Future Leaders of SNMMI and SNMMI-TS

During the SNMMI 2020 Mid-Winter Meeting in Tampa, FL, in January, SNMMI and SNMMI-Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS) held leadership academies. These academies are open to physicians, scientists, and technologists with strong leadership abilities who are interested in taking more active roles in the societies, as well as within the nuclear medicine and molecular imaging community.

SNMMI Future Leaders Academy

On January 25, during the House of Delegates meeting, SNMMI recognized the graduates of its 5th Future Leaders Academy. The academy was facilitated by Jon Burroughs, MD, MBA, with the American Association for Physician Leadership, and included the opportunity to engage with current and past SNMMI leaders. The academy leadership development workshop focused on ways to guide successful efforts in health care transformation, conflict resolution, and strategic planning and on the future of the field and SNMMI’s role in this evolution. Participants were then invited to various SNMMI governance events throughout the Mid-Winter Meeting to see first-hand the organizational structure of the society.

The 12 graduates of the Future Leaders Academy Class of 2020 were Yoram Baum, MD; Sarah Cheal, PhD; Shadi Esfahani, MD, MPH; Pedram Heidari, MD, MPH; Mary Ellen Koran, MD, PhD; Courtney Lawhn-Heath, MD; Maria Menendez, DVM, PhD; Domnique Newallo, MD, RT (R) CT; Thomas Ng, MD, PhD; Daniella Pinho, MD; Ali Salavati, MD, MPH; and Vanessa Sanders, PhD.

SNMMI-TS Leadership Academy

SNMMI-TS graduated its 13th class of its Leadership Academy during the National Council of Representatives meeting on January 24. Long-time facilitator Shawn Dunning from Adventure Associates and SNMMI-TS leadership, including President Mark Crosthwaite, CNMT, led a day of lessons, team-building activities, and networking sessions to build personal skills while promoting SNMMI-TS leadership opportunities. Participants included practicing nuclear medicine technologists, student attendees, and staff representatives. SNMMI-TS President Elect Tina Buehner, MS, CNMT, NMTCB(CT)(RS), RT(N)(CT), noted that she looks forward to seeing these graduates on future SNMMI-TS committees to continue their involvement with the society.

The 14 graduates of the SNMMI-TS Leadership Academy Class of 2020 were Roberta Alvarez, MS, ARRT(N)(MR); Garrett Anderson; Dalton Clark; Rebecca Gallagher; Jane Kamm; Nicole LaBrecque; Jose Meza, CNMT, PET, NCT, RT(N); Samantha Miller, RT(N); Keexia Osborne; Christopher Owens, CNMT, PET, RT(R)(CT)(MR)(N); Kait Solomon, MPS; Taylor Steenburgen; Laura Wotta, CNMT; and Thalia Zolis.