

COUNTDOWN TO BOSTON

8 DAYS



"K, J, & H" is for Kennedy Krieger and Johns Hopkins

Today's entry will be brief, I hope, as most confessions of guilt or ignorance should be. How, you wonder – eyes wide and mouth hanging open (although, who would know – you're wearing a mask, right?) – how could anything written, not just about one or the other, but about both Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins possibly be brief?

But, that's just the point: I don't know all that much about them. Or, more to the point, I don't honestly know the difference between them. (How, you wonder, could that possibly be?). Now, before you get on your high horse and start calling or texting past and present board members demanding to know how this appalling knowledge deficit could go undetected or unpunished--not just for years, but decades--let me pose that dreaded "He that is without sin....." question and see if you don't quietly put that stone (or iPhone) down and walk away.

I remember being amazed and appalled a few years back when one of the brightest child neurologists I know, having just given grand rounds at the University of Minnesota, told me he never realized the Mississippi River flowed between Minneapolis and St. Paul. Well, "duh!" I could have said, but didn't, quietly dropping the stone to my feet. Because we all have our own pockets of ignorance. Someone in New York might think you are an idiot if you confessed you didn't know the difference between Brooklyn and the Bronx, or worse: Uptown, Midtown and Downtown. Or, someone half my age might walk away muttering "OK, Boomer" if I shrugged my shoulders when asked "Which do you like more: Beyoncé or Rihanna?" They wouldn't even bother asking the obvious follow-up question: "Which is more like Kennedy Krieger and which is more like Hopkins?" Good thing, because I couldn't tell them. Could you?



On a good day I could recite in order the last three division chiefs at Hopkins: John Freeman, Harvey Singer, and Eric Kossoff. Same for Kennedy Krieger: Hugo Moser, Gary Goldstein and

Brad Schlaggar. But ask me the bonus question, "Where does Guy McKhann fit into the picture?" and I couldn't answer. I could list which four from Baltimore won the Hower Award: Hugo Moser (1994), John Freeman (2004), Sakkubai Naidu (2010) and Harvey Singer (2016). And without breaking a sweat I could list the three who received the Sachs: Hugo Moser (1987), Martha Bridge Denckla (1997) and Michael Johnston (2008). I could tell you which two I might go to for wise counsel, noting their tenure as Councillors on the CNS Executive Committee: John Freeman (1979-81), Gary Goldstein (1987-89), Michael Johnston (1999-2001), Sakkubai Naidu (2009-11). And I can think of two I would trust to balance my checkbook: Harvey Singer, CNS Secretary-treasurer from 2010-2015, and Lori Jordan, the current Secretary-treasurer who, though now at Vanderbilt, trained at Hopkins...I think. Which is the point: ask me which of them goes with KKI and which with JHMI, and I'd probably guess wrong half the time.





So, rather than prolong this parade of ignorance, I'll post a few photos, noting in my defense that I have posted many featuring KKI/JHMI notables the past several weeks (Carl Stafstrom, Erika Augustine, Bruce Shapiro, and Miya Asato – both in the same picture, even, in yesterday's installment). And, as all of you know, far better than I, there have been dozens of photos featuring Kennedy Krieger or Hopkins alums (e.g. Alan Percy or Bernie Maria); I just didn't always mention it, either because I didn't know they were linked to either, or because I didn't know whether they were "Uptown or Downtown," "Beyoncé or Rhianna."



One small post-note: there are still two shout-outs to Kennedy Krieger yet to come with "D is for Denckla" and "C is for CNCDP," both drawing heavily on current KKI CEO, Brad Schlaggar's sizeable contributions. Stay tuned. Don't give up on me just yet.

Until tomorrow (backtracking slightly with the letter "I")
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