



### Housestaff Appreciation and Awards

The Pediatric Class of 2016 celebrated a wonderful “graduation” celebration at the Crowne Plaza on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Along with the graduates, once again this year there were several other individuals who were honored or received special awards.

The Outstanding Pediatric Office Practice Teaching Award was presented by Dr. Botash to Drs. Kate Robinson and Priyanka Kaul, from Lyndon Pediatrics.

The Peds ED Rookie of the Year Award went to: Anuja Khettry and Meghan Jacobs.

New this year, Dr. Cantor presented the first Annual Robert Kanter, M.D. Award to Hilliary Sismondo and Ben Prince.

The Pediatric Nursing Award, presented by Sarah Morse and Liz Quigley, went to Christopher Myers, RN

The Special Appreciation Award, presented by Ishita Kharode, went to the Pediatric Social Workers.

The Pediatric Faculty Award, presented by Ben Prince, went to Celeste Madden, MD.

The Golden Needle award was presented to Dr. Ben Prince for having logged the most procedures of any resident.

The Teaching Awards were as follows:  
PL1: 1st - Avidesh Rashed, 2nd - Anuja Khettry, 3rd - Megan Campbell

PL2: 1st - Sunny Kainth, 2nd - Melissa Jones, 3rd - Khalia Grant

PL3: 1st - Joyce Saliba and Marie Jose Moubarak, 2nd - Ryan Kwong, 3rd - Christopher DeLaney

The certificates were then presented to each of our 13 graduating PL3s and chiefs.



It was a beautiful and memorable evening for all, and we wish our grads the very best.

### President’s Awards: Excellence in Research Award

As our Awards edition of the Crier continues, we learned that Dr. Manika Suryadevara was awarded the President’s Award for Excellence in Research by a Young Investigator. This is given to junior faculty who have demonstrated excellence by publication of high-impact articles and achievement of extramural funding. Congratulations, Manika!

### Leader of the Year

Last month we announced that Sherri Clarry was the recipient of the President’s Led of the Year Award. Our on-the-scene photographer and nominator, Dr. Ann Botash was there representing the Crier well:



### Employee of the Year Clinical

She was also there to capture this picture of Anne Galloway, RN, receiving her Employee of the Year Award. Congratulations, again, to Sherri and Anne!



### AOA Awards

Meanwhile, a couple members of our pediatric faculty were busy winning awards of their own. Karen Teelin, MD, was chosen by the fourth year AOA students for their Excellence in Teaching Award and Robert Lebel, MD, was chosen by the Upstate AOA chapter students as a faculty member of AOA. Congratulations, to them both!

### SOCRA Certified!

Congratulations to several members of our Peds ID Team, Jodi Halczyn, Lori Ferguson and Kristen Fluno who all recently learned they achieved passing scores on the Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA) examination. All three are now designated as Certified Clinical Research Professionals by SOCRA and will be recognized as professionals in medical research who have achieved an internationally accepted standard of knowledge, education and experience. Jodi tells the Crier, “Shannon Atkins, a research coordinator who works in the CRU at the IHP also passed.” Congratulations, again, to the entire winning team!

### Len Weiner’s President’s Award?

Bringing this month’s list of pediatric awards to its exciting conclusion, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Leonard Weiner has been named as this year’s recipient of the President’s Award for Distinguished Faculty Service. No one in the department was surprised by this well deserved honor. Congratulations, Len!

### Taken for Granted

The Crier recently learned that Drs. Steve Blatt and Winter Berry received a \$350,000 grant for UPAC. In an exclusive interview with the Crier, Winter shared some of the exciting details of what this grant will mean to our patients and their families:

“The request for grant proposal for the Implementation of Healthy Steps in Children program was brought to our attention by Cynthia Jaconski via Jennifer Speicher. The grant, from NYS Office of Mental Health and DSRIP funds, provides approx \$350,000 in funding over a 3 year period. This funding allows us to hire a LMSW who will be trained, in addition to key UPAC staff, on the implementation of the Healthy Steps program. Families enrolled in the program will enjoy enhanced well child visits, parental

screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences, parental/family referral to community resources as necessary, home visits, parent support groups, screening for developmental and behavioral concerns and access to telephone consultation regarding these issues. Thankfully, the funding also allows us to provide all communication and written materials in the family's primary language so we are able to reach families who may be recent refugees. UPAC patients live in census tracts which place them in the most concentrated poverty in the country and experience all the associated hardships. I think Healthy Steps will allow us to bring time and resources to address some of the most common issues/concerns in these vulnerable children and families. The Healthy Steps program has been implemented in other institutions and has had an excellent track record of improved clinical outcomes and family satisfaction with care. Timing of roll-out will be dictated somewhat by the Office of Mental Health but the initial process will begin over the summer."

**Meet the New Interns Picnic**

The new interns and their families, our two new chiefs, along with several of our other residents and faculty all met at Jamesville Beach on June 22<sup>nd</sup> for a welcome picnic.



This was a well needed respite for the newbies after competing in a grueling scavenger hunt led by Captains Jones, Khettry, Krieger, and the independent intern team led by Moshe Roberts. While the competition was fierce and close, it was Team Krieger that was ultimately given top honors. Needless to say, they were quite pleased.



Later that week, a group of the interns, faculty and residents made it to a Chief's game with the free hats Dr. Kennedy got for them all.



**Meet the New Associate Program Director**



As the program directors were getting to know the new interns and chiefs, the new interns and chiefs were also getting to know our new Associate Program

Director. It was recently announced that Dr. Brad Olson will be leaving us in August and that he will be passing the Associate Program Director torch to our very own Dr. Mide Ajagbe. We are very excited that she has taken Dr. Olson's spot and the program directors, along with all of the residents are very excited about having her join the team. Welcome, Mide!

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Paige's Butterfly Run**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Paige's Butterfly Run on June 4<sup>th</sup> was another huge success. More than 1,600 participants finished the 5K race in downtown Syracuse. A total of almost 6000 walkers, runners, volunteers and families participated, and they are anticipating that over \$200,000 will be added to the over \$2 million it has already raised to support pediatric cancer care and pediatric cancer research at Upstate Golisano

Children's Hospital.



If you aren't a runner but would still

love to help Paige's Butterfly Run support pediatric cancer, you might want to come to the Clams for a Cure Clambake on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant in North Syracuse. For more information visit <http://pbrun.org/>

**New Arrivals**

Congratulations to Karen White (finally!) on the arrival of Philippa Maelys White. Philippa arrived on June 14<sup>th</sup> weighing in at 7 lb; 2 oz. Mom, dad, and baby are all doing great!



And congratulations to Sarah Finocchiaro and John McGraw on the birth of Nora Elizabeth McGraw on 6/24 at 7 lbs; 4 oz. The whole family is doing great!



**Globe Trotting with Dr. D**

Since there has been so much interest in the latest global adventures of Dr. Domachowske, we thought we would share a little of what and where he will be up to in July:

"As we work on the logistics to formalize the opportunities for different global health

educational electives, I will be in Ecuador on or about July 15th-29th.

I'll be working to bring together an international clinical research organization and the clinical research teams in Guayaquil and Manchala. This effort is related to the WHO push to gain prospective data on Zika- especially during pregnancy. There is already an experimental monoclonal antibody that might be tested as a preventative measure during pregnancy. Obviously, the sooner that gets going, the better.

I plan to spend a week or so further north in the areas most affected by the April 16th magnitude 8 earthquake. Much of the initial first-responder help has left, but the relief clinics are still packed. They are bringing in waves of physicians to help the local teams keep things moving as they rebuild their clinics and hospitals..."

Stay tuned for updates and possible opportunities for participation.

**In the News:**

One of our faculty let us know that they heard our former resident and ID fellow Nick Bennett on NPR's Fresh Air.

<http://wnpr.org/post/what-antibiotic-resistant-superbug-discovery-means-us-connecticut#stream/0>

Using that as an excuse to get in touch. The Crier contacted Nick who replied, "I'm fairly routinely on TV or radio these days. Got a recent airing about Zika virus, but the NPR piece was started when the show host reached out to me on Twitter!"



Nick not only sent a picture of a recent TV appearance but also a picture of his family. Nick wrote, "Life is good here, work is busy but everyone's happy. It's amazing that Liam just finished second grade, and he was born at Crouse midway through my PL3 year!"



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 7/6 Robin Jodoin
- 7/9 Liz Quigley
- 7/13 Ripal Patel
- 7/14 Karen Teelin
- 7/20 Robyn Borzuk, Jana Shaw
- 7/23 Chris Kuehnle
- 7/29 Kendall Luyt