



**Paige’s Professorship**



UpstateOnline announced a new \$1.5 million endowed professorship funded by Paige’s Butterfly Run and that our very own Melanie Comito, MD, was appointed the Paige Yeomans Arnold Endowed Professor in Pediatric Oncology. Dr. Conners made the announcement and commented, “It’s a pleasure to bestow Dr. Comito with this honor,” Conners added. “It’s testimony to her dedication and leadership in pediatric hematology oncology. An endowed professorship is a significant contribution to Upstate and, quite honestly, the Central New York community as a whole,” said Conners. “On behalf of everyone who will be positively impacted by this lasting gift – clinical care staff, researchers, students, and most of all the children and families we serve in their fight against cancer – I offer heartfelt thanks to Paige’s Butterfly Run and the Upstate Foundation for their vision, hard work and unwavering support.”

You can read the full article at: <https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/2021/2021-10-29-pbrendowed.php>

**Interview Season Begins!**

On September 29<sup>th</sup> the ERAS post office officially opened and the residency program started a new season of applicants with over 1200 applications on the first day! Today, with close to 1400 applications we plan on starting our virtual interview season on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the faculty (and chiefs) who have offered to help with interviews, and to all of the residents who have already signed up to help with our virtual interview dinners (it is not too late to join them if interested). As we have said before, we have great matches because we have great residents who attract great candidates! Here is to another great year!

**The Teamwork Retreat**



On 10/21, in place of their regular weekly conferences, the residents were stolen away to Setnor for a three-hour team-building workshop. The floors have been crazy (residency is crazy anyway) and the program directors thought that a little collective break would be good for all. There were several different teambuilding activities and, of course, lunch! The residents had fun but also ended up with a renewed appreciation for each other.



Pictures are worth 1000 words but the short attached movie clip really tells it all!

**In the News – Dr. Zuccaro**

In case you missed it, in his weekly video update on 10/15 our CEO, Dr. Robert Corona gave a shout out to our very own Dr. Jennifer Zuccaro who he spotted on his walk through the PICU.



**Where are they now? YouTube**

Former resident Ishita Kharode (Class of 2016) made her YouTube debut last month with this important reminder about your Covid vaccine: <https://youtu.be/6UWGcfwu5IM>

**Youth Shelter Work Day**



Thanks to all who volunteered to roll up their sleeves and put a little elbow grease into helping the new Homeless & Runaway Youth Shelter get ready for its grand opening. About a dozen Upstate employees set up beds, washed, swept, hauled in all of the donations from our pantry drive, set up the kitchen, cleaned bathrooms and more. While they are still shooting for an official opening in 2022, there will be a grand opening for supporters and volunteers to come and view the facility sometime in December. Special thanks to Dr. Karen Teelin for coming and working for a bit in the middle of a very busy day in Adolescent. This was possibly one of our last official Upstate work days for the shelter. Hopefully it will be a wonderful safe haven some of the youth of CNY in the very near future.

**Stanley Cup**



Before bringing it back to be displayed at the Upstate Medical Arena for their home opener, the Syracuse Crunch made a special visit to Upstate with the Stanley Cup, won by parent club Tampa Bay, to say thank you to our staff. Peds was well represented with the entire PICU team and our chairman stopping by for a few selfies and photos (including this one from Dr. Conners for the Crier).



**Showering Levi**

From Hadassah: We showered baby Levi this past weekend (10/2), and I thought you'd enjoy these pics for the Crier.

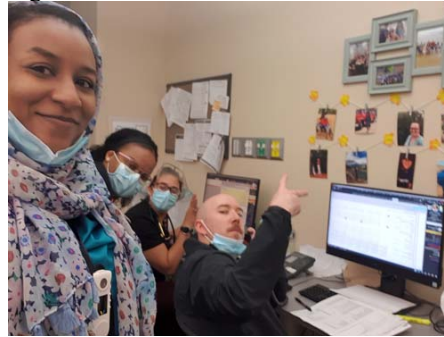


(Especially the ones of Elena and Sarah H trying to feed my cat cheese).



**Busy Nights**

We all know the floors have been unusually busy this past month or so. The night crew sent the following on a particularly busy night on the floors.



**Fires, Fires Everywhere**

Yes, residency is a lot of work but every once in a while, residents get to have a few hours to themselves to play. Clara sent this picture from the Salt city market where a few of them were enjoying the outdoor firepit after work.



Meanwhile, a few others (Lucia, Andrew, Saber, and Saber's wife) headed north and enjoyed their firepit in the Adirondacks after a day of hiking and exploring.



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/1 Irene Cherrick
- 11/7 Billy Hall
- 11/8 Joe D., Manika S.
- 11/9 Nus Zaman
- 11/10 Lucia Janovicova
- 11/21 Vaishali Adlakha
- 11/26 Elizabeth Paulsen

