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## **NC PEDIATRIC SOCIETY ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2019 PEDIATRIC INDUSTRY AWARDS**

**Raleigh, N.C.** — The North Carolina Pediatric Society (NCPeds) today announced the recipients of its 2019 awards for pediatric excellence. The awards will be presented at the 2019 NCPeds Annual Meeting which begins Aug. 16 in Asheville.

“Each of these individuals has made a tremendous impact in their field and within our state. We are proud to honor their achievements and thank them for the years of service they’ve given to help improve the health and well-being of North Carolina’s children and adolescents,” said Susan Mims, MD, MPH, FAAP who currently serves as NCPeds President and a pediatrician in Asheville.

American Academy of Pediatrics Special Achievement Awards will be presented to Dr. Jennifer Crotty, MD, FAAP of the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University and Dr. Daniel Ostrovsky, MD, FAAP, FACP of Duke University for their “distinguished service and dedication to the mission and goals of the academy.” The awards are presented to honor their work in organizing and coordinating NCPeds’ annual resident poster session and their service as mentors to future pediatricians.

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.	John W. Rusher, JD, MD, FAAP Raleigh Pediatric Associates
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.	Coleen Cunningham, MD, FAAP Duke Department of Pediatrics Duke University School of Medicine
Tom Vitaglione Child Health Advocacy Award	Given to an individual or agency from the non-profit sector for outstanding achievement and advocacy efforts to promote child health.	Kathleen Clarke-Pearson, MD, FAAP Ashe County, N.C.
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	Dave Richard Deputy Secretary for N.C. Medicaid

	outstanding achievement to improve the health and well-being of children and adolescents.	N.C. Department of Health and Human Services
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.	Norma Marti Raleigh, N.C.
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.	Gabriela M. Maradiaga Panayotti, MD, FAAP Duke Department of Pediatrics Duke University School of Medicine

#### **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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