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# New Faculty – Pediatrics Welcomes Dr. Heather Wasik

We are very excited to be able to introduce our new nephrologist, Dr. Heather Wasik who will be starting about the time you read this. Dr. Wasik shared the following with the Crier: "Hi everyone- I'm looking forward to starting as a pediatric nephrologist at Upstate. I am from Buffalo, NY. I attended medical school at the University of Pittsburgh and then spent the past six years in Baltimore, MD completing residency and fellowship at Johns Hopkins. My husband, Chris, and I are excited to be back in New York and closer to family. We moved to Syracuse with our 3-year-old daughter, Lydia, and we are expecting our second child in October. My husband is a financial analyst and he will also be working at Upstate starting this fall. In my free time, I enjoy running, doing yoga, downhill skiing, traveling, and reading."



## Carlee in Korea

Our very own Carlee Lenehan had a poster accepted at the 18th International Conference on Emergency Medicine in Gangnam gu, Seoul, keySouth Korea in June. The conference was organized by the Korean Society of Emergency Medicine. Since it just happened to fall right during her previously scheduled vacation, Carlee, along with several others from the Upstate ED, headed to South Korea to participate. Carlee tells the Crier,

"The trip was a game changer! I went to the International Conference for Emergency Medicine and had a ton of fun. The event was 3 days at the Coex Center in Seoul, South Korea and there were emergency medicine experts literally from all over the world. It was a huge venue and I was able to discuss some VERY interesting case reports with other residents from places like Malaysia, the UK, Australia, Germany and even sister states including DC and PA! There were a ton of sample mannequins that were SUPER lifelike and some practice simulations of cases and CPR that I was able to participate in. On the second day, there was a huge turn out to the pediatric EM interest group and at that event I was able to meet a ton of residents interested in peds EM and some pretty big faces involved in peds EM. I even met the President of the entire conference and he was so great! The whole conference was eye opening to the peds EM world and it showed how many people are fired up about this important field of medicine. There were so many interesting research projects previewed and we even were presented with our NEWLY PUBLISHED case report. It was just the coolest trip ever and I am so thankful for the donations from the Foundation that we are able to take advantage of here at Upstate. I hope my trip gets people interested in international conferences and that residents will continue to pursue interesting and amazing opportunities that we have! While I was over in Asia, I took advantage of my vacation time and took a weekend trip over to Japan too! I shared some pictures from my adventures!!



I was able to wear the traditional Korean attire known as the Hanbok to the famous Gyeongbokgung Palace, practice CPR to Gangnam Style (vs our traditional Staying Alive), eat the craziest foods like ox and chicken feet (YUCK) and I climbed the tallest peak in Seoul's Bukhansan National Park! There were soooo many but I shared a few of my fav pics with you!

The IPE Team's President's Award

Congratulations to Dr. Angela Wratney and the Interprofessional Education (IPE) team who won the 2019 President's Campus Team of the Year Award. This award acknowledges and recognizes this team for sustained excellence, a strong work ethic, problem solving, and making a positive impact at SUNY Upstate Medical University. The IPE Core team members pictured are Dr. Carol Recker-Hughes, College of Health Professions; Dr. Angela Wratney, College of Medicine; Dr. Beth Hopkins, College of Nursing, Darren Carboni Director of IPE and Simulation; and President Mantosh Dewan.



The College of Nursing submitted the nomination as written by Dean Dr. Tammy Austin-Ketch: "Their team's mission has been dedicated to promoting the development of teamwork, collaboration, and communication skills within Upstate Medical University's curriculum. They have created opportunities that allow students and professionals from all four colleges and individuals from within the upstate community to collaborate and improve health outcomes."

### The Upstate PHM Reunion

Several former residents, faculty, and our current hospitalist Division Chief, Dr. Andrake, all met up at the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference in July. We got the scoop (and pix!) from former resident Meghan Jacobs who wrote, "This past week, we had an Upstate reunion at the PHM 2019 conference in Seattle, WA. Dr. Andrake, Dr. Kathrine Chang, Iman (Naimi – 2017), Jasmin (Moradi - 2018), and myself all went for a great dinner and then a sail around the harbor. It was so awesome to catch up!! Below are some photo highlights.'





Lots of Babies! June was a big month for new arrivals!

## Welcome Cooper John

Congratulations to Dr. Becky Barnett who let us know, "I had my sweet baby boy, Cooper John, who was born June 30, 2019 at 7lb 2oz.



Also pictured are Becky, Kenny, and Cooper's awesome big brother Connor.



### Welcome Charles Iraj

We heard that former resident Nellie (Sadaghiani – Class of 2014) Farrington had a baby. Charles Iraj Farrington was born on 6/25 at 6 lbs 15 oz. Nellie wrote, "We could not be more in love! Darren has been the best partner and dad anyone could have asked for in this difficult pregnancy!" Congratulations, Nellie!



## **Happily Married!**

Congratulations to Kristin Hornick who married Craig Fisher on July 6th at Wolf Oak Acres. It was a beautiful day with lots of familiar faces. Kristin tells the Crier, "I did my first Horah without breaking any bones!" (Kristin never mentioned if Craig broke any bones). Congratulations, Kristin! You were a beautiful bride and you make a beautiful couple!



**More Weddings** Congratulations to Brian Tran (2014) and Caitlin Stiglmeier (2015) who (finally) got married on July 6 in Hawaii.



Their wedding also ended up being a residency reunion.



Pictured: Caitlin Deluca, John Andrake, Liz Quigley, Carla Overton, Chris Malabanan, Brian & Caitlin, Raya Safa, Katie Fry, Jeremy Steele, Lindsay Dudeck.

Congratulations to Mazen Korab (2003) who was married to Rana El Sabbagh on July 27, at St Maroun Catholic Church in Beirut, Lebanon. They will both be practicing in Louisiana. He is primary care peds, and she is a nephrologist.



## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

8/3 Evan Ho

8/9 Caitlin Deluca, Tara Wilhoit

8/10 Audrey VanDeWall, Jody Sima

8/13 Phil Mackewicz

8/15 Melissa Schafer

8/16 Kim Wells

8/17 Craig Byrum

8/19 Lina Bourjas

8/22 Beth Nelsen

8/23 Yisroel Miller

8/25 Heather Ross

8/28 Aditi Shaily

## Belated Happy Birthday, Pumba

We forgot to include Pumba on the July birthday list. She turned 6 on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

