Dear Colleague:

So much went on last week that I need to resort to spasms of succinct sentences and attach more things than usual to this e-mail so I don’t lose a lot of you in all the details.

Just before we sent out last week’s e-mail, we heard that Clayton K. Mammel, MD, DDS, had passed away. KK (as he was known) was a beloved Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology. A terrific educator, he joined the faculty here after his retirement from 40 years of private practice. You can read Dr. Mammel’s obituary and remembrances of him in the Denver Post.

The state legislature is considering a couple of measures that could increase higher education funding (although whether either would help this campus is testable at best and probably unlikely). One bill would ask voters to decide if they’ll allow video keno-type games in bars and restaurants, with some of that revenue going to higher ed. A second proposal would lift limits on tuition increases at state colleges and universities (under condition including more aid for students with less money). With only two and a half weeks left in the legislative session, we are running out of time.

I had another “Dialog with the Dean” session last week. One recurring refrain in these sessions this year that many faculty who are not currently involved in teaching are uncertain how to engage (since promotion and tenure decisions are reliant on having these experiences.) If any of you are looking, visit this list of opportunities for teaching, committees and more, with contact information.

It is the time of year in which the award and recognition events come fast and furiously: last Friday alone, there were three. One was the Chancellor’s Diversity Recognition and Award Luncheon. A second was the Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award, given annually to six residents selected by our students. Then, Friday evening, the Student National Medical Association Mentor Day Graduation Banquet, which honored seventeen graduating seniors and welcomed a dozen new entering members of the Class of 2014. Soon-to-be Doctor Ben Mendoza of the Class of 2010 gave a terrific talk. The keynote was given by Major General (Ret.) Elder Granger, MD, who, with his wife announced a major gift to our Student Scholarship fund. The lists of awardees and honorees for each of these are attached.

Then, Saturday night, Denver Health had its Night Shine Gala. Perhaps because it was the celebration of Denver Health’s 150th birthday, or perhaps it was because there were nearly 1800 very dressed up people sitting on the floor of the National Western Stock Show Event Center enjoying a tenderloin dinner, or perhaps it was because the fabulous entertainment (Garth Brooks and his wife, Trisha Yearwood), it was an extraordinary evening. Most Denver dinner crowds (and there are only 247 of these every year in this town) are gone by 9:30 pm. The place was still jammed and listening to the show at 11:45 pm! It was an amazing evening, and financially successful with a gross of over $2 million.
The annual Anatomical Donor Memorial ceremony will be held Friday, May 7. It is open to all. This year’s ceremony is at 4 pm in the Education Quad, or the Ed 2 South auditorium if it rains. You can read more about the ceremony and its history on our campus [here](#).

Congratulations to Marco Tizzano, PhD, who has received a Polak Young Investigator Award at the annual meeting this month of the Association for Chemoreception Sciences. These awards are given annually to "recognize innovative research... by young investigators."

The Academy of Medical Educators and the Office of Faculty Affairs announced several grants, made possible through the Rymer Family Endowment, to further innovation in medical education and medical education research at the School of Medicine. See the attached list for winners.

Have a good week,

With warm regards,

[Signature]

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