

# NEWSLETTER

January - March 2019

## Note from the Chair

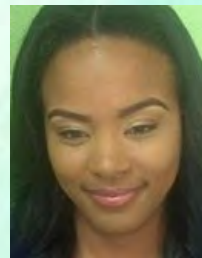
The 2019-2020 *U.S. News & World Report* annual list of top graduate schools was recently released. Baylor College of Medicine was ranked #4 in the nation for Primary Care overall, and #13 in Family Medicine.

The *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are based on medical student GPA and MCAT scores, student selectivity, faculty to student ratio, NIH funding for the medical school and grant dollars per investigator, as well as a reputation component from surveys of medical school deans, deans of academic affairs, heads of internal medicine, and directors of admissions.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. William Huang, Vice Chair of Education, our faculty, staff and trainees for your engagement with our students, and for your dedication to our mission. Your hard work allowed us to achieve these impressive numbers.

The department's annual Primary Care Update, held on March 23, was a huge success. Each year PCU gains the attention of more and more providers and allows us to showcase the strengths of Baylor College of Medicine. Please check out pages [8](#) and [9](#) for more on the event.

I have decided to forego the fourth quarter (April - June) newsletter, and will instead share the department's Annual Report. Look for it during the first week of July. As always, your feedback is welcome on this change and anything else regarding our department's publications.

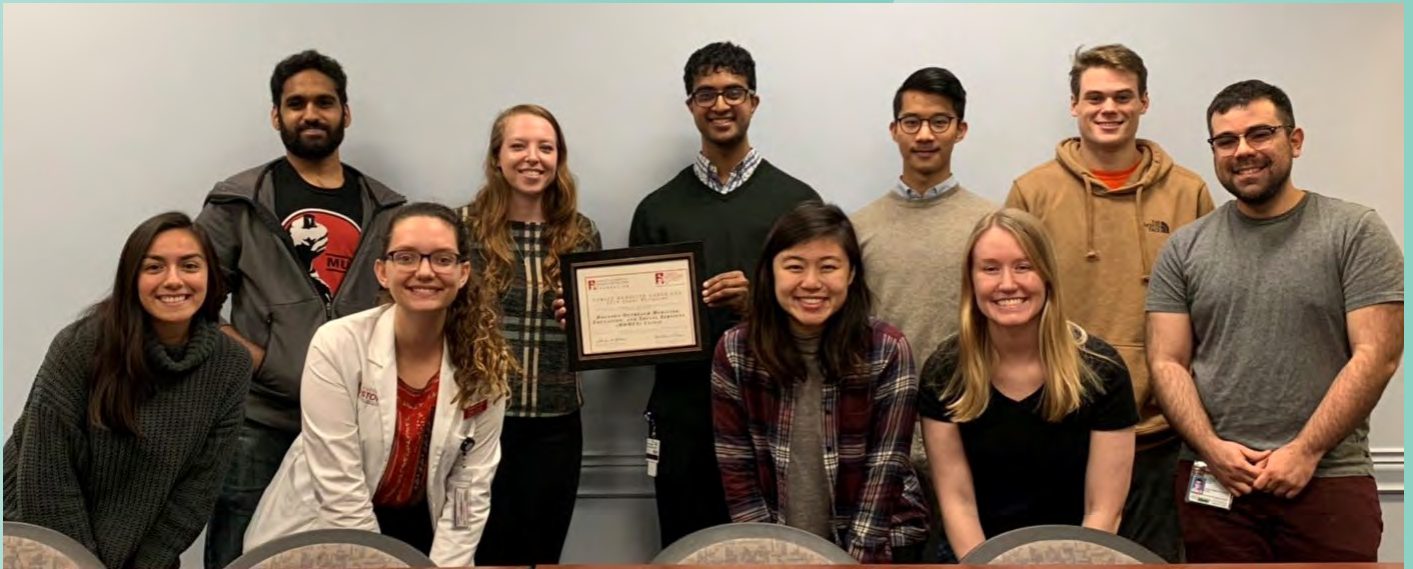


And finally, we are saddened by the sudden death of Anita Scott, MSN FNP-BC, an instructor at Monroe Same-Day Clinic of the Harris Health System. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Ms. Scott's family and friends.

Sincerely,

Roger Zoorob, MD, MPH, FAAFP





*Top row, left to right:* Anish Patnaik (MS3/McGovern Medical School), Jennifer Bush (MS3/McGovern), Harish Eswaran, Executive Director (MS4/BCM), Jonathan Lo (MS2/BCM), Preston Baker (MS2/McGovern), Alejandro Gener (PhD Student/BCM). *Bottom row:* Diana Rodriguez (P2/UH College of Pharmacy), Callie Downs (P3/UHCOP), Katherine Yu (MS2/McGovern), Sarah McGriff (MS3/BCM)

## HOMES CLINIC Receives \$9,055 Grant

Houston Outreach Medicine, Education, and Social Services (HOMES) Clinic, a medical and pharmacy student-led clinic dedicated to providing free medical care to the homeless of Houston, has earned a \$9,055 AAFP Family Medicine Cares USA grant. The application was accompanied by letters of support from its community partners, Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston and The Beacon. The funds will enhance the ability of HOMES Clinic to care for the homeless by helping to purchase laboratory equipment for comprehensive patient care. The equipment will include a point-of-care hemoglobin A1c analyzer to aid in management of diabetes and handheld spirometer for diagnosing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

HOMES Clinic is open on Sundays, a day when many laboratory services are unavailable for its underinsured patients. “Most of the patients seen in HOMES Clinic sleep on the streets and have competing priorities,” writes **Dana Clark, MD**, HOMES preceptor and Assistant Professor. “This makes it difficult for our patients to be compliant with follow-up appointments for lab testing. The equipment provided by this grant will improve the delivery of medical care and aid student education in many ways, especially their ability to counsel patients in areas of prevention and treatment.”

The AAFP Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the American Academy of Family Physicians whose mission is to advance the values of Family Medicine through humanitarian, educational and scientific philanthropy dedicated to improving health. HOMES Clinic is one of many free health clinics nationwide that will benefit from grants provided by a signature program of the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation called Family Medicine Cares USA.

