



### Housestaff Appreciation & Graduation



On Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> all 47 residents were invited to be a part of our first post-Covid celebration and graduation. This was the first time the whole group has been together as a group of the current PL1s, PL2s and PL3s. It was a lovely evening in the Persian Terrace at the Downtown Marriott. Along with the 17 graduates, there were a number of other awards and honors given:

PED Rookie of the Year-Colleen Feeney  
Compassionate Care-Drs. Holdaway/Bourjas  
Outstanding Peds Office - Dr. Dracker and Summerwood Pediatrics  
Robert K Kanter Award- Kaitlyn McGregor  
Golden Syringe Award – Rohan Akhouri

### Resident Awards:

Peds Nurse – Brooke Fraser  
Peds Faculty– Asalim Thabet  
Special Appreciation - Sue Black

### Teaching Awards:

PL1: 1st. Dayna Ukwuoma, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lucia Janovicova, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hayat Al Tabosh and Andrew Smith  
PL2: 1st. Maria Liverpool, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jina Patel, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Holly Stacey  
PL3: 1st. Dean Karahalios, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carlee Lenehan 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nara Cho and Brett Holdaway

Our 14 graduates, two chiefs, and one Child Abuse fellow all received their certificates of completion. We are so proud of them all.



*Best Wishes, Class of 2021*

### The PICU Two!

As promised, the Crier would like to introduce you to our two new PICU faculty

members, Dr. Rachel Clarke and Dr. Sarah Harding both of whom completed their PICU fellowships at the University of Michigan.

### Welcome Dr Rachel Clarke

Dr. Clarke was originally from Charleston, WV. She went to Marshall University School of Medicine in Huntington, WV and completed her Pediatric Residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA before doing her Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Michigan, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Ann Arbor, MI and a Bioethics Research Fellowship (Univ of MI) . Her personal interests include gardening, reading, swimming, opera, trivia, and her family – Atticus (1 year) and her husband Shawn.



She writes, "Hello! I am delighted to be joining the Upstate PICU team! I've lived, studied, and trained in several different locations, but my family has always been tied to New York State. My career and research interests center around Bioethics in the PICU, and I'm excited to become involved with new projects and endeavors to bring these areas closer together. My wonderful husband and our one-year-old son will be coming to Syracuse with me, and we are all eager to explore everything central NY has to offer!"

### Welcome, Dr. Sarah Harding



Dr. Harding is from Toronto. She went to the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin, and completed her Peds residency at T.C Thompson Children's Hospital, at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She did her Peds Critical Care, at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, University of Michigan. She loves kayaking, hiking, getting lost even with GPS, Cooking, and Traveling. She writes, "I'm thrilled to be joining the PICU team at Upstate! My favorite part about working in

the PICU has always been the people I get to work with and learning from them. I am looking forward to meeting everyone! I will be moving to NY in July with my girlfriend, Natalie, and our little yorkie with big personality, Bear. We are eager to explore the area, make new friends and call New York our home.

### PL3 Retreat Weekend

On June 12-13 the PL3s got together one last time for a relaxing call free retreat weekend at a winery and lake house in Wolcott.



We are going to miss our wonderful (and slightly crazy) Class of 2021.

### Here Come the Interns!

You probably noticed several new faces (and a few familiar ones) as the 15 new interns completed their week of orientation. We welcome with great excitement the Class of 2024!



Of course, no orientation would be complete without a scavenger hunt. Thanks to Dr. Gloria Kennedy who created the list, sent them on their way, and invited them back to her house for dinner and winners.



Congratulations to Team Lucia, Aly, Adil and Clara for taking first place. But, more on that, and the stolen UPS truck, next month.

## SPS Hospital of the Month!

From Dr. Watney

We are the July hospital of the month for SPS!! Which is a huge deal. and, as per Dr. Tucker Chief Medical Officer, we will have a Pediatric Quality Dashboard and the Peds Quality team Leadership has selected the following metrics to display and stand behind to lead effective improved quality bundles for Pediatrics!! - Children's Hospital Metrics (source of data): 1. Press Ganey survey overall hospital score, 2. Central Line Associated bloodstream infections (Vizient/SPS), 3. Unplanned extubations (SPS), 4. Sepsis compliance with resuscitation bundle (IPSO), 5. Post op pneumonia (NSQIP). CONGRATULATIONS to those Quality teams!!"

## Goodbye and Best Wishes, JP

We wish JP Ervoes the best as he leaves us at the end of July. He shares the following:



To all of my amazing pediatric colleagues,

As many of you have probably heard, with a heavy heart, I have made the decision to move on from SUNY Upstate for personal reasons. The pandemic led to much reflection and re-evaluation of my life to this point as it probably has for many others. After spending over 20 years of dedicating my life to the pursuit of the field pediatrics and in living my dream of being a pediatrician, I felt that I neglected to focus on other personal dreams, particularly starting a family. In addition, I would like to focus on improving my overall health and well-being. If the pandemic taught us anything, it is that there is no "perfect" or "right" time for anything and that nothing is guaranteed. I made the very difficult decision to leave in order to focus on personal dreams and goals that I had been putting off for the "perfect" or "right" time. If I may suggest anything, it is to focus on work-life balance starting now and to live life without regrets. You can focus on multiple personal dreams at once. It is not all or nothing.

I have experienced immense personal satisfaction from my job, from the myriad of amazing interactions with my colleagues, the residents, the nursing staff, the ancillary staff, the patients, and the medical students and from the close relationships I have established with the wonderful team at SUNY Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. The experience and knowledge gained during my time here are invaluable. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity I have had to work with all of you and will wholeheartedly miss you.

To the pediatric residents, I want to thank each and every one of you for not only all of your hard work, compassion, and heart, but also for your understanding, humor, and kindness. It has been an absolute pleasure, blessing, and privilege to work with you all and I will miss you very much. I hope all the best for you now and in all your future endeavors.

I will be staying in Syracuse as a Medical Director at Excellus and will start in early August. I will be here through the end of July. I look forward to working with you all before my departure and will keep in touch afterwards. Sincerely, JP

## Syracuse 5K Run for Kidneys

Pediatrics did more than its fair share of running for kidneys in June. Congratulations to Dr. Heather Wasik for taking First Place in the Women's Division. Richard Johnson took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in his age division and Scott Corrigan took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in his division. And the three of them helped raise a lot of money for a very good cause!



## In the News: Summer Socializing for Kids

Our very own Dr. Steve Blatt was featured in the May 31 issue of CNY In Good Health. You can read it at:

<http://www.cnyhealth.com/features/summer-socializing-for-children-is-essential/>

## Homeless Youth Shelter Update, Part 1

THANK YOU to each of you who helped stock the pantry through your generous online donations for the Rescue Mission's new Homeless & Runaway Youth Shelter which is opening in October.

<https://rescuemissionalliance.org/emergency-youth-shelter/>

The response was amazing and the Rescue Mission is extremely grateful. We should have figures and pictures next month. See below and watch your email for one more upcoming event that Dr. Teelin and Patty would love to have you join us for.

## Cream, Sugar, Electric Drill?

Last month we included a picture of the electric drill that showed up at the coffee station on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. It was there for several weeks



before it was donated to Tiny Houses. While we will probably never know whose it was, or how it got there, it did at least inspire some excellent captions.

"Leave the drill, take the creamer"-Dr. Wali

"Clue Style: It was Patty, in the Monet Room, with the drill"- Jamie Cary  
"Next...on This Old Maxwell House..." - Dr. Nimeh

Each of you are invited to stop by the peds office for your free cup of drill-free coffee.

## The Sterling Stars

The Sterling Stars played in one of their final games for the academic year on 6/9 at the Syracuse kickball park. They tied 13-13 with teachers from Brighton academy. Scott hopes to get some of the new interns to sign up for the coming year (someone has to take his place - shirts will probably be included).



## Where are they Now? Iman Naimi

We received the following note and picture from former resident Dr. Iman Naimi on the same day as our current PL3s were graduating.

"Hi Everyone!

I just wanted to let you know that today was my FINA graduation ceremony! I can't believe it has already been 4 years since residency graduation. I am forever grateful for each and every one of you for supporting me through residency and helping me reach my dream. I had you in mind today during the graduation ceremony and shared the gift that the 1st/2nd year residents gave me with the heart center...they were right and I ended up in the cath lab :D



I am excited to share that I have accepted a Cath job at the University of Alberta and will be starting there in September!



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### **Homeless Youth Shelter, Part 2:**

#### **Run/Walk for the Youth Shelter-7/31**

Dr. Karen Teelin and Patty Mondore invite you to join us for a virtual 5K (3.1 mile) walk or run to support the youth shelter. We are would love to have you join Team Youth Shelter in a virtual walk/run on July 31st with 100% of the money going to the Youth Shelter. This is being done by special arrangement with the Rescue Mission in conjunction with their annual Ride and Run for the Rescue. Note that this is not an official Team Upstate event. This is being done by Dr. Teelin and Patty independently.

To join our team you can register at

<https://rescuemission.akaraisin.com/ui/RideRun21> and then join Team Youth Shelter.

Here is the link directly to our team page:

<https://rescuemission.akaraisin.com/RideRun21/Teamyouthshelter>

If you would prefer to make a donation, we are asking that you do NOT use the donation link but instead use the special link (noted on the team page) that was created that will allow all contributions go directly to the shelter. <https://tinyurl.com/ez3wptxv>

Since the run/walk is virtual, we are just asking participants to commit to a 5k (3.1 mile) walk or run on July 31st. You can do it at your own time and place, or join the other teams at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. Once you join, you can send our exclusive link to all your friends, families, and coworkers who would like to support us and this very special new shelter (opening in October) for our most vulnerable youth.

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/2 Colleen Feeney

7/3 Anjali Sura

7/6 Robin Jodoin

7/14 Adil, Siddiqui, Karen Teelin

7/15 Andrew Brooks

7/16 Danielle Daniels

7/20 Jason Silkey, Jana Shaw

7/23 Travis Hobart, Chris Kuehnle

7/24 Simi George

7/31 Richard Johnson