

## Newsletter of The Multicampus Program in Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology

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### Mission/Charter of MPGMG

- 1) Provide guidance for all multicampus geriatrics initiatives/programs, such as Geriatric Medicine fellowship, Advanced geriatrics research fellowships, Intensive Course, CAGI (California Academic Geriatrics Institutions) meetings, and Geriatrics Grand Rounds.
- 2) Recognize exceptional/inspirational faculty with awards.
- 3) Facilitate and champion communication/collaboration (including research) between campuses
- 4) Disseminate selected list of achievements (such as grants/honors/awards) to faculty and to lay public using for instance social media (e.g., in the Geriatric Medicine fellowship X feed).

### Answers to Knowledge Question

Q: Why is the Executive Committee of the MPGMG called MC squared?

A1 (Lucia Dattoma) As I recall from physics, mc squared was used by Einstein to describe that a small amount of mass can be converted into a large amount of energy. With that in mind, MC squared describes a *small group that can be a powerful force (for good)*. I love that!!!

A2: (Wendy Zachary) MC squared = *Multi Campus Master Clinicians*. It takes the cake!!!

A3: (Dan Osterweil) *Multi Campus Committee*. The most likely origin of the acronym.

### Achievements & Updates from Units & Multicampus Programs

#### Education Programs:

1. The Geriatric Medicine fellowship hosted a career day on 11/20 with 8 alumni representing different career choices in Geriatrics; it was a success!
2. The fellowship program received a total of 51 applicants, 17 of whom applied for the Geri-Palliative Care program. We invited 46, interviewed 42, and ranked 39 candidates. Of the 51 applicants this year, 11 were underrepresented minorities in medicine. All 11 were invited to interview and 3 of them made it to the top 10 on the rank list.
3. There will be a Geriatrics workshop for 1<sup>st</sup> year medical students on Mon, 12/16. Erin encourages all faculty to attend.
4. The VA Department of Medicine is looking to hire geriatricians as primary care physicians for older veterans.

#### Advanced Fellowships:

1. The National Clinical Scholars Program had a national annual meeting at the Luskin center on the UCLA campus last week. Scholars presented posters, and UCLA and GLA VA leadership, including Dr Abel, attended.
2. The new NCSP class has been chosen; the final list of NCSP fellows will be made available at the end of the month.

#### VA GRECC & GEC:

1. GEC has made an offer to a candidate for program director for Home based primary care.
2. The 3<sup>rd</sup> class of GEC's year-long Geriatrics NP training program will graduate in 2025

#### Harbor UCLA Geriatrics

1. They are recruiting to fill MD and NP positions.
2. A Companion Care program was started in September, modeled after the Santa Monica Hospital Companion Care program.

#### Westwood UCLA Geriatrics (Grace Chen)

1. We have 2 new doctors: Misa Tanaka and Valerie Wong.

#### Borun Center:

1. Had a table at the recent GSA meeting.