Each June, the front-page story of the Communicator is dedicated to the outgoing chief resident. If you don’t believe me, you can go back about nine years and find a story written about me when I was chief resident that contains what is now a really outdated head shot.

This year’s outgoing chief resident is Tara Richardson, M.D., who has been so much more to the department than just a chief resident. Tara completed third- and fourth-year medical student clerkships, was a junior resident, a senior resident, an associate chief resident, a chief resident, and soon to be junior faculty. Other roles I did not mention are friend, mentor to students and junior residents, role model to all trainees, and teacher. While she’s had many roles within the department, Tara has always maintained a calm demeanor and willingness to work hard, and brings a high level of excellence to everything she takes on.

It’s been a pleasure to watch Tara grow and mature into the fine psychiatrist we all knew she could be. When I first met Tara, she was a medical student who attended my mood disorders lecture series and told me of her interest in psychiatry. I immediately knew she was the type of student we would be lucky to recruit into our program.

I remember feeling excited when Ronda Magness, medical education coordinator, told me Tara had chosen to do an elective with me and the third-year residents at the Via Christi Psychiatric Clinic. I wanted the experience to be valuable for her, so much so that I lectured the residents about being on their best behavior. The residents quickly reported that Tara was someone they wanted on their team; she was easy to work with, got along well with patients, and had already developed a strong sense of the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.

When Tara matched with our program we knew she would do a great job. That became quickly evident not only by her high-level clinical work, but also by her ability to work through conflict with peers. When she was elected associate chief resident and then chief resident, it was a surprise to no one.

There is so much for us to brag about when we think about Tara: she is a graduate of KU School of Medicine-Wichita who chose psychiatry as a career and plans to practice in Kansas. She performed at a high level while part of our residency program, received an award for excellent outpatient care, presented four posters at national and regional meetings, and currently has a paper in press with a pharmacology journal whose impact factor is greater than 3.0.

Tara also brought ideas that helped improve our program. She revamped the process by which residents are paged by the hospital operators, helped reformulate the process for the resident retreat report, and currently is working on a project to promote team building and facilitate feedback between residents and faculty.

We’ve enjoyed getting to know Tara as a person and as a professional. Tara and her husband have a beautiful family and are sure to make a positive impact on the local community that goes beyond Tara’s professional work. Tara’s spouse is a basketball coach and respected mentor to children in the Andover community.

“Tara, it’s been an honor training you, working with you, and getting to know you. I look forward to calling you my colleague in a few short months.”
RON MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP
By Ronda Magness, Medical Student Clerkship Coordinator

Ron Martin, M.D., was professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita from 1988 until his death in 1998. The Ron Martin, M.D., Scholarship for Medical Student Education was created as a way to foster interest in psychiatry among medical students. The 2017 award recipients are Parker Bohm and Maggie Searight.

Parker Bohm, awarded “Best Performance in the Psychiatry Clerkship,” was nominated and selected by psychiatry faculty to receive a $150 scholarship. Parker will do his residency in neurology at Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Jacksonville, Florida.

Maggie Searight, awarded “Best Performance in a Psychiatry Elective,” was nominated and selected by psychiatry faculty to receive a $250 scholarship. Maggie completed a subinternship in child/adolescent psychiatry with Mathias Lillig, M.D. She also completed a psychopharmacology elective with Matthew Macaluso, D.O., and an outpatient psychiatry elective with Cheryl Wehler, M.D. Maggie will do her residency at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine.

We thank the family of Ron Martin, M.D., for allowing us to carry on his dedication to mental health by providing this scholarship. Congratulations to our 2017 award recipients.

2017 RESIDENT AND TRAINEE GRADUATION
The 2017 graduation ceremony was held Thursday, June 29, at Wichita Botanica. Approximately 100 people attended to celebrate the accomplishments of the psychiatry residents and psychology fellows and interns.

Matthew Macaluso, D.O., director of residency training, recognized the following graduating fourth-year residents:
Walter Kalu, M.D.
Tara Richardson, M.D.

Robin Heinrichs, Ph.D., recognized the following neuropsychology trainees on the completion of their training:
Benjamin Hunter, Psy.D., neuropsychology fellowship
Anthony Stabler, M.A., neuropsychology internship

Nicole Klaus, Ph.D., recognized the following clinical child psychology trainees on the completion of their training:
Kirsten S. Engel, Ph.D., clinical child psychology fellowship
Candice Mottweiler, M.S., clinical child psychology internship

Along with the graduates, the following were recognized:
Tara Richardson, M.D., Chief Resident Award
Christina Bowman, M.D., Associate Chief Resident Award
Maximilian Beissel, M.D., Coyner Award for Excellence in Inpatient Care
Shannon Loeck, M.D., First Year Resident as Teacher
Maximilian Beissel, M.D., Second Year Resident as Teacher
Zohaib Sohail, M.D., Medical Student Resident Lecturer of the Year
Walter Kalu, M.D., Award for Excellence in Outpatient Care
Tara Richardson, M.D., Award for Excellence in Research
Rachna Kalia, M.D., Faculty Teacher of the Year
Shannon Loeck, M.D., Resident Team Player of the Year Award

Megan Troutman, Pharm.D., Exceptional Medical Student Educator
Don Morgan, Ph.D., Exceptional Medical Student Educator
Rachna Kalia, M.D., Directing an Outstanding Medical Student Clinical Service
Ronda Magness, Outstanding Service in the Area of Medical Student Education

We are proud and happy to announce both psychiatry residency program graduates will be staying in Wichita: Walter Kalu, M.D., will be working for Via Christi Health/Ascension and Tara Richardson, M.D., will be staying with the department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences as faculty.

Benjamin Hunter, Psy.D., completes his neuropsychology fellowship in August and will relocate to Marshfield, Wisconsin, to practice at Marshfield Clinic. Kirsten Engel, Ph.D., completes her clinical child psychology fellowship in August and also plans to stay with the department as a faculty member. Anthony Stabler, M.A., will be continuing his education with a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at McLean Hospital at Harvard Medical School in Boston. Candice Mottweiler, M.S., will be relocating to Eugene, Oregon, to practice as a clinical psychologist.

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WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new first-year psychiatry residents and psychology trainees.

The psychiatry residents began in July, and have had a very busy first few weeks becoming oriented to their clinical rotation and meeting new people.

Clifford Stuart Arnold, M.D., Indiana University School of Medicine
Daniel Wayne Lilligren, M.D., University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine
David H. Nguyen, D.O., University of Pikeville/Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Syeda Fatima Quadri, M.D., Dr. B.R., Ambedkar Medical College
Kamalakar Surineni, M.D., Kakatiya Medical College.
Boma Ugwu, M.D., University of Nigeria Faculty of Medicine

The new psychology fellows and interns began in August.

Nathan Ernst, M.S., Chestnut Hill College in New Jersey – neuropsychology intern
Jonathan Mietchen, M.S., Brigham Young University – clinical child psychology intern
Daniel Olsen, Psy.D. – neuropsychology fellow. Dr. Olsen completed his internship training at Samaritan Health Services in Albany, Oregon, and his doctoral training at George Fox University in Oregon.
Errin Price, Psy.D. – clinical child psychology fellow. Dr. Price completed her internship training at Community Services Institute, a community mental health center in Massachusetts, and her doctoral training at the University of La Verne in California.

MEDICAL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR PERFORMANCE ON PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP AT THE 15TH ANNUAL MEDICAL ALUMNI ACADEMIC SOCIETY MEDICAL STUDENT RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Class of 2017 Medical Students Karissa Gilchrist, Samantha King, Jessica Kruger, and Andrea Petersen were recognized for their performance in the psychiatry clerkship at the 15th Annual Medical Alumni Academic Society Medical Student Recognition Ceremony on Jan. 19.

Congratulations to Karissa Gilchrist, Samantha King, and Jessica Kruger, who earned the award for the “Top Student in the Psychiatry Clerkship,” and Andrea Petersen, who was recognized for the “Highest Score on the Subject Exam.”

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Susanna Ciccolari Micaldi, M.D., third-year resident, and Karl Martineau, D.O., second-year resident, who were recognized by the medical students with the Wichita Student Choice Awards at the Senior Banquet on April 8.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Hannah Oliver, D.O., PGY 2 resident, and her husband, Corey, on the birth of their twins, Ronan James and Ezra Bryce, on Jan. 23.
Zohaib Sohail, M.D., PGY 3 resident, and his wife, Maha Karman, on the birth of their daughter, Arooba Sohail, on April 23.
Tara Richardson, M.D., PGY 4 resident, and her husband, Tyler, on the birth of their son, Kellen, on July 5.

WELCOME:

Trisha Steele, clinical research site manager, joined us on May 8.
Lisa Harding, M.D., a first-year resident in the KU School of Medicine-Wichita Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Residency Program, has been awarded a two-year Diversity Leadership Fellowship for 2017-2019 by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the APA Foundation. The APA is the largest professional organization advocating for psychiatrists and patients with mental disorders in the United States.

“It really means a lot to me to receive this award, as there are only 10 nationwide,” said Harding. “It also is the first time a resident from KU has received this fellowship award.”

Harding has a longstanding interest in minority and underserved psychiatry and previously developed statewide programs to assist underserved populations through the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Iowa. The fellowship is focused on the development of residents in minority leadership. With her two-year fellowship, Harding will benefit from the mentorship of current leaders in the APA and professionals throughout the country in the field of minority psychiatry. The fellowship will provide funding for Harding to participate in meetings of the APA where she will learn about advocating for patients and the profession. As a fellow, she will participate on an APA council and will write and contribute to a blog – details for both will be outlined at the first meeting she attends in September in Arlington, Virginia. Harding will receive regular feedback from the APA on her work.

“This award is a testament to Dr. Harding and an example of the good work being done in our residency program,” said Matthew Macaluso, D.O., associate professor, director of residency training program and director of clinical trial research in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

“I am proud to be a part of the KU family,” said Harding. “I strongly believe that my accomplishments are ours.”