2018-2019 was a record-setting year for our program! We are proud to report that several of our PGY-3 residents were recognized with national awards:

- Daniel Holleyman received the Steve Tantama, MD, Military Excellence Award from the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association.
- Meryll Pampolina received the Resident Rocks It! Award from the American Association of Women Emergency Physicians, as well as a Resident Award and Travel Grant from the Academy for Women in Academic Emergency Medicine.
- Brian Russ received the Resident Education Award from the Academy of Emergency Ultrasound.

Other highlights of the academic year included the creation of a resident peer mentorship program; a recurring Rosh Review Quiz Bowl team competition; recurring FemInEM-inspired gatherings for female residents and faculty; a Wellness Day in conference; the ever popular off-campus Dive Medicine workshop; and our first annual Wellderness Medicine day, which was held at Pinnacle Mountain and featured multiple wilderness medicine skill stations.

In mid June, we celebrated our graduating PGY-3s' successful completion of their residency training. This class left its mark on UAMS through their many contributions to our department and the institution generally. Our 2019 residency graduates will join prior generations of program alumni practicing throughout Arkansas and in other states stretching from Kentucky to Florida to Texas.

In late June, we welcomed our new interns and introduced them to the UAMS family during an evening at Fassler Hall. The interns completed their orientation in July and had a chance to bond as a class during the annual intern retreat, which culminated in an afternoon on Lake Hamilton (thanks to Dr. Fowler for lending us his boat!) and dinner at DeLuca's Pizzeria in Hot Springs.

As we start the 2019-2020 academic year, we’re excited to announce the creation of the UAMS Division of EM Education! Dr. Travis Eastin will serve as the inaugural Division Chief. Sarah Greenberger will become the new residency program director, working alongside Rachael Freeze-Ramsey, who will continue her excellent work as our Associate Residency Director. We’re thrilled to have three terrific chief residents—Ryan Matthews, Courtney Newsome, and Bethany Ruby—helping to lead our residency this year. New features of the program this summer include a shift towards active learning in conference and the introduction of Mentorship Families that include both residents and faculty. With our new Division of Education, we’re anticipating the enhancement and expansion of our department’s educational offerings and continued success in medical education!
Introducing our 2019 Emergency Medicine Interns

Our 2019 Interns are:
(from left to right)

Joe Brown- graduated from UAMS Medical School and is from Star City, AR.
Elisabeth Hanson- attended Chapel Hill School of Medicine. Her hometown is Wilson, NC.
Bradley Florence- graduated from A.T. Still-Kirksville College of Medicine and is from Gilbert, AZ.
Matthew Denefe- attended UAMS Medical School and is from Rogers, AR.

Julia Nielsen- attended McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Houston. Her hometown is Houston, TX.
Benjamin Wagner- graduated from the University of South Carolina Greenville Medical School and his hometown is Irmo, SC.
Rachel White- is a UAMS Medical School Graduate who is from Springdale, AR.
Brendan Moore- is a UAMS Medical School Graduate and grew up in Boxford, MA.
Michael Hobensack- graduated from University of South Carolina and is from Colombia, SC.
Alex Sanders- is a UAMS Medical School graduate from Vilonia, AR.

Dr. Marc Phan
Chosen for ALiEM

ALiEM (Academic Life in Emergency Medicine) Faculty incubator is a year-long professional program for educators. It provides a digital network to connect medical educators and mentors from several institutions and various specialties. The program is designed to strengthen educational skills and produce tangible works of culture. Part of the programs goals are to construct a curriculum and accelerate career development. UAMSEM has had two members of Faculty complete this program; Dr. Christopher Fowler and Dr. Amanda Young.

Dr. Phan was chosen amongst 30 other Junior faculty members to be involved in the digital development program. The program is led by nationally established medical educators, such as Drs. Michele Lin, Sara Kryzaniak, Michael Gottlieb, and Teresa Chan.

Dr. Phan stated that since starting in April, the program has helped him to develop a professional network of mentors from around the world. The program has helped Dr. Phan to gain a foundation in education theory, educational research design, curriculum planning, and program evaluation. And has helped him work towards publication.

“I hope that this program will allow me to become a better educator to both Emergency Medicine and Critical Care trainees. This would not be possible without the support of the Department of Emergency Medicine and our Chair, Dr. Tony Seupaul, for which I am very grateful.”

- Marc Phan, MD

Our First Faculty Retreat was a Success!

We had our first EM Faculty Retreat on May 6, 2019. It was a day full of ideas and engagement. We were honored to have Dr. Brian Zink as our speaker and guest. Dr. Zink was exceptionally complimentary of our group and he has seen many (good and bad). He will be a superb ambassador for UAM SEM!
In November, more than 100 students from the UAMS College of Medicine as well as other medical schools in Arkansas gathered on the 10th floor of the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute for a free day learning about the clinical applications of ultrasound technology.

The event, called Ultrafest, was intended to give students exposure to and hands-on experience with a variety of point-of-care ultrasound applications, from obstetrics to applications in cardiovascular and ophthalmic exams to ultrasound-guided procedures.

Ultrafest was first started at the University of California Irvine in 2012. The idea for the event has since spread to several medical schools across the country. This was the first event of its kind in the Arkansas region.

Dr. Brian Russ with the UAMS Emergency Medicine Ultrasound team stated “Right now, only about 25 percent of the medical schools in the United States have an integrated ultrasound curriculum, and those that do vary in degree in which the ultrasound is integrated,” he said. “We’re lucky here at UAMS. The students do get a fully integrated ultrasound curriculum during their first and second years. But what we’re doing through Ultrafest is building on their ultrasound foundation and teaching them the clinical applications and how they can make a difference for patients, with the focus on hands-on scanning time.”

In addition to the hands-on learning there was also an Ultrasound Competition where students formed teams and participated in Sonogames style play.

After the last rotation of the day the attendees were invited to attend a reception for networking with peers.

Due to the success of this first Ultrafest held at UAMS, they plan to make Ultrafest into an annual event. Keep your eyes open for the announcement.

Alex was born and raised in Lake Havasu City Arizona, the home of the London Bridge. He then moved across North America and received his Bachelors of Science from University of Toronto, Canada. Prior to arriving at UAMS both he and his wife met in medical school at the University of Queensland–Ochsner in Brisbane, Australia. They couples matched into EM and IM respectively and found their way to Arkansas. Alex loves the outdoors and any excuse to get in the sun. He frequently takes his dog “Sam” hiking with him. He enjoys road and mountain biking on his days off. As a die hard foodie he loves looking for new and interesting foods to try or cook. His professional interests include Ultrasound and Wilderness Medicine. Fun fact, he road a bicycle 500 miles in 5 days from Toronto to New York City for Parkinson’s awareness.
Dr. Jerrilyn Jones
Dr. Jones is the new Arkansas Department Of Health Preparedness Medical Director. In that position she provides medical guidance to ADH staff and state healthcare partners on the medical management of various conditions related to disaster preparedness. This involves potential man-made disasters such as weapons of mass destruction (WMD) events as well as natural disasters such as flooding. Additionally, she helps write state disaster preparedness plans focusing in on the integration of medical management requirements into operations, response and logistics in those plans.

When Arkansas experienced record floods earlier this year, Dr. Jones worked with local partners to ensure that shelters were up and running appropriately in the delta, areas that needed assistance with vector control received it, and that long-term care facilities that required evacuation were able to get their patients to a safe place.

Her current projects include monitoring the Ebola outbreak. The CDC is reporting a low likelihood of trans-continental spread but she and her team are still reviewing the state's assessment hospitals’ plans as well as the state's treatment hospital plans to ensure they are up-to-date, staff training is current, etc.

Outside of our active research projects, Dr. Wilson is preparing to submit several grants and has had multiple recent publications, while Dr. Eastin has enjoyed the summer break from the College of Medicine M1/M2 Evidence-Based Medicine course. Multiple residents, along with Drs. Jones and Young, have been hard at work taking over the abstracts section for the Journal of Emergency Medicine as well. Their abstracts are now in print as of the June issue of JEM!