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Notable and Newsworthy



Dr. David Jarrard and co-investigators John Denu and Peter Lewis from the Department of Biomolecular Chemistry recently received notice for funding of the proposal entitled “Targeting dysregulated histone-modifying enzymes driving prostate cancer cell survival after androgen deprivation therapy”. This project seeks to develop improved therapies for patients with advanced prostate cancer.

Dr. Dan Gralnek was a featured speaker at the inaugural Boston Scientific Mastery Course at Northwestern.



Dr. Gyan Pareek, former UW Urology Endourology Fellow has been named Chief of Urology and President of Brown Urology.

Happy Holidays!

Season’s greetings from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Department of Urology! We hope all is well with you and your loved ones. As another year passes, I’d like to take a moment to reflect on some of the achievements and strides made by our department this year.

Several faculty moved into new leadership roles, expanding our programs. Dr. Shannon Cannon became our Director of Diversity and Dr. Vinaya Bhatia took over as Director of Medical Student Programs. Our inaugural Director of Global Urology, Dr. Walid Farhat, has begun building connections to partner with colleagues outside the United States to expand the reach of our clinical, educational, and research missions.

Some of our newer faculty have already made an impact at the national level. Notably, Dr. Daniel Shapiro



has been honored with the inaugural Christopher G. Wood Rising Star Award from the Kidney Cancer Association. In the research realm, Dr. Tudor Borza was awarded a K08 Research Career Development Award from the NIH Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Dr. Vinaya Bhatia was appointed to the Wisconsin Multidisciplinary K12 Urologic Research Career Development Program, which is funded through the NIH National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). Thanks to new grant awards and the ongoing research of William Ricke, PhD, Kristina Penniston, PhD, RD, and Teresa Liu, PhD, we are now ranked #7 in the nation for NIH funding among urology departments – our highest ranking ever! In addition, seven other faculty members have other types of extramural grant funding.

Our residency program continues to flourish, and I am delighted to report that we are in the final stages of approval to increase our resident complement from 15 to 20 (from 3 to 4 per training year). As you may know, I am the next president-elect of the American Urological Association (AUA). I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to impact our field through this role. I will take the office of President-Elect at the conclusion of the AUA annual meeting in 2023, and will become President at the conclusion of the 2024 meeting.

We wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyous holiday season.

Most sincerely,

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