



>> TAKE NOTE !

USF Health's First Annual Faculty Convocation - Tuesday, September 27th
From Michael Hoad, USF Health Communications:

"September 27, 11 am, will be a watershed for our colleges of public health, nursing and medicine, as well as our school of physical therapy. The deans are holding a formal academic convocation in the USF Health Auditorium for all faculty, students and staff. Lunch to follow.

The Sept 27 USF Health Convocation marks an important step for all our colleges—it celebrates our shared value of improving the entire continuum of health. Please come.

Mark Sept 27, 11-1, on your calendar, and come EARLY—seating may be scarce."

Dr. Michael McGinnis, Senior Scholar at the Institute of Medicine, will be the keynote speaker at convocation. Dr. McGinnis was with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for six years, as Senior Vice President and Counselor to the President. From 1977 to 1995, he served through four Administrations as Assistant Surgeon General and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, where he led the development of Healthy People, the nation's prevention agenda, and the creation of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a body that has for two decades evaluated the effectiveness of clinical preventive services and pioneered the advance of evidence based medicine.

There will be no Fall Seminar Series Lecture this Wednesday, September 28th scheduled by the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department.

USF Homecoming on October 22nd!

Homecoming is Saturday, October 22 and we hope that many College of Public Health alumni will return to the USF campus to visit friends, colleagues and favorite faculty members. We also hope that our alumni will attend the USF Football game against West Virginia. USF Health will have a tent in the alumni association's tent village - part of the tailgate site for pre-game activities. The tent will represent all three USF Health colleges. Access to the tent will be unrestricted and any alumni, faculty, staff and students, are encouraged to visit. USF Health Advancement and Alumni Affairs will be giving away green bandannas imprinted with the USF Health logo, information on our new virtual alumni association and your alumni online community web addresses as well as school-specific alumni buttons and temporary USF Health logo tattoos. Please contact Stephanie Grinage at sgrinage@hsc.usf.edu for more information.

Florida Cervical Cancer Research and Education Coalition Convened on September 9th

Drs. Ellen Daley (College of Public Health) and Anna Giuliano (Moffitt Cancer Center), co-chairs of the Florida Cervical Cancer Research and Education Coalition, convened the first meeting of the coalition on Friday September 9th 2005 at the Stabile Research Building of the Moffitt Cancer Research Center.

Dr. Giuliano is a senior researcher at Moffitt, currently conducting a large vaccine trial aimed at preventing cervical cancer through the prevention of HPV, a sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer. Dr. Daley is a social science researcher in the College of Public Health who has conducted several studies looking at the psychosocial impact of an HPV infection in women and men. Cervical cancer, a preventable disease, currently impacts 510,000 women worldwide (with 288,000 deaths annually), making it the second most common cancer among women. In the US, which has a more sophisticated and expensive screening program, approximately 12,000 women are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer annually, with 4,600 deaths per year.

The initial meeting of the FCCREC brought together researchers, clinicians, policy makers and other thought leaders from across the state of Florida who are actively involved in the prevention and treatment of cervical cancer. The meeting was very productive, as it was the first time that this diverse group of experts was able to get an in-depth look at the research, services and programs that address cervical cancer across the state. Representatives from USF, Moffitt, the University of Florida, University of Miami, the Florida Cancer Registry Service and the Florida Department of Health participated in the day-long meeting, which covered topics such as

- *Cervical Cancer: An overview of the Research Studies Testing the Efficacy of the HPV Prevention Vaccines,*
- *Psychosocial Impacts of HPV and Cervical Cancer,* and
- *Cervical Cancer: A Worldwide Perspective and Current Status in the United States.*

The planning group of the FCCREC spent part of the afternoon discussing ideas for a larger conference in early 2006, with representatives from universities, research centers, the DOH and clinical programs will come together at USF to address cervical cancer prevention, treatment and related interventions.

>>Students

**Public Health Student Association Meeting**

Tuesday, October 4th, 4:45 - 5:50 PM, Room 1023-B
Featuring guest speaker Kelly Granger from the Florida Epidemic Intelligence Service. The FL EIS is "...a unique two-year, post-graduate program of service and on-the-job training for health professionals interested in the field of epidemiology." Unlike the CDC's EIS program, the FL EIS accepts applicants with Masters-level preparation or above, and it's NOT limited to those with an Epi concentration, so all COPH students will be eligible upon graduation. Come out for FREE FOOD, the latest news on PHSA and COPH activities and he chance to learn about a really terrific opportunity with the Florida Epidemic Intelligence Service!

Information on Student Service

COPH Students are encouraged to stop by the display board in the snack area, and pick up info about the HSC Service Corps. Students may also look at the web site at <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/ahec/hscvents.html> or contact the Faculty Coordinator, Ellen Kent, MPH at ekent@hsc.usf.edu.

COPH students can now participate in weekly health education sessions at Kash 'n Karry stores, through the Steps to a Healthier Hillsborough Initiative's Diabetes Intervention Prevention Program. Starting this week, the sessions will be held on Tuesdays afternoons, from 3 pm - 6 pm at the Tampa Kash 'n Karry store located at 13508 N Florida Ave and Wednesday afternoons, from 3 pm - 6 pm, at the Kash 'n Karry Store located at 805 Martin Luther King Blvd.

Information on Student Research Program

For more info on the SHARP awards, go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/sharp.html>.

For more info on additional internal (USF) and external funding opportunities for COPH students, go to <http://publichealth.usf.edu/officeresearch/fundingopps.html>. These pages are being updated, so students are welcome to contact Ellen Kent, MPH, Coordinator, Student Research Grants, with specific questions.

J. Wendell Welsh Selected to Serve on the Graduate Council

J. Wendell Welsh, an MPH student in the Executive MPH Program, has been selected to serve on the Graduate Council. He was one of 3 students selected for a one year term. Graduate Council is responsible for advising the Provost and the Dean of the Graduate School of principles, policies and procedures affecting graduate education at the University of South Florida. Wendell Welsh is an administrator in environmental health, safety, and training for the Tampa Electric Company (TECO). His role is centered on public health issues in regulatory compliance and safe work practice protocols for 600 plus employees in the Energy Delivery Department. His purpose for attaining the MPH degree is to gain a broader perspective of the U.S. health care system and to take a leadership position for change in public health and corporate environmental health policies.



>> Faculty

Dr. Tom Mason interviewed for the Tampa Tribune
Steve Otto recently interviewed Dr. Tom Mason regarding the recent hurricane Katrina disaster. Read Mr. Otto's article from the *Tampa Tribune* at <http://tampatrib.com/FloridaMetro/columns/MGBJR6ZVUDE.html>.

Dr. Heidi Kay (Global Health) Has Paper Accepted
Dr. Heidi Kay recently had a paper accepted for publication in *Nature Medicine*. Her manuscript is entitled "Inhibiting Stat3 Signaling in the Hematopoietic System Evokes Multicomponent Therapeutic Antitumor Immunity. Congratulations Dr. Kay!

News from the Center for Public Health Preparedness
During the week of September 19th, the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness delivered four of its disaster preparedness programs: Advanced Crisis Leadership; Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training (B-FAST); Field Investigator Response and Surveillance Training (FIRST); and Disaster Behavioral Health First Aid Specialist Training with Children (C-FAST). A total of 129 participants representing county health departments, community mental health agencies, hospitals, the uniformed services, the public school system, law enforcement, fire rescue, the University of South Florida, and volunteer organizations attended these state-wide professional development and continuing education programs. For information on the Florida Center for Public Health Preparedness and its training programs, visit the Center's web site at www.fcphp.usf.edu.

>>Resources

Childhood Injury in Florida, 2002: A Report on Hospital Care & Prevention Information was released on September 24th at All Children's Hospital's (ACH) Injury Summit. This report provides the findings from a descriptive analysis of the scope and impact of childhood injury hospitalizations in Florida during 2002. This report analyzed administrative data to examine the impact of childhood injury, how children were injured, and the characteristics of injured children and their hospital stays. The report also compared hospitalized injured children in Florida to national estimates from 1998 to 2002. Reviews of injury prevention planning strategies and interventions are also provided as a guide for leaders, communities and families focused on reducing injuries to children. This report is the result of collaboration between ACH, Safe Kids Florida Suncoast, the Florida Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (FLICHO), and the College of Public Health (COPH), University of South Florida. We wish to acknowledge the valuable input and review provided by the College of Public Health faculty including Karen Liller, PhD, Barbara Langland Orban, PhD, and Etienne Pracht, PhD. For a copy of the report contact jlee@hsc.usf.edu or call 727-553-3669.

Links of Interest

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Alumni

Congratulations to Alumnus Joseph Doyle!
Joseph T. Doyle, MD, MPH, has been selected as an at-large delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. There are a total of 1200 delegates. Approximately 750 are political appointees made by the 50 governors, the 535 members of Congress, and the National Congress of Native Americans. The remaining 450 are At-Large and went through an application and screening process.

Howard Rodenberg, MD, MPH, Appointed Director!
A graduate of the Executive MPH Program, Class of 2001, is Director of Health for Kansas since February 2005. His information from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is below. Congratulations Howard!!
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>>Administration

HR EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO ALL FACULTY AND STAFF
The USF Benefits Fair and Vendor Expo will be held on September 28, 2005, from 9 AM to 4 PM in the Special Events Center. More than 35 Vendors will be available to answer your questions and provide you with additional information to help you make decisions about your desired benefits selections for 2006. You will also have an opportunity to have one-on-one contact with Insurance, Retirement and USF Benefits representatives who can assist and offer guidance on any benefit concerns. There will be snacks, prizes and valuable information. We encourage all employees to participate. So mark your calendars now and make your plans to attend!
Educational Seminars
On September 27th and September 29th, USF/HR has invited speakers to provide educational seminars on campus for our employees. A complete listing of speakers, times and locations will be posted in the next few days. Keep an eye out for more information.....but if you just can't wait, please feel free to call us at 974-2970.

Important Dates

Friday, December 9, 2005 - EOH Field Experience Debriefing 9, 11am-noon, EOH conference room (CPH 1108)

APHA 133 rd Annual Meeting & Exposition is being moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, **December 10-14, 2005**. Updates will also be posted to the APHA Web site (www.apha.org).