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USF gets $1.5 million pediatric AIDS grant

USF’s College of Public Health has been awarded a five-year, $1.5 million federal grant to develop a Tampa Bay Pediatric AIDS Project that will provide community-based medical and social services to children with AIDS and their families. USF was the only institution in the nation this year awarded a pediatric AIDS demonstration grant by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). As such, it becomes one of the 29 federally funded pediatric AIDS demonstration projects in the country and the only one on Florida’s west coast, said Irene Forman, a consultant in Children’s Medical and Child Health Bureau, AIDS Program Branch.

“This is a long-term commitment by the university and its Health Sciences Center to provide services to a vulnerable, high-risk population,” said Dr. Jay Wolfson, associate professor at the college of Public Health and a principal investigator for the grant. “It’s a true investment in the future of our community – the kids and their families.”

The principal investigators for the grant are Dr. Wolfson, who is also director of the Florida public Health Information Center at USF, and USF Department of Pediatrics faculty members Drs. Alan Halsey, Florinda Price and Robert Nelson. “These children come from very needy families,” said Dr. Price, an assistant professor of pediatrics. “Not only are the children sick, but often one or both of their parents are HIV-infected. AIDS is added onto poverty and, frequently, drug use.”

“Previously a lot of these kids have been getting lost in the system, because there’s been no coordinated follow-up.”

“This grant will allow us to intervene with early medical and psychosocial care and to follow up on the families. The more we can do to keep the families intact and the children out of the hospital the better.”

The Tampa Bay Pediatric AIDS Project was initiated by the Florida Public Health Information Center at the College of Public Health, the USF College of Medicine’s Pediatric AIDS program, and the Department of Pediatrics at All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg.

The program will do the following:
- Identify and follow up on children at risk for AIDS.
- Extend community outreach with nurse and social work case managers.
- Supplement, through networks with community physicians, existing medical care at pediatric AIDS clinics on both sides of the Bay.
- Miscellaneous other efforts that include HIV prevention and education programs targeted to adolescents and women of child-bearing age.
- Educate physicians, nurses and other health professionals on diagnosis and management of HIV infection and services available to pediatric AIDS patients.
- Train foster parents who care for HIV-infected children.
- Create a foundation for additional research and service support.

USF will collaborate with more than 20 community agencies in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties, including the Tampa General Hospital, USF Genesis program, the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center, the Tampa AIDS Network, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, and See AIDS, page 3

IBL to host its first national research conference

Earl Graves

Patricia Russell-McCloud conference is $50; students may register for $25. The fee for attending only the luncheon is $25. Thursday and Saturday activities are free and open to the public. For information concerning CE/CU credits, call ext. 2403. For additional event information, call ext. 4729.

Collette Glover

IBL Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, Sept. 24:
3 p.m. Tampa Coalition “Affordable Housing: A Blueprint for Success” 6 p.m. Reception, Registration, dinner 7 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Mayor Sandra W. Freedman FRIDA Y, Sept. 25:
8 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast 9 a.m. Plenary Session CBI/USF Papers Panel Presentation: Speaker: Manuel Justiz Social/Family Issues Speaker: Anna H. Grant 10:50 a.m. General Session Panel Discussion, Speakers

1:30 p.m. Speaker: Patricia Russell-McCloud

USF campus, BSN 1100
Fort Myers nursing funds restored

The College of Nursing has received word that proposed budget cuts scheduled to begin next year will not be implemented after all. The nursing program on the Fort Myers Campus, which was made endangered by the budget, has been restored.

"If enough students are eligible for admission, the College would be able to initiate the five-semester sequence in February," said Judith B. Dwyer, dean of USF's College of Nursing.

But Piaweski said the state funding is contingent on enrollment at or above the previous year's level.

We can continue the program assuming that state resources will grow, or at least remain constant, and the College of Nursing takes on a student to complete the program, and provided that there are adequate enrollees," Dwyer said.

The possibility of additional state budget cuts in March had threatened to force the suspension of the offering of the nursing program on the Fort Myers Campus. At that time, 23 students were enrolled in the program. There were 19 students and completed their program of studies. "I am thrilled that the College of Nursing can continue the program on this campus," said Fort Myers Executive Vice Chancellor Joann Plawecki. "We hope enough students will enroll to make the program viable."

The upper division, part-time program is open only to registered nurses who meet the university and college admission requirements. For more information, prospective students may contact the Enrollment Services Center at Fort Myers at (813) 432-5500, or the Office of Student Affairs for the College of Nursing in Tampa at ext. 2191.

USF to show famed Cuban art

Museum galleries plan their exhibits in advance, and they usually take a long time to coordinate.

But it was only three weeks from the time a slick catalog of the CUBA-USA: The First Generation exhibition appeared on USF Contempo- rary Art Museum shelves that Director Margaret Miller's desk to the time pieces from the collection arrived in New York.

The show, consisting of works by artists born in Cuba between 1941 and 1964, features paintings, sculpture, and mixed-media installations that reflect the Cuban-American culture, religion, politics, and history. It will be on view at the museum Sept. 12 to Oct. 17. A kick-off reception is planned for Sept. 16, with a special showing of the film Machito: A Latino Jazz Legacy at 2 p.m.

Miller had the catalog on the corner of her desk when she got a call from Barbara Frye, a member of the museum's board of directors.

"I told her that the exhibition might be a marvelous opportunity for the entire year," Miller said.

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USF-TV's 'Florida' program stays national

The second season of USF-TV's "Exploring Florida," was selected by the Southern Education Communications Association (SECA) for national distribution. "The SECA program is the largest, profit regional broadcasting organization in the nation, serving education, public television and radio with members and affiliates in 17 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Earlier this year, "Exploring Florida" was honored with a Take Pride in Florida award for its endeavors to preserve and protect the environment. Series producer Richard Canter said, "When the viewers tune in, they come to better understand the environment, and we hope they become active in its preservation."

"Exploring Florida" conveys information as it increases the ecological awareness of residents and visitors to the southwest Florida tropical paradise.

In the season two opener, Kris Thompson, director of production crew of USF-TV traveled to the distant islands of the Dry Tortugas to capture the spirit of the historic Fort Jefferson, whose most famous resident was Samuel Mudd. Mudd was convicted of complicency in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Other episodes will include a journey into the historic past -the Smallwood Store on the edge of the 10,000 Islands; a patrol off Marco Island to rescue endangered sea turtles; and tracking by satellite, capturing, and tagging "West Indian manatees." Neither show will be available for commercial break.

Cancer and Thomerek are in the process of producing a third season of "The Florida Experience," a nocturnal expedition with a group of scientists to track, trap, "tag," and study alligators at the National Pantera Wildlife Reserve launched this season. Future episodes will comprise a variety of fascinating wildlife topics, including moonless nights, offshore debris, and off-kilter reefs. Research at the Florida Keys, the study of Kissimmee River restoration; and hiking, camping, and exploring Everglades National Park.

"We're looking forward to another great season, and we're pleased with the tremendous response from the viewers," said SECA, other stations around the region, and organizations who have reported "Exploring Florida," said Canter.

The dynamic third season of "Exploring Florida" premiers October 1992 on USF-TV, Channel 30, Cable 3.

WSFP-FM names station manager

WSFP-FM, 90.1, announced the appointment of Joan Urofsky as station manager, effective Aug. 31.

"Concept 90" is a member station of National Public Radio and a service of USF.

Prior to joining WSFP-FM, Urofsky worked 11 years at WAIR-FM in Syracuse, N.Y. She was responsible for programming, production, operation, and engineering services. She has also worked for the West Virginia Public Radio Network in Charleston, W.Va. as music director and announcer. Joan Urofsky will be responsible for the operation of WSFP-FM and its services of National Public Radio Service. Other responsibilities include managing programming, public relations, engineering services, and signal transmission, as well as implementing university policy and procedures.

She has an M.S. in Radio and Television from Syracuse University and a B.A. in Broadcast Communications from Pennsylvania State University.

Two WUSF-FM news reporters win honors

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Elections and Appointments

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Kevin Kearney, Extended Studies, served as USF's representative for Chapter 126 of Phi Kappa Phi national scholastic honorary society at their Triennial Convention in Charlotte, N.C. in August.

Jacob Neusner, Religious Studies, was recently elected a Life Member of Clare Hall, Cambridge University. He will also serve as a Visiting Professor at the Ocean Regional Medical Association to make a presentation on "Confidentiality of Mental Health Records," at its annual Confidentiality Seminar.

Gerald H. Lander, Accounting, and Zabihollah Rezaee, Middle Tennessee State University, recently presented "The Internal Auditor's Relationship with the Audit Committee" at the International Conference of Internal Auditors in Phoenix. Lander, Alan Reinstein, Wayne State University, and Thomas A. Garvin, University of Tennessee, also presented "The Perceived Impact of the External Auditor's Consideration of the Internal Audit Function in an Audit of Financial Statements" at that conference.

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