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A Leader in Congenital Heart Disease

By Yuki Chiu Brindis

Dr. Yuki Chiu Brindis has been appointed a leader in congenital heart diseases. She is the associate director for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's (NHLBI) Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Center of Excellence at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Brindis is a cardiology specialist who has dedicated her career to improving the care of children born with heart defects. She has served as the director of the NHLBI's Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) Center of Excellence since 2014 and has made significant contributions to the field of CHD research and treatment.

Brindis has been a leader in the development of new treatments for CHD and has been instrumental in advancing the understanding of the disease. She has also been active in the promotion of research and education in the field of CHD.

Brindis received her medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco, and completed her residency in pediatrics at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is a member of the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology.

Brindis' appointment as a leader in congenital heart diseases is a testament to her dedication and expertise in the field. She is a valuable asset to the NIH and will continue to make significant contributions to the advancement of CHD research and treatment.
A Celebration of Nursing

By Candace Pearson

The story we tell is a story of relationships: the relationships between nurses and patients that occur at bedside, in the ICU, in the OR, and on the flight deck. These relationships are deep, and the love these nurses have for their patients is a constant. It is a love that never wavers, a love that endures the test of time. It is a love that is truly something special. The nurses we meet today are the ones who make our stories come true, who make our dreams possible. They are the ones who have the power to change the world with their actions, with their words, with their dedication. They are the ones who inspire us to be better, to do more, to love more. They are the ones who make our stories come true.

A Leader in Congenital Heart Disease

Sarah Meysenburg, RN, MSN, PhD, FNP, FAHA

Sarah Meysenburg, RN, MSN, PhD, FNP, FAHA, is an expert in neonatal and pediatric cardiology. She is well known for her work in the area of congenital heart disease, particularly in the field of pain management. She has published extensively on the topic and has contributed to the development of new treatments for congenital heart defects.

Sarah Meysenburg was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of California, Berkeley, and her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco. She completed her PhD in Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco, in 2005. Sarah is currently a faculty member at the University of California, San Francisco, and is involved in research on pain management in children with congenital heart disease.

Sarah Meysenburg is a member of the American Heart Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Society for Pediatric Research. She is also a member of the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Foundation and the Congenital Heart Institute. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and workshops on congenital heart disease and pain management.

Sarah Meysenburg is dedicated to improving the lives of children with congenital heart disease. She is passionate about her work and is committed to providing the best possible care for these patients. She is a leader in the field of congenital heart disease and is highly respected for her expertise and her dedication to her patients.

Sarah Meysenburg is a true leader in congenital heart disease. She is a role model for other nurses and is a source of inspiration for her colleagues. She is a true leader in the field of nursing and a true leader in the field of congenital heart disease.
Fifth Annual Essay Contest

Our annual tradition continues – the essay contest, featuring the best in prose writing by CHLA nurses, will take place on May 8, 2006 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Weingart Auditorium.

The theme of this year's essay contest is:

“As a Nurse, What Legacy Do You Hope to Leave for the Future?”

Prizes:

$100 – First Place

$50 – Second Place

$25 – Third Place

Preparing Future Caregivers

By Vince I. Estrada

Darlene Levy, RN, CNN, in 1980; Barbara Hall, who began working at CHLA in 1976, has a unique connection to the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino. Hall, who has volunteered at the Huntington Gardens, which has a collection of approximately 15,000 types of plants and one of the largest and most diverse collections of nature’s sculptures.

For the past two years, she’s been part of a dedicated volunteer team for the Huntington Gardens. Her contributions include describing various plants on a horticulture walk and helping visitors with any questions they may have. Levy, who has been volunteering at the Huntington Gardens for many years, says she’s enjoyed every moment of helping others learn about the beauty of nature.

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By Blake E. Epstein

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The team’s goal is to create an inventory of all the unique plants on the property, which will be used for educational programs and research.

“We’re so grateful to have such a dedicated team of volunteers,” says Hild. “Their hard work and dedication make the Gardens a special place for everyone to enjoy.”

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For patients who lack leg returns or have physical disfigurements, such as at the Craniofacial and Cleft Center of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, something as simple as a pair of shoes would be a rare opportunity. The hands of Christine Salazar, a dedicated nurse, help patients to find a sense of comfort and self-esteem.

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by Eileen Schmidt

The Craniofacial and Cleft Center of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) is dedicated to providing a supportive setting in which students can learn and grow. A crucial component of this program is the student volunteer, a participant in the nurses’ efforts. Christine Salazar, a volunteer at CHLA, demonstrates just how impactful this program can be.

Nurturing Nature’s Sculptures

by Mary Nord

For many, plants are simply a way to beautify their homes or offices. But for Carol Grills, a member of the Los Angeles Geranium Societies and the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Vegetables and Fruit Societies, plants are a way to explore and understand nature. Grills has dedicated over 20 years of her life to the study and cultivation of plants, and her passion continues to inspire others.

Extra-CHLA: LIVES OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL

by Vicki Cho Estrada

Annie Nord, Vice President, Patient Care Services & Originals, at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, shares her reflection of such a formidable team. As leaders in various professional areas, the team members have had a rare opportunity to gain valuable continuing education to further your impact on our clinical and academic accomplishments.

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