From the Chairman’s Desk

Random thoughts from the Chair:

1. Thanks to Senior VP/Dean Klasko for attending the Faculty meeting on 4/14 along with Mr. Ekarius. There was a good dialogue and follow up plans.
2. Thanks to the faculty who attended for the same reasons.
3. My Power Point is on our web site for those who were not able to attend. Next month we will include the follow up items and recommendations.
4. Please try to attend the Barness Lectureship on 4/17 and the Fellows Forum. Also stop and look at the other posters on the 5th floor of the STC.

I look forward to seeing you at the PAS and the reception co-sponsored by USF, UF and Miami.

Bob Nelson
April Birthdays:  Sherry Calero (Apr 2);  Cherry Pascual (Apr 2);  Linda Kingsley (Apr 3);  Amanda Schall (Apr 3);  Laura Haubner (Apr 7);  Heather Saavedra (Apr 8);  Ellen Lynn (Apr 9);  Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann (Apr 10);  Brandy Bonafede-Gore (Apr 11);  Rachel Witte (Apr 11);  Tara Jackson (Apr 12);  Dionne Skervin (Apr 12);  Carole Bray (Apr 17);  Katherine Atkinson (Apr 18);  Michael Abbondondolo (Apr 21);  Rachel Stewart-Campbell (Apr 22);  Hye-Seung Lee (Apr 23);  Courtney Barnthouse (Apr 24);  Pia Lamoureux (Apr 26);  Rene Ruiz Nieves (Apr 26);  Neha Beharry (Apr 28);  Robert Nelson (Apr 28);  Linda Shanker (Apr 28);  MaryAnn Maloy (Apr 29);  Sharon Dabrow (Apr 30)

Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments

Dr. Abraham Salinas:  Was featured in an article on the USF website entitled, “Meet our Students—USF Undergraduate Admissions”.  See the full article at the link.
http://usfweb2.usf.edu/admissions/profile_abraham.htm

Dr. Rani Gereige:  Was recently nominated to be a Guest Speaker at the University of South Florida College of Medicine Student Clinician Ceremony, an honor bestowed by students to leaders, teachers, and champions of Humanism in Medicine.  The Student Clinician Ceremony celebrates a milestone achieved by rising third year medical students as they transition into the role of Clinicians.  Congratulations.

Dr. Diane Straub:  Was recently selected by the Board of Trustees of Theta Phi Alpha, to receive the Siena Medal, the highest national award bestowed by our fraternity.  She was nominated for her inspirational effort to overcome the loss of a limb to go on and compete in the Paralympics, earn her MD, and become an advocate for both the physical and mental health of our youth.  The Grand Council and Board of Trustees felt Dr. Straub to be an inspiring role model for both our collegiate and alumnae members.  Theta Phi Alpha is a woman’s fraternity and member of the National Panhellenic Conference.

Dr. Sharon Dabrow; Dr. Jennifer Takagishi;  Dr. Rani Gereige;  Jeannette Fleischer;  Christine Curran:  Received a $60,000 Tobacco AHEC Grant for 15 months.  Kudos to the team for putting this grant together!

Please visit the link below to see an article recently published on the USF webpage, in an on-going series about our USF Health Spanish-speaking physicians.
http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/now/?p=436
Terri Ashmeade, MD was recently honored at a reception in March for her service and dedication to USF Health and Neonatology. Dr. Ashmeade will step down as Dr. Lewis Rubin begins as Division Chief of Neonatology on April 1st.

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

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Please join us in welcoming the above employees to the USF Health Pediatrics team!
“Items of Excellence”

By now everyone has probably seen the email publication of “Items of Excellence”. This publication will run every two weeks.

What: Items of Excellence (IOE) are summaries of wins and accomplishments that support the vision and strategic goals of the HSC, the College and the department – timely items that we would like everyone to know about. Examples include announcements of recently awarded federal grants, recent publications in a major peer-reviewed journal or presentation at a national research conference, top-level appointments and honors, collaborative/team initiatives and accomplishments by departments or colleges, etc. – all leading to national prominence.

Who Can Submit: Anyone at the HSC – deans, chairs, faculty, staff and students.

How: Please report your IOEs to your department or college under the following five categories. Be concise – just the basic facts needed:

- Creative Educational Models (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)
- Research Really Matters (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)
- Entrepreneurial Academic Practice (successful clinical practice and community outreach programs/projects, collaborations with community partners – e.g. TGH, Moffitt, VA, ACH, outpatient sites)
- Operational/Financial Innovation (streamlining of clinic operations resulting in greater efficiency and profit – scheduling, patient flow, medical records, billing, etc)
- People Excellence – Items that demonstrate the Winning Spirit, Creativity and Accomplishments of the people at HSC

USF Health Funding Finds List

Just a reminder you can view updated weekly funding finds online at the USF Health Office of Research.

http://hsc.usf.edu/research/

A brand for a company is like a reputation for a person. You earn reputation by trying to do hard things well.

Jeff Bezos, Founder and CEO
Amazon.com