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Subject: Medical Student Research Day, Monday, November 15 and Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Dear Faculty, Staff, Residents, and Fellows:

The Alpha Omega Alpha Honor (AOA) Medical Society and the Office of Student Research in the Dean's Office cordially invite **all** School of Medicine faculty, staff, residents, and fellows to attend the **44th Annual <u>Medical Student Research Day (MSRD)</u> to be held in the afternoons of Monday**, **November 15 and Tuesday November 16, 2021**. This year, the event will be held virtually through Zoom. Medical Student Research Day is a proud tradition at the School of Medicine. In attending, you will support the students and their mentors and you will learn about the wide range of exciting clinical, basic and translational research projects the students have conducted during medical school. Excellent research collaborations and mentoring opportunities may germinate from your attending MSRD.

Awards will be given in recognition of research and presentations considered to be outstanding. Student presenters will soon be registering their presentations and submitting abstracts.

<u>All</u> are welcome and are encouraged to attend. Please feel free to extend this invitation to fellow faculty colleagues, staff, and trainees. The event will begin with opening remarks, keynote address by Rona Hertzano, MD, PhD, and student plenaries at 1:00 p.m. on Day 1, presentations from 2:30 - 5:35 p.m. and continue with student plenaries at 1:00 - 2 p.m. on Day 2, presentations from 2:10 to 3:15pm, Special Student Research Panel from 3:25 - 3:55 p.m., and will conclude with the Awards segment at 4:00 - 4:30p.m. Please respond through the <u>MSRD Interest Form</u> as soon as possible, by November 11 if planning to attend.

We thank you in advance for your support this year. Your willingness to participate in MSRD, to engage in other scholarly pursuits and mentoring and supporting the students are what distinguishes our medical school and contributes to a unique and inspiring learning environment for the education of medical students.

All current faculty, resident physicians, research fellows, research associates, postdoctoral fellows, and research staff are invited to participate in judging this year's presentations and research which will be presented in oral or poster formats. If interested in being an MSRD judge, please complete the Judges Sign-Up Form.

Questions regarding MSRD can be submitted through the <u>Ask MSRD</u> form.

Sincerely,

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