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HONORS & AWARDS
Drs. Abigail Taylor and Jennifer Witt were chosen as the recipients of the Year Four Medical Resident Distinguished Teaching Award. Dr. Theodore R. Thompson was voted as the recipient of the Year Four Distinguished Clinical Teaching Award for 2013-14. They will be presented with awards at the Medical School-University of Minnesota Foundation Honors and Awards Program on April 23, 2014 in Mayo Auditorium.

MEETINGS
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview

University of Minnesota Amplatz Children’s Hospital

PRESENT

15TH ANNUAL CUTTING EDGE CONFERENCE
The Cutting Edge in Transplantation: The Future Is Now

Wednesday, March 26, 2014
The Commons Hotel – Minneapolis 615 Washington Ave. SE Minneapolis, Minn
Dr. Vender is the Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology and the Harris Family Foundation Chair of Anesthesiology at NorthShore University HealthSystem in Chicago, IL, and Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

Dr. Vender is a nationally recognized lecturer on the topics of medical leadership and organizational change, anesthesiology and critical care.

Tuesday May 6, 2014
6:30 - 7:45 a.m.
Mayo Auditorium

RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Congratulations to February Employee Recognition Award Recipient: Kristine Mulier

Staff Award

Nominated for Mission – Pioneering Research

Values – Professionalism

Kristine Mulier began working in the department of surgery 24 years ago as undergraduate washing dishes. Over the course of her career, she earned several promotions to her current position of Senior Scientist/Lab Manager. During this time, she earned both her undergraduate and master’s degree at UMN in biological science.

Drs. Beilman and Delaney nominated Kristine for her consistent and long-standing contributions to department of surgery. She has been working with Dr. Beilman for over 20 years managing experiments and research. Kristine says, “I am thankful to all who have been sources of teaching and guidance as I have learned a lot during my employment.” “It has always been my goal to do the best work that I can do for everyone, who I have the privilege of working with.”
Kristine has a busy life outside of the lab. She has two children ages, 9 and 7 and celebrates 11 years of marriage. She is active in her children’s school community and is currently co-chair of the Parent Teacher Organization at Vadnais Heights Elementary, as well as co-leader of her daughter’s Girl Scout troop. When she has free time – she enjoys reading, scrapbooking and cooking.

“Our laboratory would not run without this outstanding team member,” says Drs. Beilman and Delaney in nominating Kristine.

Drs. Beilman and Delaney emphasize her devotion to her work and professionalism, while balancing her busy family life. “Ms. Mulier tirelessly devotes herself to ensuring that work in our laboratory is effectively planned and budgeted, we have appropriate equipment and supplies available, we meet appropriate regulatory requirements, the right people are appropriately trained/available to do experiments and work is appropriately recorded and analyzed,” they underscore. “More importantly, she is always available to “fill the breach” when there is an unexpected absence or other emergency.”

Do you see someone working hard in your area and contributing to the department’s success by fulfilling our mission, vision and values? If so, take a moment to nominate this person for an Employee Recognition Award.

Two Employee Recognition Awards will be given out each month—one for staff and one for faculty, fellows, and residents. All Department of Surgery employees can nominate another employee in the department, including the Surgical Administrative Center.

Completed nomination forms should be sent to Michelle Lunden.

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