VCU PM&R Alumni selected for national leadership: Several VCU PM&R alumni were recently selected to serve as national leaders w/i key PM&R associations, including:

- **Katherine Dec** ('93) just started her year as president of American Medical Society of Sports Medicine (AMSSM)
- **Darryl Kaelin** ('95) will become the incoming president of American Academy of PM&R (AAPMR)
- **Susan Groah** ('96) began her role as secretary/treasurer of American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA)
- **Jeff Johns** ('99) was selected as incoming president of Association of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP)

Great job, VCU PM&R Alum!

John & Rosa Cifu Lecture in Brain Injury Rehabilitation: VCU PM&R is pleased to announce that Dr. Robert Karol will present the first *John and Rosa Cifu Lecture in BI Rehabilitation* (Oct 6, 2017). Dr. Karol is a distinguished clinical scientist in the field of BI rehab and a rehab psychologist. In 2015, he was the recipient of the Lifetime Practice Excellence Award from the American Psychological Assoc. He is the co-founder of the Minnesota BI Alliance and practices in Minneapolis, where he is the president of Karol Neuropsychological Services and Consulting. The title of his lecture is "Non-Compliance vs Non-Adherence: Conceptualization and Treatment."

VCU & Sheltering Arms Rehab Merger Progresses: VCU PM&R & Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hosp (SAH) are combining their clinical experience, research capacity, national reputations and cutting edge nationally recognized programming to make Virginia rehabilitative care the nation’s best. The state approved a certificate of need application by the SAH & VCU “joint venture” to build their new 114-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital (opening early 2020), in Goochland to create a state-of-the-art destination facility focused on caring for individuals with a range of disability. A focus will be on evidence-based, integrated care pathways, translatable research activities, advanced training approaches, and a lifelong care model. Ongoing discussions and planning are underway.

VCU cultural and economic impact: VCU generates nearly $6 billion in economic activity and supports 63,000 jobs in Richmond & the metropolitan area, according to a new report.

23rd Annual Sports Medicine Update: Managing Sports Injuries Across the Lifespan. Dr. Eugenio Monasterio and Dr. Katherine Dec will be participating in this event - December 1-3, 2017—Williamsburg, VA.

Sportable to host NWBA: Sportable, Richmond’s Paralympic adaptive sports club, is partnering w/ National Wheelchair Basketball Association to host the NWBA Preseason National Invitation Tournament Oct 20-22, a 3-day tournament hosting the top NWBA Adult and Junior wheelchair b-ball teams from around the country.

Wehman to Lead RTC Grant: The VCU RTC, led by Paul Wehman, PhD, VCU PM&R, received a $4.4 million grant to investigate best practices for hiring and retaining workers with disabilities. Wehman and the RTC are the world’s leading authorities on vocational rehabilitation for individuals with acquired and developmental disabilities.

**PBS Documentary on McGuire Polytrauma Rehab:** The Polytrauma programs at McGuire VAMC were highlighted in a 1-hour documentary produced by PBS/ “Polytrauma Rehab in the VA: Compassionate Care” and will air on Thursday Sept 14th at 9pm (www.ideastations.org/polytrauma). The documentary is being released in parallel with PBS’s national release of the new Ken Burns “Vietnam War” documentary.
PM&R Faculty Updates

David Cifu, Chair PM&R, has been appointed as Associate Dean for Innovation and Systems Integration for VCU SOM. He will provide leadership in developing and enhancing relationships between the SOM and other VCU Schools, the McGuire VA, the DoD, and community and regional entities.

Dr Katherine Dec, sports medicine program lead at the NOW site, took part in the Team Physician Consensus Conference (TPCC) in January in Orlando, focused on “Female Athlete Issues for the Team Physician.”

Dr. David Glazer has accepted the position of PRC Medical Director at McGuire VAMC. David completed a BIM fellowship at JFK Rehab in NJ training under former VCU BI fellow Brian Greenwald. We are all excited to have David part of the team!

Dr. Mary Caldwell has begun her sports medicine practice at the NOW site, with a specific focus on Disabled Athletes. Mary completed a Sport and Spine Fellowship at the MedStar System after a PM&R residency at RIC.

Dr. Elizabeth Huntoon, integrative pain specialist at the NOW site, has been named as Program Director for PM&R Pain Medicine fellowship.

Dr. Jeffrey Kreutzer, VCU PM&R neuropsychology, was awarded the IBIA 2017 Jennett Plum Award for Clinical Achievement in the Field of BI Medicine. The award is presented to clinicians and researchers who have made substantive research contributions to the field of TBI.

Dave Cifu will be editor in chief of the next edition (6th) of Braddom’s Textbook of PM&R, the premiere resource for the field internationally, scheduled to be released in 2020. He is working with the publisher to identify his Associate Editors and chapter authors.

UPCOMING VCU PM&R CONFERENCE:

Best Practices in Pain Management: Primary Care and Specialty Collaboration—Presented by VCU Health Depts. of Anesthesiology & PM&R; Sept 16-17 in Williamsburg, VA.

2017 PM&R RESIDENT GRADS

Congratulations to our VCU PM&R resident grads who have begun their new careers:

Dan Contract — Private Practice, York, Pa
Anne Eliason — Private Practice, Maryland
Mike Kwasniewski — Moss Rehab, Phil, Pa
Jack Smith — Pain Med Fellowship, VCU
Sean Stockhausen — Private Practice, Bethlehem, Pa
Godfrey Thuku— Pain Med Fellowship, VCU

2016-17 PM&R ANNUAL AWARDS

Several annual dept. awards were conferred at the PM&R Resident / Graduation Dinner (June):

"Flax Resident Academic Leadership Award"
Dr. Dan Contract

"Faculty Teaching Excellence"
Dr. Will Carter

“Research Award” : Dr. Sean Stockhausen

“Best Grand Rounds”: Dr. Mike Kwasniewski
Best Co-Teachers: Drs. Denise Lester and Robert Trainer, Pain Medicine fellowship
**Alumni in The News!**

Ralph Buschbacher (92) all is well here in Indy. Ralph continues to work with workers comp and medicolegal cases.

Lois Buschbacher (92) - started as Chief of PMRS at the Roudebush VAMC.

Katherine Dec (93) delivered the State of the Union address at the AMSSM 26th Annual Meeting as the new AMSSM President. In addition to the Presidency of AMSSM, she is medical director of the Richmond Marathon.

Darryl Kaelin (95) has been promoted to Professor PM&R at Univ Louisville. He remains CMO of Frazier Rehab Institute and will become President of the AAPMR during the 2017 annual assembly in Denver.

Susan Groah (96) – Director of SCI research at MedStar NRH, has been awarded a $500 K grant by Craig Neilsen Foundation to create a 1st-of-its-kind UTI screening tool. Promoted to Chief of Paralysis Rehab & Recovery Program, Appointed Secretary/Treasurer of ASIA & Co-Chair of the PVA CPG on Cardiometabolic Dz after SCI (early fall 2017)

JT Hardman (99) – and Tita doing well w/ daughter Mikayla (14) and son Jordan (12)

Jeff Johns (99) - currently serving as the Interim Chair, Vanderbilt Dept PM&R. Also, elected as next President of Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals (ASCIP), beginning a 2-year term in Sept 2017

Jake Brokaw (03) remains happy in his private pain mgt practice, Baltimore. See you in Colorado!

Chris Dawson (10) – Has returned to Virginia with Interventional Pain at Tidewater Medical Center, Newport News.

Barry Sanderling (13) – Began working with a new group practice in Va Beach

Jeff Zeckser (14) – and Nicole, moved to Charlotte NC with son Arie and another child on the way, working with: Novant Health Orthopedic & Sports Med, Salisbury, NC (Interventional PM&R) along with Jason Tucker (14) at Interventional Bio-Restorative Orthopedics.

Udayan KulKarni (15) - Completed Peds/PM&R fellowship (Emory) and will stay on staff there. Way to go Udi!

Jim Newman (16) - taking a sports med position at Springfield Clinic, Springfield, IL, a large, physician owned, multispecialty group.

Rondy Lazaro (18) Eventual alumni, Rondy plays violin & is assistant conductor w/ Richmond Philharmonic; also sings w/ Richmond Symphony Chorus. PM&R never sounded so SWEET!

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**VCU & VAMC PM&R “FELLOWS” FOR 2017–18**

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**VCU PM&R and Alumni Get Published!**

- Dec K, Hupe J. Sleep: An Underrated Player in Athletic Performance High School Today (newsletter) Jan, 2017
RESIDENT’S CORNER

FACULTY WIN 2017 CHALLENGE CUP

Congratulations to PM&R Faculty for winning this year’s Resident-Faculty challenge, in a closely contested Archery Tag event, 5 games to 2.... Faculty were brilliantly led by: Jeff “The Archer” Tubbs, Will “Ninja” Carter”, & Ajit “The Arrow” Pai. Residents satried Dan "Big Target" Contract, Mike "Bowstring" Kwazniewski, Jes "Quiver" Hupe, Chris "Bullseye" Beal, Randy "The Warrior" Jenkins... Until next year... !

PM&R WELCOMES NEW PGY-2 RESIDENTS (CLASS OF 2021)

♦ JORDAN ADLER (SABA UNIV)
♦ ELLIE BALAKHANLOU (VCU)
♦ JARED GILMAN (CARIBBEAN SOM)
♦ STEVEN HANSEN (UNIV NO TX)
♦ SEAN HOGE (ST LOUIS)
♦ TIMUR KORSHIN (VCU)
♦ SETH HAYWOOD (LOUISVILLE)

Joe Seacrist, MD has taken over as regional managing editors for Rehab in Review a national monthly newsletter which summarizes PM&R-relevant articles found in a variety of journals. Each month, VCU submits articles to Rehab in Review for possible publication. Great work!

PM&R MATCHES for Class of 2022 residency:

♦ HARNEK BAJAJ (VCU)
♦ THOMAS BRIDGES (CAMPBELL COM)
♦ BRIAN DENA (UNIV N. TEXAS COM)
♦ RENAE FISHER (JEFFERSON)
♦ KEVIN FORSTER (LAKE ERIE COM)
♦ JAMES UNDERWOOD (GEORGETOWN)

AAPM&R 2017 OUTSTANDING RESIDENT RESEARCH AWARD

The AAPM&R’s Evidence Committee has chosen Olivier Rolin, MD to be the recipient of the Outstanding Resident Research Award! Congratulations on your abstract entitled Does intensive initial training improve mobility for amputees receiving a new lower extremity prosthesis?

HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Jess Hupe, MD on her induction in the Eastern Michigan University Athletic Hall of Fame.

UPDATE US !!!

Please take a moment to tell us noteworthy news about you, your job, and/or your family, new practice opportunities, certifications, grants, presentations, papers, relocation, travel, etc.). Send updates to Dr. William. McKinley, VCU PM&R, Box 980661, Richmond, VA 23298-0661 FAX# (804) 828-5074 E-MAIL William.McKinley@vcuhealth.org