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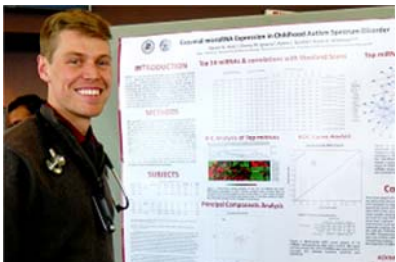
### Beyond the Doctorate

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, two pediatric residents represented the department well at the annual "Beyond the Doctorate" research presentation day. Steve Hicks and Marie Jose Moubarak both had posters on display. Congratulations, Steve and Marie Jose!



### Best of the Best!

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, Steve received notification from the GME office that his poster was selected as the most outstanding poster presentation at the 2015 Beyond the Doctorate Research Day. Dr. Grant wrote, "This selection was not an easy decision as there were a number of excellent posters. Your poster scored highly in organization/clarity, originality, methodology and overall conclusion. Your study also had a well-formulated hypothesis, received grant funding and had real clinical applications. ..We would like to showcase your poster starting on



Monday, March 16, 2015 along with the post-doctoral winner poster in the Cancer Center Hallway."

We are so proud of both of our pediatric researchers!

### Match Day Celebrations

As almost everyone now knows, we were delighted to fill all 13 of our spots in this year's match, with excellent candidates!

Nationally, there were only 20 unfilled pediatric spots (14 in the Northeast), and all of these were filled by the end of the week prior to Match Day. As they did last year, UPAC decided to celebrate match day with a potluck party in honor of all of our new incoming interns (who obviously couldn't be at the party, but they got a photo of the event).



We are looking forward to a great year!

### New Faculty Reception – March 3rd

The Pediatric Faculty took time out of their busy schedules, and drove across town on a blustery night in March, to honor several of our new 2014 faculty. The reception was held at Eve's Carriage Barn <http://evescarriagebarn.com/> and the new faculty who were recognized included Drs. Amy Caruso Brown, KinKee Henry Chung, Nicole DeRosa, Katie Fry, Deborah Goldman, Dongmei Huang, Federico Nieves, Joseph Resti, and Jennifer Stanger.

### Pediatric Gold

Congratulations, again, to Dr. Brad Olson who received the 2015 "Gold Standard Award" at the Celebration of the Faculty on Thursday, March 12 at 5:00 PM in the IHP.



### Khalia's Grant

Congratulations to Khalia Grant! The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee of Federal Government Affairs awarded her a scholarship to the

2015 Legislative Conference on Capitol Hill on April 12-14.

### Camels, Goats, and Pediatricians

Our third year resident Caitlin Stiglmeier spent four weeks in India on an international career path rotation. We are hoping for pictures and more details but we received a note from her on March 17<sup>th</sup> shortly after arriving: "Just wanted to drop you a line to say I'm alive and doing well in India- seeing lots of newborns and kids with malnutrition admitted to our malnutrition center, as well as starting to get my field work started. I'm visiting migrant communities in the area and collecting data on their health as well as their migration patterns. Today they invited me up on their carts (laden with everything in life that they own- including all their family members, 3 goats, and 5 bed frames) that was being pulled by a camel. A CAMEL! And it was incredible. I'll try to send more updates but my days are pretty busy and internet connection is only available in one little office in the hospital, which isn't always available. But I'm safe and loving it!" Stay tuned for more of Caitlin's adventures next month.



### Mid-Winter Peds Resident Party

As reported last month, the pediatric housestaff and faculty enjoyed a night of fun, food, dancing at the Dinosaur BBQ on 2/27 thanks to the generosity of a number of our faculty. The faculty not only sponsored the residents financially but several also covered the floors so everyone who wanted to attend could be there.



### Let Them All Eat Cake

Everyone ate cake on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the retirement party for Dr. Richie Sills at the Cancer Center. Yes, that “champagne bucket” is an entirely edible cake made in honor of Dr. Sills’ retirement. The party also included a piñata that Dr. Sills took all his parting frustrations out on (and got candy for his efforts). Meanwhile, we were told that Irene Sills was hard at work seeing patients. We wonder if she at least got a leftover piece of cake.



### In the News:

Syracuse.com ran a fantastic article on Winter Wonderland last month. Winter Wonderland was the CATCH grant awarded to Ryan Kwong and Vanessa Orrego. Then on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Syracuse Post Standard also featured one of the pictures.

Note that neither Ryan nor Vanessa are available for autographs at this time.



[http://www.syracuse.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2015/03/doctors\\_teach\\_kids\\_skating\\_to\\_get\\_them\\_outdoors\\_and\\_active\\_in\\_the\\_winter.html](http://www.syracuse.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2015/03/doctors_teach_kids_skating_to_get_them_outdoors_and_active_in_the_winter.html)

### GCH Goes Orange

On 3/25, SU’s basketball coach Jim Boenheim,



his wife Juli and the team visited pediatric patients and staff at the Upstate Cancer Center and GCH. They signed posters and T-shirts and spent some time just hanging out with the kids. Our very own Barb Delaney was there to get pictures (and autographs). Thanks to the SU team for bringing some cheer and some orange to the GCH!

### Child Life Month

The month of March was Child Life month and it was filled with all kinds of exciting special events including Irish Dancers, Disney Day, a visit from the MOST, Double H Ranch, magic, face

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painting and much more. March 4<sup>th</sup> was Superhero Day during Child Life month. One superhero was spotted in clinic (those are superman pants, by the way).



The GCH is fortunate to have such a world class team of Child Life



Specialists who we appreciate year-round.

The GCH child life specialists are, from left, Sue Karl, Margaret Nellis, Rachel Hannon, Marsha Kernan, Gina Lozito, Brielle Swerdlin, Eliizabeth Kinsley, Jon Crowder, Jamie Cary, Margaret Zick and Clare Arezina. For more about Child Life month visit Upstate Online.

<http://upstateonline.info/static/March5-March122015/blog/story-3/index.html>

### Manipulating Students

Our very own Melissa Jones (PL1) was contacted by her medical school, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and asked to speak at an event at SUNY Oswego on March 11th for undergrad students who are interested in medicine.



She was asked to speak about osteopathic medicine and do some demonstrations of osteopathic manipulative therapy (OMT). Melissa tells the Crier: “I’m excited about it! A nice melding of LECOM and SUNY, two places I’m proud to be attached to.” After the event, Melissa reported that she had a wonderful time in Oswego and the students seemed to enjoy it too!

### Welcome, Natalie Czarina Hanna

Congratulations to former resident Christian Hanna who is the proud father of baby girl Natalie Czarina Hanna born on 3/11/15. Christian tells the Crier, “We are so blessed and pleased to have Natalie in our life. I will share photos with you soon”. (We’ll hold him to it!).

### Welcome Baby O’Malley

Congratulations to Jenica on the birth of John Francis O’Malley - 8lbs 12oz at 8:48am on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Note that the Crier received the birth announcement before Noon of the same day! Mom and baby are doing great! (picture coming soon)

### OttoThon Followup

Drs. Beth Nelsen and Prateek Wali represented the department at the SU dance marathon which benefited the GCH. Dr. Nelsen received the following stats: “Many, many thanks for taking the time on your Saturday evening to join us at OttoTHON. The comments you shared resonated with the dancers and our families. As you probably heard, it was a huge success, raising over \$84,000- here are a couple of stats that as Syracuse alumni, you will be happy to know OttoTHON raised the highest amount of any first-year marathon in the Northeast (National average is \$18,000 - \$22,000. Go Orange!). OttoTHON broke the record of the largest number of participants in a first-year marathon. Nationally, it raised the third highest total amount for a first time marathon. And, we beat Duke on the total raised for their first year.

### Gael of the Year



In case you missed it in person, Frank Smith seemed to enjoy his role as Gael of the year at the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 14<sup>th</sup>. He was joined by several

friends, faculty and residents, and pretty much anyone else wearing green. Crouse Hospital also recognized their very own Gael on their float.

### Peds to Parents

Don’t miss the latest blog written by Rhonda Butler and Arielle Spears.

<http://blogs.upstate.edu/pedstoparents/>

### Carried Away!

Congratulations to Carrie Brindisi-Greene who will be leaving us after 22 years of service to our department. She will officially be retiring on May 1, 2015 and we wish her the very best!

### April Events:

4/15 - Pediatric Research Day

4/25-28 – PAS meetings – San Diego

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Brittney Whitford

4/10 Sara Tarolli

4/11 Carrie Brindisi Greene

4/19 Katie Fry

4/20 Mide Ajagbe

4/21 Carol Plumley

4/24 Jenica O’Malley