

## 49<sup>th</sup> WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### USF INTERNAL MEDICINE & PEDIATRIC DIVISIONS OF ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

This newsletter introduces you to Ms. Tiffani Kaage, BS, CCRC, Clinical Research Coordinator, Clinical Research Unit (CRU), Division of Allergy and Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine.



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**Tiffani doing**  
**COVID-19 contact**  
**tracing at the**  
**Florida Department**  
**of Health, Broward**  
**County, April 2020**



#### **Escape room!**

**Back row, L to R: Matt**  
**(Tiffani's boyfriend),**  
**Renee, Dr. Kirk Shepard**

**Front row, L to R: Tiffani,**  
**Dr. Tara Saco, Cristina**  
**Ricketti.**



*Tiffani with her boyfriend, Matt; dog, Benjamin Franklin; and cat, Julia Caesar, by their COVID Christmas tree*



*Benji the hammock dog, 2020*

***From Tiffani Kaage, BS, CCRC:***

I was raised in a small-ish town called Covington, southeast of Atlanta, GA. I moved to Tampa in 2013 where I attended the University of South Florida. I graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences with a concentration in Biological Health Sciences. Shortly after graduating from USF, I launched my career in clinical research when I began working in a private practice in St. Petersburg, FL. In January 2017, I accepted a position as a clinical research coordinator in the Clinical Research Unit, Division of Allergy, and Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. I am currently pursuing my Master of Public Health in Global Health Practice at USF College of Public Health and am expected to graduate in August 2022.

When I'm not working or hitting the books, I enjoy cooking, spending time outdoors, traveling (back when that was a thing), and hanging out with my dog.

Tiffani is a dependable and valued colleague and it is a pleasure to work with her. Her dedication and hard work are appreciated by all.

With warm regards,

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