Greetings,

It is inspiring to see the number of community, Institute and College-Wide partnerships that have been established and sustained over the past year.

As we progress into 2012 and look forward to the coming years, we hope to see this impressive trend grow and flourish. The Institute is rich with passionate faculty, staff and students. The initiatives that we support offer value to community partners and MCW colleagues alike. It is with great pride that we embark upon new opportunities, strive for excellence and spread the news about all of the amazing accomplishments that we have collectively achieved.

Our work is only beginning! A debt of gratitude and appreciation to each of you for your tireless efforts and consistent leadership in the community and on campus.

With appreciation,
John, Erin, May yer, Jessica and Julie

People

Welcoming...

Tom Applegarth- Editorial Assistant, Administration
When: March 21-23, 2012; 12:00pm-1:00pm daily

14th Annual Becker Lecture

Where: HRC Alumni Center

When: Thursday, March 29, 2012; 10:00am-12:00pm

For further information, contact Jessica Jeruzal jjeruzal@mcw.edu

2012 Science Cafes

Where: Milwaukee's Public Market

When: 6:00pm - 7:45pm; Tuesday, March 27, 2012
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012
Tuesday, June 19, 2012

For further information, contact Shannon Opel sopel@mcw.edu

HWPP Funding Announcement

When: Letter of Intent Due Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Click here for more information.

City of Milwaukee Health Department's Third Annual Infant Mortality Summit: Changing the Determinants of Health

Where: Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

Programs

Congratulating...

Amy Lemke, PhD, selected as speaker at NCI Think Tank on Identifiability of Genomic Data and Biospecimens in June.

Clarene Mitchell provided daily email messages celebrating Black Medical and Scientific Achievements in honor of Black History Month. One of the messages was featured in the Milwaukee Courier newspaper and the Milwaukee Community Journal devoted their entire Black History section to "Black History Makers in Medicine & Science", her messages were used as the main source for the section.

Ryan Spellecy, PhD, provided expert opinion on a Channel 4 report focused on misinformation on the safety of steroids used to treat medical conditions.

Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) honored by the Milwaukee Exchange Club and names Partnership Teams.

Earnestine Willis, MD, MPH has provided leadership as the co-chair of the Milwaukee Lifecourse Initiative on Healthy Families (LIHF) Collaborative, a community-driven effort focused on eliminating Black infant mortality disparities. The 18-month planning phase will end March 31st, she and her co-chair authored an article that documented the planning process. The article, Community-driven Infant Mortality Initiative Offers Hope, was featured in the February 22nd issue of the Milwaukee Community Journal.

Two Biostatistics Employees Celebrate MCW Milestone Anniversaries

Congratulations to Linda Quindt & Kellie Bialzik for their recent MCW Milestone Anniversaries. Linda has been at MCW for 25 years! Kellie has been at MCW for 10 years!

The Division of Biostatistics would like to thank you both for all your hard work and dedication over the years!
2012 Spring Festival Of Cultures

Learn about the diverse cultures of the faculty, students, residents and staff of MCW!

- Cultural Market: March 21 12:00-1:00 pm MCW Cafeteria Corridors
- Quiz Bowl: March 22 from 12:00-1:00 pm HRC Auditorium
- Cultural Couture Day: March 23, 12:00 - 1:00 pm Campus Wide and the Alumni Center

In partnership with the Office of Faculty Affairs and Diversity, the Medical College of Wisconsin’s Global Health Program of the Institute for Health and Society will co-sponsor the Spring Festival of Cultures Quiz Bowl on March 22 in the HRC Auditorium from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Team reservations are now being accepted through March 20. Each quiz bowl team must include 1-5 participants. All teams will compete simultaneously and will be asked the same series of 40 questions and respond by using an electronic clicker. The team with the most correct answers wins and each member will receive a prize! Questions will have a global theme and be in the following categories: Geography, Sports, Science, Entertainment, Politics, Culture, History and Food.

For more information please contact Alicia Moore, 955-8626 or almoore@mcw.edu. See the event flyer for more details.

Dr. Willis Received 2012 TEMPO Mentor Award

The event announcement noted the following regarding Dr. Willis, "She has over three decades of experience in addressing health disparities through the development of successful community
initiatives such as the national model known as Community Pediatric Training Initiative, now anchored in the American Academy of Pediatrics; Reach Out and Read-Milwaukee as a site of a National Program to promote early literacy. Among her many professional activities, she has a long standing track record of advocating for children by serving on many boards and has taken on various leadership positions at the local, state and federal levels."
The TEMPO Mentor Award is one of the most well-regarded awards granted by a professional women's organization in Milwaukee. The other one is the Sacagawea Award from Professional Dimensions; Dr. Willis received that award in 2008.

Earnestine Willis, MD, MPH received TEMPO Milwaukee's Mentor Award on February 16, 2012. The Mentor Awards celebrate the practice of mentoring, recognizing individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to helping others achieve their personal and professional potential. Each Mentor Awardee was allowed to select a college or university to receive a scholarship for a woman in her junior or senior year. Dr. Willis designated her scholarship to go to a MCW medical student.

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14th Annual Becker Lecture

Dr. Mark Chassin, President of The Joint Commission, will be the Key Note Speaker at the 14th Annual Becker Lecture on Thursday, March 29, 2012 from 10:00am - 12:00pm in the HRC Alumni Center. His lecture is titled *What Will it Take to Make Health Care as Safe as Air Travel?*

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this excellent event.

For questions or comments, or if you have an event you would like highlighted in *Notes from the Institute*, please contact Julie Dotson at jdotson@mcw.edu or call at x8032.