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Resident and Fellow of the Month: May 2021

Sara Zalcgendler, MD
Resident (PGY2), Internal Medicine
Mount Sinai Morningside and West

Service to their patients and/or families “Sara has been working tirelessly throughout the pandemic and maintained her bright, positive nature. She’s spent her vacation time volunteering for the hospital’s palliative care service to help alleviate both attendings and her peers of the burden of relentless Goals of Care discussions with families of COVID patients. In addition to supporting her colleagues, she’s been of service to patients and their families. She is genuinely empathic and caring, and doubtlessly has comforted families through difficult decisions. Even while sacrificing her personal time, she’s maintained an exemplary attitude, always being an uplifting presence to those around her. Many times throughout the year, I’ve felt exhausted or deflated, and simply talking to Sara for 5 minutes has renewed my energy. Our residency program, colleagues and patients are lucky to have Sara on their team.”

Solomon Bienstock, MD
Fellow (PGY4), Cardiovascular Disease
Mount Sinai Hospital

Educational efforts or scholarly performance: “As a mentor, he inspires and pushes us to be the best physician and clinical researcher that we can be. Yet, he is considerate to our time and our wellbeing. He has taken a personal interest in the medical residents, helping us with our own cardiology fellowship applications, reading over our personal statements and applications. He has also volunteered his time in the education of medical students. He has led small group sessions and didactics on heart failure, clinical arrhythmias, and acute coronary syndromes as part of the medical school’s Cardiovascular Course. He has also shown dedication to the education of the larger Harlem community via the Mount Sinai Lloyd Sherman Scholars, a program for high school-aged students underrepresented in medicine that offers classroom and laboratory training. In addition to directly mentoring and educating residents and medical students, he established a peer mentorship group, Residents of Sinai for Cardiology, that provides guidance and opportunities for residents interested in Cardiology. Now in its third year, this group boosts more than 40 medicine residents, connecting each resident with a cardiology faculty member and extends its mentorship to the medical school.”

Resident and Fellow Peer Nominees for May

Miryam Akayyali, MBCh
MSBI Neurology

Nikki Burish, MD
MSH Gender Affirmation Surgery
Matthew Carr, MD
MSH Neurological Surgery
Vivian Chan, MD
MSMW Psychiatry

Yu-Rei Chang, MD
MSMW Diagnostic Radiology
Eleni Drivas, MD
MSMW Surgery
Adiace Espinosa Hernandez, MD
MSH Pulmonary and Critical Care
Brianne Evans, MD
MSH Pediatrics

Naveen Galle, MD
MSMW Diagnostic Radiology
Michael Hadley, MD
MSH Cardiovascular Disease
Brian Huang, MD
MSBI Psychiatry
Rishi Kafra, DO
MSMW Diagnostic Radiology
Brian Kim, MD
MSH Vascular Neurology
Elizabeth Kolod, MD
MSH Preventive Medicine
Grace Kong, MD
MSH Pediatric Cardiology
Joshua Lampert, MD
MSH Cardiovascular Disease

Aurora Leibold, MD
MSMW Obstetrics and Gynecology
Yuying Luo, MD
MSH Gastroenterology
Jocelyn Mendes, MD
MSMW Internal Medicine
Kate Pawloski, MD
MSH Preventive Medicine/Surgery
Jacqueline Rozov, MD
MSMW Obstetrics and Gynecology
Jihan Ryu, MD
MSMW Psychiatry
Emily Schorr, MD
MSH Neurology

Michelle Shah, DO
MSBI Internal Medicine
Parsh Shanker, MD
MSBI Psychiatry
Evan Shapiro, MD
MSH Emergency Ultrasound
Ethan Sobol, MD
MSH Ophthalmology

Erick Sun, MD
MSH Thoracic Surgery-Integ
Hiromi Ueyama, MD
MSBI Internal Medicine
Bella Wolf, MD
NYEEIMS Ophthalmology