

Office of CANCER HEALTH EQUITY

Cancer can affect anyone, at any time.

THE OCHE ECHO

March 2018 Edition



Directors Corner:

In 2003, the Institutes of Medicine published the treatise *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care*. Acknowledged within its pages are the health system-level variables that contribute to differences in care based on race/ethnicity, including provider bias. As part of our mission, OCHE seeks to engage young physicians, researchers, and care providers in a discussion about cultural humility and to facilitate research in cancer equity for all. Since the goal is to reach folks early in their careers, where better to start than with students! We are so pleased to highlight a few of the medical students and interns who have worked with us over the past few months. Hope you are as excited about their research as I am.

Medical Students

Gwen Davis

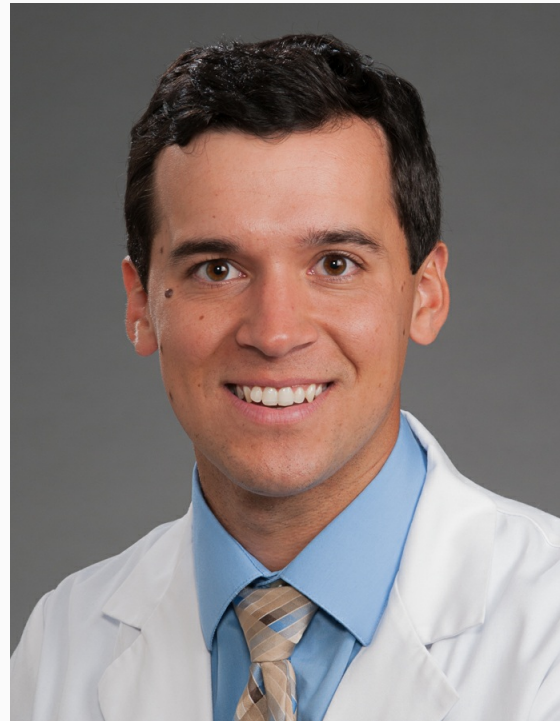
Gwen Davis is a 4th year medical student who will begin her Internal Medicine Residency at UCLA this summer. She has great interest in improving healthcare for sexual and gender minorities. She is the



founder and director of the Safe Zone in Medicine training program. This program trains faculty, staff, residents, and students from all programs at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (WFBMC) how to care for LGBTQ* patients in a safe and welcoming environment. Now a mandatory part of the School of Medicine curriculum, the program has provided advanced training to 223 individuals and introductory seminars to another 731 members of WFBMC.

Thomas Curley

Tom Curley is a 4th year medical student who will begin his residency in internal medicine at THE Ohio State Medical Center this summer. Tom showed an early interest in both research and community care during medical school. As a 2nd year student, his project on “Anti-obesity Bias in Pediatric Inpatient Care” mentored by Dr. Joseph Skelton and Dr. Elizabeth Halvorson won the 2015 Medical Student Research Award for Translational Science from Bedside to Community. During his 4-week tenure with OCHE, Tom’s project focused on the perception of cancer clinical trials among different racial/ethnic groups. His project will inform future interventions aimed at improving enrollment in clinical trials.



Brittany Hale

Brittany Jane Hale is a 4th year medical



student who will begin her Internal Medicine residency at Dartmouth University. She ultimately plans to pursue Hematology/Oncology fellowship. Having worked with rural populations throughout medical school as well as the rural, indigenous Maori population of New Zealand in February 2018, she sought to combine her interests in oncology and rurality in a research project. Brittany's project focused on identifying unmet cancer health needs of the rural community and explored rurality as a culture. She hopes to further the discussion on ways in which providers, researchers, and coordinators can better understand, communicate with, and support our rural patients at WFBMC.

Student Interns

Brooke Hollar

I am a Salem College graduate and am preparing to apply to medical school. In June 2016, I was diagnosed with Stage 2 Hodgkin Lymphoma. After completing a course of chemotherapy, I have been in remission since December 2016. My own experience with cancer ignited my interest in medicine and health equity. I had a relatively early diagnosis, but many people do not receive early screening or adequate follow-up treatments and monitoring, especially in rural, underserved, and health professions shortage areas. I want to help advance cancer research and to help cancer patients overcome barriers in defeating cancer. At OCHE I am involved in research supporting the adolescent and young adults (AYA) with cancer and am helping to develop a Research Advocate Program at the Comprehensive Cancer Center.



Jamellia Paul



My name is Jamellia Paul and I am a graduating senior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro studying Public Health. My internship at OCHE has been nothing short of educational and amazing. I have been fortunate enough to be involved in a collaboration with the Gramercy Research Group focused on understanding perceptions of cancer care among blacks in East Winston. My personal research project evaluates how historical events have impacted the health of residents, including the development of Route 52, and looking at current transportation barriers. Once a month I attend the Roots of Health Inequity seminar hosted by the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity in which we have an open forum about various contributors to health disparities.

Community Engagement



Newest member of the OCHE team, Dr. Amy Pulliam, teaching kids the effects of smoking at Kick Butts (3/20/18)



Audrey Bell-Farrow at the Share the Health Fair at Downtown Health Plaza (2/15/18)



Dr. Amy Pulliam teaching a community member about colon cancer at the Strollin' Colon Event hosted by ActionHealth (3/21/18)



Tom and Gwen just before giving their talks at the OCHE Medical Student Seminar (3/14/18)

Upcoming Events:

Strollin' Colon
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
8am - 3pm

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Ardmore Tower - Founder's Gallery

Medical Student Seminar
Tuesday, May 1, 2018
4:00pm - 5:30pm

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Comprehensive Cancer Center
Conference Room 11A

We look forward to seeing you!

Next Newsletter:

Meet the new people in our office and see some of the amazing work our team has been doing.



We encourage you to submit an article, update, or community health equity event. You can email those to us as:

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