FACT(2) Check
Congratulations to Dr. Brad Olson who was selected to receive the FACT2 Excellence in Instruction, State-Operated and Statutory Campuses Award. Dr. Olson will receive his award at the Conference on Instruction and Technology at SUNY Geneseo on May 27, 2015 by SUNY Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Dr. Alexander N. Cartwright. Dr. Olson’s nominator was Dr. Ann Botash.

The Faculty Advisory Council on Teaching and Technology (FACT2) Excellence in Instruction and Excellence in Instructional Support Awards are four SUNY system-level honors conferred to acknowledge and encourage those innovative uses of technology in the teaching and learning process.

It should be noted that Dr. Olson is the creator of our Department’s Online Curriculum which was one of the first of its kind, nationally. As Dr. Botash noted in her nomination letter, “The development of this curriculum involved collaboration with almost all (over 50) faculty in the department of pediatrics and, in the past two years, has collaborated with the University of California San Francisco to develop a shared comprehensive online curriculum for pediatric resident education. The curriculum is comprehensive and covers the full scope of content outlined for the American Board of Pediatrics certification exam...He has shared this curriculum with community pediatricians and Upstate Faculty for board review and gained recognition for this program through certification by the American Board of Pediatrics as a review course for Maintenance of Certification for pediatrics...He has gained further national recognition by presenting the concept and development in workshop as well as poster format at national meetings.” This was a well-deserved honor for Dr. Olson.

AOA-To-Go!
Congratulations to our very own Christopher DeLaney who, not surprisingly, received an AOA award from the students. He was honored at a dinner on 5/15.

Matched!
We are delighted to announce that two of our PL2s matched at outstanding programs on May 27th. Britney Whitford will be doing Heme/Onc at LIJ and Helena Gutierrez matched in Peds GI at the Mayo Clinic. Congratulations, Britney and Helena!

PL3 Retreat
The third year residents were relieved from their responsibilities on May 23rd, so they could spend one last day together before graduating at the end of June. After a rather long decision-making process, they opted to spend the day at Angela’s camp on the lake and had a lovely time together, so we heard.

GME Resident Award Luncheon
Pediatrics was represented once again at the Annual GME Resident Award Luncheon on May 19th at the Sheraton. Our very own Steve Hicks was honored for having had his poster selected as the most outstanding poster presentation at the 2015 Beyond the Doctorate Research Day.

PAS Time
Beth Nelsen, M.D.
The PAS Meeting was held this year in San Diego, CA. After a brutal winter (that continued on through the morning of departure with a snow shower) it was a nice respite. Aside from the usual workshops, SIGs, and posters and platforms, there was some excellent food (highly recommend the fish tacos at Lolita’s), baseball (Dodgers vs. Padres - on a 60 degree night Californians were showing up in hats and mittens carrying fleece blankets, while the hearty northerners were in lightweight sweaters and flip flops), and former residents (Tri, Shelly-Ann, Ahmad El Samra, Tristan). We came back with a lot of great ideas and enthusiasm about how we can continue to build on the great work we're doing right now.

Mountain Goat Herders
Former Mountain Goat prize winner, Steve Hicks, was at it again this year. But this time he was helping organize the Mountain Goat Children's Run on May 3rd. Steve tells the Crier, “Over 100 children ages 2-10 participated in the 0.5 miles children's run at the Mountain Goat on Sunday May 3rd. Beth, Christopher, MJ, Caitlin and a number of others came out to volunteer.
at the event (then went on to run all 10 miles!). We had a great time promoting healthy exercise in Syracuse area children and had the chance to see their smiling faces when they each received a medal for their hard work. Added bonus...Brian Tran even made a guest appearance!” Note that each of the volunteers received a free t-shirt for their efforts (that said Goat Herder).

7th Annual Maple Syrup Brunch
Dr. Chang hosted the 7th Annual Maple Syrup Brunch at her home in Manlius on Sun 5/17. It all began seven years ago when a resident confessed to Dr. Chang and the chief (both of whom were from Montreal) that she had never tasted real maple syrup. Needless to say, Dr. Chang and the chief were appalled. So she decided to have a brunch for the residents so everyone could have some real maple syrup. It has become an annual tradition.

In addition to the typical group shot, several other pictures were submitted to the Crier to document this event.

The first picture features a post-call Liz Quigley resting peacefully on the grass, while Jeremy lays flowers on her, as one does to a memorial site.

Welcome Harper Ruby Prince
We warmly welcome Baby Girl Harper Ruby Prince who arrived on May 4th, at 6.9lb. Mom, dad, and baby are all doing great.

Welcome John Conrad McBride
Congratulations to Josh and his family on their newest addition. John arrived on 5/27 at 8 lbs 15.2 oz. Josh said that mom and baby are doing really well. We are assuming Josh is doing pretty well, too!

GHC OB/GYN
Mrs. Pigeon has once again chosen the GCH for her labor and delivery (and nest). Thanks to our on-location photographer, Mary Laverty, for keeping us abreast of the situation.

June Events:
June 10th – Retirement party for Dr. Vicki Meguid – 11:30 to 1:00 PM, UHCC
June 10th – Housestaff Appreciation Dinner – 6:00 PM – Crowne Plaza (did you RSVP???)
June 24 – Meet-the-new-intern picnic (Green Lakes)
June 30 – Meet-the-new-intern luncheon (Rm 12405)

In Loving Memory
We are sad to announce that former resident Kunal Sawale (Class of 2013) passed away after his long battle with cancer on May 25th. He will be missed by all of us who knew him and worked with him. The Department has created an award in his name that will be given to a resident who has overcome obstacles to succeed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kunal’s family.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS
6/3 Erin Donahue, Emy Abraham
6/4 Joyce Saliba
6/11 Joan Pellegrino
6/14 Jean Szkatok
6/21 Scott Schurman, Joe Nimeh
6/23 Neal Seidberg
6/24 Prateek Wali
6/28 Kisha Beg
6/29 Tracy Gilgallon
6/30 Bill Hannan, Josh McBride