Meet Our New Campus Leader: Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA

In June, Jefferson announced the appointment of Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA, to the newly created dual role of President and CEO, Thomas Jefferson University and TJUH System. He will begin his tenure at Jefferson in September.

At that time, University President Richard C. Gozon, whose leadership has been invaluable this past year, will return to his role as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thomas Jefferson University.

Dr. Klasko, a Philadelphia-area native, has served as Dean of the Morsani College of Medicine at the University of South Florida and CEO of USF Health since 2004, and has been recognized there as an academic innovator in medical education.

In naming Dr. Klasko to this role, the boards of trustees of Thomas Jefferson University, Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, and Jefferson Health System cited his "extraordinary blend of academic leadership experience, healthcare and business management expertise, and entrepreneurial spirit" as important qualities necessary to unify Jefferson’s academic and clinical missions and shape an exciting future for the institution.

Dr. Klasko's optimism and enthusiasm for healthcare and information technology will be guiding forces at Jefferson to build on the institution’s almost two-century-old reputation for integrated healthcare delivery, interdisciplinary education and investigation from the laboratory to the bedside.

TJUH Earns National Recognition as a ‘Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality’

Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals is proud to announce that we have been named a “Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality” in the Healthcare Equality Index 2013, an annual survey conducted by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the country’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization.

TJUH was one of only eight facilities in Pennsylvania to earn a place on the list of 464 nationwide health-care organizations. To be recognized as a “Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality,” TJUH was required to meet key criteria for equitable care, including non-discrimination policies for LGBT patients and employees; a guarantee of equal visitation for same-sex partners and parents; and LGBT health education for key staff members.

“We are extremely proud to be named a leader in healthcare equality by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation,” said Jefferson's Chief Human Resources Officer Pamela Teufel. “Jefferson is fully committed to inclusiveness and diversity and this honor demonstrates the level of participation that this commitment. These imperatives are at the core of our values and drive everything we do to provide equitable and unbiased care for our patients and a safe and empowering environment for our employees.”

Nurse Manager Doubles as Stork When Mother Delivers Baby in Front of Jefferson

Early one morning, MICU Nurse Manager Jim Hazellett stopped to buy a pretzel in the Gibbon gift shop. But before he could enjoy his morning snack, 10 Pavilion unit clerk Wanda Edmonds alerted him that a laboring female patient was in urgent need of attention on 11th Street in front of the Gibbon Building valet area, and Jim was the only clinician nearby to help. After requesting a wheelchair be dispatched, he ran out to assist.

Once outside, Jim found a security guard pointing to a woman seated in the passenger side of a parked car with her door open, a newborn baby sitting in her lap area with the umbilical cord still attached, and her husband in the driver's seat. It seemed the baby had just beaten them to the delivery room.

At that point, Jim focused on mother and newborn’s safety until additional help arrived. First, he moved the infant up to a more secure position on the mother’s belly. He then requested gloves, which a security guard retrieved for him. Next, Jim literally gave the shirt — that is, scrub — off his back and wrapped the slippery newborn to make her easier to handle.

Noticing the infant was being unusually quiet, Jim probed her nose and mouth to free the airwaves and stimulate a response, which resulted in successful crying. He followed up by clamping the baby’s umbilical cord with his forefinger and thumb to prevent any blood from returning to the mother.

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U.S. News & World Report: Jefferson in Top 1% Nationwide

Jefferson Also Ranked Among Best in Nation in 12 Specialties

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital has been named to U.S. News & World Report’s most exclusive and influential list: Best Hospitals 2013-14 Honor Roll. Jefferson’s first-ever Honor Roll ranking at number 17 propels it to the top one percent of hospitals nationwide, chosen for their breadth and depth of clinical excellence.

“This is an extraordinary honor,” said David P. McQuaid, FACHE, President, Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, Inc. “It is a reflection of the hard work put forth by everyone in the Jefferson community.”

For the second year in a row, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Jefferson Orthopedics in the top 10 nationally, at number seven on the list.

U.S. News & World Report also ranked Jefferson among the best in the nation in 11 other specialty areas: Pulmonology (14th), Rehabilitation Medicine (16th), Cancer (17th), Diabetes and Endocrinology (18th), Otolaryngology/Ear, Nose & Throat (19th), Urology (20th), Gastroenterology (21st), Gynecology (28th), Geriatrics (31st), Neurology and Neurosurgery (32nd), and Nephrology (42nd).

In addition, Cardiology and Heart Surgery were ranked as high performing.


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The Jefferson School of Pharmacy (JSP) Granted Full Accreditation Through June 30, 2018

"Congratulations to all and my sincere thanks for your commitment to excellence and your hard work to reach this important milestone," said Rebecca Finley, PharmD, Dean of Jefferson School of Pharmacy (JSP). "I hope that everyone shares my excitement and pride.

Founded in 2008, JSP has built an innovative curriculum that effectively advances health through teaching, research and service. Underpinning that curriculum is a diverse group of healthcare leaders, faculty and preceptors who reflect a broad range of experiences and perspectives and are recognized for their leadership in national and international associations and organizations as well as their research in diverse areas such as pharmaceutics, pharmacology, health outcomes and the clinical sciences. Learn more at www.jefferson.edu/pharmacy.

Ladies of Port Richmond leader Mary Louise Leuters (center) is pictured with Jefferson physician including her oncologist, Pramila Rani Anne, MD, (right), and Edith Mitchell, MD, FACP; Director, Center to Eliminate Cancer Disparities; and Program Leader, Gastrointestinal Oncology. This summer, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported on the hundreds of thousands of dollars this local group has generated to support breast cancer research, including the more than $200K given to Jefferson over the last 10 years.

1199C Names Jefferson ‘Outstanding Employer Partner,’ Recognizes Training Program

Jolene Shaw (left) of Jefferson’s Environmental Health & Safety Department, who helped to develop and implement an infection control training program for use at Jefferson, accepted the Outstanding Employer Partner Award from District 1199C on behalf of TJU/TJUH. “It’s a team approach and it’s all for the safety of the employees,” Jolene said of the training offered recently at TJU/TJUH, noting the contributions from our Infection Control Department and Environmental Health & Safety Director Joe Byham. Also pictured is Cheryl Feldman, Executive Director, District 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund.

Alex Kline (front row, far right of check), founder of the Mary Kline Classic, presented the Jefferson Foundation’s Stephen Smith with a check for $25,000 for brain tumor research. The annual basketball event featuring some of the nation’s outstanding high school prospects is in honor of Alex’s mother, Mary, who lost her life to brain cancer nine years ago. Mary Kline was treated by David Andrews, MD, at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals. The brain cancer specialists at Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience are on the leading edge of their field, developing safe, effective and, when possible, minimally-invasive surgical techniques. Also featured in the photo is Don Walters of the Cleveland Cavaliers (pictured left of Alex).

KCC Researchers Discover Molecule that Drives Aggressive Breast Cancer

Recent studies by researchers at Thomas Jefferson University’s Kimmel Cancer Center have shown a gene known to coordinate initial development of the eye (EYA1) is a powerful breast tumor promoter in mice. The gene EYA1 was also shown to be overexpressed in a genetic breast cancer subtype called luminal B.

The scientists found that excess activity of this gene — EYA1 — also enhances development of breast cancer stem cells that promote resistance to cancer therapy, recurrence, and poor survival.

“Because EYA1 is an enzyme, the scientists are now working to identify a natural compound that could shut down EYA1 activity,” said Richard Pestell, MD, PhD, Director of Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center. “We believe this discovery will enhance the potential of drug treatment, because it is much easier to develop a drug that targets a phosphatase enzyme like EYA1, than it is to target a gene directly.”

Learn more about this study on www.jefferson.edu.

People

Jennifer Jasmine E. Arfaa, PhD, has been appointed to the new role of Chief Patient Experience Officer. Dr. Arfaa is responsible for the leadership, design and implementation of initiatives that fulfill the mission and vision of the Jefferson Patient Experience: to promote a culture of patient-centered care which emphasizes outstanding service excellence and compassion.

Jeffrey L. Benovic, PhD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, has been named as the recipient of a prestigious Thomas Eakins Professorship. Established in 2007 with proceeds from the sale of “The Gross Clinic,” two Eakins professorships are awarded at the discretion of the Thomas Jefferson University (TUJ) president and recognize Jefferson’s most distinguished faculty across the University.

Eleanor Fitzpatrick, RN, MS, CCRN, CRNP, Clinical Nurse Specialist, SICU, received the Circle of Excellence Award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. Up to 25 individuals who exemplify excellence in the care of acutely and critically ill patients and their families are chosen annually for their award.

Anthony Frisby, PhD, has been appointed as the Director of Academic and Instructional Support and Resources (AISR) and the Scott Academic and Instructional Support Center (AISCC) at the Jefferson School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Frisby has been named to this position as result of his successful leadership as Interim Director and based on his long list of professional accomplishments serving TJU.

Jerry Shields, MD, Recipient of Castle Connolly’s National Physician of the Year Award in Clinical Excellence

Dr. Shields of Willis Eye and Professor of Ophthalmology at Jefferson is the only physician from the region to receive the award. For 40 years, Dr. Shields has diagnosed and treated patients with ocular tumors and has led clinical research to improve methods for the diagnosis and treatment of eye cancers, including tumors of the eyelid. His work has helped save the lives and eyes of thousands of patients.
The Thomas Jefferson University Faculty Senate has elected HEpatology fellowship. Director of Liver Transplantation and Program Director of the Transplant Undergraduate Medical Education and Academic Affairs, Acting Medical Education and Academic Affairs, Jefferson Medical College. Steven Herrine, MD, has been appointed Vice Dean for Undergraduate active with NJANA since 2010. Jefferson School of Nursing alumnus Support and Resources (AISR), is the recipient of the first annual Approaches for Targeting Multiple Components of the IGF-1R Pathway in of PA through University City Science Center; grants: Molecular Diagnostics of Heritable Skin Diseases: A China – US Collaboration.” This award will allow us to develop a molecular diagnostics laboratory in the collaborating Department of Dermatology at Xijing Hospital, Fourth Military Medical University in Xian, China. Dan Walmsley DO, a pediatric attending physician at Jefferson/Nemours duPont Pediatrics, Philadelphia, graduated from the Educational Scholars Program in May and received a certificate in excellence in educational scholarship. He also successfully completed a project entitled “Resident Reflections: The Qualitative Analysis of Reflective Writings in an Advocacy Curriculum.” The Association for Surgical Education bestowed the 2013 Philip J. Welfond Outstanding Teacher Award upon Michael Weinstein, MD, Director of Jefferson’s Surgical ICU. Dr. Weinstein is Director of the Surgical ICU; Co-Director Diaphragmatic Phrenic Nerve Stimulation Program, Co-Director Jefferson Center for Critical Care, and an associate professor at Jefferson Medical College. Tju researchers are unlocking genetic secrets of hip dysplasia. The scientists are laying the foundation for a genetic test to accurately identify hip dysplasia in newborns so that early intervention can be initiated to promote normal development. A protein in blood exerts natural anti-cancer protection, a KCC study found. The study, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggests it may be possible to harness the power of this naturally occurring anticancer agent as a way to treat cancer, including metastases. Tju Offers Researchers First-of-its-Kind Web-Based Resource for Analyzing Large Datasets. HandsFree will help advance medical science. With the system, an investigator can securely transfer a sequencing dataset to the HandsFree web-server. The dataset will be quality-trimmed and pre-processed, then mapped on the corresponding genome, followed by a series of analyses that are typical for such data. Radiation physicists at Thomas Jefferson University and at China’s Fudan University have developed a tool to ensure accuracy of a radiation treatment plan that will improve quality and save time for cancer patients. Investigations have demonstrated that use of a semi-automated process improves review efficiency by reducing human error and minimizing wait times for patients. The study was published in Physics in Medicine and Biology. The TjuH Women’s Board earned Honorable Mention from the Pennsylvania Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries for its fundraising cookbook entitled At the Table - A Luscious Collection of Philadelphia’s Favorite Recipes...From the Women’s Board of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Congratulations to the winners of this year’s Lauren B. Ehrlich Trauma Clinical Excellence Awards. Pictured are winners Christine Cascone, BS, RN, CCRN, for excellence in clinical nursing and Alannah Ryan, CRNP, for multidisciplinary team excellence.

Resident recognition with an award for excellence in medical records.

As part of our continuing commitment to excellence in medical record keeping, Jefferson has recognized two of our residents with the Leon Perie, MD, Medical Records Award this year: Matthew S. Kusher, MD, Resident, Department of Family Medicine, and Ewe R. Merrill, MD, Resident, Department of Medicine. Pictured are Dr. Merrill, Shany B. George, MS, RHIA, CPHIMS, CCS, CCS-P, CPC, Senior Director, Health Information Management; Dr. Kasher; and David B. Nash, MD, MBA, Dean, School of Population Health.
SPECIAL EVENT

Wednesday, August 21

Wednesday, August 28
Maternity Hospital Tour, 6 p.m. (promptly), Paridon Lobby. Also, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, and 10/23. (Tour: 2nd and 4th Wed. of every month). For more information, call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

Wednesday, September 4
• Nursing, Parent Education, “Infant and Child CPR for Family and Friends”
Time: 6 to 9 p.m., 833 Chestnut St., Suite 20. Registration is necessary: Fee is $35 (couple, $60). Call 1-800-JEFF-NOW to reserve your spot. Also, Oct. 3.

Wednesday, September 11
• Did you know that 90 percent of all car seats are INCORRECTLY installed in cars? Learn important safety tips and how to keep your children and grandchildren safe.

Saturday, September 7
• Wills Eye Institute, “The Critical Role of the Pharmacist in Improving Outcomes for Patients with Common Eye Disorders”, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 1-800-JEFF-NOW. Also, Oct. 6.

Sunday, September 18
Electronics and Fragrances Sale to Benefit Care for Jefferson Patients, Sponsored by the Philadelphia Eagles, 2 to 6 p.m., 833 Chestnut St., Suite 920. RSVP is needed by 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

Wednesday, September 25
• Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, “Grandparents Night”, 7 to 9 p.m., 201 BL8. Also, Oct. 23.

Wednesday, October 15
• Nursing, Parent Education, “Grandparents Night”, 7 to 9 p.m., 833 Chestnut St., Suite 20. RSVP is needed by 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

Support Education

Tuesday, September 3
• Nursing, Parent Education, Breastfeeding and Pumping Mothers group (meets every Tuesday of the month), noon to 1 p.m., 833 Chestnut St., 3rd Floor, Family Medicine Conference Room. All breastfeeding moms and babies, patients and employees are invited. Walk-ins and brown bags are welcome! Call Parent Education at 215-955-6713 for more information. Also, Oct. 2013.

Thursday, September 5
• Blood and Marrow Transplant Survivors, a group designed for individuals who have experienced blood and marrow transplants and their support persons, noon to 1:30 p.m., Simon Kramer Conference Room, G-312, 111 S. 11th St. Also, Oct. 3.

Thursday, September 26
• Jefferson - Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine, “Healthy Living/Healthy You,” 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m., Thursdays thru November 14, 1013 Chestnut Street. Discounted rate for Jefferson staff. To enroll, call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

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We need your help in reaching the goal of having 2013 Reasons to Live! http://reasonstolive.jeffhelp.org
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