New Faculty Reception
The Annual Reception for New Pediatric Faculty was held on October 24th at the CNY Biotech Accelerator. Faculty recognized included Drs. Aisha Baig (Pulm), Chiagozie Fawole (Anesth), Aamer Imdad (GI), Jessica Latzman (Anesth), Anand Majmudar (Rad), Matt Mittiga (Hospitalist), Phil Monteleone (Heme/Onc), Lu’Ay Nubani (Anesth), Heidi Ochs (Hospitalist), Megan Pinnamaneni (Gen Peds), and Andi Shaw (Gen Peds and Global Health).

Pictured: Drs. Pinnamaneni, Mittiga, Imdad, Majmudar, Welch, Ochs, Nubani, and Shaw.

Upstate In Haiti
The 9/28 issue of Upstate Online featured an article about Upstate’s collaboration with Haiti to build a sustainable village.

While both of these endeavors may seem to be off in the distance, I know they will bring wonderful opportunities for Upstate and our Pediatric Dept to both further resident growth and serve others. Is there a better combination? I'm confident 2018 will see our first resident rotation to Haiti, a country with a rich and dynamic history defined not just by poverty, natural disaster, and lack of resources. These days I can bend an ear for quite a while on the topic of our projects and the awesome people I've met so far. Feel free to grab me anytime if you want to learn more!

(Both Haitian Medical Students) Another exciting project that Upstate is involved with is a joint venture among multiple SUNY campuses, the Kellogg Foundation, and a number of other not-for-profits to develop a "Sustainable Village & Learning Community" or "SVLC" on a 40 acre site along the Haitian coast. The SVLC has many integrated sectors, all of which share the goal of learning through development and building capacity on many levels. For Upstate, our contribution is within the "Health and Wellness working group". This group is working to develop a clinic within the SVLC in which Haitian medical providers would promote quality care and wellness with support through SUNY educational resources. At the same time the SVLC would also work with local health care facilities to provide training and build resources throughout the region.

Haitian Medical Students

Deputy Editor Dr. D.
The Crier recently learned that our very own Dr. Joe Domachowske has been appointed as the Deputy Editor to the PREP® Infectious Diseases Editorial Board. His appointment begins January 1, 2018 and runs through December 31, 2020. As David M. Jaffe, MD, FAAP, Sr. Vice President, Department of Education puts it, “As a member of the PREP® Infectious Diseases Editorial Board, you play a very important role in the development and success of this Subspecialty Self-Assessment. We thank you for your willingness to serve the Academy in this capacity and look forward to your ongoing participation and contributions to this educational program.” Congratulations, Joe, on this impressive appointment!

The Playroom at Univ Hosp Mirebalais
Our Sepsis Hero
Upstate Online recently reported what most of us already knew. Our very own Dr. Melissa Schafer is a “Sepsis Hero” and has been recognized by the Sepsis Alliance for its part in The Children’s Hospital Association Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes Collaborative, a group dedicated to preventing hospital-onset severe sepsis and sepsis deaths through timely and reliable implementation of evidence-based diagnostic and care processes across the hospital. You can read the full story at Upstate Online.

Lifetime Achievement
Congratulations to Dr. Zulma Tovar-Spinoza, who was the recipient of the Lifetome Achievement Award presented at the Excellence in Healthcare Awards in October. Upstate Online reported that “Upstate Medical University pediatric neurosurgeon Zulma Tovar-Spinoza, MD, tops the list of winners of this year’s Excellence in Healthcare Awards to be presented Oct. 26 at the Oncenter. Tovar-Spinoza, internationally known for her pioneering work in laser ablation surgery to treat brain tumor and epilepsy in children, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.”

Ten-Year Class Reunion
The Grand Rounds on October 4th ended up being a small class reunion. Pictured, from the Class of 2007, are Prateek Wali, Mike Eckrich, Manika Suryadevara, Erin Hanley, and two photo bombers.

Baby Andrew
Congratulations to Marie Jose Moubarak on the arrival of baby Andrew El Mouallem on Sept 28th. He was He was 7 lb 12oz. Mom, dad, and Andrew are all doing great!

March for Babies, November 12th
Michelle Jeski shares the following: “I have agreed to be the Team Captain to represent Pediatrics for the 2017 March for Babies through March of Dimes. Our team name is Team Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. The March for Babies is Sunday November 12th at the SRC Arena at OCC. Registration begins at 10am, Upstate team photo at 1040; 3 mile walk begins at 11am. We are hoping for a high turn out from Upstate this year since Danielle Laroque-Arena is the Chair Person for the March. This is a great cause for pediatric staff to come together to support our smallest kiddos who we take care of every day. We need people on our team to represent all of Pediatrics! Here is the link to join and/or donate.”
https://www.marchforbabies.org/jeskim

The Annual GCH Pumpkin Contest
The annual pumpkin decorating contest was held at the GCH on Friday, October 27th. As always, the competition was fierce and the talent was amazing. But in the end, three winners were selected: The individual submission award went to Michaela Emnis for “Mickey Mouse”. Group submission went to 11G for “Donut fear, 11G loves you a latte!” And finally, the Patient's Choice award went to 12F for “Poppin PICU”.

Photos courtesy of Kathleen Paice Froio

Dr. Ramaswami
Dr. Mirza Beg sent us a picture of an announcement he came across about one of our former residents who has completed her fellowship and is now working as a Peds Gastroenterologist at the Atlanta GI practice in Georgia.
https://www.agapediatrics.com/en/providers/

Somewhere Over the Rainbow
Thanks to Chris Maierhofer for this breathtaking view of UPAC from the Kinney Center on October 26th.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
11/1 Irene Cherrick
11/3 Max Shenberger
11/7 Valerie Ho
11/8 Joe D., Manika S.
11/9 Regina McConnell
11/15 Jay Peacock
11/16 Dave Swaby
11/20 Mirza Beg
11/22 Hassan El Chebib
11/26 Betsy Paulsen
11/30 Sashi Goteti