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A Note from CEO / Director – Dr. Tara Pir

As I reflect on the graduation ceremony, I am reminded of the meaningful impact of our clinical training program in our community.
We recognize that the event signifies the successful outcome of our humanistic, value-driven, gold-standard clinical training program!
Our program is strategically designed to select highly qualified emerging professionals in the health and mental health profession from culturally and ethnically diverse communities. The aim is to empower their commitment to serve and meet the equity and representation needs of our diverse communities.
We are confident that our graduates are committed to serve as leaders and ambassadors of our humanistic value in public services to the community!

I also want to appreciate our team for your participation, connection, and mindful reflections on this meaningful event.
This opportunity to come together and celebrate our clinical training/ workforce development and services to the community is a reinforcement of the IMCES mission.
Together, we will continue to make a meaningful impact of promoting human rights & social justice!

Clinical Training Program Graduation!



IMCES Doctoral Internship Graduation ceremony is an annual highlight of the outcome of our gold-standard, APA-Accredited clinical training program! This year, the ceremony was held in a beautiful community banquet hall to celebrate the culmination of this year's cohort. The Graduation Event meaningfully demonstrated IMCES team membership, community, and connection.
Educational institutions have the power to provide honorary titles of recognition. Dr. Pir acknowledged the many years of contribution of James Pelk, Assistant Director, with an honorary doctorate achievement award! We can now call him "Dr. James Pelk"!
Congratulations to the graduates of 2025-2026!
Best wishes in your professional journey as an ambassador of IMCES humanistic values in our community!









Staff Recognition: July!

IMCES practices the culture of recognition & appreciation.
Each month, staff members born in that month will be acknowledged & appreciated! The celebration includes a certificate, a beautiful box with acknowledgement cards from team members, flowers, cakes, & fun activities!



Honorees of this month:

- Seren Tuncay
- Hazel Antonio
- Jose Sanchez
- Dr. Jazayeri
- Lala Abed Cherharmehali
- Sarah Trimarchi
- Dr. Morquecho
- Sanaz Mirbaha
- Victor Karmarzar

Recognizing Outstanding Performance

The following team members reached & exceeded 100% of their <u>productivity</u> requirements in the month of July!

- Brian Robins
  - Doctoral Intern
- Sachiko Tawa
  - Doctoral Intern
- Yorland Tellez
  - Case Manager
- Gilmore Villegas
  - Case Manager
- Dr. Soorena Sardarzadeh
  - Clinician
- Dr. Rannan Eskandari
  - Clinician
- Rosa Diaz
  - Nurse Practitioner
- Susana Tapia
  - Parent Partner



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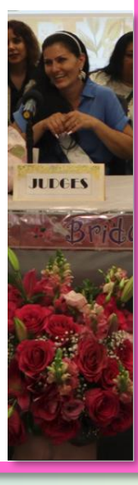
As a part of IMCES culture, we recognize both personal and professional milestone achievements. This month, we celebrated the Wedding of our FSP Program Manager, Dr. Solange Petrosspour!



The event was full of fun activities, games, team bonding, and giving Dr. Solange our best wishes in this new chapter of her life.

This celebration highlighted the unique culture of IMCES in celebrating Dr. Solange's personal milestone of marriage.

We appreciate everyone's participation, especially our models Marvin & Brian for their outstanding performance in our "designer wedding dress" activity!



Film / Media Analysis Awards

Every year, Dr. Pir conducts the "IMCES Film/ Media Analysis Awards" as a part of the Cultural Diversity Competency Seminar. The activity highlights the dynamic relationship between film/ media and society, and the influential effects each have on one another. Participants of the seminar select a film with specific criteria and present their analysis to the group for evaluation.

The criteria include: • Education & Raising Awareness • Social Issues • Artistic Expression



After evaluation & analysis, the selection committee highlighted the following winners of the Film/ Media Analysis awards:

- Sachiko Tawa – *"Princess Mononoke"*
- Seren Tuncay – *"Heated Rivalry"*
- Aditi Gera – *"Elemental"*
- Brian Robins – *"The Wailing"*
- Dr. Sarah Seeman – *"Sicko"*
- Roberto Celis – *"How to Change your Mind"*
- Sanaz Mirbaha – *"Raising Cain"*
- Dr. Michael Morar – *"Crazywise"*

Congratulations to the winners! We appreciate this unique opportunity created by Dr. Pir to analyze films/ media and continue practicing our critical lens to produce creative ideas!

Celebrating Client Success!

This month, we celebrated the success of client Lisa from the Full Service Partnership Program in reaching her treatment goals!
With the support of her treatment team, Jackelyn Ortiz, Case Manager, and Sanaz Mirbaha, Therapist, Lisa has made amazing progress in her life.
She has been using her artistic interests and is actively looking for a job to move toward an independent life!
Celebrating these successful outcomes is a reminder of the collaborative efforts of clients and team members to improve the health and wellbeing of our community!
Congratulations to Lisa and team members on this achievement of graduation!



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