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Faculty Recognition Reception

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Dear Faculty:

Recognizing faculty excellence has become a time-honored tradition at Rush and is part of the celebration at the end of an academic year. Though we had to forgo the lovely reception this time, I extend my congratulations to all the Faculty Excellence Award winners and nominees, and to those of you who have achieved promotions and appointments this year.

Your contributions to science, education, patient care and the community, as well as your limitless resilience during a very tough year, are recognized and applauded.

As faculty, we automatically seize on teachable moments that keep us on the leading edge and enable our students to learn and grow. I don’t need to tell you that there has been no shortage of such opportunities this past year. The COVID pandemic has exacerbated many issues we already knew needed to be addressed in health care and in society at large and has propelled us toward those changes. We are the role models — collectively writing the blueprint, navigating the impact, and paving the way to improve health and health care at Rush and beyond.

This is an immense responsibility, but when I joined Rush University as provost more than a year ago, I was struck by the passion, commitment and talent of our faculty, and the responsivity of our students to the examples being set. I knew you had the ability to rise to any challenge, and that has certainly been proven over the past several months.

As we approach this next year with renewed hope, please take a moment to reflect on your academic and research accomplishments, leadership promotions and appointments, and also your day-to-day interactions with students and one another. Your efforts are creating change — locally, nationally and worldwide.

Whatever the new year brings, I am certain that together we have the strength and commitment to persevere and to continue to make a difference.

Susan L. Freeman, MD, MS
Provost and Senior Vice President
Robert C. and Naomi T. Borwell Presidential Professor, Rush University
Dear Faculty:

The 10th year of the Office of Faculty Affairs surely won’t be one we forget. As COVID-19 caused tremendous changes in our personal and professional lives, a new normal has been established. Our transformation to remote education happened in merely a week, and the faculty at Rush University rose to the challenge, sought out resources and embraced the online classroom even in situations that weren’t ideal.

With confidence, you became first responders, in all aspects, to the collective population. You dove in and started researching mechanisms, interventions and vaccines while gathering more information to aid the world against COVID-19. If ever there was a year to celebrate our faculty, this is it.

I’m proud to share that, despite the commotion of our current time, many of you still took the time to recognize the incredible work performed by your colleagues. This year we have six Excellence Award winners in addition to all of the academic appointments, promotions, achievements, grants awarded and leadership positions earned.

The service that Rush faculty provide to the institutional, local, regional, national and global communities is impactful and impressive. It is an honor for my office, the Office of Faculty Affairs, to support your professional, career and leadership development.

Susan Chubinskaya, PhD
Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs, Rush University

Excellence in Clinical Service
Neha Gupta, MD
Angela Moss, PhD, MSN, RN, APRN-BC
Peter Revenaugh, MD
Beverly E. Sha, MD

Excellence in Community Service
Ashok A. Jagasia, MD, PhD
Christopher Nolan, MPA

Excellence in Education
Brinda Bradaric, PhD
Alyssa Gage, MS, PA-C
Michael Gottlieb, MD
Katherine M. Schafer, MSN, APRN, PCNS-BC, CNL, CCRN, CHSE
Aimee Szewka, MD
Laura VanPuymbrouck, PhD

Excellence in Mentoring
Shaun Cooper, MS
Wrenetha Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN
Raj C. Shah, MD
Nicole Siparsky, MD, FACS
Bobby Tajudeen, MD

Excellence in Research
JoEllen Wilbur, PhD, RN, FAAN
Angela Moss, PhD, APRN-BC

Angela Moss, PhD, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, is an assistant professor in the Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing and an adult nurse practitioner who has been with Rush for 14 years. She has studied, participated in and contributed to the development of the College of Nursing Academic Practice Program.

In 2009, Moss was the founding director of a primary care clinic for low-income food service workers near O’Hare Airport in Chicago. Since then, she has established three more clinics around Chicago — all serving populations historically marginalized by traditional health care systems.

Moss was named director of the Rush College of Nursing Faculty Practice program in 2014 and was named the assistant dean in 2018. Under her leadership the program has grown over 550% to represent over 30 community partnerships where Rush faculty clinicians provide over 40,000 hours of direct clinical care in the community.

Jennifer B. Rousseau, DNP, WHNP-BC, CNE, assistant professor in the College of Nursing and Moss’ colleague in the College of Nursing Faculty Practice, says “Angela’s success is attributable to her reflexive ‘yes’ response to new opportunities. This characteristic, matched with her compassion and innovative style, come together to help address the problems that plague the delivery of equitable primary care to the most vulnerable populations.”

An expert in academic-practice partnerships, Moss approaches each partnership as a unique project and crafts health care delivery models that prioritize improved health outcomes. Recently Moss developed two large new programs, Family Connects, which provides new mothers with postpartum home visits from nurses, and a 100-bed shelter at A Safe Haven for people who are experiencing homelessness or unstable housing and have tested positive for COVID-19. Both programs have received recognition from Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and extensive coverage in the media.

Moss also supports her colleagues’ professional growth and scholarship. She has recommended clinicians for the Research Fellowship program, coordinated multiple faculty and clinician writing groups and provided funds for presentations on timely topics of interest. She has over 50 national conference presentations and peer-reviewed manuscripts on the topic of academic practice partnerships, and regularly consults nationally with other organizations looking to build such programs. She has completed four funded studies evaluating population health outcomes resulting from academic practice partnerships and is the primary investigator for a $250,000 grant to build and establish an academic practice nurse-managed care delivery model.

In reference to one of the long-time College of Nursing Faculty Practice partners, Chicago Public Schools Lighthouse for the Blind, Tanya Friese DNP, RN, CNL, assistant professor in the College of Nursing, says, “Angela has been instrumental in addressing the educational, emotional and social welfare needs of people who are blind, visually impaired, veterans with disabilities, and individuals with intellectual-developmental disabilities.”
Beverly E. Sha, MD

Beverly E. Sha, MD, began her journey at Rush as an internal medicine resident and an infectious disease fellow. She joined the Division of Infectious Diseases, Rush Medical College, as a faculty member in 1991 and became a full professor in 2009. Sha has been the director of the Mark Weiss Memorial Outpatient Clinic for Infectious Diseases at Rush University Medical Center since 1998. The clinic’s patient satisfaction scores are consistently among the highest of any practice at the Medical Center. During the past several months of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rush University Medical Center has provided care for more critically ill patients — and more patients overall — than any other hospital in Illinois. Sha’s leadership has been critical to those efforts.

In March 2020, she converted the Infectious Diseases clinic into a dedicated COVID-19 screening clinic, established a drive through testing area, and relocated the regular Infectious Diseases outpatient clinic to the Professional Building. She also helped lead the Medical Center’s work on investigational treatment trials for COVID-19. These trials have allowed approximately 80 moderately and severely ill patients with COVID-19 to receive investigational treatments, some of which have proven to be effective.

For her efforts, Sha was recognized, along with four of her former trainees, as a top doctor in COVID-19 treatment by Chicago Magazine (June-July 2020 issue). From 2008 to 2020, Sha has been listed in Chicago Magazine Top Doctors issue as one of the outstanding infectious diseases physicians in the Chicago area.

“T h e have been struck by the breadth of her knowledge and the lengths she will go to solve the most difficult clinical problems,” says Robert A. Weinstein, MD, the C. Anderson Hedberg, MD, Professor of Internal Medicine at Rush Medical College. “She is relentless in pursuit of clinical excellence. Be it exactly the doctor you want for yourself or your family.”

Sha has been a part of many research trials and working groups studying HIV and AIDS, and is recognized by physicians across the state as a go-to referred clinician for HIV. Sha has been an investigator in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases’ AIDS Clinical Trials Group since 1989 and the Rush Women’s Interagency HIV Study (WHIS) since 1994, and has served as principal investigator for the R U C T A G site since 2006 and the Rush WHIS site since 1998.

In 2015 she led an effort to implement routine HIV and HCV screening in the emergency department at Rush, which has since expanded to 63 primary care clinics across the Rush system, including the Rush Oak Park Hospital emergency department. In addition, she manages a panel of approximately 400 outpatient clinic patients and attends on inpatient wards several times per year.

Sha began caring for a patient, Shernet Wrobell, in 1993 before established therapies were available for treatment of HIV. Through her research, she was able to identify the best treatments for Wrobell and maintain her health. Wrobell was so grateful that in 2019 she established an HIV research and education fund in Sha’s name.

Sha is the principal investigator or site principal investigator for multiple funded investigation and has been published in high-impact peer-reviewed journals, such as Clinical Infectious Diseases, the Journal of AIDS and JAMA. In addition, she received the Outstanding Healthcare Advocate Award from the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago in 2007, and in 2017 was given the POZ 100 Award recognizing women committed to ending the HIV epidemic.

Ashok A. Jagasia, MD, PhD

Ashok Jagasia, MD, PhD, is an assistant professor and director of Global Health in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology at Rush Medical College and director of Rush Oak Park Otolaryngology. He earned his medical degree at Rush Medical College and completed his residency in otorhinolaryngology at Rush University Medical Center.

Early in his career, Jagasia began making annual trips to the mountainside community of Peralta in the Dominican Republic, where he provides otolaryngology services, including examinations and surgeries, to children and adults who have limited or no access to modern health care. Many of the patients Jagasia sees travel for many days to see him because that is their only opportunity to receive care.

His intention on trips to Peralta is to provide care within his specialty, but he makes accommodations for whatever the patients need. He has performed sinusosal surgeries, addressed pediatric cases and treated people with thyroid cancers.

Similar health disparities in Chicago neighborhoods led Jagasia to start a free ear, nose and throat clinic in 2018. The clinic is operated in collaboration with Franciscan Outreach, which provides services for people experiencing homelessness in Chicago. Clinic services are provided one to two evenings a month and are provided by medical students and residents at Rush.

The clinic is currently developing a way to bring otolaryngology virtual care to shelters so people will have easier access to care. Jagasia’s vision is to provide a specialty otolaryngology virtual care program to many shelters and clinics in Chicago to reach more people who are experiencing homelessness.

“He is building a legacy and is a role model for our residents and for all of us who want to help our communities, both near and far,” says Kerstin M. Stenson, MD, FACS, professor in the Department of Otolaryngology, head of the Section of Head and Neck Surgery and director of the Head and Neck Cancer Program at Rush. “His commitment to service is clearly manifested in his actions. His essence comprises clinical ability, empathy and connectedness to humanity.”

Outside of Chicago, Jagasia has helped establish expanded health care in rural Illinois communities where there is a need for basic otolaryngology care. Over the last four years, he has served at Gibson Area Hospital in Gibson City, Illinois, where he has seen approximately 2,500 patients and performed over 400 surgeries.

During his time at Gibson Area Hospital, Jagasia has observed that many patients are looking for guidance on how to properly manage their otolaryngology concerns. Jagasia refers patients in need of complex sinus, head and neck or ear surgeries to colleagues at Rush for further care.

Jagasia’s work investigating disparities in urban and rural health care was published in an article that appeared in the Journal of Laryngoscope, which was awarded first place by the Chicago Laryngological and Otological Society. To promote future expanded health care in rural areas, Rush University Medical Center, in association with Gibson Area Hospital, has finalized a program that focuses on specialty health care in communities outside of large urban areas.
Michael Gottlieb, MD, is the ultrasound director of the Department of Emergency Medicine and program director of the Clinical Ultrasound Fellowship Program at Rush University Medical Center. He joined Rush in 2016 and helped develop the Rush Emergency Medicine Residency Program.

Gottlieb created the ultrasound training program for emergency medicine residents and spends approximately 24 hours per week with the residents while they are on rotation. This is recognized as a significant recruitment tool for the program. Gottlieb is a core faculty member in the program and serves on its program evaluation and conference planning committees. He has been the highest-rated faculty member in the program by residents for three straight years.

“Dr. Gottlieb’s strengths include his incorporation of evidence-based medicine into his practice and his dedication to resident learning,” says one emergency medicine resident. “His informal overviews of topics like anaphylaxis, dangerous causes of syncope or shoulder reduction techniques have shaped my practice. It is a testament to his quality as an educator that I recall his informal lessons months and, in some cases, years later.”

Gottlieb created the first Clinical Ultrasound Fellowship at Rush. As fellowship director, he trains one fellow each year. He is also the course director for annual faculty development courses in ultrasound and teaches ultrasound to Rush medical students during their first and fourth years.

In addition to his roles at Rush, Gottlieb created several national faculty development programs. He co-created the Academic Life in Emergency Medicine Faculty Incubator program, which is an international, yearlong faculty development program that develops advanced education teaching and scholarship skills among clinician educators. He is currently a core mentor and the Chief Academic Officer for the program. He also co-created the Advanced Research Methodology Evaluation and Design in Medical Education yearlong faculty development program for the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, where he serves as the Research and Scholarship Subcommittee chair.

Gottlieb has given over 100 national and international lectures. He has also created dozens of ultrasound training courses across the U.S. He is the chair of the SAEM Education Summit, where he organizes a one-day session on education scholarship for emergency medicine professionals. For the past two years, he has been the Innovation Sub committee chair.

Gottlieb has published 64 book chapters and 230 peer-reviewed papers in the past five years. Much of his research has focused on novel teaching approaches, knowledge dissemination and ultrasound applications. He has also received the prestigious Education Research Grant from the Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors to study the impact of driving on pilot knowledge acquisition and retention.

In 2016, Gottlieb received the Ultrasound Research Award from the Academy of Emergency Ultrasound, followed by the AUUS Fellow Education Award the next year. In 2018, he received the AAEM Young Educator Award and was selected for the CORD Academy of Scholarship Distinguished Scholar Award. In 2019, he was honored with the ACEP National Emergency Medicine Junior Faculty Teaching Award and the SAEM Program Committee Award for Outstanding Contribution to Advance the Specialty of Academic Emergency Medicine.

Raj C. Shah, MD, is an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine, Rush Medical College, and the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center. His academic focus is the design of collaborative science infrastructures that support clinical trials for the prevention and treatment of age-related conditions that affect diverse older adults.

Shah is a board-certified family physician with a certificate of added qualification in geriatrics. He has extensive experience in the organization and conduct of large-scale, federally funded clinical trials and cohort studies, especially in the areas of dementia, Alzheimer’s disease and disability-free longevity.

Shah was selected for the CORD Academy of Scholarship Distinguished Scholar Award. In 2019, he was honored with the ACEP National Emergency Medicine Junior Faculty Teaching Award and the SAEM Program Committee Award for Outstanding Contribution to Advance the Specialty of Academic Emergency Medicine.
JoEllen Wilbur, PhD, APN, FAAN, joined Rush University in 2007 as the College of Nursing’s Professor and Independence Foundation Chair in Nursing. She has been the associate dean for research in the College of Nursing since 2008.

For the past three decades Wilbur’s research has focused on the development of culturally sensitive, community-based interventions to increase physical activity and improve the health of women. In the 1980s, she began examining midlife symptoms within the context of women’s lives. She applied her family nurse practitioner expertise to develop a program of health promotion research to test the effects of using physical activity as a nonpharmacological alternative to hormone replacement therapy for midlife symptoms. Also, she modified one of the predominately male-oriented self-report measures of physical activity to reflect the uniqueness of women’s lives. Publications from this work were among the earliest to address the benefits of physical activity for women’s health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded Wilbur funding to become part of the Women’s Cardiovascular Health Network, which focused on identifying the influence of personal and environmental determinants of physical activity in diverse women across the United States. Seminal findings were published in Women’s Health and the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Active Living Research program provided the opportunity to collaborate with a civil engineer and public health experts in global information systems to assess the influence of neighborhood environmental factors on participation in physical activity and the health of women.

Wilbur’s early work informed the development of the Women’s Lifestyle Physical Activity Program, a cost-effective, evidence-based behavior change intervention tailored to increase physical activity adherence and improve cardiovascular outcomes for African American women. The program has been disseminated and modified for communities in the U.S. and abroad. Current testing of components of the intervention are being done in four National Institutes of Health (NIH) clinical trials, including with African American women who have asthma, in pregnant women at risk for pre-eclampsia, a SMART design with working women, and with older women with cardiovascular disease.

Since 1987, Wilbur has been continuously funded by the NIH as a principal or co-investigator. Her research has been published in over 160 publications. Her many mentees include NIH NRSA predoctoral fellows, NIH Research Career Develop awardees, a Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health Scholar, a Rush University Kellogg Scholar and a Robert Wood Johnson Faculty Scholar. “Dr. Wilbur has instituted mechanisms to enhance the research productivity of the entire college,” says Shannon Halloway, PhD, RN, assistant professor, College of Nursing, and one of Wilbur’s mentees. “Among them are the use of think tanks, mock reviews, intensive mentoring of junior faculty in the grant writing process, research workshops and remodeling space for research projects.”

Wilbur was named to the Sigma Theta Tau Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame in 2013. She is also a member of the National Advisory Council for National Institutes of Nursing Research at the NIH, which is an appointment made by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.
Fiscal Year 2020 Professors

- Dino Rumoro, DO, MPH, FACEP
  Emergency Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Barbara Soltes, MD, FACOG
  Obstetrics and Gynecology
  Rush Medical College
- Beth Staffileno, PhD
  Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
  College of Nursing
- Dean Toriumi, MD
  Otorhinolaryngology
  Rush Medical College
- David Changli Wei, MD, PhD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- William Whittier, MD, FASN
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- James Wyatt, PhD
  Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
  Rush Medical College

Fiscal Year 2020 Associate Professors

- Charlotte Bai, MD, FACC
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Sindhura Bandi, MD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Edward Blazek, PhD
  Radiation Oncology
  Rush Medical College
- Brandon Barton, MD, MS, FAAN
  Neurological Sciences
  Rush Medical College
- Jay Behel, PhD
  Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
  Rush Medical College
- Faraz Bishehsari, MD, PhD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Rene Carizey, DO
  Emergency Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Christopher Codispoti, MD, PhD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Heide Cygan, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC
  Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
  College of Nursing
- Manju Daniel, PhD, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC
  Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
  College of Nursing
- Jennifer Earvolino, MD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Robert Feldman, MD
  Emergency Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Brian Forsythe, MD
  Orthopedic Surgery
  Rush Medical College
- Grant Garrigues, MD
  Orthopedic Surgery
  Rush Medical College
- Eileen Giardino, PhD, MSN, APRN
  Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia Program
  College of Nursing
- Yasmeen Golzar, MD
  Internal Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Michael Gottlieb, MD
  Emergency Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Nicole Heath, PhD
  Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
  Rush Medical College
- Tarlan Hedayati, MD
  Emergency Medicine
  Rush Medical College
- Michelle Heyland, DNP, APRN, PMNP-BC
  Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
  College of Nursing
Congratulations on your appointments and promotions. The following is a list of new associate professors named this past academic year.

Fiscal Year 2020 Associate Professors

Kelki Hinami, MD, MS, FACP
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Louis Hondros, DO
Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College

Urmeka Jefferson, PhD, RN
Women, Children, and Family Nursing
College of Nursing

Dinesh Kalra, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Sonali Khandelwal, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Monica Kogan, MD
Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Chien-Ching Li, PhD, MPH
Health Systems Management
College of Health Sciences

Lauren Little, PhD, OTR/L
Occupational Therapy
College of Health Sciences

Mary Beth Madonna, MD
Surgery
Rush Medical College

Mahboobeh Mahdavinia, MD, PhD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Saurabh Malhotra, MD, MPH
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Masako Mayahara, PhD, RN, CHPN, FPCN
Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Laura Meltzer, MD
Pediatrics
Rush Medical College

Pauline Merrill, MD
Ophthalmology
Rush Medical College

Elias Michaelides, MD
Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

Oyedolamu Olaitan, MBBS
Surgery
Rush Medical College

Agne Paner, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Amanda Persons, PhD
Physician Assistant Studies
College of Health Sciences

Monique Reed, PhD
Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing
College of Nursing

Ruth Rosenblum, DNP, RN, PNP-BC, CNS
Women, Children, and Family Nursing
College of Nursing

Kathleen Rowland, MD
Family Medicine
Rush Medical College

Syed Shah, MD, FACP
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Parikshit (Parik) Sharma, MD, MPH
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Michelle Sweet, MD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

Antone Tatooles, MD
Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Robin Voigt-Zuwala, PhD
Internal Medicine
Rush Medical College

R. Mark Wiet, MD
Otorhinolaryngology
Rush Medical College

Robert Wysocki, MD
Orthopedic Surgery
Rush Medical College

Mary Zonsius, PhD, RN
Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing
College of Nursing
# New Endowed Chairs

## Fiscal Year 2020

Lena Al-Harthi, PhD  
The Thomas J. Coogan Sr., MD, Chair of Immunology

Deborah A. Hall, MD, PhD  
The Parkinson’s Foundation Chair of Neurological Sciences

Celalettin Ustun, MD  
The Coleman Foundation Chair of Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant

## Fiscal Year 2021

Andrew Bean, PhD  
The Judd and Marjorie Weinberg Presidential Professorship

Susan L. Freeman, MD, MS  
The Robert C. and Naomi T. Borwell Presidential Chair

Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc  
The James A. Campbell, MD, Distinguished Service Professorship

Nadim J. Hallab, PhD  
The Henry P. Russe, MD, Deanship of Rush Medical College

Badrinath R. Konety, MBBS, MBA  
The James A. Campbell, MD, Distinguished Service Professorship

Anna Spagnoli, MD  
The Ronald L. DeWald, MD, Endowed Professorship of Spinal Deformities

Haimanot (Monnie) Wasse, MD, MPH  
The Ronald L. DeWald, MD, Endowed Professorship of Spinal Deformities

# External Awards

## Leadership Positions

Adrienne Adams, MD, MS  
Co-Chair  
American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

Neeleum Aggarwal, MD  
Co-Chair  
Alzheimer’s Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer’s Research and Treatment

Sarah Alley, PhD, APHN-BC, CDDN  
Board President  
Alliance for Disability in Health Care Education

Pete (Sukhpreet) Batra, MD, FACS, FARS  
Chair, Governance and Administration Workgroup  
American Rhinologic Society

Adriana Bermeo-Ovalle, MD  
Subcommittee Chair  
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society

Anuradha Bhama, MD  
Oral Examiner  
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

Torrey Birch (Boland), MD  
Parent Council  
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

Susan Buchholz, PhD, RN, FAANP, FAAN  
President-Elect  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties

Richard Byrne, MD  
Director, National Certification Board  
American Board of Neurological Surgeons

Treasurer  
Society of Neurological Surgeons

Ana Capuano, PhD  
Vice Chair-Elect  
PIA Design and Data Analytics  
Alzheimer’s Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer’s Research and Treatment

Susanna Chubinskaya, PhD  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Orthopaedic Research Society

Christopher Codispoti, MD, PhD  
President  
Illinois Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

Stephanie Crowley McWilliam, PhD  
Director-at-Large  
Sleep Research Society

Heide Cygan, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC  
Board Member  
Midwest Association of Community Health Educators

Rima Dafer, MD, MPH  
Board Member  
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

Kathleen Delaney, PhD, PMHNP, FAAN  
Chair  
Illinois Nursing Workforce Center

Heide Cygan, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC  
Board Member  
Midwest Association of Community Health Educators

Rima Dafer, MD, MPH  
Board Member  
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

Kathleen Delaney, PhD, PMHNP, FAAN  
Chair  
Illinois Nursing Workforce Center
## External Awards

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<td>Melinda Earle, DNP</td>
<td>Vice Chair, Heartland Alliance Health</td>
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<td>Deborah Edberg, MD</td>
<td>Alternate Delegate, American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates</td>
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<td>Erin Emery-Tiburcio, PhD</td>
<td>Board of Directors, Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs</td>
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<td>Sheila Eswaran, MD, MS</td>
<td>Co-Chair, Medical Advisory Committee, Great Lakes Chapter, American Liver Foundation</td>
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<td>Medical Director, CIDPH COVID Medical Epidemiology Bureau Leadership</td>
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<td>Steering Committee, Alzheimer’s Disease Centers</td>
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<td>Michael Gottlieb, MD</td>
<td>President-Elect, Ultrasound Section, American Academy of Emergency Medicine</td>
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<td>Kevin Foy</td>
<td>Vice Chair, Scholarship Pilar, Academy for Scholarship in Education, Council of Residency Directors in Emergency Medicine, Board of Directors, Illinois College of Emergency Physicians, Chair, Education Summit, Society of Academic Geriatrics Medicine</td>
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<td>Marilyn Griffin, MD</td>
<td>Chair, 66th Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee, Pediatrics Program, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry</td>
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<td>Khushboo Gupta, MBBS</td>
<td>Executive Board, Indo-American Society of Nuclear Medicine, Board of Directors, Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging</td>
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<td>Shannon Halloway, PhD</td>
<td>Appointed Representative, Finance Committee, Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, Appointed Representative, Article of the Year Committee, Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing</td>
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<td>Michael Hanak, MD</td>
<td>President-Elect, Board of Directors, Illinois Academy of Family Physicians</td>
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<td>Mary Hayden, MD</td>
<td>Co-Chair, Multidrug-Resistant Organism Task Force, Illinois Department of Health, Chair, Diagnostics Committee, Infectious Diseases Society of America, Board Member, President-Elect, Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America</td>
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<td>Appointed Chair, Governance Committee, Gamma Phi Sigma Theta Tau</td>
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<td>Sara Hock, MD</td>
<td>Secretary, Journal Club Interest Group, Society for Simulation in Healthcare</td>
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Family Connects Chicago, Citywide Advisory Council  
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CityMatCH

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Hip Topic  
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Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders

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Gastroenterology Organizational Leadership  
Development Program  
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CLCD/OPM Joint Science Subcommittee  
Cardio Oncology  
American Heart Association  
Co-Chair & Moderator  
Novel Concepts in Cardio-Oncology  
Populations with Unique Cardiovascular Risk  
Scientific Sessions  
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Special Interest Group  
Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies  
Founding Co-Chair  
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Sawsan Awad, MD
Medical Student Teaching Award
Rush Medical College

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Respiratory Care Program
Rush University

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Winning Idea
Shark Tank
Nursing Research Symposium
Rush University

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Philip E. Donahue Attending Surgeon of the Year
Surgery
Rush Medical College

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OpEd Project
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Women’s, Children’s and Family Nursing
College of Nursing

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Leslie Nan Burridge Endowed Faculty Scholar
Parkinson’s Disease Research
Rush Medical College

Stephen Gore, MD
SCORE Award Recipient
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Award PF-MDS-1813 for Parkinson’s Foundation
Institutional Movement Disorder Fellowship
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Pediatrics
Rush University Children’s Hospital
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Colleen Nash, MD
Teaching Honor Roll
Pediatrics Residency Program
Rush Medical College

Suwon Nopachai, MD, MPH
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Tochukwu Okwuosa, DO
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Internal Medicine
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Outstanding Faculty Educator
Rush Medical College

Naomi Parrella, MD
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National Doctor’s Day Philanthropy Recipient
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Family Medicine Residency
Rush Copley Medical Center

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Nonsurgeon
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Rush Medical College

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Rush University Medical Center

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Health Cancer Service Line
Rush University System for Health

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Rush University System for Health

Fred Brown, DNP, RN, CENP
Interim Associate Vice President
Perioperative and Interventional Services
Rush University System for Health

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Director
Section Services
Rush Oak Park Hospital

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Rush University Medical Center

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Pediatric Discipline M1-M2 Curriculum
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Assistant Dean
Advising
Rush Medical College

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Deputy Director
Neurosciences Service Lines
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Neurological Sciences
Rush Medical College

Brett Wayne Cox, MD
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Radiation Oncology
Rush University

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Behavioral Sleep Medicine Training Program
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Mohammad Daaif, MD
Medical Director
Stroke
Rush Copley Medical Center

Rima Dafer, MD, MPH
Director
Outpatient Vascular Neurology Clinic
Rush University Medical Center

Irene Dehghan-Paz, MD
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Jori Fleisher, MD, MSCE
Director & Founder
Advanced Interdisciplinary Movement Disorders
Supportive Care Clinic
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Health Systems Management
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Ravi Iyengar, MD
Medical Director
Affirm: The Rush Center for Gender, Sexuality and Reproductive Health

Shivi Jain, MD
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Bright Light Treatment at Home to Improve Symptom Management of Fibromyalgia Syndrome  
National Institute of Nursing Research  
University of Michigan

James Conners, MD, MS, FAHA  
IU01 NS106513  
Anticoagulation in ICH Survivors for Prevention and Recovery (ASPERE) Study  
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke  
University of Cincinnati

Stephanie Crowley, PhD  
IR01 HL146772-01A1  
Adolescent Circadian Misalignments: Mechanistic Studies of Sleep and Light  
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
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MEP: Sleep- Gut Microbiota and Cardiometabolic Risk Across the Epidemiologic Transition  
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
Loyola University Chicago

Robert Dawe, PhD  
IK25 AG061254-01A1  
Quantifying Lower Extremity Joint Motion in Community-Dwelling Older Adults to Elucidate Its Contributions to Mobility Limitations, Incident Mobility Disability, and Falls  
National Institute on Aging

Jie Deng, PhD  
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The Effects of Captanoids on Brown Adipose Tissue Recruitment and Activation in Obesity  
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases  
Northwestern Feinberg College of Medicine

Denis Evans, MD  
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Nonlinear Models of Cognition Preceding AD in a Biracial Population Sample  
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National Institute on Aging  
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Cleveland Clinic

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National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases  
University of Pennsylvania

Francine Grodstein, ScD  
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Role of Vitamin D in the Prevention and Progression of Urinary Incontinence  
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Neha Gupta, MD  
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National Institute of Mental Health  
Adaptive Health, LLC

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Exploiting Integriin Signaling to Overcome Resistance to Immunotherapy  
National Cancer Institute  
Washington University in St. Louis

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Lifestyle Physical Activity and Cognitive Training Interventions: Preventing Memory Loss in Older Women and Cardiovascular Disease  
National Institute of Nursing Research

Joao Filipe Inacio-Mamede, PhD  
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Direct Live-Cell Visualization and Quantification of Interactions Between Infectious HIV Particles in Primary Targert Cells  
National Institutes of Health  
Washington University in St. Louis

Tricia Johnson, PhD  
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National Institute of Nursing Research  
Duke University

Niranjan Karnik, MD, PhD  
1R01 MH117168  
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National Institute of Mental Health  
University of Chicago

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IR01 MH118382
Preventing Suicide in African American Adolescents
National Institute of Mental Health
DePaul University

Elizabeth Lynch, PhD
IR01 NR018465-01A1
Alive Blood Pressure Project: A Church-Based Intervention to Improve Blood Pressure
National Institute of Nursing Research

Ruben Markosyan, PhD
R01 AI083668
The Mechanism of Arenavirus Entry into Cells
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Emory University

Pauline Merrill, MD
5G1 EY028091
AlAminum vs. Conventional Immunosuppression for Corticosteroid-Sparing for Uveitis (ADVISE) Trail
National Eye Institute
Johns Hopkins University

Dan Nicholson, PhD
T32 AG020506
Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Training Program in Aging and Dementia
National Institute on Aging
Northwestern University

Nicholas Osterreas, MD, MS
U43 AG099043
Sleep for Stroke Management and Recovery Trial
National Institute on Neurological Disorders and Stroke
University of Cincinnati

Aloka Patel, MD
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Reducing Disparity in Receipt of Mother’s Own Milk in Very Low Birth Weight Infants: An Economic Intervention to Improve Adherence to Sustained Maternal Breast Pump Use
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Victoria Poole, PhD
7K01 AG066404-02
A Multimodal Imaging Model to Predict Mobility in Older Adults
National Institute on Aging

Kyle Popovich, MD
IR01 AI114607-01A1
A Multi-Level Genomic and Spatial Analysis of MEK5 Transmission
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Jitesh Pratap, PhD
IR21 CA246609-01 Rev
Regulation of Autophagy in Bone Metastasis
National Cancer Institute

Liudmila Romanova, PhD
IR01 A0664226
Differential Clearance of Pyroglutamate Abeta through Arachnoid and Meningeal Lymphatics in Alzheimer Disease
National Institute on Aging

Ryan Ross, PhD
SU01 AI034993
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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Hektoen Institute for Medical Research

Latha Soorya, PhD
R44 MH121965
Automated, Quantitative and Scalable System for Social Processes in Behavioral Health
National Institute of Mental Health
Argus Cognitive

Anna Spagnoli, MD
7R01 AR074049-02
Fate and Regulation of Fracture-Induced Prx1 Cells
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

Rick Sumner, PhD
1T32 AR073157-01A1
Post-Doctoral Training in Joint Health
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

Jordan Tasse, MD
5UH3 HL138325
Chronic Venous Thrombosis: Relief with Adjunctive Catheter-Directed Therapy - The C-TRACT Trial
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
Washington University in St. Louis

Julie Schneider, MD, PhD
R01 AG064233
In-Vivo MRI-Based Prediction of TDP43 Pathology in Aging
National Institute on Aging

Beverly Sha, MD
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Randomized Trial to Prevent Vascular Events in HIV - REPRIEVE
National Institute on Aging

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1P30 AG064200
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National Institute on Aging
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3/4: Improving the Part C Early Intervention Service Delivery System for Children With ASD: a Randomized Clinical Trial
National Institute of Mental Health

Robert Wilson, PhD
1R56 AG066127
Adaptive Testing of Cognitive Function Based on Multi-Dimensional Item Response Theory
National Institute on Aging
University of Chicago

Lei Yu, PhD
R01 AG038651
Role of Impaired Cognitive States & Risk Factors in Conversion to Mixed Dementia
National Institute on Aging
University of Kentucky

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R44 CA156781
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National Cancer Institute
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American Heart Association
Stanford University

Mary Jo Fidler, MD
ALCM1-010
LIBERTI: Role of Circulating Tumor DNA (ctDNA) from Liquid Biopsy in Early Stage NSCLC Resected Lung Tumor Investigation
Addario Lung Cancer Medical Institute

George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, BCC
Advancing Interprofessional Spiritual Care in Clinical Settings
John Templeton Foundation
George Washington University

Drayton Hammond, PharmD, MBA
Elucidation of Actual and Potential Cost Avoidance Generated From Recommendations From Clinical Pharmacist Who are and are not Board Certified in ICU and ED
Board of Pharmacy Specialties

Dana Hayden, MD, MPH
PCS-2018CH-10949
Protocol for the Comparison of Surgery and Medicine on the Impact of Diverticulitis (COSMID) Trial
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
University of Washington

Elizabeth Kravis, MD, PhD
Together Strong NPC Foundation
University of Illinois at Chicago

Timothy Kuzel, MD
Overcoming Drug Resistance in Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer with Novel Combination of TGF-Receptor Inhibitor LY2157299 and Enzalutamide
The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
Johns Hopkins University

Alan Landay, PhD
Pilot Grant
Frailty Assessments and Individualized Report Clinical Model and Centralized Research Database for Vulnerable Older Adults Center for Excellence in Aging

Nadine Lerret, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM
Research Fund Grant
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Education
Mia Levy, MD, PhD  
Clinical Decision Support for Precision Breast Cancer  
Managing Treatment Burden and Capacity in Patients Undergoing Treatment for Breast Cancer  
Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation  
Vanderbilt University

Lauren Little, PhD, OTR/L  
COVID Research Grants  
Telehealth Intervention to Address Early Intervention Access Disparities Among Underserved Families Project  
Rush Translational Science Consortium

Martha Morris, ScD  
US POINTER - Study Site - U.S. Study to Protect Brain Health through Lifestyle Intervention to Reduce Risk Alzheimer’s Association  
Wake Forest University Health Sciences

James Moy, MD  
Improving Medication Adherence with Telehealthcare Medication Therapy Management to Change Health Outcomes in Adolescents and Young Adults with Asthma (MATCH)  
Parental Response Using a Daily Digital Diary to Capture Respiratory symptoms in Young Children With Recurrent Respiratory Tract Illnesses American Lung Association (ALA) Novel Digital Diary Asthma BMI Baseline Study (ABBS)  
American Lung Association  
Northwestern University

Cesar Ochoa, MD, MPH  
Down Syndrome Natural History Study  
LuMind Research Down Syndrome Foundation

Alexander Rackman, MD  
Pilot Grant  
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Yoona Rhee, MD, ScM  
Healthcare Worker Exposure Response and Outcomes of Hydroxychloroquine Trial (HERO-HCQ Trial)  
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute  
Duke University

Lydia Royeen, MOT, OTR/L  
Pilot Grant  
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Girish Sharma, MD  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Registry  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Steven Taylor, OTD, OTR/L  
Age-Friendly Adult Centered Telehealth Training (A-FACTT) to Promote Competency and Confidence in the Use of Telehealth Center for Excellence in Aging

Vincent Traynelis, MD  
Prospective Radiographic and Clinical Evaluation of Surgical Treatment for Cervical Deformity: a Multi-Center Study  
International Spine Study Group Foundation

Puja Agarwal, PhD  
Association of Strawberry Consumption With Cognitive and Motor Decline as well as Brain Neuropathologies in Older Adults  
California Strawberry Commission

Robyn Golden, MA, LCSW  
Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program COVID Health Resources and Service Administration  
May Hayden, MD  
Evaluating Changes in Skin Cultures and Skin Microbiome Due to Chlorhexidine vs. Soap Bathing in Patients Requiring Acute or Long Term in Healthcare Facilities  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
University of California – Irvine

Cesar Ochoa-Lubinoff, MD, MPH  
A Prospective Natural History Study of Angelman Syndrome for Therapeutic Development  
Boston Children’s Hospital

Hale Thompson, PhD  
A Chicago Center of Excellence in Learning Health Systems Research Training (ACCELERAT) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Northwestern University

Allison Wainer, PhD  
Building Early Connections Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
Center for Mental Health Services

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Throughout the first several months of the COVID-19 pandemic, Rush put out a call to recognize the selfless and inspiring actions of colleagues in the Rush community. We are delighted to share some of the faculty who were nominated as Health Care Heroes, along with some words submitted by their nominators.

Hassan A. Ahmad, MD
Internal Medicine, Allergy and Immunology
Rush Medical College

“Hassan has offered many words of encouragement and support to the allergy fellows during this difficult time. When we received the tentative redeployment schedule, he stayed cool and collected. He helped relieve the anxiety that everyone was experiencing.”

Elizabeth Davis, MD
Internal Medicine, General Medicine
Rush Medical College

“Since championing efforts to screen and test our peers experiencing homelessness, Dr. Davis has brought screening to organizations that needed it most. All the while, she has been caring for patients as an attending hospitalist, and teaching medical students and residents involved in the health equity curricula.”

Amie Gamino, MD
Internal Medicine, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Rush Medical College

“Dr. Gamino worked tirelessly to restructure the program to meet the current needs of the pandemic. She is a role model to all of us and is one of the reasons I joined the Pulmonary and Critical Care faculty.”

Robyn Golden, MA, LCSW
Internal Medicine, Rush Medical College

“Robyn’s leadership has allowed the team of care managers and patient navigators to be responsive to internal and community needs to redeploy staff in needed areas of the hospital and community to address mental health, social service and education needs.”

Edward Gomez, MD
Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Palliative Care
Rush Medical College

“Gomez has been that consistent, calm voice and advocate at the nursing home rehab facility where he accepts Rush patients after hospitalization to help bring resources and build a plan to protect them.”

Manya Gupta, MD
Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine
Rush Medical College

“Dr. Gupta has come in on her days off to bring wellness packages to the residents and give other colleagues a day off if they need it to run errands, see their family or just rest. She is a truly selfless hero.”
Mary K Hayden, MD  
Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases  
Rush Medical College  
“Dr. Hayden provided opportunities to younger faculty to be involved in clinical and research aspects during the pandemic and demonstrated how much she cares for us as people and not just as her faculty.”

Sayona John, MD, FNCS, FAAN  
Neurological Sciences, Rush Medical College  
“Dr. John worked endlessly to adapt our neurological ICU into a unit capable of offering all the leading-edge care for COVID patients. She worked days and nights coordinating our staff, training our residents, fellows and nurses, and in a matter of few days, made it all happen.”

Sabrina Jones, MD  
Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine  
Rush Medical College  
“Dr. Jones has been a true team player by giving superior patient care while remaining committed to resident and fellow education.”

Mia Levy, MD, PhD  
Internal Medicine, Hematology, Oncology and Cell Therapy, Rush Medical College  
“Dr. Levy led by example: She was granted emergency ICU into a unit capable of offering all the leading-edge care for COVID patients. She worked days and nights coordinating our staff, training our residents, fellows and nurses, and in a matter of few days, made it all happen.”

Susan Lopez, MD  
Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine  
Rush Medical College  
“Suzy is one of our newest faculty and has worked tirelessly to ensure adequate and clear communication for our patients with low health literacy and or those with limited English proficiency. She compiled a list of frequently asked questions, arranged for translation into Spanish and made the resource available to all of us to provide to our patients during the inpatient stay. She also advocated to translating our discharge information into Spanish.”

Hannah Manella, MS, RD, LDN  
Clinical Nutrition, College of Health Sciences  
“Since COVID has started, she began working with Culinary Care to get meals delivered to the infusion room for patients to take home with them or eat during their treatment. This service gave our patients something to look forward to and eased their mind during this trying time. She also arranged for nonperishable food items to be donated and placed in a goody bag for patients to take home with them.”

Steven Mokosowski, MBA  
Cardiopulmonary Sciences, College of Health Sciences  
“From the start of this pandemic, Steve has been working hard day and night, seven days a week, to make sure we have everything we need to take extraordinary care of our patients. As the director of our department, he constantly motivates our staff to keep moving forward during these hard times.”

Prem Nanavaty, MD  
Internal Medicine, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Rush Medical College  
“Every day Dr. Nanavaty is not only on the frontlines caring directly for critically ill patients but also behind the scenes organizing schedules and workflow, and preparing protocols for the teams. Despite the long hours and hectic days, she always manages to stay calm, positive and in good spirits.”

Patty Nedved, RN, MSN, CEND, FABC  
Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing College of Nursing  
“Patty was such a support for me through it all. She sent a daily text message to check on how I was doing — offering up love and prayers that were as palpable as my waning and waxing fears. I cannot thank her enough for her compassion.”

Kathryn (Katy) Perticone, MSN  
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Rush Medical College  
“Ms. Perticone is a hero for her amazing work in supporting the well-being of Rush staff, working in high-stress areas of the hospital with the greatest risk of exposure. She is a major piece in the efforts to maintain our workforce now and in the days ahead.”

Anupama Rao, MD, FACC, FSCMR  
Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Rush Medical College  
“Dr. Rao has been extremely diligent about making sure her staff have what we need at all times. Her concern, especially for the pregnant sonographers, has been incredibly appreciated. Dr Rao even offered to donate PTO to allow them to stay at home safe.”

Carrie Richardson, MD, MHS  
Internal Medicine, Rheumatology, Rush Medical College  
“Patients are grateful for Dr. Richardson’s willingness to see them for urgent appointments without hesitation in the midst of this pandemic.”

Steve Rothschild, MD  
Family Medicine, Rush Medical College  
“Dr. Rothschild has worked tirelessly making sure we are all doing our best to help our patients while also taking care of our needs. If he asks us to volunteer, he will be the first one to sign up. He is the example of what it means to be in this together.”

Joy Sclamberg, MD  
Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine  
Rush Medical College  
“By leading with a calm but serious voice, Dr. Sclamberg has made this situation feel as if we are attacking it as a team — not individuals. Her leadership and guidance has been a beacon of light.”

Paola Susan, MD, MBA  
Family Medicine, Rush Medical College  
“Dr. Paola Susan has numerous times volunteered without hesitation to assist during this pandemic at a nursing home, the emergency room and ambulance bay in addition to her responsibilities as a clinician and teacher. She is always thinking of others.”

Anjali Tannan, MD  
Ophthalmology, Rush Medical College  
“Dr. Tannan has been at the forefront of our clinic, making sure we are prepared to handle any COVID-related issue. She is a great leader, role model and an amazing teammate.”

Bette Tran, MD, MS  
Internal Medicine, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Rush Medical College  
“Dr. Tann has always been an excellent critical care physician, but during these difficult and uncertain times she has shown exceptional strength and has readily served her patients. She is a fierce patient advocate, works incredibly hard to provide the best possible care for her patients and remains a dedicated teacher.”

Rebecca Van Horn, MD  
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Rush Medical College  
“Dr. Van Horn joined the Army Reserve. I think this is a fantastic example of a leader of Rush’s program for veterans — joining the ranks, leading from the front. Seeing doctors sign up to serve is absolutely inspiring and patriotic.”
Julia Bassett, MBA
Health Systems Management, College of Health Sciences; and Rachel Smith
“Julia Bassett and Rachel Smith coordinated meal delivery for our patients, employees and community members who are facing food insecurity due to COVID-19. This tremendous effort has resulted in coordinating employee volunteers to deliver over 1,000 boxes of food each Friday with community partner Top Box. Health care happens in our walls, but these two make sure it also meets our community members exactly where they are.”

Christopher Bruti, MD
Internal Medicine, Rush Medical College; and Suparna (Nina) Dutta, MD
Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine Rush Medical College
“Using their exceptional organizational skills, mental flexibility and ability to creatively think outside the box, Drs. Dutta and Bruti revamped the entire hospitalist schedule and unit structure within days to accommodate our community’s and institution’s urgent needs. I believe they have elevated the presence of the Division of Hospital Medicine, and Rush Medical Center as a whole, in all respects.”

Camille Hawkins, MD; Anila Khan, MD; Nicole Prabhu, MD
Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine Rush Medical College
“The medicine chiefs have done an amazing job coordinating resident coverage for several of the COVID floors and COVID ICUs. The structure and staffing of these units have changed dozens of times as the COVID census has evolved, and they have put in countless extra hours making sure the hospital is appropriately staffed with their residents.”

Kathleen Oskvarek, CRNA and Victor Oskvarek, CRNA
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia Program College of Nursing
“The Oskvareks have been with Rush’s Anesthesia Department for a combined total of over 30 years. During this pandemic, they have stepped up to provide care for COVID-19 patients and have been the voice of reason and comfort for fellow CRNAs. They, along with the anesthesia residents, created the COVID-19 airway protocol, and one of them has been at nearly all COVID intubations in the ICU.”

All Faculty
“They have been gracious, grateful and resourceful. They have been creative in generating new assessments. They have made their online sessions fun for their students and have been a source of comfort and normalcy to students who are, like the rest of us, a bit unnerved by all of what is going on.”

All Therapists
“Rush’s therapists see the potential of what every patient can become. Fighting through all obstacles, they are helping their patients achieve their maximum outcomes.”

Emergency Department
“I admire the way the doctors, nurses and techs work effortlessly to ensure not only the safety of one another but provide the patients a sense of ease and the best of care during this difficult time.”

Infectious Diseases Team
“Mike Lin, MD; MPH; Beverly Sha, MD; and Mary Hayden, MD, have been phenomenal in leading the clinical aspect of this crisis. They have all tirelessly stepped up to meet the clinical challenge.”

Internal Medicine Residents, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellows and Attendings, and all Staff in the MICU and CICU
“They guide patients and families through difficult and life-altering decisions, and deal with morally complex situations. They strive to be the patient’s advocate and do what is right for them. Patients, families and the Rush community are lucky to have these clinicians.”

Perfusion Team
“The perfusion team helps with daily ECMO care, physical therapy, technical support and with anything else they can to help get patients well and out of the hospital.”

Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellows
“Even before the surge schedule was in place, the fellows of the pulmonary and critical care division stepped up to take care of the sickest COVID patients. In addition, they have continued to teach the residents and support other teams that are involved in the care of these patients. We are lucky to have such a phenomenal group of fellows!”

Radiology Department
“They provide the best patient care possible and at the same time provide the best images — like true Picassos!”

Respiratory Care Therapists
“The respiratory care faculty at Rush University have continued to conduct online education for their students while simultaneously stepping up to work with their colleagues in respiratory care at Rush University Medical Center. All respiratory therapists are at the heart and soul of the critical care work at the Medical Center as they provide the best possible care for patients hospitalized with COVID-19 who are on respirators. In addition, they are working with many others at Rush to conduct a clinical trial looking at the importance of proning while caring for those with COVID-19 who are on respirators. And they have included second-year respiratory care students in the delivery of exemplary service to patients. This group epitomizes the teacher-practitioner model that is the core of Rush. They, including the respiratory care students supervised by licensed respiratory therapists, exemplify a hero’s story!”

Faculty Recognition Reception
Rush Health Care Heroes
All Rush University faculty are invited to participate in the 2020-21 Teaching Academy Series. The following is a tentative schedule of presentation topics:

**July 21, 2020**
**Educational Technology**
Presented by Lynette Washington, MATD; and Brandon Taylor, MS, MOT

**Aug. 18, 2020**
**Engaging Students Remotely**
Presented by Lynette Washington, MATD; and Brandon Taylor, MS, MOT

**Sept. 15, 2020**
**Multiple Levels of Simulation**
Presented by Michelle Sergel, MD

**Oct. 20, 2020**
**Where to Publish?**
Presented by Scott Thomson, MS, MLIS, AHIP

**Nov. 17, 2020**
**Strategies for Success in Conducting Educational Research**
Presented by Adam Wilson, PhD

**Dec. 15, 2020**
**Teaching and Implementing the 4Ms of an Age-Friendly Health System in Clinical Settings**
Presented by Erin Emery-Tiburcio, PhD; Magdalena Bednarczyk, MD; Carline Guerrier, MSN, APN, AGPCNP-BC; Klodiana Myftari, PharmD; Rebecca O’Dwyer, MD

**Jan. 19, 2021**
**Assessment of Student Learning**
Presented by JK Stringer, PhD

**Feb. 16, 2021**
**Accessibility in the Health Sciences**
Presented by Marie Lusk, MBA, MSW, LSW

**March 16, 2021**
**Leveraging the IBR (Interest-Based Relational) Approach for Resolving Conflict**
Presented by Janet Shlaes, PhD, MBA, MA

**April 20, 2021**
**Things to Consider When Becoming a PI**
Presented by Rick Sumner, PhD; and Alan Landay, PhD

**May 18, 2021**
**Persuasive Communications**
Presented by Rebecca Darmoc, MS

**June 15, 2021**
**Self-Awareness and Social Awareness for Effective Problem Solving**
Presented by Nicole Ruso-Ponsaran, PhD

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