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Faculty, fellow and staff Meeting

April 28th, 2023

Mozella Kerley Excellence Award 2023

- Established in 2021 to honor the legacy of Mozella who personified all the best attributes of teamwork, trustworthiness, humanity and grace.
- The purpose of the Kerley Award is to recognize an outstanding full-time staff employee who embodies the characteristics of excellence and teamwork.
- The award, in the amount of \$500, is awarded each year for the purpose of career development



Mozella Kerley Excellence Award 2023

- Congratulations to this year's award winner **Valerie Paige!**
- Valerie has a very warm and accepting personality and is always happy and humble when interacting with other staffs or patients.
- She is punctual and never fails to follow up on essential patient care paperwork and is always on time.
- Even during a busy time having to process a ton of workload, she is accepting, joyful and courteous towards myself and patients.
- I frequently receive positive feedback and praises from my patients how Valerie is a warm person and her accepting personality makes it easy for them to talk to.



Good news-trainees



Soumya Khanna

- President of KDSAP
- Received 2023 UAB Neuroscience Outstanding Student Award
- Mentor: Bryan Becker

Caroline Grady

- Gap year/GAIN scholar
- Oral talk at the APS Summit meeting: “Sleep and Homeostasis: Would Walter Cannon Advise More Sleep”
- Mentor: Bryan Becker

Good news-trainees

Time Restricted Feeding in Diet Induced Obesity Reverses Diurnal T cell Rhythms in the Kidney

Received official NOA for her F31 grant

Vascular Endothelin-1 Mediates Hyperoxia-Induced Cellular stress in Kidney Vessels

Good news-trainees



Cailin Kellum

- Selected as an oral presenter at the Vascular Biology and Hypertension symposium
- Awarded top trainee award
- Mentor: Jennifer Pollock



Keri Kemp

- Semi-finalist for the top trainee award at Vascular Biology and Hypertension Symposium
- Mentor: Jennifer Pollock

Good news-trainees



Michael Ho:

- Post-baccalaureate researcher in the UAB Division of Nephrology.
- Received a Fulbright Study/Research Award recipient in Germany, where he will work alongside researchers within the NeuroCure Clinical Research Center at The Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine on a project focused on neuropathic pain evolution in autoimmune inflammatory diseases

Good news-Trainees

- It was an exceedingly busy service and Dr. Ojha came into the weekend new to all the patients. He dived right into the care of each of them, carefully and meticulously reviewing the data, seeing and examining patients with intent and thinking through each of their issues.
- Dr. Ojha was fully invested in the course of each of the patients and participated actively in their care
- Just wanted to send this note before this week get started and say I am grateful for this chance to work with Dr. Ojha



Good news



Abolfazi Zarjou, MD, PhD:

Promoted to Associate Professor

Congratulations!

Also, started a new role as Associate Fellowship Program Director for Research

Good news



Javier Neyra, MD:

- 2022/23 Multi -PI Award: “Adaptive Clinical Trial in Critical Care Medicine (Adapt-CT)”
- Receipt of notice of grant award for a new R01 for a project entitled: “Artificial Intelligence to Predict Outcomes in Patients with Acute Kidney Injury on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy”

Good news



Jane Davis DNP, CRNP

- Invited speaker at this year Renal Physician Association meeting
- “APPLIED clinics and Home Dialysis”

Good news

- Congratulations to **Allyson Coley, CRNP**, who has been promoted to APP supervisor overseeing nephrology.
- Allyson will be a liaison with the Office of Advanced Practice and ensure all APP matters are communicated to APPs and help with onboarding of new APPs

The APOLLO Network Honors

Bruce Julian, MD

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Clinical Center 04



Thank You, Dr. Julian, for invaluable Service to the APOLLO Consortium & for 43 Years of Service to the field of Nephrology & Transplantation!

Ed Rutsky Festschrift



New Additions



Welcome to Dr. Shana Machado, DO

- Assistant Professor
- Transplant nephrology section

New additions

- Congratulations to Dr. Gauri Mehta and her husband on the birth of their daughter Kaira Mehta!

