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MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AT TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

(Mississauga, ON) – In a special ceremony held last night, Trillium Health Partners recognized physicians and staff members for excellence in teaching through the first annual ***Excellence in Medical Teaching Awards***.

“Today we are paying tribute to an extraordinary group of physicians and staff for their dedication and commitment to education, to our medical learners and trainees, and to the future of health care in this community,” said Michelle DiEmanuele, President and CEO, Trillium Health Partners. “As we continue to build a culture of education across our hospital, we are developing the next generation of health care professionals right here in our community.”

These awards provide the opportunity for learners, peers, colleagues and leaders to nominate physicians and staff for their contributions to and excellence in teaching medical learners and trainees.

The Excellence in Medical Teaching Awards include four award categories: Undergraduate Teaching Awards; Postgraduate Teaching Awards; President’s Awards; and the Interprofessional Education Award.

Here is the list of award winners:

Undergraduate Teaching Awards

Dr. Hossam El Beheiry – Anaesthesia
Ms. Suzi Laj – Cardiac Health
Dr. Vladimir Sluzar – Cardiac Health
Ms. Alison George – Emergency Medicine
Ms. Michelle West – Laboratory Medicine & Genetics
Dr. Sumontra Chakrabarti – Medicine
Ms. Sanah Khokhar – Medicine
Ms. Lyn McArthur – Mental Health
Dr. Ariel Shafro – Mental Health
Dr. Stephen McKenzie – Neuro/MSK
Dr. Sarah Rauth – Oncology
Ms. Betty Vukusic – Primary Care, Rehab, Senior’s Service & CCC
Dr. Zohair Syed – Primary Care, Rehab, Senior’s Service & CCC
Dr. Devesh Varma - Surgery
Ms. Anna Czipf – Surgery
Dr. Scott Tigert – Women’s Health
Ms. Kamini Singh – Women’s Health

Postgraduate Teaching Awards

Dr. Gail Hirano– Anaesthesia
Dr. Rhonda Taylor– Emergency Medicine
Dr. Sameer Kumar – Medicine
Ms. Annette Mukakigeri – Medicine
Dr. Richard Shulman – Mental Health
Dr. Jennifer Everson – Primary Care, Rehab, Seniors' Services & CCC

President's Awards

Ms. Nicole Gaertner
Dr. Dalip Bhangu

Interprofessional Education Award

Ms. Louise Sandford

Special Award Announcement –

Dr. Norman Hill Award for Leadership in Medical Education

The Dr. Norman Hill Award for Leadership in Medical Education was created in recognition of Dr. Hill's contribution to medical education at Trillium Health Partners. It acknowledges Dr. Hill's guidance and leadership in building the education program for the hospital and in creating a culture of education and a foundation for sustainability by encouraging current and future medical learners to remain within the Mississauga/Peel Region. The award will be open for nominations in 2015 through the Excellence in Medical Teaching Awards program, and will be awarded to an eligible physician who demonstrates excellence in leadership and guidance in medical education.

“Our entire health professional team has truly embraced a culture of learning, sharing knowledge and skills with our medical learners and trainees to improve patient care, and ultimately lead to better patient outcomes,” said Dr. Norm Hill, Vice President, Medical Administration & Medical Education, Trillium Health Partners. “I am honoured to be recognized alongside these colleagues tonight.”

“This award is a fitting tribute to an exemplary leader and advocate for medical education in our community, and will continue to honour Dr. Hill's legacy for years to come,” said Michelle DiEmanuele.

In 2007, Trillium Health Partners signed an affiliation agreement with the University of Toronto (U of T) to deliver medical education to undergraduate medical students from the Mississauga Academy of Medicine and postgraduate trainees from U of T.

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