From the Chairman’s Desk

For some parts of the Nelson Family the Gasparilla Children’s Parade is high on the list of important events. The Christmas presents are barely open before the decorations are exchanged for Gasparilla ones. Approximately 25 faculty and staff walked in the parade this year observed according to Press by 300,000 people. Thank you to all who walked including Garcia the dog.

We are at the end of house staff recruitment season. Val and her team for the core Peds residency and Lynn and Erika for Med-Peds did a great job. We interviewed candidates from around the country. The lists are finalized next week and our fate is in the hands of a computer. We will keep our fingers crossed.

Bob Nelson
January Birthdays:  Jeannette Fleischer (Jan 2); Noorbibi Day-Good (Jan 3); Sophia Harris (Jan 3); Pablo Ruiz (Jan 6); Sara Ansari (Jan 7); Nancy Newkirk (Jan 8); Margaret Gross-King (Jan 9); Cheng-Shih Hu (Jan 12); Roger Fox (Jan 13); Lupe Mitcham (Jan 14); Judy Ranells (Jan 14); Marisa Couluris (Jan 15); Richard Lockey (Jan 15); Carmen Escobar (Jan 16); Deborah Porter (Jan 18); Berney Wilkinson (Jan 21); Elon Walker-Veras (Jan 22); Joseph Gomes (Jan 24); Mary Pavan (Jan 25); Susan Smith (Jan 26); Oneith Cadiz (Jan 30); Roxanna Eftekhari (Jan 31); Aulma Garcia-Agosto (Jan 31)

February Birthdays:  Maria Gieron (Feb 2); Tenisha Ramnath (Feb 2); John Landi (Feb 5); Claudia Aguado Loi (Feb 6); Donna Eason (Feb 6); Emily Van Orden (Feb 7); Kersti Linask (Feb 10); Rajan Wadhawan (Feb 10); Megan Lowe (Feb 11); Alicia Truitt (Feb 11); Masmina Sirleaf (Feb 12); Maria Serrano (Feb 13); Osunguaido Olafemi (Feb 14); Chris Curran (Feb 18); Timothy Adams (Feb 19); Ming-da Han (Feb 19); Maria Bernal (Feb 20); Kim Hauser (Feb 20); Hillary Nelson (Feb 21); Taryl Crisp (Feb 22); Maryann Mieron (Feb 23)

Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments


Rani Gereige, MD: Was informed that his workshop submission, “Case-Based approach to teaching and evaluating proficiency in evidence-based medicine across the continuum of medical education” was accepted for presentation at the 2009 PAS Annual Meeting in May, to be held in Baltimore.  239 proposals were submitted this year with 37% being accepted.  This same workshop was also accepted for presentation at the APPD/COMSEP Meeting on April 30th in Baltimore.

Heather Curtiss, PhD and Abraham Salinas, MS: Were accepted for publication in the Infant Mental Health Journal for their article entitled: "Adaptation of a behavioral parent training curriculum for Hispanic caregivers."
Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments con’t

Kathleen Armstrong, PhD, William Kohler, MD and Carol Lilly, MD, MPH: Were invited to submit and accepted for publication in Contemporary Pediatrics. The article is entitled: “The Young and the Restless: A Pediatrician’s Guide to Managing Sleep Problems.”


John McCormick, MD: Gave his first ever interview on Tampa bay’s 10 on the subject of “What is Kawasaki Syndrome?” Please visit the link below and click on the video on the right side of the screen. Another media star is born!


Curtiss, Heather; Armstrong, Kathleen, Lilly, Carol; Salinas, Abraham, Chiriboga, Daniela, Williams, Jillian, Ortiz, Cristina: Their recent submission entitled, “Adaptation of the HOT DOCS Curriculum for Hispanic Caregivers.” was accepted for poster and oral presentation at the 2009 American Psychological Association (APA) Annual conference in Toronto, Canada in August.

Jennifer Takagishi, MD: Was recently interviewed by Dr. Joette Giovineco regarding the use of multivitamins and kids. Please see the link below for the video story. Another media star !

Pediatrics Faculty are always hard at work all over the globe! (Can you guess who this is?)

Drs. Dabrow and Klein, visiting Professor from University of Rochester on “Children and Tobacco.”
“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