

Los Angeles Pediatric Society Newsletter



President's Message

Caryn Cassidy, MD



We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and are transitioning smoothly into the new school year. We are excited to share many updates with you about our future programs.

It is with great honor that I transition into the role of president of the Los Angeles Pediatric Society. I look forward to working more closely with the organization and know that I follow in the footsteps of many inspirational past presidents. One of my greatest goals as president is to help expand our membership to new members, especially younger pediatricians. The board has recently agreed to offer free membership to residents and fellows still in training as well as one year post training so please spread the word and encourage trainees

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2021 Summer Program Expands to Record Number of Students

The Los Angeles Pediatric Society (LAPS) established the Eve and Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program in 1969 as a medical mentor program to encourage high school students to choose careers in the health professions.


In this, the 52nd year of the Program, still confronted by the challenges of COVID-19, we elected to continue with a virtual experience. We had a year of Zoom experience

under our belts, and boldly took full advantage of the opportunity afforded by being virtual to increase the number of students selected and widen our horizons for presenters. We received over 370 applications and were able to offer acceptance to 200 of those applicants! That is almost **3 times** the total from any other year! And we had presenters from across the country, such as Dr. Mobeen Rathmore from Florida, Dr. Perri Klass from New York and Dr. Laura Piper from Cincinnati!

The students were divided into two, two-week sessions and met from July 6 through July 29. LAPS Board members Drs. Neville Anderson, Caryn Cassidy, Gene Liu, Kimberly Klausner, Allyson Self-Stoico, Sloane Sevrans, Ilan Shapiro, Patrick Whelan, Paula Whiteman and Henry Wu served as the daily moderators, navigating speaker introductions, chat questions and PowerPoint presentations with ease.

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PRESENTERS AT THE 2021 ONLINE EVE AND GENE BLACK SUMMER MEDICAL CAREER PROGRAM SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS

It was great to have the opportunity to speak with the students. I wasn't sure how it would go virtually but Henry (Wu) did a great job facilitating and despite the virtual platform, I really enjoyed engaging with the students. They asked interesting questions and I think we had a great discussion. Thanks for including me in the summer program.
— **Dr. Tracy Zaslav**

I had a great time sharing my experience as a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon with many students this summer. All of the students who shadowed in my office and in the operating room showed so much interest and initiative. Every experience brightened my week seeing their enthusiasm for what we do every day as physicians. What a great summer, especially after such a difficult past school year!
— **Dr. Jonathan Koening**


We look forward to all of you staying in touch letting us know both what and how you are doing. Good luck and go for the Gold.
— **Dr. Eleby R. Washington III**

The 2021 summer for the Eve and Gene Black Program was busy as usual! The students connected with physicians via Zoom and had lots of engagement and great questions to ask. Even though I missed seeing the students in our office in person, it was great to interact with so many of them on Zoom!
— **Dr. Danelle Fisher**

The Eve and Gene Black Summer program has made me a better teacher in every way. These young people are enthusiastic and brilliant; they have challenged me with their questions and are always engaged in their learning. Even through the pandemic, it has been a pleasure to meet them online and speak with them. Thank you for the opportunity!
— **Dr. Santhosh Nadipuram**

It was so wonderful to speak with the future physicians! We learned so much together!
— **Dr. Josh Sherman**

Thank you to the LAPS for inviting me to participate in the Summer Program. It was truly a treat and a pleasure to speak about pediatric dentistry with such an eager and enthusiastic group of students!
— **Dr. Michelle Kelman**



PARTICIPANTS OF THE 2021 ONLINE EVE AND GENE BLACK SUMMER MEDICAL CAREER PROGRAM SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS

- ◆ The Eve and Gene Black Program taught me that being a doctor is a multifaceted responsibility that extends beyond just diagnosing and healing a patient. It requires compassion, patience, responsibility, professionalism, and sociability.
- ◆ I think this program is a key that opens the door of the healthcare field to me and broadens my horizon.
- ◆ What I did not expect was to finish this program feeling overwhelmingly respected and filled with absolute clarity of what I would be doing for the rest of my life.
- ◆ Hearing the stories and lectures from these incredible individuals changed my scope on becoming a doctor - rather than believing this career as an impossible goal, I now view becoming a pediatrician as an attainable ambition that I can achieve with hard work, determination, and a true passion for the job.
- ◆ I have learned so much through the Eve & Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program, and it has transformed how I think about being a doctor. Instead of being daunting, I think I will be able to step into this career with a smile on my face and a heart full of anticipation.
- ◆ This program offered everything that I wanted in a mentor program. I ultimately decided to apply for this program because a TA in one of my science classes shared that she had an amazing experience and recommended that we apply. Despite being online this summer, the Eve and Gene Black program surpassed all of my expectations. Each speaker was engaging and shared their unique experiences as pediatric doctors. It was reassuring to see that there were so many individuals with different backgrounds and skill sets that were able to find careers in medicine that were the best fit for them.
- ◆ With great enthusiasm, I would like to recommend this program to any student looking for a prolific opportunity to learn a plethora of medical concepts that include but are not limited to anesthesiology, nursing, pediatrics, general surgery, orthopedic surgery, obstetrics, emergency medicine, and cardiology.
- ◆ Clarity is just one of the many things the program gave me. I learned about many positions I didn't even know were a part of medicine and heard from amazing guest speakers.
- ◆ I would like to thank the Los Angeles Pediatric Society and its guest speakers for representing not only the great force of medical specialists in Los Angeles but also for inspiring the next generation of physicians.
- ◆ The program has helped me solidify that I want to become a doctor. It has also shown me the great things that a doctor can do not only in a hospital setting, but for a community.
- ◆ The guidance that was given to me will stick with me for the rest of my life and will unquestionably govern how I practice medicine one day. If there is ever a need for a new volunteer or perspective to (one day) teach the next generation of healthcare professionals, count me in!
- ◆ The medical field is filled with different pathways and obstacles that seem impossible to achieve. Yet, the speakers of each lecture have been able to overcome each of these obstacles and were truly motivating as well as inspirational.
- ◆ I once again reminded myself that there are multiple pathways to medicine, so I shouldn't be discouraged. I learned that in order to successfully enter this field, passion is the most important. The Eve and Gene Program truly inspired me to pursue my interest in medicine further.
- ◆ I had always known that I wanted to be a doctor, but this amazing program truly solidified my aspiration. None of the speakers sugar-coated the amount of work it would take to become a professional in the medical field, but they all made one thing clear: all the years of intense study and training are well worth it. This program was an extremely beneficial opportunity that I will take with me throughout my educational career.
- ◆ Most of all, I was able to see how passionate and caring the speakers were about their specific fields and areas of work. Even though they seem all so different and led such different lives, they were the same in that they had found something they loved to do and wanted to spread their enthusiasm and love for medicine to a new generation of students and future physicians.

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LOS ANGELES PEDIATRIC SOCIETY PRESENTS THE
BRENNEMANN LECTURES

Please join us online
Thursday evening – September 23, 2021

Moira Szilagyi, MD
2022 President Elect of American Academy of Pediatrics
Professor of Pediatrics at UCLA, Department of
Pediatrics, Division of General Pediatrics



*Important Issues for Children and Adolescents in Foster
Care*
AND



Peter Szilagyi, MD
Professor and Executive Vice-Chair
Department of Pediatrics - UCLA

Childhood Vaccination in the Era of COVID

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PROGRAM

6:30 - 7:30 pm - Peter Szilagyi, MD
7:30 - 8:30 pm - Moira Szilagyi, MD

**SAVE THE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2022
FOR OUR ANNUAL BRENNEMANN
LECTURES AT DISNEYLAND**

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**We are happy to report that our scheduled 2020 speakers have
agreed to return for 2022!**

GASTROENTEROLOGY: Tanaz Farzan Danialifar, MD

HEMATOLOGY: Gavin Roach, MD

INFECTIOUS DISEASE: Tempe Chen, MD



HIV PrEP

Tempe Chen, MD, FAAP, AAHIVS

Pediatric Infectious Diseases
Bickerstaff Pediatric Family Center
Miller Children's and Women's Hospital Long Beach

Here is an article from one of upcoming speakers, Dr. Tempe Chen, for the Brennemann Lectures on September 16-18, 2022 at Disney. We hope to see you all there in person next year!

When I was a fourth-year medical student more than 20 years ago, I expressed interest in pursuing work in the field of HIV. I was told that I would be entering "a dying field" and advised to consider pursuing other interests in the field of pediatrics. Upon completion of residency in General Pediatrics and fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, I began working at an HIV clinic where the staff would joke that we were working "to put ourselves out of business." More than 13 years later, we continue to diagnose teens and young adults with HIV infection and remain "in business." We are fortunate to celebrate more than 25 years with no mother-to-child transmission of HIV for mothers who have been in our care.

In the world of HIV, several studies have significantly augmented the care of our HIV positive patients. In 1989, the landmark Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group 076 study showed a 70% reduction in HIV transmission from mother-to-child with intrapartum administration of IV zidovudine to laboring HIV positive pregnant women. In 1996, when combination antiretroviral therapy was given to all HIV positive pregnant mothers regardless of CD4 T cell count, we saw the rate of HIV transmission from mother-to-child decrease to less than 2%. By 2011, the breakthrough HIV Prevention Trials Network 052 study interim analysis demonstrated a 96% reduction in HIV transmission amongst serodiscordant couples launching the "Treatment as Prevention" strategy for HIV.

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Kevin Hong, MD
Lauren Meepos, MD
Karen Camero, MD
Bahareh Gordon, MD
Santhosh Mukund Nadipuram, MD
Michelle Kelman, MD



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