The Boston Combined Residency Program and the Alumni Association Proudly Announces the 2023 Recipients of

The Susan Brooks Award

The Susan Brooks award is given annually to a resident and a faculty or administrative staff member who has shown exemplary services to his or her patients, colleagues, and the Boston Combined Residency Program community, and is the utmost example of service leadership within the residency program, just as Susan was for so many years.

This year’s recipients are:

Arianna Bouchard
A Western Massachusetts native, Arianna came to the Boston Combined Residency Program after graduating from Boston University in January 2020 with a degree in Journalism. She joined the team as an Admin Associate in June 2020 before taking on the Program Coordinator role the following August. In her free time, Arianna enjoys hockey, hanging out with her cat Quigley, baking, and true crime documentaries. Ultimately, she hopes to go to nursing school and become a midwife.

Arianna brings a positive attitude, unwavering spirit, and humor to the job that lifts up those around her. She is able to troubleshoot anything and everything that comes her way, keeping one of the largest pediatric residencies in the country, that spans multiple hospitals, running smoothly. She has a unique understanding for when problems might be best solved by getting people in the room, and always knows who to include to work through problems. She also is one of the most dependable people to stop what she’s doing to look into a request or make a connection to help anyone in the Boston Children’s community at large answer a question or solve any problem they might have. Thanks to her excellent organizational skills, she is able to collate and disseminate information clearly to keep the large BCRP leadership community on the same page about important projects. Arianna always prioritizes resident’s concerns and questions, with clear, empathetic, and helpful communication, and considers resident wellbeing (both individually and for the community as a whole); is a conduit between so many people in the BCRP.

Derrick Chu, MD, PhD
Derrick is originally from the California Bay Area, where he completed his undergraduate degree in molecular biology at UCLA. He went on to complete his MD/PhD at Baylor College of Medicine, where his thesis work focused on the human microbiome and the acquisition of microbes by infants during and after birth. While at Baylor, Derrick was recognized for his outstanding service to the MSTP program and the community. He served as a leader in recruitment and social events for the MSTP program and regularly volunteered as a camp counselor for a summer camp for children with hematologic and oncologic diagnoses.

In residency, Derrick has focused on supporting the technological needs of residents. He is a co-editor of the BCRP handbook, maintains the BCRP swap system and website, and is a co-founder of the DINHOs (Digital Innovation Network for House Officers), which facilitates data and technology-oriented resident initiatives. Moving forward, he hopes to leverage this experience to continue developing out new technologies to support clinical care, including telehealth and EMR-related solutions.

Derrick is eager to work as an acute care physician at South Shore Hospital Pediatric ED next year, with plans to apply for a Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship in the future. In the meantime, he will enjoy spending time outdoors rock climbing and at home with his wife, Amanda, and their five-year-old daughter, Maia.

We congratulate and commend the service and care of Arianna and Dr. Chu!