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Dr. Jeff Krischer was recently appointed as USF Health Distinguished Professor and Endowed Chair of Diabetes Research. He will be supported by a new \$ 1.4 million endowment to create a nationally prominent program in diabetes and immune disorders. This will further build upon the success of the Diabetes and Pediatrics Epidemiology Center. Congratulations on your excellence, professionalism and continued leadership.

## From the Chairman's Desk

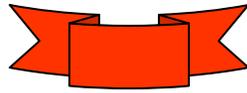
I would like to update everyone on the budget process. As I write this at the end of the first week of May, there is still a tremendous amount of uncertainty. Thanks to Heather Hartling and her team we got the budget completed for the April 30<sup>th</sup> budget meeting with the College of Medicine and Leadership. The difficulty and uncertainty is related to the final state budget which is still not clear and could have affects in either direction. Once we get additional data I will review with the Division Chiefs.

I want to thank Dr. Ringenberg and Dr. Erica Able and their staff on a successful site visit of the Med-Peds Program. This is the first site visit for the Med-Peds residency independent of their core program. The site visitor expressed to me that he was impressed very much with the enthusiasm of the residents and what was written in the program information form was clearly documented during his visit. For the core pediatric program external site visit, I am excited about opportunities to bring new innovations to the program. It appears that we will be given more flexibility to meet the needs of the residents. We begin the process with a short retreat this week. Dr. Panzarino has a number of plans to bring wider involvement of the faculty into this process.

Happy Memorial Day.

*Bob Nelson*





### Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments

**Diane Straub, MD:** Was on Channel 13 on Tuesday April 7th at noon (LIVE!), with Dr. Favorite, pastor of Beulah Baptist church, and Michelle McKinney (our own peer educator for our YES program through the division of pediatric ID), and they were discussing the HIV epidemic in the African American population and what to do about it.

Dr. Straub was also a guest speaker at the Grand Opening of A Kid's Place of Tampa Bay in Brandon, serving abused, abandoned and neglected children. For more details on the opening, take a look at the link below.

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**Norma Liburd, RN:** Was the March recipient for the DAISY Award at All Children's Hospital. Norma works as a Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist within the Division of Allergy/Immunology/Rheumatology. The DAISY award is presented to a nurse that has provided "Extraordinary" services to ACH patients. Among her many other achievements and awards, she has received ACH Employee of the Month three separate times and had been named ACH Employee of the Year in 1999. Congratulations Norma !

**Dr. Patricia Emmanuel:** Was recently notified that the following policy paper "HIV Policy: The Path Forward-A Joint Position Paper of the HIV Medicine Association of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the American College of Physicians." was published in Clinical Infectious Diseases 2009;48:1335-44.

**Dr. Nancy Silva,** who is the wife of Jose Jimenez, MD (both graduates of the USF pediatric Residency) was recognized recently as being instrumental in helping to get stricter seatbelt laws passed. As the physician for Katie Marchetti, who died in March 2006 as a result of not wearing a seatbelt, Dr. Silva became passionately involved with the Marchetti family and the Katie Marchetti Memorial Foundation to help raise seat belt awareness in the Tampa area. Dr. Silva, with the help of FPS members, over the last three years has organized supporters of this bill. It was this support which pushed it through the last legislative session. Dr. Silva has received countless emails of thanks and congratulations from physicians and a multitude of other groups that supported this effort from around the state. Congratulations !

**Dr. Frank Diamond Jr.,** Professor of pediatrics and attending pediatric endocrinologist at All Children's Hospital, was recently appointed to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness; succeeding Javier Garcia-Bengochea, appointed for a term beginning May 6, 2009, and ending at the pleasure of the Governor. He will serve with current and former athletes such as Tim Tebow, Derrick Brooks, former NHL star Dave Andreychuk, tennis star and Olympian Jennifer Capriati, NFL running back Warrick Dunn, Olympic swimmer Nancy Hogshead-Makar, Boston Red Sox third-baseman Mike Lowell, Phoenix Suns center Shaquille O'Neal, Olympic softball player Dr. Dot Richardson, world champion surfer Kelly Slater, and Olympic swimmer Dara Torres. The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness was originally established in May 2007 by Executive Order 07-52 to promote health and wellness in the state through development of a plan of action to increase physical fitness through regular exercise and sound nutrition practices among Floridians of all ages and to reduce the rate of obesity resulting in chronic illnesses. Congratulations !

**Dr. Denise Edwards:** Was recently featured in the Tampa Tribune on May 9, 2009 in the 4-You Health Section: How can I get my child to eat healthy food? Link to article: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2009/may/07/how-can-i-get-my-child-to-eat-healthy-food/life/>



**May Birthdays:** Mandel Sher (May 2); Daniel Flynn (May 3); Heather Curtiss (May 5); Cristina McCarthy (May 5); Lolita Delgado (May 7); Richard Emrich (May 9); Jessica Fuller (May 10); Judy Maraj (May 11); Ciara McCray (May 12); Donna Quinones (May 20); Alicia Marion (May 21); Kris Millrose (May 23); Terry Ferlita (May 25);

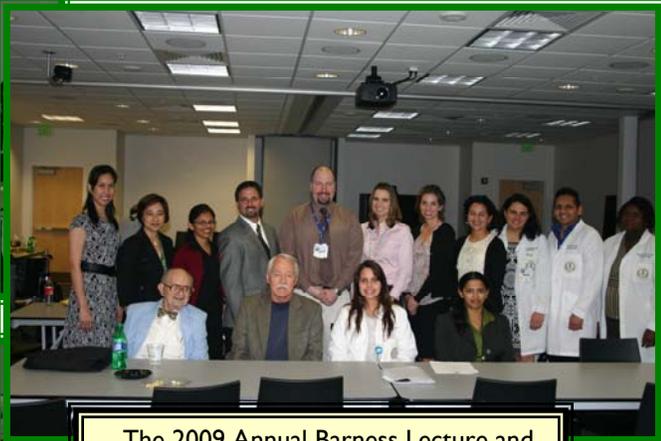
Pallavi Iyer (May 29); Kanika Whitehead (May 31)

### Residency/Fellowship Program Updates

Drs. Beatriz Arvelo and Tara Karp have been named advisors to the Health Bridge Program (part of Wellness Works for Girls) which is a new mentorship section of Girls Inc. of Pinellas County. The program works to provide girls with a healthy, supportive environment in which to grow. Congratulations to Bea and Tara.

Saturday March 28th, several faculty members joined together in picture hanging in STC pediatric clinic. The pictures added to the ongoing process of creating a warmer, friendlier, more inviting atmosphere for our pediatric patients and their families. Thank you to everyone who came out and offered their help.

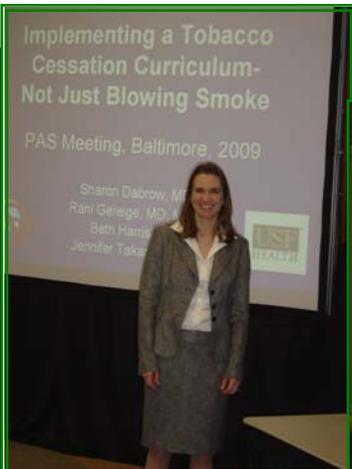




The 2009 Annual Barnes Lecture and Fellow's Forum was held on April 23, 2009. Dr. John Malone was the honored Barnes Speaker, lecturing on Juvenile Diabetes. The Fellow's Forum immediately followed with 12 presentations made by Fellows from four Divisions. The Forum was well attended and the material presented was excellent. Thank you to Dr. Gereige for putting together a wonderful Fellows Forum this year.



The 2009 Annual PAS Meeting was recently held in Baltimore, Maryland, May 2-5, 2009. Below are some photos from that conference.



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## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

Name	Position	Division
Jessica Cortese	Medical Assistant	General Pediatrics Clinic
Nicole Whitcomb	Medical	ACH Clinics
Tracy Spann	Medical Assistant	Clinical Research

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

### “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

