



Welcome Dr. Galen Hartman

Dr. Galen Hartman joined the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition in late August. Dr. Hartman joins us from Indianapolis where he completed his fellowship at the Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his Pediatric Residency at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital/Michigan State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In an exclusive interview, Dr. Hartman tells the Crier:

“Hey there everybody! I’m a simple plumber (gastroenterologist) from the Midwest (Indianapolis, IN) and just joined Upstate after completing my fellowship at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. I moved here with my wife Courtney, an adult infectious disease doc, as well as our pets (a dog named Zephyr and a cat named Lyra). Prior to medical school I was a high school biology teacher in Phoenix, AZ. Despite moving on from classroom teaching, my interest and passion remains education, and I’m excited to join the team here to help teach not only our patients but our medical students and residents as well. Outside of medicine I enjoy sports, hiking, camping, and cooking. If you know of any pickup volleyball, soccer, or ultimate frisbee games, let me know! The same goes for hiking, camping, and restaurant recommendations. I look forward to getting to know everyone!”



The Intern retreat – September 15-16

On Thursday evening, September 15th, the first year residents were all excused from work to head over to the Embassy Suites for their overnight retreat. They spent the evening hanging out together and then were joined the next morning by the three program directors for some fun and games, and team building time together. From what we were told, they were able to flip a blanket without any of them stepping off. Their flying eggs were a little less successful, with 100% scrambled outcomes (including the flight of the program director UFO).

Judging from Dr. Nelsen’s response in this picture, they still had a ways to go before ultimate success.



Nevertheless, they eventually met the challenge and hopefully did some intern bonding in the process. We are very proud of all of our residents and hope that they will have some fond memories of their time together.



An Exceptional Teacher



Congratulations to our very own Joshua Bonville, M.D. who was the September 2022 recipient of the Exceptional Moments in Teaching recognition by the

College of Medicine. Honorees are selected via student assessments from courses and clerkships. Recognized teachers are those who challenge students and provide an exceptional learning experience.

https://www.upstate.edu/ume/exceptional_teacher.php

See attached for some of the award-winning comments Dr. Bonville received.

The President’s Award for Research

Congratulations to our very own Dr. Amer Imdad who was the recipient of the 2022 President’s Award for Excellence in Clinical or Translational Research by a Young Investigator.



The Crier was able to get an exclusive interview with Dr. Imdad for more details:

“The ceremony was on Sep 14th. It all started when I was a resident here. My most cited work was first published in 2011 when I was an intern at Upstate. The manuscript addressed vitamin A supplementation in children 6-59 months of age and WHO later issued its

guidelines based on this work. This paper has been cited more than 1000 times per Google Scholar. Since being a faculty here at Upstate, I have produced more than twelve manuscripts, with a total publication of 64, and citations exceeding more than 6000. I am excited to involve students and pediatric residents in my work, with excellent recent contributions leading to publications from residents Vaishali (now a GI fellow), Shehzad and Rida. None of this was possible without my lovely family and kind support from my division chief, Dr. Wali and department chair Dr. Connors.”



Interview Season

It is hard to believe, but the residency interview season starts at the end of this month, with Friday October 28th being our first of nine interview half days which will run through mid-January.

Thank you to all the faculty who already signed up to help out. If you have a Friday morning open on 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/6, or 1/13, and would be up for helping out, let Dr. Nelsen or Patty know.

Thank you, too, to the residents who have already signed up to host or participate in some of the nine virtual social hours the night before each interview. We know it is largely due to our great residents (and time spent with them) that we end up with more great residents. **So please let Patty know which dates you would be available.**



In the News:

GCH Joins Premier Network for Autism

The headline of the 9/23 UpstateOnline was the announcement that the GCH, under the leadership of our very own Dr. Hank Roane, has been invited to become a member of the Autism Care Network, the first and only network of its kind focused on better autism care, aimed to improve health and quality of life for children with autism and their families. You can read the full article at <https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/2022/2022-09-19-autismspeak.php>



From Syracuse.com: Letter to the Editor:

Dr. Bob Dracker wrote a letter to the editor that appeared in Syracuse.com. [Upstate-Crouse merger will improve healthcare, efficiency and access \](#)

In CNYCentral.com

CNYCentral featured an article by Dr. Jana Shaw: [How to keep your kids healthy going back to school](#)

Where Are They Now?

New Arrival

Congratulations to former resident Jasmin Moradi (Class of 2018) on the August arrival of baby girl Noa Cameron Mazza, born on Aug 23, at a very healthy 9lb 7oz.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 Stuart Trust
- 10/3 Akilah Evans, Areeb Mustansar
- 10/15 Alicia Pekarsky
- 10/18 Jennifer Myszewski
- 10/19 Kimberly Rush
- 10/22 Howard Weinberger
- 10/23 Uzma Rani, Frank Smith, Suzanne Addabbo
- 10/28 Michael Markel

EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

IN TEACHING



The Norton College of Medicine recognizes exceptional teachers with the monthly “Exceptional Moments in Teaching” program. Honorees are selected via student assessments from courses and clerkships. Recognized teachers—including medical faculty, residents, nurses and other educators—are those who challenge students and provide an exceptional learning experience.

Joshua Bonville, MD, assistant professor of Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University, is the **September 2022** recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching Recognition**.

COMMENTS FROM DR. BONVILLE’S STUDENTS:

“Dr. Bonville was incredible. He answered all my questions in such an inviting way. He also made the course fun and engaging. I loved his energy, and he always made me feel better about myself. He was also very real with us about medicine and gave us “real world” tips and tricks. He truly made my MS1 experience so much better, and I cannot thank him enough for the positive influence he had on me.”

“Facilitated understanding of background topics related to patient cases, including medical calculators. Extensively explained purpose behind current medical recommendations. Demonstrated effective strategies to perform exams on patients who are “fussy.” Modeled an affable bedside manner for pediatric patients and their families, as well as an efficient neurological assessment.”

“Dr. Bonville has a deep understanding of his field and the cases he’s presented with. He promotes a positive learning environment and allows students to talk through their thought processes. He was incredibly kind and made me feel like an important team member. He treats his patients and their families with respect.”

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SUNY Distinguished Professorships

Stephen A. Albanese, MD, Distinguished Service Professor
Xin Jie Chen, PhD, Distinguished Professor
Thomas L. Schwartz, MD, Distinguished Teaching Professor
Ma-Li Wong, MD, PhD, Distinguished Professor

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities

Wei-Dong Yao, PhD

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Library Service

Heidi J. Webb, MSLIS

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

Robert Cooney, MD

President's Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research

Stephen J. Glatt, PhD

President's Award for Excellence in Clinical or Translational Research by a Young Investigator

Aamer Imdad, MBBS, MPH

President's Award for Advancement of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Sheila D. Singleton-Best, MPH, HSMP, PA-C

President's Award for Excellence in Professional Service

Matthew Mahoney, Information Management & Technology

President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

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President's Award for Excellence in Teaching

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