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**TRILLIUM HEALTH PARTNERS CONGRATULATES MISSISSAUGA
ACADEMY OF MEDICINE'S INAUGURAL CLASS ON GRADUATION**

Hospital's partnership with U of T developing the next generation of doctors

(Mississauga, ON) – Trillium Health Partners is proud to offer heartfelt congratulations to the Mississauga Academy of Medicine's inaugural class who celebrated their graduation from the University of Toronto (U of T) yesterday.

"We are so proud of our medical learners and what they have accomplished over the last four years. If they are the future of medicine in Mississauga, the future looks bright. We wish our students the best of luck as they move forward in their careers," said Michelle DiEmanuele, President and CEO, Trillium Health Partners.

"The Mississauga Academy of Medicine is an important partnership for Trillium Health Partners as we strive to deliver a new kind of health care for a healthier community," added DiEmanuele. "A learning environment is also a quality environment where patients are part of the journey."

Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre entered into an affiliation agreement with U of T in 2007. In 2011, the Mississauga Academy of Medicine opened at U of T Mississauga as a result of this innovative partnership. Today, 52 students celebrate earning their MD degrees from U of T, having completed their training at the hospital. In 2014/15, 267 undergraduate medical learners and 376 postgraduate learners trained at Trillium Health Partners.

"Investing in the education of future physicians is also investing in our community's future," said Dr. Norm Hill, Vice President, Medical Education, Trillium Health Partners. "Through our commitment to medical education we are advancing the sustainability of health care in this community, and increasing access to quality care."

"We are tremendously proud of the inaugural graduating class from the Mississauga Academy of Medicine, who are the first to benefit from this partnership. Our newly graduated doctors are prepared to serve the Mississauga community and surrounding regions, which is an added benefit of this new model of learning. We are thankful for the support and opportunities Trillium Health Partners has provided to our students," said Dr. Trevor Young, Dean of the U of T Faculty of Medicine and Vice Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions.

On Monday, the Mississauga Academy of Medicine and Trillium Health Partners hosted a celebration for the graduates and their friends and families to mark the occasion. They were joined by Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Deputy Premier Deb Matthews, Trillium Health Partners Board Chair Edward Sellers and physicians and staff from the hospital and university.

In February, Trillium Health Partners and U of T announced the appointment of Dr. Alison Freeland as the new Vice President of Education and Associate Dean, Medical Education (Regional). Dr. Freeland, a seasoned medical professional and educator will assume the role over the summer.

About Trillium Health Partners:

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based acute care facilities in Canada. Comprised of Credit Valley Hospital, the Mississauga Hospital and the Queensway Health Centre, Trillium Health Partners serves the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Trillium Health Partners is a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto. Trillium Health Partners is an associate member of the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

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