A Word From the Chair:

Dear Penn EM Alumni:

I hope you are all enjoying some relaxing time off this summer. I can't believe that it has been almost three months since we said goodbye to another class of superb Penn EM fourth-year residents. The transition is always bittersweet - we lose a talented group of trainees but are confident that they are launching great careers and will carry on the great legacy that our program has created all across the country. I am thrilled to support our ever growing alumni base and look forward to reconnecting with each of you every opportunity we get. Our alumni program has generated a lot of excitement with the launch of our first alumni reception last fall at ACEP and we continue to receive feedback and suggestions for future events and programs designed to maintain a strong connection and community. Please keep those suggestions and personal notes coming. We want to highlight your achievements and any items about your professional and personal lives that you want to share. We plan on hosting a reception every other year at ACEP but will always let you know about any other informal gatherings. If you are in Philadelphia, do not hesitate to pay us a visit and I plan on contacting area alumni during my upcoming travels.

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Word from the Chair Continued...

As I begin my third year as Chair, I continue to be awed by the talent that our residents bring to our missions of clinical care, education, and research. Over the next two years we are focusing even more on our education mission by introducing technology enhancements to our educational platforms as well as other novel ways of interacting at the bedside and in our various didactic forums. It’s clear that our new methods of communication through social media have become a dominant force in the education arena and our residents are leading the way in bringing our Department into the new world order! Stay tuned for more information about these improvements and for ways that you can help us support our residency to move from excellence to pre-eminence.

My best wishes for a wonderful upcoming year and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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Editor’s Note: An Opportunity to Give

Hi to all Penn EM Alums!
Over time I have come to appreciate the power of individuals giving for a cause they believe in. Even when amounts are small, they add up, and create more opportunities and advantages for our trainees by donations from the very folks who know intimately well the impact of residency training on their career (and life!).

Please consider making a donation, of any size, to the new PENN EM ALUMNI FUND. Here’s our plan….we want to create a fund that would support more unique and exciting opportunities for our residents and fellows to expand their education and experience. This could include funding for:

- Travel/lodging/registration expenses related to giving a presentation at a national meeting (we have more than we can afford at this point)
- Travel/lodging expenses for a distant clinical rotation (like our new Bar Harbor rotation at a small hospital with only 25 beds, not in the ED but the entire hospital!!)
- Expenses related to organizing meetings/workshops/special mentoring sessions
- Expenses related to supporting visiting professors and speakers.
- Expenses for attending off site courses (there are so many that would be great additions to our training)
- Subscriptions to adjunct educational materials
- Innovative technology related expenses for software, i-pads, applications, or possibly custom software creations
- Creating new and innovative programs for residents to engage in meeting the needs of underserved populations
- Annual resident day activities

We are creating a PENN EM ALUMNI FUND Oversight Committee that will make the decisions about how the money is spent. It will consist of three alumni, a small group of faculty (including the Residency...

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Residency News: A new Era...

Wow! this past academic year has really gone fast, bringing lots of change as well as excitement into our department. This year marks the retirement of Clem Mackiewicz. It’s hard to believe but he was our program coordinator for 14 years, always making certain that nagging paperwork was completed and turned in so you could get paid, graduate, and get a job. I’m certain many of you remember his attention to detail during the interview season; he was always going out of his way to make the candidates feel welcome and valued. He will be missed. Here is a photo of him on his last day with all of your graduating photos on the hallway.

We’ve been really fortunate to recruit Michelle Haynes into the position and hired Mira Mamtani, a recent graduate in the class of 2013 and former chief resident, as assistant residency director. Her passion is in migrating more of our curriculum into an asynchronous format and has already created this year’s curriculum of podcasts, readings, and questions. What that means, in practical terms, for the residents is very few 7am Wednesday conference starts but many more 7:30 and 8am ones. The residents are delighted.

A few weeks ago, we graduated our 15th residency class and ushered in our 19th group of interns. All of you have contributed in some way to helping us continue to grow, mature, and flourish into the fantastic training program we have today. I hope you all have some fond memories this newsletter allows you to reminisce upon. Please keep in touch and let us know what you’re up to.

Clem Mackiewicz, Former Coordinator retired after 14 years of service.

R-L: Lauren Conlon, Michele Haynes, Francis DeRoos & Mira Mamtani

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Congratulations and Farewell Class of 2013!

Welcome Interns – Class of 2017!!
Profile On...

Savoy Brummer, MD,
Penn EM class of the 2005, has a lot to be grateful for today. He recently received the 2013 ED Medical Director of the Year Award from Blue Jay Consulting, the Emergency Medicine Foundation, and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). The Director of the Year Award is presented to a current emergency physician leader who has made, through collaboration with nursing, a significant impact on improving the operations of his/her department, resulting in improvements in the quality of patient care.

Dr. Brummer currently Chairs the ED at Memorial hospital, a 70K ED in Metro St. Louis. He splits his time in Los Angeles while serving as the Vice President of Practice Development for CEP America, the largest Democratic Partnership in America. “I’m lucky to be able to merge the clinical practice and operations of EM with business principles. I get to visit a montage of hospitals across the country and think of different ways to innovate their deliverables. It is very rewarding.”

In addition to his work as medical director, Dr. Brummer is currently the chair-elect of the Democratic Section for the American College of Emergency Physicians and a member of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Brummer gained an interest in administration while doing an administration rotation while at Penn. Only a year out of residency, he became the medical director of a small rural hospital in Atlanta and never looked back. He went on to serve as a System Director, VP of Business Development, and now VP of Practice Development.

“Penn EM opened doors for me. I am hopeful the next generation of grads will embrace the myriad opportunities that await them!”

Welcome Back Michelle...

Michelle Golden, MD, HUP Emergency Medicine Residency class of 2001, is re-joining the HUP ED family this Fall as an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine. Originally from Brockton, Massachusetts, Dr. Golden has spent the last seven years practicing Emergency Medicine in Australia. She notes how much Philadelphia has changed since her graduation but that the life-long friends that she made and the training she received at HUP have been constants in her life on both sides of the equator. For her, returning to Philadelphia is a true homecoming in all respects because of the great department, family and friends in the city.

After graduation, Dr. Golden worked at hospitals

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in the Northeastern US and Southern Florida before starting her adventure Down Under with her husband Aaron. In Australia, Dr. Golden served as an Assistant Director of The Wollongong Hospital Emergency Department where she was also responsible for the implementation of many exciting and innovative projects, including a new EMR system. Her husband’s work as a veterinarian at the Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania has brought Dr. Golden back to the department and to the place it all began for her. She notes, “I will truly miss the colleagues that I left behind in Australia, but I am looking forward to making new friends and teaching the best and brightest of the latest generation of Emergency Medicine physicians.”

EM Research Updates:

There are a number of exciting updates on the research front. We had a banner year with grant applications to the Emergency Medicine Foundation — recipients of grants included Nova Panebianco, Kristin Rising and our nursing director, AnnMarie Papa. The Center for Resuscitation Science continues to flourish, with a number of major projects focused on CPR training in the community and improving post-arrest care. We also recently enjoyed a landmark NEJM publication on the use of coronary CT angiography, with Judd Hollander as a first author. Remember Brendan Carr (class of 2005)? He has continued to lead numerous research projects and publish in top journals... see his recent article about: the safety of living in large cities vs. rural places. Brendan is the senior author on “Safety in Numbers: Are Major Cities the Safest in the United States?” This was published in Annals of Emergency Medicine with Sage E Meyers as the lead author. We also have celebrated the graduation of our former chief resident, Sarah Perman, from a fellowship in the Department. Sarah landed a terrific EM faculty job at University of Colorado in Denver! Finally, we held our first ever “Departmental Research Day” this past spring, with over 40 posters and oral presentations from residents, fellows, faculty and nurses involved in research projects. The guest speaker for EM Research Day was Dr. Stephen Trzeciak, a well-known EM investigator focused on sepsis and cardiac arrest.

We welcome you to learn more about our ongoing research projects in the Department — and especially if you would like to collaborate! Feel free to contact the Vice Chair for Research, Ben Abella, with any questions or ideas.

First EM Research Day Held during May 2013

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Ed Dickinson and Kerri Friend (Class of 2012) on the first clinical rotation at Mount Desert Island Hospital, a 25 bed critical access hospital in Bar Harbor, Maine – part of the ongoing Penn EM Rural-Urban Partnership. This program sends teams from our department (resident, nurse and attending) to practice side-by-side with the PAs who work in the 6-bed emergency room in this small community that swells with visitors in the summer because of the beautiful coast and Acadia National Park. Our residents have been able to experience practicing with almost no subspecialists and the challenges of stabilizing and transferring critically ill patients to the nearest major medical center in Bangor, about 20 minutes by helicopter.