



# AAP District III Resident Section Pre-Convention Newsletter

Representing the Extraordinary Residents & Fellows of  
Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and  
West Virginia

Pre-NCE 2007

## OFFICERS:



Chisara N. Asomugha, MD, MPH  
District Coordinator  
Robert Wood Johnson  
Clinical Scholar, Yale  
Chisara.asomugha@yale.edu



Tyler K. Smith, MD  
Assistant District Coordinator  
University of Maryland  
Tsmif011@umaryland.edu



Greetings!

The arrival of the American Academy of Pediatrics' National Convention & Exhibition (NCE) is almost upon us and I hope that you will be able to join us this year in beautiful San Francisco, CA! This issue of our newsletter has up-to-the minute details on the Resident Section Program at the NCE! Don't forget: pre-registration for the NCE ends **September 14, 2007**.

*Everything* you need to know about the NCE Resident Section Program and registration can be found at this website: <http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/education>. It also contains links to the detailed schedule so you can plan your time at the NCE accordingly. The resident section programming will include clinical case presentations for both residents and medical students, our annual advocacy award, the creation of resolutions by us for the academy, workshops on stress and time management, programming on choosing and negotiating with a new practice, and a panel discussion on a variety of career paths in pediatrics. (We've also listed the information on the following page of this newsletter.) The AAP also offers **NCE Travel Grants** ([http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/funding\\_awards/nce.html](http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/funding_awards/nce.html))!

In other news, I want to say that it has been a pleasure serving all of the wonderful and enthusiastic medical students, residents and fellows of District III over the last three years! Program Delegates and Chapter Reps, you guys have been awesome in helping us to achieve our goals in the Resident Section. At the end of the NCE, I will be stepping down from the District III Coordinator position—technically, I'm part of District 1 now—so I'll take this opportunity to encourage all of you to look into taking a leadership position in the American Academy of Pediatrics Resident Section. We've listed the positions and lengths of each term in this newsletter. You'll find it to be a rewarding experience! If you are interested, you can access the Leadership Interest Form online at [http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/resident/leader\\_opps.html](http://www.aap.org/sections/ypn/r/resident/leader_opps.html). The deadline for applications is **September 30, 2007**.

By the way, if you have time while in San Francisco, you've got to check out the Golden Gate Park, Sausalito and one of my favorite Japanese restaurants Ozumo's! But that's just my opinion! ☺

Take care everyone and hope to see you at the NCE!

Cheers,

Chisara N. Asomugha  
District III Coordinator

# National Conference & Exhibition (NCE)



## SF Fun Facts:

Did you know that...?  
San Francisco is  
named after  
St. Francis of Assisi!

For all of you  
Steeler Fans,  
San Francisco's  
colors are  
**Black** and **Gold**!  
Go figure!



## NO COLD SHOWER HERE:

Alcatraz is believed to  
be the only Federal  
prison that touted its  
hot showers – a luxury  
meant to prevent  
prisoners from  
acclimating to cold  
water (which could  
ease the shock of an  
escape through the icy  
water of San  
Francisco Bay

## No not that kind of herb...

The original Spanish  
name for  
San Francisco was  
Yerba Buena,  
meaning "good herb"  
or "good grass".  
--sfheart.com



The 2007 NCE is October 27-30 in San Francisco with a complimentary course and luncheon Friday, October 26 titled, "Determinants of Child Health. The Role of the Pediatrician. Community Pediatrics for the 21st Century." There is no fee for medical students and 50% off of typical registration rates (resident fellows \$245 and resident non-members \$345; one-day registration is also available for only \$140 and \$175 respectively). This meeting is an excellent opportunity to attend educational programs, technical exhibits, and special attendee and family events. You'll have the chance to interact with residents and pediatricians from around the world and become more involved with the Academy.

### [Pediatrics for the 21st Century Symposium Series](#)

Friday, October 26, 2007, 12:00 - 5:30 pm

### [Resident and Medical Student Reception and Poster Display](#)

Friday, October 26, 2007, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

*Supported by Aveeno Baby*

### [Resident Section Annual Assembly](#)

Saturday, October 27, 2007, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

## SPECIAL HOTEL INFORMATION JUST FOR RESIDENTS!!!

The Pickwick Hotel located at 85 5th Street, San Francisco, CA has reserved a block of rooms for residents at a reduced rate of \$159. Residents can reserve their room at the Pickwick Hotel by calling the NCE Housing Authority at (800) 468-6322. Residents must tell the Housing Authority that they are a resident and would like to stay at the Pickwick Hotel. Please note that this special rate is reserved for residents only, and rooms cannot be reserved online. Residents must call the Housing Authority to make their reservations.

## Future Dates:

October 11-14, 2008

Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA

Oct 17, 2009 - Oct 20, 2009

Washington, DC, Washington Convention Center

## Want to know your fortune?

In an act typical of San Francisco's mixing of cultures, the Japanese Hagiwara family invented "Chinese" fortune cookies at Golden Gate Park's Tea Garden.



## NO JOKE...

San Francisco outlawed burials in 1901, and the Presidio and Mission have the city's only remaining cemeteries. The dead are in neighboring Colma, making it the world's only incorporated city where the dead outnumber the living.



## \*\*AAP MEMBER BENEFITS\*\*

- Pediatrics: print & online access
- AAP News: print & online access
- AAP Grand Rounds: print & online access
- Red Book: hard copy
- Pediatric Environmental Health
- Members Only Center Website
- Pedialink.org: Individualized Learning Plans ([www.pedialink.org](http://www.pedialink.org))
- NeoPix: online collection of neonatal conditions found on Pedialink
- AAP policy: policy statements, clinical guidelines, technical reports
- Resident Section/Young Physician's Network ([www.aap.org/ypn](http://www.aap.org/ypn))
- State Chapter membership
- Discounts on AAP products/services
- Grants: International Travel, Research, Child Advocacy

## AAP STUDENT LOAN CONSOLIDATION PROGRAM

Attention AAP Resident and Medical Student Members!

Haven't gotten around to consolidating your student loans? It's not too late. In fact, you still have time to get the process started before your six-month grace period ends and the interest rates go up!

With the American Academy of Pediatrics' **AAP Student Loan Consolidation Program**, take advantage of the following exclusive member benefits:

- One lender, one loan, one low, monthly payment.
- Principal reductions up to 2.5 percent after one on-time payment.
- OR a 1 percent interest rate reduction after 35 on-time payments.
- Additional .50 percent interest rate reduction for direct payment.
- Flexible repayment plans, including deferment and forbearance options.
- Exceptional customer service from the Academy's partner, nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF).
- Your participation benefits the AAP young physician programs.

For more information about the AAP Student Loan Consolidation Program, visit <http://www.aapstudentloans.org> or call (866) 869-0671 to speak to one of our knowledgeable loan education counselors.

## GRANTS/PROJECT DATABASE

With the recent redesign of the Academy's Member Center Web site, the location of the searchable **Grant/Project Database** for members has been moved to a new location on the Member Center. The database allows you to search for projects funded by programs such as **CATCH and Healthy Tomorrows**. You can search for projects by program, state, health topic, target population, etc. The member version of the database is useful to members (and staff!) because it includes grantee contact information. The public version of the database without grantee contact information continues to be available at <http://www.aap.org/commpeps/grantsdatabase/>.

**To locate the database on the redesigned Member Center, please follow the steps below:**

1. Log onto the Member Center with your AAP ID and password at <http://www.aap.org/moc/indexEntry.cfm>
2. Under "Member Community", click on "More".
3. When you get to the next page, click on "Grant/Project Search" under "Resources".
4. Conduct searches for projects and receive brief descriptions about the projects that match your search criteria

# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2006-2007 RESIDENT LEADERSHIP

## District Coordinator

Chisara N. Asomugha (PA)  
[chisara\\_asomugha@yale.edu](mailto:chisara_asomugha@yale.edu)

## Assistant District Coordinator

Tyler K. Smith (MD)  
[Tsmi011@umaryland.edu](mailto:Tsmi011@umaryland.edu)

## State Chapter Delegates

### Washington, DC

Danica Liberman (DC)  
[danica.liberman@aya.yale.edu](mailto:danica.liberman@aya.yale.edu)

### Pennsylvania

Sophie Jan (PA)  
[sophia.jan@gmail.com](mailto:sophia.jan@gmail.com)

### West Virginia

Barry Belcher (WV)  
[bbelcher@wvsom.edu](mailto:bbelcher@wvsom.edu)

### New Jersey

Sean Flynn (NJ)  
[goldmind06@yahoo.com](mailto:goldmind06@yahoo.com)

### Maryland

Perry Sheffield  
[psheffield@jhmi.edu](mailto:psheffield@jhmi.edu)

### Delaware

Michael Cellucci  
[mcellucc@nemours.org](mailto:mcellucc@nemours.org)

## Program Delegates

### Delaware

**Crozer-Chester Medical Center**  
Jyotsna Keni-Goyal  
[Drjkg2003@hotmail.com](mailto:Drjkg2003@hotmail.com)

**Christiana-Care Health Systems**  
vacant

## New Jersey

### Mt. Sinai (Jersey City)

Johanna-May Calo  
[joyncalo@yahoo.com](mailto:joyncalo@yahoo.com)

### Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

Eric Takahashi  
[Largee22@hotmail.com](mailto:Largee22@hotmail.com)

### Monmouth Medical Center

Deepti Raybagkar  
[deepti\\_raybagkar@yahoo.com](mailto:deepti_raybagkar@yahoo.com)

### UMDNJ (Camden)

Amy Lewis  
[Graessle-bill@cooperhealth.edu](mailto:Graessle-bill@cooperhealth.edu)

### UMDNJ

Sean Flynn  
[flynnse@umdnj.edu](mailto:flynnse@umdnj.edu)

### Jersey Shore University Medical Center

Allison Wawer  
[wawera@juno.com](mailto:wawera@juno.com)

### Atlantic Health System

Julie Mirpuri  
[Julie.mirpuri@atlantichhealth.org](mailto:Julie.mirpuri@atlantichhealth.org)

## West Virginia

### Marshall University Medical Center

Brian Dunlap  
[Dunlap19@marshall.edu](mailto:Dunlap19@marshall.edu)

### Charleston Area Med Ctr/ West Virginia University

Barry Belcher  
[bbelcher@wvsom.edu](mailto:bbelcher@wvsom.edu)

## District of Columbia

### Children's National Med Ctr/George Wash

Danica Liberman  
[dliberma@cnmc.org](mailto:dliberma@cnmc.org)

### Georgetown University Hospital

Nitun Verma  
[nitunverma@netscape.net](mailto:nitunverma@netscape.net)

## Pennsylvania

### Albert Einstein Healthcare Network

Andres Camacho  
[camachoa@einstein.edu](mailto:camachoa@einstein.edu)

### Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Sophie Jan  
[sophia.jan@gmail.com](mailto:sophia.jan@gmail.com)

### Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Kristine Herrell  
[herrell@email.chop.edu](mailto:herrell@email.chop.edu)

**St. Christopher's Hospital for Children**  
vacant

### Penn State/Hershey

Benjamin Kuhn  
[bkuhn@psu.edu](mailto:bkuhn@psu.edu)

### Thomas Jefferson/duPont Hospital for Children

Michael Cellucci  
[mcellucc@nemours.org](mailto:mcellucc@nemours.org)

### Geisinger Health System

Colleen Walsh  
[cswalsh@geisinger.edu](mailto:cswalsh@geisinger.edu)

## Maryland

### Johns Hopkins University

Perry Sheffield  
[psheffield@jhmi.edu](mailto:psheffield@jhmi.edu)

### Sinai Hospital of Baltimore

Jamie Lanzillotta  
[mslanzil@aol.com](mailto:mslanzil@aol.com)

### University of Maryland

Salwa Kahn  
[skhan005@umaryland.edu](mailto:skhan005@umaryland.edu)