

OUTLOOK

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Resident and Alumni Day 2007



A crowd gathered for the May 25, Resident and Alumni Day in the Bowen Auditorium of Jones Eye Institute. The 27th annual event included 18 presentations during the day from numerous physicians and researchers and a dinner honoring those completing their residency. Approximately 150 faculty, staff, alumni and ophthalmologists from across the state attended. Moderators for the all day sessions were Nicola Kim M.D. and Inci Dersu, M.D. The annual Raymond C. Cook, M.D., distinguished lecture was presented by Susan H. Day, M.D., professor and chairman, Department of Ophthalmology, California Pacific Medical Center. Dr. Day's presentations were "Medical Bureaucracies: Do We Need Them?" and "Adult Strabismus Management."



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Resident and Alumni Day Dinner

The annual Resident and Alumni Day Dinner was held at the Embassy Suites on Friday, May 25th. Darren Malone, M.D., served as master of ceremonies honoring Deepa Thayi, M.D., Monica Dellimore, M.D., and Scott Turner, M.D., upon the completion of their residency. Other awards announced that evening included Resident of the

Year to Monica Dellimore, M.D. and the Academic Achievement Award, Scott Turner, M.D. The Raymond and Mary Morris Award winner was Sami Uwaydat, M.D., 2nd place awarded to David Warner, M.D. and 3rd place to Jennifer Anderson, M.D. Richard Harper, M.D. was named faculty of the year.



JEI Research Team Makes FEBS Journal May Cover



Nalini Bora, Ph.D., Sankaranarayanan Kaliappan, M.D., Purushottam Jha, Ph.D., Puran Bora, Ph.D., along with other researchers, made the May 2007 cover of FEBS Journal. This paper describes the expression and role of a protein hormone known as adiponectin in laser induced choroidal neovascularization (CNV) which is a major cause of visual loss. This disorder describes the growth of new blood vessels shown in green that originate from the choroid through a break in the Bruch membrane into the subretinal space that were stained red for elastin.

FEBS Journal is a UK biweekly publication and is dedicated to the rapid publication of full-length research papers and reviews in all areas of the molecular life sciences. This is the 2nd cover of a journal that the JEI research team has made in three months.

Pam Whitlock Receives First Ever Vital Link Award



Pam Whitlock stands beside her award

a certificate, an “I am a VITAL LINK” pin, and a \$25.00 gift certificate. A clinic celebration was held in honor of Pam’s award.

Outpatient services implemented an employee recognition program called VITAL LINK in April. Each month, one winner will be selected out of all the nominations by a committee that is comprised of management, nursing, and administrative personnel from various outpatient clinics of over 325 employees.

Pam Whitlock, JEI clinic supervisor, was selected out of several nominations as the 1st winner to ever receive the VITAL LINK award. She was nominated by two of her fellow co-workers. As the winner of the VITAL LINK for April, Pam was awarded

Eight JEI Researchers Present Posters at the 2007 ARVO Annual Meeting

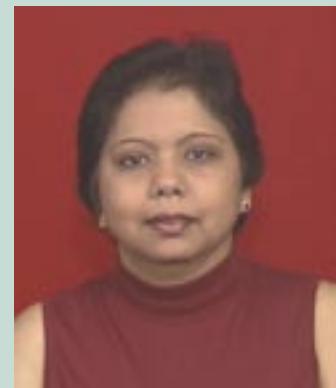


(From left to right) First row: Bala Manickam (graduate student), Puran Bora, Ph.D., Nalini Bora Ph.D., Bharati Matta, M.S. Second row: Sankar Kaliappan, M.D., Purushottam Jha, Ph.D., Anissa E. Buckner, Ph.D., Valeriy Lyzogubov, M.D., Ph.D. and Ruslana Tyttarenko, M.S.

Puran S. Bora, Ph.D., Anissa Buckner, Ph.D., Purushottam Jha, Ph.D., Sankar Kaliappan, M.D., Valeriy Lyzogubov, M.D., Ph.D., Ruslana Tyttarenko, Ph.D, Bharati Matta, M.S. and Bala Manickam (graduate student) had posters in this year's Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) annual meeting. Over 10,000 participants attended the meeting this year in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Nalini Bora, Ph.D. Invited Speaker at ARVO 2007 Annual Meeting

Dr. Nalini S. Bora was an invited speaker at the mini-symposia entitled "Innate Immunity and the Eye" held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the annual ARVO meeting. The symposium was organized by the Immunology section (IM) of ARVO. Five senior members of the IM section who have contributed to the international literature on ocular innate immunity were invited to present their work.



Purushottam Jha, Ph.D Presents at Asia-ARVO

Dr. Purushottam Jha presented at the Asia-ARVO meeting which was held in March in Suntec Singapore. Asia-ARVO is a biennial meeting held in locations throughout Asia to highlight the important clinical and translational aspects of vision and ophthalmic research. Dr. Jha's presentation was titled "Role of Complement Regulatory Proteins and Apoptosis in Experimental Autoimmune Anterior Uveitis (EAAU)".



Jones Eye participates in "A Healthy Hoe-Down"

JEI participated for the first time this year with an eye screening booth in the 8th Annual Good Shepherd Retirement Center's Senior Health and Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 30th. The theme "A Healthy Hoe-Down!" focuses on bringing awareness to the importance of practicing good healthy habits. On hand to do the eye screenings were Inci Dersu, M.D., Joseph Chacko, M.D., Shirley Hankins, Deborah Troillet, Carlos Gonzales and OMT students, Megan Brown and Christina Knapp. Fifty senior residents received glaucoma screenings and eye preventive screenings. Good Shepherd currently provides housing for 525 senior residents with future plans to expand.



Calendar of Events, Birthdays and Anniversaries

June is Vision Research Month

Dr. Laurie Barber - June 6

Daniel Goodwin – June 7

Louise Geer – June 16

Susan Callans – June 16 JEI 4th Anniversary

Deborah Lieber – June 16 JEI 1st Anniversary

Geoff Brown – June 22

Karen Call – June 24

Stephanie Sanford – June 26

Sankar Kaliappan – June 27

Luci Vega – June 28

Dr. Laurie Barber – July 1 JEI 17th Anniversary

Dr. Michael Brown – July 1 JEI 6th Anniversary

Elizabeth Harris – July 6

Pam Green – July 9

Bala Manickam – July 11

Marsha Johnson – July 14

Amanda Speer – July 15

Purushottam Jha – July 16

Amy Morrison – July 17



(From left to right)
Leora Hansberry, Megan Brown and Christina Knapp worked the drop off location for the glasses drive located in the UAMS cafeteria. In May, JEI had a campus wide initiative where we collected over 350 glasses that will be used for the River City Ministries Student Sight Saver program.

All Eyes on You - Leora Hansberry, Megan Brown, Christina Knapp and Shannon Carter

What music or books are you currently enjoying?

Leora Hansberry: ;“CASSIN”, but not enjoying it.

Megan Brown: I just started reading “Your Best Life Now” by Joel Osteen. A very influential person in my life gave me the book to help as I start a new chapter in my life.

Christina Knapp: “At First Sight” by Nicholas Sparks and all the great Ophthalmology texts.

Shannon Carter: “Digital Photography basics”

What inspires you?

Leora Hansberry: My mother

Megan Brown: The want to achieve personal excellence inspires me to always do my best. From a young age, my parents taught me to always do my best. They are the reason I always want to achieve personal excellence.

Christina Knapp: I am inspired by seeing others help each other and the impact that I have seen it make in peoples lives. I am inspired by the sacrifices that men in military services have made in the past and are still making today for our country. The most inspiring story that I have ever heard is the story of the life of Jesus Christ.

Shannon Carter: My wife, Leisa Carter

Tell us about your family.

Leora Hansberry: We were a military family. My parents had two children, my brother and me. My brother is living with his family of four soon to be five in August in Seattle, WA. I have a boyfriend of 6.5 years and two cats and a dog.

Megan Brown: My mom, Dianne, and my dad, Dennis, have been married for 26 and a half years. I have a younger brother, Matt, who graduates from Henderson State University in December. My mom has been a high

school teacher for 30 years and my dad has been a Koi farmer also for 30 years.

Christina Knapp: My parents live in Mtn. View AR and they have been married for 26 years. My dad’s name is Roger Knapp he works as a dental technician at Greens Dental Lab in Heber Springs AR. He is a Baptist preacher. He also is in the Navy Reserves. My moms name is Barbara Knapp. She is always hosting parties for friends and family. She is so talented, she loves to decorate and coming up with new cooking ideas. She works part time helping one of her friends with a business in Mtn. View.

Shannon Carter: I have a wife of three years and two daughters, Danielle, age 15 and Megan, age 12.

What can you not live without?

Leora Hansberry: A bath and a clean bed.

Megan Brown: I can’t make it through a day without my Mountain Dew!

Christina Knapp: I cannot live without my family! I have the hugest extended family and they are all so important to me.

Shannon Carter: I’m a tool and gadget freak.

What do you enjoy most about working at JEI?

Leora Hansberry: Being around people that love what they are doing and a paycheck.

Megan Brown: I love the ability to be around a diverse group of people.

Christina Knapp: I enjoy working with the staff. They are all so great and helpful. I like how I can have fun and be around happy people and get the job done at the same time.

Shannon Carter: The staff

What do you generally enjoy most when you are away from work?

Leora Hansberry: SLEEP

Megan Brown: I generally spend time with friends and playing with my dog, Bailey.

Christina Knapp: I love spending time with my fiancé. He is the biggest blessing to me. He lives in Heber Springs so we go to the lake a lot. I love being outdoors and doing adventurous things.

Shannon Carter: Photography, bicycling, scuba diving, water sports

Choose three dinner guests from any period of time. Who would they be?

Leora Hansberry: Anyone that can cook good!!! I don’t like to cook.

Megan Brown: Paula Deen, Nancy Reagan & Reese Witherspoon

Christina Knapp: George Washington, Dan Marino, Eric Grist (my fiancé)

Shannon Carter: Ansel Adams, Robin Williams, Lance Armstrong

Where would you go on a dream vacation?

Leora Hansberry: Home, Bitburg Germany.

Megan Brown: My dream vacation would be a secluded beach resort in Antigua.

Christina Knapp: My dream vacation would be to go over seas to Italy

Shannon Carter: Sailing trip around the world stopping at different countries along the way.

What do most people not know about you?

Leora Hansberry: I enjoy swimming but I will not get in water deeper then 6-7 ft. I have a fear of drowning.

Megan Brown: I am an avid hunter!!! Whenever November rolls around, my second home is a deer stand!!!!

Christina Knapp: That I love NFL football! Go Miami Dolphins!

Shannon Carter: My age...