

Congratulations to the VCUMCV Residents and Amanda Roaf who participated in the Psychiatric Society of Virginia Second annual scientific poster session during the fall annual meeting in Virginia Beach, VA. There were a total of 19 posters submitted from medical schools across Virginia.

The top winners out of nineteen posters were, Eloise Weeks, MD who won 1st place, Ama Arthur-Rowe, MD who won 2nd place. Congratulations also goes out to the faculty advisors and co-authors for both posters, from the McGuire VAMC.

First Place:

Eloise Weeks, MD, Steven Carter, FNP; Cheryl Jones, MD; Antony Fernandez, MD presented: The Richmond VAMC Story: Challenges of the 24/ 14 Initiative

Second Place:

Ama Arthur-Rowe, MD, Alva Carter-Kershaw, MSW1; Antony Fernandez, MD, Cheryl Jones, MD and Victor Viewig presented: A Recovery Based Program for Smoking Cessation in Military Veterans-Richmond VAMC Study

Participants:

Daliborka Danelisen, DO; John Lynch, Ph. D; John Benesek, PsyD; Antony Fernandez, MD: A Psycho-educational Approach to Improving Partner Relationships in Veterans with PTSD

Jessica Malloy, MD; Cheryl W. Jones MD; Antony Fernandez, MD; Gary Ford, LCSW, Lori Lape, RN; Bertina Brown, RN; Andrea Depriest, LCSW; Nikita Morris, LCSW; Mark Williams PSA: Reduction of Recidivism and Cost after Implementation of a MHICM Program at Richmond VAMC,

Amanda Roaf, BS; Frank Crow, PhD; Antony Fernandez, MD: Continuity of Care In a Veterans Affairs Medical Center Substance Abuse Treatment Program: The Richmond Experience Mental Health Service Line

Dr. Fernandez and the VAMC faculty have been basking in the joy of the awards presented to two of our Residents at the PSV Fall Meeting. We, at the Richmond VAMC would like to acknowledge all of the Residents and Amanda Roaf, Psychology Technician, Substance Abuse, who participated. Congratulations to all!

We want to underscore that working in a mentorship capacity with these wonderful Residents and staff has been a joy because of their enthusiasm. They really knew their material. They each presented with confidence. It is true that 2 won 1st and 2nd place. However, each of them can take the experience and knowledge and encourage others.

We encourage all residents to participate in some type of project and challenge all supervisors to share some their data or outcomes studies. One of these posters came from JACHO request for an outcome on our MHICM (PACT) team. Eloise did a continuation of the Systems Redesign project from last year (She won Honorable Mention) and really nailed it this year.

Dr. Cheryl Jones would like to recognize the contribution of Dr. Antony Fernandez. He was the one who inspired her complete her first poster. He also

facilitated her first poster entry in the APA this past session. He has been instrumental in getting other VAMC staff to get posters presented at various conferences. Dr. Jones appreciates his mentorship and is glad to pass it on.