Happy New Year! We are one month into 2020, and we have a full agenda in the SGSHS in the months ahead (see below). Last week, we hosted 34 prospective PhD graduate students from 13 states during a two-day recruitment event. I look forward to seeing many of these students on campus this fall. A number of our PhD candidate students will be defending their dissertation this spring, and we expect to have a record number of graduating students in May. In addition, I am truly impressed by the high number of students and faculty that have received awards or achieved other commendable accomplishments (pages 2-4). There is also an impressive list of December through mid-January publications authored by faculty and students within the SGSHS (pages 5-7)!
Will receive the 2020 Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award from the APS at the 2020 Experimental Biology meeting

Laura Coats
PhD program, Physiology & Biophysics

Will present her dissertation research poster at the 34th Annual Southern Nursing Research Society Conference in New Orleans, LA March 19, 2020

Kimberly Douglas
PhD Program, Nursing

Will receive the 2020 Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award from the APS at the 2020 Experimental Biology meeting

Alexandra Huffman
PhD program, Cell & Molecular Biology

Travel award and invited to present at the Southern Regional Meeting: Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award from the APS; Martin Frank Diversity Travel Award

Jeanne Ishimwe
PhD program, Experimental Therapeutics & Pharmacology

Maria Jones-Muhammad
PhD program, Neuroscience

Will receive the 2020 Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award from the APS at the 2020 Experimental Biology meeting

Kenji Maeda
PhD program, Experimental Therapeutics & Pharmacology

Selected by Jonas Philanthropies to be featured in an "African Heritage & Health Week" article for making an impact in the nursing industry as a Jonas Scholar

Stacee Naylor
PhD program, Nursing

2020 APS Graduate Student Ambassador Award for the 2020-2022 term

Bibek Poudel
PhD program, Experimental Therapeutics & Pharmacology

2020 Virendra B. Mahesh Award of Excellence in Endocrinology; Abstract selected to be presented at Experimental Biology 2020 Scientific Highlights based on emerging and cutting-edge science

Jacob Pruett
MD/PhD program, Cell & Molecular Biology

Will receive the 2020 Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award from the APS at the 2020 Experimental Biology meeting

Hannah Turbeville
MD/PhD program, Experimental Therapeutics & Pharmacology

Received a NIH predoctoral fellowship, and two travel awards: Graduate Student Ambassador Award and Martin Frank Diversity Travel Award

Jamarius Waller
MD/PhD Program, Experimental Therapeutics & Pharmacology

Will receive the 2020 Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award from the APS at the 2020 Experimental Biology meeting

Yvonne Zuchowski
PhD program, Cell & Molecular Biology

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Danielle Porter
PhD program, Neuroscience

“The Role of KNDy Neurons in the Regulation of Pulsatile and Surge Secretion of GnRH”

February 3, 2020
The SGSHS is excited to announce this new program for our postdoctoral fellows. Postdocs can apply for travel assistance from the SGSHS to attend a workshop for professional development.

Contact Shanna Moulds, Director of Operations, at smoulds@umc.edu for more information about this program.
**Faculty Kudos**

Dr. Michelle Palokas & Dr. Robin Christian  
School of Nursing  
Oral presentation “Join the CLUB (Clinical Leaders Using Best Practice)” at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Doctoral Education Conference in Naples Florida

Dr. Barbara Alexander  
Physiology & Biophysics  
Received a three-year, $1.38 million grant from the NIH for the project, “Hypertension in Adult IUGR Offspring: Beneficial Effects of Perinatal.

Dr. Mallikarjuna Pabbidi  
Pharmacology and Toxicology  
Invited presentation at LSU Shreveport entitled “Influence of sex, hormones and age on cerebrovascular function: Mechanisms” as part of the Ischemia Research and Inflammation Seminars in the Department of Neurology

Dr. Scott Williamson & Dr. Michael Roach  
Biomedical Materials Science  
Received an award from Deupy Synthes for the grant proposal entitled “Fretting-Fatigue Evaluation of Ring Plate and Distal Spanning Systems” that was submitted as Co-PIs.

Dr. Damian Romero  
Cell and Molecular Biology  
Elected Chair of the Endocrinology and Metabolism section of the American Physiological Society (2020-2023)  
Awarded “Trailblazer Award” from UMMC Office of Medical Education in recognition of the time and effort put into educating the physicians of the future.

Dr. Stan Smith  
Pharmacology and Toxicology  
Received the prestigious Pharmacology Educator Travel Award from ASPET (American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics)  
Click here to read the full award description.

**Graduate Student Body**

Volunteers Needed for upcoming high school visit days:  
Thursday, February 20  
Thursday, March 27  
Friday, April 17  
*Volunteers will man the SGSHS information table and/or assist with campus tours*  
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