2023 Quarterly Update

APA Annual Meeting Highlights

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Everyone enjoyed the APA Annual Meeting in San Francisco in May. Below are a few pictures during the NCPS Reception.
On a bright sunny afternoon in April 2023, the Central California Psychiatric Society (CCPS) Kern Chapter held a picnic at a local park in Bakersfield, California. This event was held in the spirit of promoting mental health advocacy and strengthening community bonds. The picnic was full of food, conversation, and games. The presence of two guests of honor was greatly appreciated; these two guests included the Kern County Board of Supervisor, Jeff Flores, and Kern National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) President, Sharon Woolfolk. Additional attendees of this picnic were mental health providers of Kern County, local medical students, and loved ones.

Guests of honor and CCPS council members delivered speeches providing valuable insight into the field of Psychiatry and sharing community updates. Kern County Board of Supervisor Jeff Flores recognized Kern County Psychiatrists for their advocacy and contributions to the community. Also, Kern Chapter Resident Fellow Member (RFM) Representative Dr. Itwinder Sivia was recognized for his role while welcoming incoming RFM Representative Dr. Nicholas Kotsyubko.

This picnic offered an invaluable opportunity for individuals passionate about mental health advocacy to connect and collaborate. CCPS Kern Chapter looks forward to many such events in the future!
Please note the following updates:

"UCSF Fresno Psychiatry Residency Program is proud to announce our recent graduates and incoming interns:

**Graduates:**
- Ella Severson, DO
- Robbin Melo, MD
- Andrew Shiovitz, MD
- Jacob Moore, DO
- Jason Derhorvanesian, DO
- Monique Atwal, MD

**Interns:**
- Daniel Atkins, MD
- Sukhdeep Dhillon, DO
- Orlando Garcia, MD
- Hosain Ghassemi, MD
- Amitoj Singh, MD
- Asees Waraich, MD