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President's Message

Dear Michigan ACC Members,

This past weekend, we had a major foreshadowing of our emergent spring. I had the joy of an unmasked visit with my son and his family in Ann Arbor with a frigid visit to Domino's Farms on Saturday morning followed by a warm sunny Easter Sunday. The rains today are a reminder that warmth and sunshine together with rain make the earth spring back to life with green and color.

While we are all facing an uptick in COVID cases and many systems are going from their version of green to yellow or red, we know that with continued masking and social distancing coupled with vaccinations we are on the long awaited road to physical health, safety and emotional well-being for all.

Spring has me looking forward to:

- **ACC.21 Awards**

Michigan's own [Dr. Eric Bates](#) is the recipient of ACC's 2021 Distinguished Teacher Award! Eric has instructed more than 100 interventional cardiologists on how and when to do a PCI. On Twitter Dr. Brahmajee Nallamothe congratulated him saying, "He is always teaching. When necessary, he uses words." Dr. Amer Ardati said, "Every day I'm in the lab I think about him. Every LV, every angio, every wire."



I wish I could shake Eric's hand at an in-person convocation. Instead, I offer my sincere congratulations in this space, and encourage all of you to reach out to him virtually.

- **FIT Jeopardy**

FIT Jeopardy has become an integral part of ACC's annual gathering. This year all rounds will be virtual and therefore more accessible for everyone to watch. The team from **Beaumont Royal Oak** will represent Michigan in a preliminary round on **Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 PM**. [Register here](#) to watch via zoom. A schedule of all the preliminary rounds is posted [here](#). Be sure to [register for ACC.21](#) to watch the semifinals (10:30 am on May 15) and finals (3:30 pm on May 16).



- **2ndWed@6**

The next installment of the Chapter's monthly webinar series is ***Cardiogenic Shock: A Multidisciplinary Approach***, hosted by Spectrum. These one-hour webinars provide concise scientific updates and insight into the unique, outstanding programs across our state. Details and registration for the April 14 webinar are [here](#).

- **Graduation**

Every year it is bittersweet to plan a graduation ceremony and watch fellows move forward in their cardiology careers. I'm confident that our profession and our College will be well served by the talented, energetic class of 2021.

I encourage all graduating fellows to [apply for the FACC designation](#) right away - before life gets in the way!

- **2021 Michigan Chapter Conference**

It's disappointing to be virtual again this year, but I look forward to a dynamic program from Conference Chair Dr. Souheil Saba and his planning committee. Watch for dates and details to come.

- **Fresh Policy Perspectives**

A new legislative session brings new issues and opportunities to shape how we practice and create a healthy environment. A Michigan legislative status report is posted [here](#). Watch for details in an advocacy update coming soon.

- **Leadership Development**

Last month, we were excited to offer a unique leadership development workshop for Board Members and the Cath Lab Directors Work Group. The workshop, masterfully led by ACC's Kat Niewiadomska, PhD, focused on the role of Emotional Intelligence (EI) in leadership and was composed of two virtual sessions plus a personal EI assessment using validated psychometric measures for feedback. In my final year as Chapter President, I look forward to finding more opportunities to develop leaders and leadership skills within our Chapter.

Wishing all much happiness and health and hopefully some time with family and friends this spring,

David

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