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Dear all,

I'm thrilled to announce that [Dr. Chandra Smart will be one of the recipients of the 2019 David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Kaiser-Permanente Award for Excellence in Teaching](#). This is a major award given annually by the DGSOM.

As you are aware, Chandra has been committed to and passionate about education throughout her career. She currently Co-Chairs Block 1 of the medical student curriculum. She also spends a considerable amount of time throughout the year teaching the Dermatology residents, in addition to Pathology residents and fellows.

Not surprisingly, this is not Chandra's first award for teaching. She was the first faculty member outside of the Division of Dermatology to win the Outstanding Teaching Award from the UCLA Dermatology Residents. And in 2014 she won the Outstanding Tutor Award for her work as a PBL Block 1 tutor.

In the words of her students:

"She is easily one of the best teachers that we have. Somehow she communicates difficult concepts concisely and clearly and I also appreciate that she demands a high level of performance from us." (Dermatology resident).

"Dr. Smart is a skilled and graceful teacher who illuminates the complexity of difficult cases in a way that makes them accessible and understandable." (Pathology resident).

"Dr. Smart ... has the uncommon knack for explaining difficult concepts in an accessible manner. That is not even remotely common, and I would like to take the time to point out how amazing she is." (Medical student).

I am thrilled for Chandra – this is a wonderful acknowledgement of her dedication and hard work.

And, I am very proud of the long history of dedication to educational excellence by Pathology faculty and staff. Every year, we teach hundreds of medical students, graduate students, residents/fellows and post-doctoral trainees, students in various laboratory professionals programs (including Clinical Laboratory Scientists, Cytotechnologists and Pathologists' Assistants) and introduce careers in the health sciences to high school and college students. Thank you faculty and staff for all you do to help to educate the next generation of clinicians, laboratory professionals and scientists!

Congratulations Chandra!

Best, Sarah

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