



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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GCH Celebration and Welcome

The GCH had a double celebration on Weds, May 8th from 2-4 PM in the Kinney Center celebrating both the arrival of our new chairman, Dr. Gregory P. Connors, and the kickoff of the GCH's 10th Birthday celebration. There were refreshments including, of course, birthday cake!



It is exciting to be heading into our 10th year under the leadership of Dr. Connors.

Please PAS the Book!

The Crier was a little late to learn that a couple of our other faculty were at PAS in April. Dr. Joan Pellegrino told the Crier, "Lou and I went to the PAS meeting this year because Brookes Publishing company had a book launch for the new edition of Children with Disabilities (now available on Amazon). Lou is one of the three editors along with Nancy Roizen (former CDBG division chief, now at Rainbow babies) and Mark Batshaw (Physician-in-Chief and Chief Academic Officer at Children's National).

Other faculty members that wrote chapters include Hank Roane, Will Sullivan and yours truly."

Congratulations, Lou and Joan! That is a great accomplishment!



Two New Additions to Child Life

We are excited to welcome two new Child Life staff to our Department! Erin Ratajczak and Kendall Malkin introduce themselves to us below:

Welcome, Erin Ratajczak

"My name is Erin Ratajczak, I am returning to Upstate as part of the Child Life team. I completed my education at Utica College and obtained my Child Life Certification while completing my Fellowship at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. I will be providing Child Life Services at UHCC and at 550 Harrison. On my off time I spend a lot of time with my friends and family. I am a dog mom and love taking Tank our dog for walks when the weather is nice. My significant other Tony and I enjoy traveling and attending summer concerts. I decided to return to Upstate because I missed being part of a larger team and the positive atmosphere of the staff."



Welcome Kendall Malkin!

"My name is Kendall Malkin, and I am excited to be 12E's Child Life Specialist! I moved here from the Midwest, having grown up north of Chicago. I attended college and graduate school at the University of Missouri. I also worked at their Women's and Children's Hospital as per diem in various units while attaining my Master's degree focused on research from a child life perspective. I also enjoy cooking food, following Chicago sports (Go Cubs Go!), being adventurous outside, and working out at Orange Theory. I am getting used to the hills, but I am ecstatic to work here with wonderful people! Thank you for making me feel welcomed already!"



GME Teamwork Award

Our very own Scott Corrigan was the recipient of the 2019 GME Resident Award for Teamwork. This was a hospital-wide peer-nominated award. Scott was nominated

by Rohan Akhouri, Chris Maierhofer, Danielle Daniels, Valerie Ho and Uzma Rani. Their nominations stated that Scott is "genuinely working to make sure everyone is able to rise together and achieve their dreams" and work "with an open mind, listening to others ideas and empowering each team member to contribute and participate fully." "He can always be counted upon to have your back, and is overall an excellent leader." As Dr. Katz stated, "These examples epitomize our definition of being a team player!" Scott was honored at the Resident Award Ceremony on May 29th at the Crowne Plaza. His cheering squad was also invited to attend.



GME Resident Award for Teaching

Congratulations to our Peds ID fellow, Marie Jose Moubarak who was the winner of the hospital-wide GME Teaching Award. She was nominated by Nuala Wheat who wrote that she was "a great physician to work with and learn from - she always demonstrated kindness, efficiency, and wisdom. She made sure we were getting the most out of the rotation, was very organized and played a crucial role in the learning environment." She, too, was honored at the GME Award Ceremony.



And finally, our Child Abuse fellow, Dr. Iram Ashraf, was also honored at the ceremony for having won first prize in the poster presentations at the Beyond the Doctorate Research Day held in March.

Congratulations again to Scott, MJ, and Iram! It was a great day for Pediatrics!

The PL3 Retreat

The PL3s enjoyed some last time together on their Retreat in May. Samara tells the Crier, "On our first day we went bowling at Destiny (after learning our original destination was rented out for a party). Richard did unreasonably well for bowling with his left arm, since his good arm is out of commission. We also discovered Sashi is an exceptional bowler. We then had dinner at the Preserve, where we had our midwinter party. It was delicious as always.



For day two, we woke up reasonably early and took a hike at Robert H. Treman park in Ithaca. There were A LOT of stairs. But, the sites were gorgeous! We followed our long hike with lunch at Ithaca Brewing Co! Overall, we had such a good time spending quality time with each other. It's certainly going to be hard to say goodbye."



Editor's Note: They obviously had a ball.

In the News – Dr. Teelin and Adolescent Medicine

Dr. Teelin tells the Crier, "I was honored to be invited to speak at the 15th Annual SUNY Women in Medicine and Science and CNY Bar Association's medicine and law dinner. The topic was 'Supporting Transgender Patients: What Medicine and Law Professionals Need to Know.' Dr. Sgarlat was also there and provided important input. There was a great turnout and an interesting discussion! Then later in the week I ended up involved in two news media articles about the closing of Centre Syracuse Partial Hospitalization Program and Intensive Outpatient Program for eating disorders. (see below) <https://www.syracuse.com/health/2019/05/syracuse-eating-disorders-clinic-closes-patients-must-leave-town-for-care.html>

The Match, Eh?

Congratulations to PL2 Joshua Griesman who matched in Peds Cardiology at the Hospital for SickKids in Toronto! Way to go, Josh!

Just Married!

Congratulations to Suzanne Addabbo (Heme/Onc) who got married to Matt Majewski in April! Suzanne tells the Crier, "We got married on Friday April 19, 2019 at Skyline Lodge at Highland Forest. We are high school sweethearts. We bought our first house together this past November in Onondaga Hill and we are planning do to a mini honeymoon this summer in the Poconos."

Suzanne and Matt, we wish you the best!



Just Arrived!

Congratulations to Clare Arezina (Music Therapist) on the arrival of Cecilia Ruth Arezina Wiemann, born on December 4. Clare tells the Crier, "She was teeny (3lbs, 12oz) but otherwise healthy and was able to leave the NICU after a 2-week stay. Mom enjoyed her time home with "Ceci"-who loves singing and moving to music (big surprise :-))--but is ready to be back and making music with our patients, too."



Gigi's Playhouse Gala

April 27. National organization which is the only network of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers.

<https://gigisplayhouse.org>



Rima Reunion

Dr. Vicki Meguid shared the following: "While at my reunion I ran into Rima Fawaz at Boston Children's Hospital, where she is on the GI Faculty working with intestinal transplants."



Save the Dates

Housestaff Appreciation Dinner – 6/12
Intern Orientation Luncheon – 6/25
Intern Picnic – Jamesville – 6/26

In the News and on the Road

The Crier would like to inform/warn its readers that Heba El Ayash did successfully pass her road test on second attempt. Things fell apart on her first attempt when she mistakenly took a left instead of a right. But she assures the Crier, going forward, "Don't worry! I have a mnemonic now to tell left from right called "upright". It's signaling up when I need to go to the right." Congratulations, Heba

The Himalayas

Sashi and his wife spent their March vacation in India and, specifically, in the Himalayas. Sashi shared a few of the amazing pictures he got while there.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/6 Veena Gopalakrishnan
6/11 Joan Pellegrino
6/16 Sarah Ellis
6/21 Scott Schurman, Joe Nimeh
6/23 Neal Seidberg
6/24 Prateek Wali
6/25 Sarah Baluta
6/27 Maria Liverpool
6/29 Tracy Gilgallon
6/30 Bill Hannan