director of the Development and Regulation of Medicines and Devices program, Beninger has extensive experience in global patient safety, pharmocovigilance, and risk management.
News of Note

- Dean Aviva Must as principal investigator, Associate Professor Marcia Boumil as project director, and a team of Tufts faculty have been funded by the US-India Educational Foundation under a program called the Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative. Through this new grant, faculty will assist our partner institution Christian Medical College in Vellore as they develop a model for medial ethics education in India.

- Barbarajean Magnani, PhD, MD, FCAP, Chair and Professor of Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, was honored with the College of American Pathologists’ (CAP) Distinguished Patient Care Award and the CAP Foundation’s Gene and Jean Herberk Humanitarian Award at the CAP annual conference.

- Carlos Sonnenschein, MD, Professor of Integrative Physiology and Pathobiology, was awarded a three-month fellowship beginning October 1 at France’s Nantes Institute for Advanced Study. The Nantes-IAS was founded in 2004 to facilitate collaboration and foster intellectual relationships between researchers around the world from different disciplines. He is one of thirty scholars selected for this honor based on the quality and originality of their work.

Accreditation Update

As a result of the February 2014 LCME site visit, TUSM has received continuing accreditation for an eight-year term. This finding is a tribute to the efforts of our faculty, students, and staff, and the strength of our school. In its report, the LCME identified a number of strengths including the Office of Financial Aid, the outstanding learning environment (noting the important contributions of the Baystate and Maine programs) and the exceptional Sackler building facilities which foster strong communication, frequent interaction between students and faculty, and a positive learning environment. In line with our own strategic thinking, the LCME wishes us to further expand our small group teaching and increase the opportunities for self-directed learning during the first two years of the curriculum.

Health Communication Program 20th Anniversary Celebration

On September 19th-20th, the Health Communication Program held a reunion event for all graduates from the last twenty years, faculty members, and current students. The event began with a networking reception held on Boston campus Friday night. Saturday’s activities took place at the Ritz-Carlton hotel and included workshops on Obamacare, health literacy, and social media, as well as a luncheon and awards ceremony. A Storify of the weekend’s events is available here: http://j.mp/1rg1qot.

Executive Leadership Academy

TUSM’s Executive Leadership Academy offered the first module of its three module program to a full class of 29 students in June. The program received high acclaim from participants, who engaged in simulations, peer coaching, and discussions of case studies. Attendees positively remarked on the knowledge and expertise of the teachers and value of learning in a diverse group.

Offered under a collaboration between TUSM and the Heller School at Brandeis, the Executive Leadership Academy is designed to develop the competencies that current and future leaders require to be successful in a challenging environment. Created by a group of highly successful senior leaders in Boston-area health care institutions, the Academy offers experiential learning grounded in theory and taught through a range of active learning modalities.

The program is in the process of accepting its next class of fellows for the three modules that will be offered in winter/spring of 2015. Dates are: January 22-24, March 20-21, and May 8-9. For additional information visit the web at: http://go.tufts.edu/healthcareleadership.

Tufts Institute for Innovation

A new university-wide venture, the Tufts Institute for Innovation (TII), launched on August 28th in new laboratories on the Boston campus. By fusing strengths across disciplines, TII will be able to solve problems in medicine, engineering, the environment, and public health. A major initiative of the university’s strategic plan, TII is a commitment to science for social good.