Welcome to the winter issue of Faculty Honor Roll—a new quarterly feature recognizing noteworthy achievements by faculty members and nursing leaders.

Pamela Roberts, PhD, executive director and professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, has received the Distinguished OT Program Alumni Award of the Program of Occupational Therapy at the Washington University School of Medicine. The award, announced in August, honored Roberts for her work in shaping rehabilitation services, policies and practices in healthcare systems and for her dedication to providing quality, data-driven healthcare services.

Milton Little, MD, was one of three orthopaedic surgeons to win the 2018 Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation Young Investigator Award from the Western Orthopaedic Association in August. Little was recognized for his paper, “3-Dimensional Virtual Reality for Pain Control in Orthopaedic Patients: A Prospective Randomized Control Study.” The award honors assistant professors and clinical instructors for their efforts to advance the science of orthopaedic surgery through research and mentorship.

Jon Kobashigawa, MD, associate director of the Smidt Heart Institute, has received the 2018 Paul I. Terasaki Clinical Science Award from the International Society of Heart Transplantation. The award, which was presented in November, honors an individual, group or institution that has made significant accomplishments and/or contributions to the fields of clinical transplantation, histocompatibility and immunogenetics.
Andrew Klein, MD, director of the Comprehensive Transplant Center and professor of Surgery, began serving as the 2019 president of the International College of Surgeons, U.S. Section, on Jan. 1. The organization is a global federation of general surgeons and surgical specialists that has approximately 60 organized national sections around the world. One of Klein’s priorities in his new role will be to help underserved communities through the organization’s global outreach efforts.

Asher Kimchi, MD, co-medical director of the Preventive and Consultative Heart Center of Excellence at the Smidt Heart Institute and professor of Medicine, has been announced as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award in Cardiovascular Science, Medicine and Surgery from the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences. The organization, which promotes global sharing of research and education in heart health, is scheduled to present the award to Kimchi in February during its international conference in Bangalore, India.

Robert A. Figlin, MD, director of the Division of Hematology Oncology and professor of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, has won the Physicians’ Education Resource Educator of the Year award. The award, given out in November, highlights the accomplishments of oncology leaders and honors their efforts to advance the field of medical oncology through innovative and collaborative education.

Neal S. Elattrache, MD, co-chair of Medical Affairs for the Cedars-Sinai Kerlan-Jobe Institute, was installed as the 47th president of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine during the organization’s annual meeting in San Diego in July. Elattrache is the head team physician for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles Rams, and serves as the orthopaedic consultant to the Los Angeles Angels, Los Angeles Clippers, Los Angeles Kings and Anaheim Ducks.
Sumeet Chugh, MD, director of the Heart Rhythm Center at the Smidt Heart Institute and professor of Medicine, has won the 2019 Douglas P. Zipes Lectureship Award of the Heart Rhythm Society. The honor is bestowed annually to a scientist or clinician within or outside the United States who has made a significant and unique contribution to the field of cardiac electrophysiology. The award will be presented in May in San Francisco.

Richard N. Bergman, PhD, director of the Sports Spectacular Diabetes and Obesity Wellness and Research Center and professor of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, was named to Clarivate Analytics’ annual Highly Cited Researchers list for 2018, published in November. The citation analysis identifies influential researchers as determined by their peers around the globe and whose citation records position them in the top 1 percent of citations for their field and year.

Want to be featured? See our submission guidelines below:
You may submit an item for the Faculty Honor Roll on behalf of yourself or a colleague. A submission does not guarantee publication. Please include the following information in your submission email:

- Name of submitter and a contact phone number
- Name and job title of award recipient, their department and email
- A short description (100 words or fewer) of the award and the awarding organization. Please include the title of the award or presentation, the nature of the award and why this person was chosen
- When the honor was or will be received and where
- Limit submission to a single honor or award per quarter

The deadline for the spring issue is March 31. Email submissions to martin.miller@cshs.org. For questions about submissions, email ravi.thadhani@csmc.edu.