



New Faculty: We are rolling out a double welcome Matt this month.

Welcome, Matthew Mason, M.D.

Dr. Mason is our new Pediatric Urologist. In an exclusive interview, he tells the Crier:

I just joined the Department of Urology in August as the second Pediatric Urologist at Upstate. I'm a New York state native, having been born and raised in the Binghamton area (Endwell, NY). I did spend four years of undergrad in sunny southern California at Harvey Mudd College, but was happy to return to central NY to attend medical school here at Upstate, graduating in the class of 2008. I just spent the last seven years in the southeast, where I did my Urology residency at University of Virginia in Charlottesville and then my Pediatric Urology fellowship at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN.

My wife, Colleen, is also from the Binghamton area, and we are both very excited to have moved back to central NY. We now live in Manlius with our 3-year-old son, Dorien, who is looking forward to some actual snow this winter, as are we all, as I snowboard and my wife skis. It is a debate between us which we will start teaching Dorien first!

I have a significant interest in teaching, and hope to get involved with the medical student curriculum as well as teach in various formats for the residents, faculty, and community physicians. I've signed up to give a talk about undescended testicles to the Onondaga County Pediatric Society in the spring, so keep an eye out for that! I also plan to be active in clinical research here at Upstate, and have previously presented and published on many topics, with a focus on robotic surgery in children, and sacral neuromodulation for children with refractory bowel / bladder dysfunction.

My office and clinic are over in the Crouse Physician's Office Building, suite 406, extension 4-6060. Feel free to

come by, call, or email me anytime. I look forward to working with you all!



The return of Matt Thornton

Our second Matt, Matthew Thornton, who is originally from Syracuse, is excited to return to Upstate to work with the departments of pediatrics and emergency medicine, specializing in pediatric emergency medicine. Since graduating from Upstate in 2008, Matt has completed his residency in pediatrics at Brown University/Hasbro Children's Hospital and his fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital. He worked for a year in the pediatric emergency department at Baystate Medical Center as a Tufts University faculty member before returning to Upstate. Matt married his wife, Hannah, shortly after medical school graduation. They have two children, Keira ("3 and a half" years old) and Rowan (8 months old), and recently moved to Manlius. Hannah will be working as a nurse practitioner in the NICU at Crouse. In his spare time, Matt enjoys playing soccer and tennis, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. He is excited to be back to his old stomping grounds and looks forward to seeing many familiar faces around soon!



New Faculty Reception

Speaking of new faculty, Sherri Clarry tells the Crier, "On Monday, November 16, 2015, a reception was held at the Greenwood Winery and Bistro to welcome the 2015 class of new pediatric providers to Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. We were happy to introduce:

Dr. Matthew Thornton (Peds Emerg Med)

Dr. Matthew Mason (Pediatric Urology)

Dr. I. Federico Fernandez Nievas (Peds Critical Care)

Dr. Robert Newmyer (Peds Critical Care)

Dr. Jan Wong (Pediatric Anesthesiology)

Dr. JacylN Sisskind (Upstate Pediatrics)



(pictured, L to R, Thornton, Welch, Fernandez, Wong, Newmyer, Mason, Sisskind)
Unable to attend: Dr. Kathryn Scott (Peds Heme Onc & General Pediatrics)

Snowflake Central Volunteers

The child life team is looking for volunteers again this year to help out with the GCH Snowflake Central store. Maggie Zick wrote, "The donation calls start before Halloween and donations start to come in right after Thanksgiving! I'm hoping that you'll join with the child life team to make this wonderful event happen. We need volunteers to help us accept and sort donations throughout the month of December as well as volunteers to help us staff our store." Job descriptions: [Snowflake Storage](#) - help process, sort and organize toy donations

Snowflake Store - help families pick out gifts for their child/family. Email Maggie for dates and times at zickm@upstate.edu if interested.

The Golden Gloves

Lisa Blystone reported that her daughter Meg's team took their sectional win. Meg is pictured in the goal and also holding the left side of the banner. She won the Golden Gloves Award for the game.
<http://www.twcnews.com/nys/central-ny/high-school-sports/2015/10/31/mustangs-nip-warriors-for-class-b-crown.html>



December Events

12/5 - OttoThon -

You may have heard about our amazing event, OttoTHON, which is a dance marathon sponsored by a group of SU students to raise money for GCH. This ambitious group raised \$84,000 last February and are hoping to raise another \$100,000 on December 5th. Would you be willing to stop by Schine Student Center between noon and midnight on December 5th and show your support? Maybe dance, maybe say a few words of thanks to the crowd. If you would like to learn more, drop Lorie Riedl an email at RiedlL@upstate.edu. Here is a link to their promo video <http://bitly/1KVZPJG> Note that our own Beth Nelsen participated in this exciting event last year. Beth tells the Crier, "Last year I had the chance to go and speak to a group of SU students at the Ottothon. This is a group of students who are fervently devoted to raising money for the children's hospital. I was impressed with their dedication to this. Most often these students do not come from the Central New York area, and for them to have such an interest in supporting where we work is remarkable. This year's Ottothon is on 12/5, and I encourage you to stop by to see their hard work in action!"

12/9 - Departmental Holiday Party – 2:00-4:00 PM, Kinney Center

12/17 - Housestaff/Faculty Holiday Party – Noon, Kinney Center

Reminder: Faculty and Residents- don't forget to email Patty your "Who Knew?" entry (something no one knows about you) for the Annual Holiday Party Contest. Note that the winner will be announced in the next Crier on January 1st.

More Thanks!

As mentioned last month, we have been adopted by the Word of Life school. Here is another one of the beautiful thank you letters we received.

Dear mister and doctor

My name is Noah. I go to word of life christian academy. my class learned about your hospital. we even watched a video. I know someone who works at your hospital. I want to say thank you for waiting so much. thanks for helping the children who are sick. I am glad people like you are able to help families. I can't imagine walking long hours. thank you for helping everybody what sick so we can be clean and healthy. I appreciate your effort.

*Sincerely
Noah*

An Apple Pie Pro

The Crier was recently informed that local Pediatrician, Dr. Dracker, has hired the self-proclaimed foremost expert in the world on apple pies (see bio for Kevin Ragosta, D.O.).

<http://www.summerwoodpediatrics.com/staff/>

Off Duty

It's a lot of hard work being a resident. But it should be noted that it is not ALL hard work. The following picture shows what occasionally happens to residents after they leave work.



In Need of a Caption

The Crier received several interesting pictures since our last issue. The following photo needs a caption. Best caption submitted by December 24th will be published

in the next issue (there might even be a prize if it's good enough).



Princes and Princesses

We close with what is actually a picture of three Princes.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Gloria Kennedy
12/9 Meghan Jacobs
12/11 Christopher DeLaney, Mike Bowler
12/12 Emily Smith
12/16 Kathie Contello, Christie Hall
12/23 Robert Lebel
12/24 Linda McAleer
12/26 Tom Welch, Sunny Kainth
12/27 Melissa Jones
12/28 Jennifer Nead