I. Greetings from the Chair

Welcome Dr. Nicholas Mischel to the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences. Dr. Mischel is no stranger to this department as he completed the MD/PhD program here at Wayne State. Dr. Mischel new appointment as Director of mood disorder, Interventional Psychiatry and Neuromodulation Research Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences began late this spring. Please welcome Dr. Mischel!

Also, congratulations to our SOM Faculty Awardees. Dr. Arash Javanbakht received the Wayne State University College Teaching Award and Research Excellence Award - physician scientist, Drs. Georgia Michalopoulou, Rebecca Klisz-Hulbert and Steven Ondersma received College Teaching Awards and Dr. David Ledgerwood received the Research Excellence Award-Physician Scientist. All of them will be honored in October.

II. News from the Faculty

- **Arash Javanbakht, MD** was featured in numerous media outlets in regards to the recent mass shootings Mass shootings and how they can create culture of fear, anxiety.

- **Leslie Lundahl, PhD** was awarded a travel fund from the OFA to attend the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Mid-Career Women Faculty Leadership Development Seminar this December in New Orleans, in Louisiana. The Mid-Career Women Faculty Leadership Development Seminar is an engaging and comprehensive program designed for women physicians and scientists at the associate professor level, who hold leadership positions...
within their discipline, and considering advancing their leadership positions within their discipline, department, or institution.

- **David Ledgerwood, PhD**, was named director of the Nicotine and Tobacco Research Division (NTRD), which launched earlier this summer. This Division will focus solely on reducing a habit that causes more than 480,000 deaths a year. **Steven Ondersma, Ph.D.**, Leslie **Lundahl, Ph.D.**, and Assistant Professor of Psychology **Catalina Kopetz, Ph.D.**, are among the division members.

- **Mark Greenwald, PhD** and **David Ledgerwood, PhD**, were invited to meet with U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome M. Adams, along with other Wayne State leadership and students. Dr. Adams visit included holding a round table discussion on such topics as the opioid epidemic, tobacco use and cessation, and public health.

### III. Clinic News

- **Alireza Amirsadri, MD**, **Julie Giroux, Ed Mischel** and **Cynthia Arfken, PhD**, assisted LeeAnn Odom, President Shared Services, Beaumont Health and other Beaumont leadership in submitting a proposal to the Michigan Health Endowment fund, entitled “Improving the Care of Patients with Mental Health Disorders in the Emergency Department”. This proposal was funded and is a wonderful opportunity - first of many collaborations with Beaumont!

### IV. Education

- **Clark Ken, MD**, Child and Adolescent Fellow, received The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) Educational Outreach Program (EOP) award. This travel award will provide the opportunity for child and adolescent psychiatry residents to receive a formal overview to the field of child and adolescent psychiatry, establish child and adolescent psychiatrists as mentors, and experience the AACAP’s 66th Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

- **Tabitha Moses**, a Translational Neuroscience Program student, received two prestigious conference travel awards: one to the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, and the other to the Society for Neuroscience.

"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed." - Arthur Schopenhauer