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Alfonso Campos, MD, USF Pediatric Transplant Nephrologist and co_Director of the Pediatric Kidney Transplant Program at Tampa General Hospital was the recipient of the Thomas Thrasher Award for Excellence at a recent dinner in his honor. The Thomas Thrasher Award of Excellence honors outstanding individual members from the medical community. These outstanding individuals perform their jobs with care and excellence. They excel in their chosen field by demonstrating the ultimate level of medical professionalism.

Dr. Campos attended medical school at the prestigious San Marcos University in Lima, Peru. He then completed his pediatric residency at Michael Reese Hospital, affiliated with the University of Chicago. In 1978, Dr. Campos finished his specialty training at the University of Minnesota as a fellow in pediatric transplant nephrology. The first pediatric hemodialysis program in Tampa was initiated by Dr. Campos in 1982. Only six months later, the first pediatric kidney transplant was performed at Tampa General Hospital. As of July 2008, 160 pediatric kidney transplants have been performed at Tampa General Hospital.

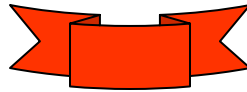
From the Chairman's Desk

This month has seen many of you receive recognition for outstanding achievements. For those of us who had the opportunity to be at the NOTES Dinner, the comments shared about Dr. Campos, especially the words from one of his patients, made us feel honored to be one of his colleagues. Next week will be the Annual USF Faculty/Staff Anniversaries Dinner; 33 of you will be recognized including seven who have worked for USF for at least 20 years, topped by Dr. Allen Root's 35 years. Throughout the newsletter local and national recognition of Faculty and staff in many Divisions are detailed. I cannot thank you enough for these achievements.

I would be remiss in not underlining our excitement of Lew Rubin's and Jen Takagishi's involvement in the successful application for the National Children's study. A remarkable grant, the NCS will have a positive impact on the Department and children for the next several decades.

Bob Nelson





October Birthdays:

Solimar Afanador (Oct 1); Iris Smith (Oct 2); Valerie Panzarino (Oct 5); Jennifer Takagishi (Oct 5); Amirah Brown (Oct 6); Robert Nickeson (Oct 6); Brenda Ham (Oct 7); Lillian Cole (Oct 8); Carina Rodriguez (Oct 9); Heather Stewart (Oct 9); John Malone (Oct 10); Nareda Mills (Oct 11); Patricia Finney (Oct 13); Julie Nadkarni (Oct 13); Valerie Tutton (Oct 13); Frank Diamond (Oct 14); Tazim Verjee (Oct 23); Rachel Richesson (Oct 24); Robert Gowing (Oct 25); Heather Guillette (Oct 26); Betty Austin-Lue (Oct 27); Linda Nelson (Oct 28); Annalise Campisi (Oct 29); Lynnette Ringenberg (Oct 31)

Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments

Rani Gereige, MD was notified that his paper titled: “*The Scope of Oral Health Practice and Needs of Child Health Care Medical Providers in Florida*” was accepted for presentation at the AAP NCE in Boston.

The October 2008 issue of Pediatrics has the policy statement titled: “Medical Emergencies Occurring at Schools” published. In which **Rani Gereige, MD** is the lead author on this policy. The article can be accessed by clicking on the link below: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/reprint/122/4/887>

The AAP News has an article on this as well at the link below:

<http://aapnews.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/29/10/1-b>

Diane Straub, MD and Patricia Emmanuel, MD both won seats during the *Adolescent Trials Network 2008 Elections*. The CPLG and TLG are the leadership groups within the ATN (Community Partnership Leadership Group and Therapeutic Leadership Group); they review all protocols that the ATN implements, and most of the new protocols are actually initiated by those groups. They represent the scientific leadership within the ATN.

Melissa Loscalzo, MD was recently appointed to the Research Committee of the College of Medicine. This Committee provides recommendations to the Dean based upon the Committee’s charge.

Ms. Sabrina Butts; LIPSS (Ladies in Charge, Powerful, Secure and Safe) Program Coordinator: Was featured in an article in the Florida Sentinel Bulletin outlining her role as an Outreach Coordinator for LIPSS. This program is a community PROMISE initiative that focuses on HIV/ADIS and STI prevention and awareness. It is part of the National program Connect To Protect .



USF to join the National Institute of Health's National Children's Study

USF will be taking part in a historic National Children's Study which will look at the interaction of genes and the environment on children's health. The study will span 20 years and incorporate 72 locations across the United States. USF was awarded \$28.8 million for its participation in the oversight of the research contract.

Kathleen O'Rourke, PhD, professor of epidemiology at the USF College of Public Health will lead the NCS study in Hillsborough County with co-leader Lewis Rubin, MD, professor and Muma Endowed Chair in Neonatology at the USF Department of Pediatrics, College of Medicine. She will lead the Orange County study with co-leader David Keefe, MD, professor and chair of USF Obstetrics and Gynecology. Wendy Nembhard, PhD, assistant professor of epidemiology at the USF College of Public Health, will also have a lead role in both counties and will assist in oversight of the research projects and administrative activities.

Please visit the link below to read the full story;

<http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/now/?p=1847>



Dr. Kathleen Armstrong (center) and the **HOT DOCS Español Team**, consisting of - Dr. Daniela Chiriboga, -Dr. Abraham Salinas, -Dr. Heather Curtiss and -Ms. Cristina Ortiz were awarded the **2008 USF Hispanic Heritage Award, Community** category. They were all honored at a dinner in early October.



Medical Students and Residents Updates

Med III Student Michele Valdes submitted a paper titled “*The Scope of Oral Health Practice and Needs of Child Health Care Medical Providers in Florida*” to the Florida Academy of Family Physicians’ (FAFP) meeting and it was accepted for poster presentation at the **101st Family Medicine Weekend** at the **Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island** on **December 12-14, 2008**. Michele won 2nd place for students’ presentations and she will receive a \$500 prize and will present the poster twice during that weekend.

Lisa M. Guetzko, MD; PGY-3 was notified she is the recipient of the Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics Resident Section for her project titled “Outreach for refugee children in Tampa Bay”. She will be attending the National AAP conference in October in Boston and honored at the Resident Assembly.

Please extend a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to Eileen Acevado who passed her Medical Assistant Boards today, and now has completed her certification!!
Way to go Eileen.....We're proud of you!!

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Division</u>
Mary Skinner	Administrative Secretary	Allergy/Immunology
Colleen Corkery	Registered Nurse	CMS
Stacey Borst	Administrative Secretary	Allergy/Immunology
Brenda Abell	Administrative Secretary	CPT
Avelyna Matus	Registered Nurse	STC Clinic
Lena Mackinnon	Administrative Assistant	Administration
Pamela Lynch	Registered Nurse	CMS

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



2008 USF Health Faculty & Staff Anniversaries

Years of Service	First Name	Last Name
35	Allen	Root
30	Lillian	Cole
30	Patricia	Newkirk
25	Christine	Curran
25	Janet	Sullivan
20	Frank	Diamond
20	Robert	Engelman
20	Verena	Jorgensen
15	Barbara	Cockcream
15	David	Cuthbertson
15	Emma	Gonzalez
15	Jeffrey	Krischer
15	Pia	Lamoureux
15	Norma	Liburd
15	Brenda	Marshall
15	Bernard	Pollara
15	Julie	Stann
10	Kathleen	Armstrong
10	Martha	Henry
10	Luis	Maldonado
10	Heather	Sabella
10	Willie	Stokes

Years of Service	First Name	Last Name
5	Cristanna	Dudeck
5	Moriah	Granger
5	Ming-da	Han
5	Laura	Johnson
5	Georgette	King
5	Kersti	Linask
5	Jorge	Lujan-Zilbermann
5	Dayla	McElroy
5	Robert	Nickeson
5	Bonnie	Patterson
5	Melissa	Santos-Gregory

The Annual Faculty/Staff Anniversary Dinner will be held at the USF Marshall Center next week. "Length of Service" anniversaries are recognized at five-year intervals. Pediatrics will be honoring 33 individuals this year. Dr. Allen Root leads the group with 35 years of service to USF. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your continued commitment to USF Health !

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Dr. Maria Gieron, pediatric neurologist, is opening a private, non-CMS clinic that will be held in the CMS bldg on campus. Referrals will be very much appreciated. Please call (813) 974-2201 for patient appts.

It's The American Heart Association Heart Walk time again!!!!!! You can help me reach my goal by making a donation online. Log-in to the email address below and you will be taken to my personal donation page where you can make a secure online credit card donation. The American Heart Association's online fundraising website has a minimum donation amount of \$25.00. If you prefer to donate less, you can do so by sending a check directly to me.

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"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/>



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