From the Chairman’s Desk

June brings the hurricane season. Some would argue that similarly the start of the Academic Year is also the start of it’s own hurricane season. We will welcome the new housestaff for orientation. We will lose some colleagues as they move on to new challenges. We will gain other new colleagues who will help us move the Department forward. We are preparing for a new faculty compensation plan (AIMS), changes in the resident continuity clinics, a new simulation center, just to name a few changes. Probably appropriate that Linda and I went to Lion King Saturday night with our oldest granddaughter and one of her friends. The Circle of Academic Life continues. Have a great summer.

Bob Nelson
June Birthdays: Vicki Skidmore (Jun 1); Shona Varanelli (Jun 2); James Skipper (Jun 3); Idia Binitie (Jun 5); Jane Stephens (Jun 5); Diane Straub (Jun 5); Kaye Connolly (Jun 6); Carol Lilly (Jun 8); Brian Bundy (Jun 9); Jose Lizarralde (Jun 10); Priscilla Julian (Jun 11); Pamela Lynch (Jun 12); Melissa Santos-Gregory (Jun 14); Luis Maldonado (Jun 15); Rolly Chaudhary (Jun 16); Allyson Casey (Jun 18); Scott James (Jun 19); Josefa Troya-Schlottmann (Jun 20); Tammy Holland (Jun 23); Amy Roberts (Jun 24); Lavanya Nallamshetty (Jun 25); Karen Richardson (Jun 25); Lesia Staples-Messick (Jun 25); Beatriz Velez (Jun 25); Gary Litman (Jun 26); Leslie Booker (Jun 29); Denise Edwards (Jun 29); Cynthia Hayes (Jun 29); Pamela Humiston (Jun 29); Sonia McGriff (Jun 30); Sharon Perlman (Jun 30); Barbara Ross (Jun 30)

Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments

Sharon Perlman, MD: Gave an invited lecture at the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology/PAS meeting on May 3, 2008, Honolulu, Hawaii. "Public Policy: Impact of Federal ESRD Programs and Third Party Insurance Coverage on Pediatric Transplant Care and Graft Outcomes".

Sharon Dabrow, MD: On April 25th she conducted a Reach Out and Read training to medical providers in North Central Florida, held at the Alachua County Early Learning Coalition. Dr. Dabrow also conducted training in Fort Walton Beach for providers throughout the Panhandle on May 16th.

Lori A. Bowers, MD: Recently published a Case Discussion in, “Index of Suspicion” in the Pediatrics in Review Journal. 2008; 29; 171-176. Follow the link below for the full article.
http://pedsinreview.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/29/5/171?maxtoshow

Lori A. Bowers, MD: Just received notification that her article entitled, “Using Observations of Clinicians’ Teaching Practices to Build a Model of Clinical Instruction” was accepted for publication in Academic Medicine, Vol. 83, No. 8 / August 2008.

John Sleasman, MD: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease recently awarded a grant to the research team of Dr. Maureen Goodenow (U of F) and Dr. John Sleasman for the development of a preventive HIV vaccine, in a new program to foster the study of B cells, which are immune cells that can produce antibodies with the capacity to neutralize HIV. Grants were awarded to 10 such teams across the country with the expectation they will share resources, methods and data to accelerate the development of a vaccine. Please see the article at the link below.

Dr. Nelson, Thomas T. Chiu, MD, MBA, Professor and Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, UF College of Medicine - Jacksonville and Dr. Richard L. Bucciarelli, Professor and Chairman Department of Pediatrics, UF College of Medicine—Gainesville all enjoy a moment at the Florida Reception held at the PAS Annual Meeting in Honolulu.

Dr. Lewis Rubin

Dr. Carol Lilly

Dr. Marie Pierre

Kyle Popkave, MA

Dr. Jen Takagishi and APA Board Member
Residency/Fellowship Program Updates

The students of the Class of 2009 have selected Scott H. James, M.D., as the outstanding role model for humanism and teaching as part of the USF COM Student Clinician Ceremony. The award will be presented to 6 residents at the Student Clinician Ceremony to be held June 6, 2008 at 3 pm in the USF Health Auditorium. The award consists of a certificate of achievement and a check for $250 from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. If not already a member, Scott will be inducted into our Barness Behnke Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society next Spring. Congratulations Scott!

Fawn Harrison, MD was selected as May 2008 Resident of the Month by the TGH nursing staff. This award recognizes residents who exemplify and model ideal behavior in promoting effective communication and quality interdisciplinary patient care for patients at TGH. Congratulations Dr. Harrison!

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

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Please join us in welcoming the above employees to the USF Health Pediatrics team!

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
“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 recent publication 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/](http://hsc.usf.edu/research/)

**Promotion and Tenure Process 2008-09**

The 2008-09 Promotion and Tenure process will officially begin the first week of August. The College of Medicine will hold a workshop for faculty who are eligible to apply for promotion and/or tenure. Department Administrators and others who assist in the application process are also invited to attend. **The workshop will be on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in MDL 1005**, which is located in the courtyard near the USF Health Bookstore. Also please visit the Faculty Affairs website for additional information on the Promotion and Tenure process.

[http://health.usf.edu/facultyaffairs/COMPromotionTenure.htm](http://health.usf.edu/facultyaffairs/COMPromotionTenure.htm)