Dear Faculty, Staff, and Trainees,

It is with great pleasure that I announce and acknowledge the award recipients for the 2022 Department of Paediatrics Awards Day Celebration. Although we still cannot do a large in-person celebration, this in no way diminishes the many incredible achievements across the Department of Paediatrics.

These awards acknowledge tremendous accomplishments across the spectrum of our research, education, administration, and clinical care activities across the Department of Paediatrics. While the criterion for each award is as unique as each individual award recipient, there is a clear common thread – a deep and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Please join me in congratulating our 2022 award recipients and give thanks to everyone across the Department who, despite another year of unprecedented challenges and uncertainty, continued to exemplify a transformative influence on the health of children and youth.

Congratulations!

Meredith
This award recognizes a PGY-3 core paediatric resident who demonstrates outstanding clinical skills especially in the general paediatrics arena. This award is given in memory of Dr. Norman Saunders, who was a clinician’s clinician and a general paediatrician for many years at The Hospital for Sick Children. Dr. Saunders was passionate about clinical care, particularly complex care.

DR. ZIYAD ALRAJHI
PGY-3, CORE PAEDIATRICS

This award recognizes physicians within the first 5-10 years of appointment to an academic health science centre.

DR. CHIA WEI TEOH
NEPHROLOGY

This award recognizes physicians who have demonstrated excellence in the delivery of clinical care in its broadest sense over a significant period of time.

DR. RICHARD ROWE AWARD

OUTSTANDING CLINICAL CONTRIBUTION

DR. OLIVIA OSTROW
EMERGENCY MEDICINE

This award recognizes a paediatrician who has led an initiative in innovative care delivery systems, quality improvement, patient safety, advocacy, or other clinical endeavours.

SAUNDER’S PRIZE

This award recognizes physicians who have demonstrated excellence in the delivery of clinical care in its broadest sense over a significant period of time.
This award recognizes outstanding achievements and progress in research by a physician during the first 10 years after initial appointment to the faculty of an academic health sciences centre.

DR. DANIEL MORGENSTERN
HAEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

This award recognizes a physician within 10-20 years of appointment to an academic health sciences centre, who has generated a body of research that is exerting a major impact in a field of study.

DR. EVDOKIA ANAGNOSTOU
DEVELOPMENTAL PAEDIATRICS, HOLLAND BLOORVIEW KIDS REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

This award recognizes sustained excellence in research by a physician with more than 20 years of appointment to an academic health sciences center, who has demonstrated far-reaching impact through innovation and/or leadership.

DR. RAE YEUNG
RHEUMATOLOGY
This award recognizes excellence in teaching and mentorship in the Paediatrics Clerkship.

DR. SANJUKTA BASAK
ENDOCRINOLOGY

This award recognizes excellence in teaching and mentorship in the Paediatrics Preclerkship (Foundations) curriculum.

DR. SHAZEE N SULEMAN
ST. MICHAEL’S HOSPITAL, UNITY HEALTH TORONTO

This award recognizes a faculty member at any stage of their career who exemplifies a deep and abiding commitment to medical education and inspires compassionate teaching, learning and care.

DR. ANGELA PUNNETT
HAEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY

This award recognizes excellence in teaching and mentorship in the Paediatrics Clerkship.

DR. RACHEL PEARL
NEPHROLOGY

This award recognizes a community-based paediatrician, not only for high scores in teaching evaluations from medical students, but also for substantial contributions and commitment to undergraduate medical education.

DR. ANNA SELLIAH
WILLIAM OSLER HEALTH SYSTEM

This award recognizes a community-based paediatrician who has demonstrated long-standing excellence in both undergraduate and postgraduate education.

DR. SUSAN TALLETT AWARD FOR HUMANISM, COMPASSION & EXCELLENCE IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

EDUCATION AWARDS - UNDERGRADUATE

LIONEL WEINSTEIN CLERKSHIP TEACHING AWARD

COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS CLERKSHIP TEACHING AWARD

RHA HASLAM PRE-CLERKSHIP TEACHING AWARD

MARVIN GERSTEIN AWARD
CHRISTOPHER ONDAATJE AWARD

DR. YOUSEF ALABDEEN
PGY-3, CORE PAEDIATRICS

DR. USAMAH MOHAMMED
PGY-4, CORE PAEDIATRICS

This award recognizes a PGY-3 and PGY-4 resident in the Core Paediatric Residency Program who are selected by their peers to recognize teaching excellence. This award is made possible through a generous donation from Mr. Christopher Ondaatje.

HARRY BAIN AWARD

DR. ELENA POPE
DERMATOLOGY

This award recognizes a full-time member of the paediatrics staff whom the residents select to be their best clinical teacher. This award is given in honour of Dr. Bain and his contribution to the Department of Paediatrics and his advocacy for child health.

PeRLS Teaching Award

Faculty:

DR. AILISH COBLENTZ
RADIOLOGY, DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

Fellows:

DR. JODI EHRMANN
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

DR. DANIELLE GIBBS
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

This award recognizes a faculty and a subspecialty resident/fellow who are selected by the core residents for their outstanding contributions to the PeRLS curriculum. This award can be given for individual stand alone sessions, as well as any one of the subcurricula that exist within the larger curriculum.
This award recognizes our top postgraduate teachers, as reflected in their teaching evaluations from the core paediatric residents.

**DR. EMMA CORY**  
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

**DR. CATHRYN SIBBALD**  
DERMATOLOGY

**DR. CATHERINE DISKIN**  
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

**DR. ADRIENNE DAVIS**  
EMERGENCY MEDICINE

**DR. ADAM RAPOPORT**  
PAEDIATRIC MEDICINE

This award recognizes educational excellence by a faculty member in the Department of Paediatrics, reflecting the special relationship that develops between a faculty teacher and trainees during the intense period of subspecialty training. Nominations are sought from subspecialty residents and fellows.

**DR. BONNY JASANI**  
NEONATOLOGY

**RUNNER UP: MAHENDRA MOHARIR**  
NEUROLOGY

This award recognizes outstanding performance in enhancing the patient and/or family experience in paediatric care by a core paediatric resident or a subspecialty paediatrics resident or clinical fellow.

**DR. AHMED ABUSHAMA**  
CLINICAL FELLOW, NEUROLOGY

This award recognizes a community-based paediatrician, not only for high scores in teaching evaluations from paediatric residents, but also, for substantial contributions and commitment to Postgraduate Medical Education.

**DR. JULIA SHARP**  
NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL

This award recognizes our top postgraduate teachers, as reflected in their teaching evaluations from the core paediatric residents.
Community Paediatrics Clerkship Teaching Award

Awarded to a community-based paediatrician, not only for high scores in teaching evaluations from medical students, but also for substantial contributions and commitment to undergraduate medical education.

HEATHER YANG

This award recognizes excellence in teaching, subject mastery, the ability to engage learners and contributions to the Continuing Professional Development of paediatricians.

DR. CATHARINE WALSH
GASTROENTEROLOGY, HEPATOLOGY & NUTRITION

This award recognizes sustained commitment to and excellence in education, impact of leadership roles/positions, subject mastery and the ability to engage and inspire learners.

DR. IAN KITAI
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & COORDINATION

DR. KAREN LESLIE & PLANNING COMMITTEE
ADOLESCENT MEDICINE
#WORKINGWITHTEEN - UPDATES IN BEST PRACTICES FOR ADOLESCENT HEALTH

This award recognizes sustained exemplary teaching and contributions to the Continuing Professional Development of paediatricians, specifically excellence in teaching, subject mastery, and the ability to engage learners.
Community Paediatrics Clerkship Teaching Award
Awarded to a community-based paediatrician, not only for high scores in teaching evaluations from medical students, but also for substantial contributions and commitment to undergraduate medical education.

Heather Yang
Coordinator:
Christina Cesareo & Mary Antonopoulos
Undergraduate Medical Education

PAEDIATRIC ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS

Administrative Assistant:
Jennifer Hyde
Neurology

Coordinator:
Christina Cesareo & Mary Antonopoulos
Undergraduate Medical Education

This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of staff members who have demonstrated outstanding performance and excellence in all aspects of their administrative professional role.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARDS

Advocacy & Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award

Dr. Ripudaman Minhas
St. Michael’s Hospital, Unity Health Toronto

This award recognizes recipients who develop and/or implement activities, programs, or research related to social justice and health equity that advance anti-racism initiatives and manifest our shared commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion into action.

Faculty Mentorship Award

Dr. Jillian Baker
Haematology/Oncology

This award recognizes physicians with an outstanding approach to mentorship through long-term commitment to mentoring, advising, and coaching of paediatric faculty members.
SICKKDS TRAINEE QUALITY & SAFETY AWARD

DR. MARKO CULJAT
NEONATOLOGY

This award recognizes SickKids’ physician learners who participate in, or lead quality improvement and patient safety projects.

Dr. Culjat has been awarded for his project titled: Increasing placement success for peripheral arterial lines in neonatal patients by implementing the ultrasound-guided approach.

FACULTY PROMOTIONS

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that we announce the promotion of nineteen of our Department of Paediatrics’ members who have been promoted based on demonstrated excellence in one or more of research, creative professional activity (CPA) or teaching and service. Through these activities, faculty members are recognized on the impact of their work as national (in the case of Associate Professor) and international (in the case of Full Professor) experts in their field. This year nineteen distinguished faculty members were approved for Promotion by the University of Toronto Decanal Committee effective July 1, 2022, this academic year. We could not be more proud of their accomplishments and we are truly fortunate to have such incredibly talented, passionate and dedicated faculty who are making so many positive contributions in the world of paediatric academia. Please join us in congratulating your colleagues.

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