Message from the President
--Philip Candilis, MD

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to Autumn everyone. Even though the weather hasn't completely changed yet, that "back-to-school" feeling of increased energy is certainly alive and well here at WPS.

Of particular note is the great work that our CME Committee and staff did in creating and managing the Fall Symposium. Drs. Rudorfer and Dietrich were key figures in the success of this event and, in addition, led a lively CME committee meeting immediately after. The conversation generated lots of good ideas for future sessions. Look for a survey coming to you next month where you can add your thoughts. I myself plan to emphasize public psychiatry whenever possible this year.

My thanks as well to Dr. Norris for conducting a DC Chapter meeting recently (if you missed it, make sure we have your contact information), and to Dr. Greenblum for his work convening the Membership Committee in an engaging and thoughtful discussion of ways to make WPS an important part of your professional lives.

Sincerely,
Philip Candilis, MD

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
--Lyn S. Hainge, MS

It's been a great month here at WPS. Speakers at the Fall Symposium were enthusiastically welcomed, and their presentations inspired ideas for even more in-depth discussions as well as additional topics for future programs.

If you haven't yet renewed your 2019 membership, there's still time! Just click this link.

As always, if you'd like to reach me, you can do so at exec@dcpsych.org or by calling the WPS office at 202-595-9498.

Best regards,
Lyn

FALL SYMPOSIUM

Speakers discussed “Preventive Interventions and Treatments Across the Lifespan”

Our Fall Symposium on September 14th provided a variety of speakers who, between them, discussed a variety of experiences that patients may encounter across a lifetime. Topics ranged from the risk factors and preventive...
APA NEWS

What’s New at the APA

- APA joined with six other health organizations in a call to action to prevent firearm-related injury and death, a public health crisis which has recently reached epidemic proportions in the United States. Firearm-Related Injury and Death in the United States: A Call to Action from the Nation’s Leading Physician and Public Health Professional Organizations, was published in the Annals of Internal Medicine. The full report can be found here.
- APA and America’s Frontline Physicians issued a joint statement opposing the Department of Homeland Security’s public charge final rule. The regulation presents a major public health threat by upending decades of settled policy with regard to public charge, making it much more likely that lawfully present immigrants may not seek health care, since doing so could be used to deny green cards, U.S. Visas, or even lead to deportations. You can read the full statement here.
- New CME Course on Gay Men’s Mental Health APA’s Division of Diversity and Health Equity has recently published a course titled Gay Men’s Mental Health. The course examines the intersection of subpopulation identity and mental health, while discussing historical, social, and cultural aspects of mental health. The course also discusses treatment considerations for gay men and draws on the topic discussion and case review format employed in texts such as the LGBT handbook. You can access the Gay Men’s Mental Health CME course here.
- Participate in the Quality Measures Development Initiative Help drive the future of psychiatry by participating in the Quality Measure Development Initiative. Your participation will help determine better ways to diagnose, treat, and prevent psychiatric illnesses by developing and testing quality measures. As a thank you for joining, you will be rewarded with a $500 honorarium, a tablet computer for your practice, plus other benefits. https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/registry/quality-measures-initiative
- New “Roadmap to Residency” Guide Available Download the PDF guide to applying for psychiatric residency. In the guide you will find useful information on how to prepare, 4th year planning, choosing the right program, and more. https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/registry/quality-measures-initiative/medical-students/apply-for-psychiatric-residency
- APA joined a coalition of organizations to file an amicus brief opposing the Trump Administration’s new regulations that overturn protections guaranteed to immigrant children under the Flores Settlement Agreement. You can read the amicus brief here.
- APA has developed mental health policy goals for each presidential candidate to consider when developing their platform. APA is adamant that no matter who wins the 2020 election, mental health must be a priority for the White House. You can read Dr. Levin’s blog on a presidential initiative for mental health, and view the full policy goals here.
- October Course of the Month: Early Intervention in Psychosis: 21st Century Implementation Challenges: Coordinated Specialty Care is a team-based, multi-element treatment for first episode psychosis (FEP) that integrates medical, psychosocial, and rehabilitative interventions in a recovery-oriented, collaborative approach to care. This course provides an international context, relating recent U.S. initiatives to similar FEP intervention efforts in Australia, Europe, and elsewhere. Presented by Patrick McGorry, M.D., Ph.D., University of Melbourne. Click here to access the Course of the Month and sign up for updates about this free member benefit.
- Free SMI Adviser Webinar: Neuromodulation Treatment for Treatment-Resistant Psychiatric Disorders: Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), October 10 | 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET Learn about the evidence base for TMS, how to identify potential candidates for therapy, areas where research may lead to new and expanded clinical uses, and more. Earn up to 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Register Today
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EMPLOYMENT

Psychiatrist
One Common Unity breaks cycles of violence and builds compassionate, healthy communities through the transformative power of music, arts, and peace education. As part of DC’s new School-Based Mental Health Expansion, OCU is hiring a psychiatrist to work alongside social workers in multiple schools across the city. This is a 0.05 FTE position, with flexible hours. For more information, please visit OneCommonUnity.org or email Kris@OneCommonUnity.org.

Psychiatrists
The Ross Center is seeking psychiatrists to join our Washington, DC and Manhattan offices. The ideal candidate would provide medication management for adults but would have training which allows them to see children and adolescents as well. The candidate should be well-versed in working collaboratively in a multidisciplinary practice that services children, adolescents and adults and has a working knowledge of cognitive behavior therapy and other evidence-based modes of practice.

To apply, forward a CV and two letters of recommendation, if available, to Beth Salcedo, MD, Medical Director, at btsalcedo@rosscenter.com.
Support Advocacy When You Renew: It's time to renew your APA and District Branch membership. APA works daily to shape policies and legislation that advance our profession and promote the highest quality care for our patients and their families. But this advocacy only works when APA members are involved. Look for these options on the mailed renewal invoice or login to my.psychiatry.org to renew your membership and support these programs:

- **Fund for Safe Prescribing**: Help APA protect patient safety by ensuring that only appropriate medical professionals can prescribe medications.
- **APAPAC**: Ensure that psychiatry has a seat at the table when decisions are being made in Washington, D.C.
- **District Branch PACs (when available)**: Support state candidates committed to assuring the health and wellbeing of your patients and their families.