On behalf of Nick Kates, Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences -

To all members of the Department:

In the second part of June’s Update, I would like to begin by congratulating Heather Moulden and Bruno Losier who have been promoted to the rank of Associate Clinical Professor. For both Heather and Bruno this is a richly deserved recognition of their many and varied contributions to the Department.

Clinical Investigators Program
I am pleased to announce that Zena Samaan will be taking over from Harriet MacMillan as the Coordinator of Psychiatry’s Clinical Investigator Program as of July 1st. Thanks to Harriet who has done this job so well for the last 8 years.

Congratulations also to...
Ram Mishra who was selected as a recipient of a Health Sciences Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award for 2017.

Benicio Frey and Ryan Van Lieshout who have just received a Research Institute grant in the name of the Teresa Cascioli Charitable Foundation Research Award in Women’s Health for their project entitled, “Impact of a Post-Delivery In-Hospital Sleep Intervention on Postpartum Maternal Mental Health”.

Laura Duncan and Maggie Inrig (from the Lynwood Chariton Centre) who received a Community-Campus Catalyst Grant from McMaster’s Office of Community Engagement for a project to develop a brief child and youth mental health intake questionnaire for use in children’s mental health agencies in Hamilton. Others on the grant include Michael Boyle, Kathy Georgiades, Ellen Lipman and Lori Issenman.

Sohyoon Min who won the preceptor Teaching Award for Psychiatry at the 2017 Ceremony for the MD Program graduates from the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine.

Jennifer Brasch who has been awarded the designation of Fellow of the Canadian Psychiatric Association.

Tea Rosic, PGY1, who had an article published on the impact of comorbid psychiatric disorders on methadone maintenance treatment in opioide use disorders: a perspective cohort study.

James MacKillop and Zena Samaan who were successful recipients of a CIHR project grant on addiction looking at factors affecting methadone maintenance treatment.

Alex Drossos, PGY5, who received the Medical Staff Association at HHS annual award for Outstanding Resident of the Year in Psychiatry.
Shawna Thompson, a member of Jane Foster’s Lab and a PhD candidate in MiNDs who won the Jock Cleghorn Award for the best poster (basic science) at the 40th annual CCNP meeting in Kingston ON last week.

Ayesha Siddiqua, a PhD student at the Offord Centre, who was awarded the 2017 FHS Research Plenary Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Excellence Award.

Lisa Kennedy, Menika McKeegan, Irene O’Connor, Beth Patterson and Nicole Sloss all of whom have attained 10 years of service at McMaster.

Minister of Health’s Advisory Group on Mental Health
I have been asked by the Federal Minister of Health, Dr. Jane Philpott, to join a small Minister’s Advisory group, that she has established to provide advice on mental health policy and related issues.

New Resident’s Welcome BBQ
I invite you, your partners and children, to join us in welcoming our new residents at the Resident Welcome BBQ, which is being held on Tuesday, July 11th at 6:00pm at 76 Highland Park Dr., Dundas, the home of Trish Murphy.

The Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research
With the support of Michael G DeGroote and other donors, the Faculty of Health Sciences is establishing a Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research under the joint Directorship of James MacKillop and Jason Busse (Anaesthesia) effective from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2022.

In the Media
Nel Wieman was interviewed by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation during a recent visit to attend a conference on the future of Indigenous Health Education.
http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/rn/podcast/2017/04/hrt_20170403_1752.mp3

Randi McCabe participated in a piece on treating snake phobias on Out in the Open on CBC

Catharine Munn was quoted in an article in the Toronto Star about student mental health services in Canada

Farewell...
To our graduating psychiatry residents Terry Mihowich, Azadeh Zangeneh-Kazemi, Erin Hanley, Jennifer Ruzhynsky, Katherine McKay, Amy Colbourne, Nathalie Corriveau, Rosemary Chackery, Parkash Singh, and Robyn Fallen, all of whom recently passed their exams. In addition, I am delighted that four of our residents will be continuing to work with our Department; Robyn Fallen, at our Waterloo regional Campus, Erin Hanley in the Geriatric Psychiatry sub-specialty program, Terry Mihowich in the Forensic Psychiatry sub-specialty program and Azadeh Zanganeh-Kazemi in the Mood Disorders Program. Good luck to all our graduates wherever the next steps in your career path may take you, and thank you for all you have given to our Department over the last 5 years.
Farewell also to the following faculty who have relinquished their part time appointments with our department for various reasons, effective June 30th, 2017. I would like to thank all of them for the many contributions they have made to our department and wish them all well in their future endeavours. They are: Alison Ames, Peter Collins, Michael Kiang, Chetana Kulkarni, Liliana Monti, Richard Padgett, Dino Santoro, Laura Summerfeldt, Terri Ann Tabak, William Tam, and Peter Turner.

And Jon Davine will be retiring from a full-time University position as of June 30th, but will be continuing with most of his current duties, especially his teaching responsibilities, in a part-time capacity.

Nick