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**NC PEDIATRIC SOCIETY ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2018 PEDIATRIC INDUSTRY AWARDS**

**Raleigh, N.C.** — The North Carolina Pediatric Society (NCPeds) today announced the recipients of its 2018 awards for pediatric excellence. The awards will be presented beginning Oct. 12.

“We are proud to honor the excellent accomplishments of these outstanding individuals and organizations. North Carolina is lucky to have so many wonderful and passionate individuals working to promote child health statewide,” said Scott St. Clair, MD, FAAP who currently serves as NCPeds President and a pediatrician at Blue Ridge Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine.

NCPeds will present awards to the following individuals for their contributions to child health and well-being in North Carolina.

<b>Award</b>	<b>Award Description</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
David T. Tayloe, Sr. Award for Outstanding Community Service	Given to a pediatrician who has made exceptional contributions in her/his local community or statewide, and that may include efforts beyond the practice setting.	Gerri Mattson, MD, MSPH, FAAP Division of Public Health - Children and Youth Branch NC Department of Health and Human Services
Denny, Katz, Simon, Tingelstad Academic Service Award	Given to an academic pediatrician member for outstanding efforts to improve the health and wellness of all children in our state.	Eliana M. Perrin, MD, MPH, FAAP Duke Center for Childhood Obesity Research Department of Pediatrics Duke University Medical Center
Good for Kids Award	Given to an individual or organization who initiates or participates in a community or statewide effort to improve the quality of life for infants, children, adolescents or young adults.	Joseph Ponzi Partner Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP
Tom Vitaglione Child Health Advocacy Award	Given to an individual or agency from the non-profit sector for outstanding achievement or advocacy efforts to promote child health.	Legal Aid of North Carolina

James D. Bernstein Excellence in Public Service Award	Given to a public servant in either the executive or legislative branch of government in recognition of outstanding achievement to improve the health and well-being of children and adolescents.	Rep. Gregory F. Murphy, MD NC House of Representatives District 9 Pitt County
Steve Shore Service Award	Given to an individual or organization who has demonstrated unwavering interest in and loyalty to the North Carolina Pediatric Society for a minimum of five years. Particular consideration is given to members who have taken the initiative to serve effectively on behalf of the society and who have responded to requests for service from the society, but it is not a requirement.	David L. Hill, MD, FAAP University of North Carolina School of Medicine KidzCare Pediatrics, Wilmington
Rising Star Award	Given to a pediatrician within their first ten years of completion of post-graduate training, in residency or fellowship, who has demonstrated excellence in the community by contributions to clinical medicine, research, education or advocacy in pediatrics.	Emily B. Vander Schaaf, MD, MPH, FAAP General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**ABOUT THE NORTH CAROLINA PEDIATRIC SOCIETY**

Founded in 1931, the North Carolina Pediatric Society (NCPeds) is the state affiliate Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics with more than 2,000 pediatrician and pediatric health professional members. Its mission is to empower pediatricians and its partners to foster the physical, social, and emotional well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.

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