



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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Virtual Live Graduation – June 17th

Our 14 PL3s had their beautiful graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 17th at 6:00 PM in the Kinney Center. The event was live streamed to fellow residents, faculty, family, and loved one. Along with honoring our graduates, several other awards and honors were announced to our residents, and to those our residents selected for special recognition. The awards that were presented are as follows:

Teaching Awards:

PL1: 1. Jina Patel, 2. Aditi Shaily, 3. Holly Stacey and Vaishali Adlakha
PL2: 1. Tyler Colangelo, 2. Carlee Lenehan, 3. Scott Corrigan
PL3: 1. Laura Miller, 2. Phil Mackewicz, 3. Chris Maierhofer

Rookie of the Year Award – Emergency Medicine (presented remotely by Dr. Greenfield) - **Maria Liverpool**

Robert K Kanter, M.D. Award (presented remotely by Dr. Hannan) – **Danielle Daniels**

Outstanding Pediatric Office Practice Teaching Award (presented remotely by Dr. Nead)– **Pulaski Health Center – Dr. Megan Pecha**

Global Health Award (presented remotely by Dr. Connors)– **Julia Ciurria**

Kunal Sawale Award – Heather Ross GME Hospital-Wide Teamwork Award

2020 GME Resident Award for Teamwork (presented by Dr. Connors) – Laura Miller (note: this was an annual hospital-wide award presented by the GME office based on nominations by fellow residents. We are very proud of Laura for receiving this very well-deserved award).

Pediatric Nursing Award (presented by Dr. Ho) - **Josiah E. Henry, RN**

Special Appreciation Award (presented by Dr. Hornick) - **Leigh Wilson, NP**

Pediatric Faculty Award (presented by Dr. Mackewicz) - **Dr. Jana Shaw**

After receiving notification of her award, Dr. asked that the following be shared with the residents who nominated her: “I would like to express my sincere gratitude for recognizing me this year and for presenting me with the Faculty Award. I was touched by your appreciation of my efforts. I pledge to continue to do my best to educate, nurture and support you through your training and beyond. You are the future of our profession and it is a true privilege to be able to influence your career and touch your lives in most positive ways. Congratulations to the graduates, good luck in your future endeavors and please stay in touch !!!”

Golden Syringe Award (presented by Dr. Nelsen)– **Heba El Ayasha**

Before having each resident come forward to receive their certificates, Dr. Nelsen shared some words of wisdom pulled from each of the graduates’ residency application personal statements. The Crier thought its readers would enjoy seeing those quotes:

“I could quote a bunch of famous people or philosophers and wax poetic about what comes next. Instead, I spent some time reviewing ancient essays written by some astute individuals to come up with this reflection. The essays? They’re your personal statements from when you applied to residency. Each personal statement contained something that stuck out to me, and I think you’ll see that you guys had the right ideas all along.

From Dr. Ross, who aspired to be an advocate for children and work with families. You are all not only built to do this work but you have demonstrated your passion to do so. From Dr. Ho, who grew up watching her dad practice pediatrics in their community and realized that being a physician is a great privilege. Each of you embodies and demonstrates that humility.

From Dr. Miller who asked, “What do I expect of myself?” You have pushed yourselves to unfathomable limits and beyond, and in doing so have armed

yourselves with the empathy and knowledge to care for patients here and abroad.

From Dr. Kanji, who adapted to changing currents through creativity. You have found your strength and recognized that it does not always need to come from within but from the people around you.

From Dr. Daniels, who was motivated to enter pediatrics not just from experiences working with children but because of the opportunity and privilege of being trusted by parents with the care of their children. You have learned that kids don’t grow up in an isolated bubble and that when you care for the family, you care for the patient.

From Dr. Hornick, who traded cake for getting up at 4 AM to run a half marathon through Cinderella’s castle in a tutu and a tiara. Our work demands sacrifice, dedication, and endurance. But we have tutus and we always have time for cake.

From Dr. Mackewicz, who said that being a pediatrician not only requires someone who can be an investigator with dedication and focus but someone who can provide families with compassion, I hope we have shown you it is possible to be both and to do it well.

From Dr. Vandewall, who said you can’t measure attentiveness and empathy with an exam? You’d all ace it if there was.

From Dr. Au, whose experiences as a teacher and mentor showed her the value of education and its ability to transform. While you have all been on the receiving end of knowledge and skills, you have used those tools to educate each other, junior residents, students, and your patients and in doing so you have made an impact on their lives.

From Dr. Maierhofer, for whom pediatrics offers the opportunity to tap into a playful side, smiles and laughter are as important as all of the tests we perform and medicines we prescribe.

From Dr. Ciurria, who proposed that the ethos of pediatrics includes advocating for the vulnerable, investing in people’s futures, building communities, and helping people make sustainable change,

you have done this and not just for your patients but yourselves.

From Dr. Griesman, who wanted to be part of a team that celebrates and encourages teamwork and a sense of family, you will always be a part of our Upstate family.

And from Dr. El Ayash, who aspired to be a pediatrician that parents trust and patients refer to when they are well and when they are not. This is the trademark of a genuine general pediatrician. And while many of you are pursuing more training, at your core you will always be a general pediatrician.

On behalf of the Department of Pediatrics here at SUNY Upstate, congratulations on completing your residency. We wish you luck, happiness, and success as you leave here and go forth into the world."



PL-3 Retreat

In case anyone noticed their absences a few days before graduation, the PL3s escaped the office for one last official group retreat on Friday, June 12th. While their escape was initially somewhat secretive and undisclosed, the Crier was eventually able to bribe an unnamed source to get the following (thanks Val!): "On one sunny and beautiful weekend in June, the PL-3s headed off to the Miller family farm near Binghamton to celebrate the end of our residency adventure. We had the most amazing time running through the fields, feeding horses, petting dogs, climbing farm equipment (and other structures), exploring barns, feasting on charcuterie boards, and chatting by the fire in our matching T-shirts. Although social distancing hasn't allowed us to celebrate our big achievement with our friends and family as we normally would, I couldn't have imagined a more perfect weekend to round off these three years together. A big heartfelt thank you to Laura and her wonderful family for opening up their home to us. Already planning the 10-year reunion retreat in 2030!"

We received several pictures including one socially distant selfie sent by Heba.



It is a reminder that we will miss this fun-loving group very much! They went through a lot together over the past three years not the



least of which was surviving a pandemic. But lifelong friendships and great pediatricians were made over those years, and we wish them all the very best!

The Unofficial New Intern Picnic

From Sarah Au: "A bunch of us welcomed the new interns today (6/21) with a barbecue at Onondaga lake park :) I figured I would send you some photos from the event today!"



Meet the New Interns!

They're here! We officially welcome and introduce the Class of 2023.



We will be sharing more on this fine group in coming months but would like to start with a report from Dean Karahalios on the annual intern scavenger hunt and which team walked away with the prize:

"Syracuse reached reopening phase 4 just in time for our annual Welcome Week Scavenger Hunt! Residents of all levels embarked on an epic adventure throughout the hospital and the city at large. They deciphered riddles and clues to take them everywhere from Syracuse landmarks like Clinton Square, to favorite food spots like Biscotti's and Mello Velo, before finally

finishing with a family picnic catered by Dinosaur Barbecue on Onondaga Lake.



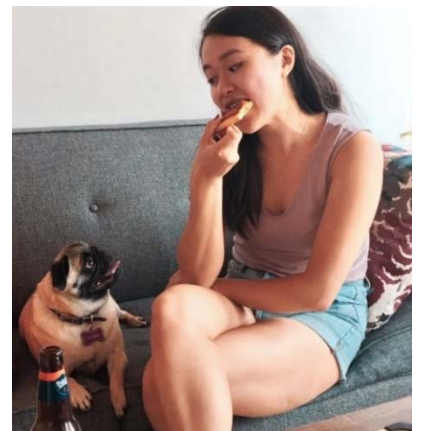
The competition was impressively close, but Team Liverpool ultimately went home with bragging rights and four new gift cards to Cafe Kubal. Congratulations Maria, Rida, Simi, and Billy!"



(Editor's note – the victors seem pleased)

July Photo Caption Contest

It's that time again! The Crier came across another picture that is begging (no pun intended) for a good caption! Submit your best response to mondorep@upstate.edu and you might win a prize!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2 Colleen Feeney
- 7/6 Robin Jodoin
- 7/14 Karen Teelin
- 7/15 Andrew Brooks
- 7/16 Danielle Daniels
- 7/20 Jason Silkey, Jana Shaw
- 7/23 Chris Kuehnle
- 7/24 Simi George
- 7/28 Josh Griesman
- 7/31 Richard Johnson

