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CANCER BIOLOGY & PHARMACOLOGY

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Veeravalli's lab published the below research article.

Nalamolu KR, Smith NJ, Chelluboina B, Klopfenstein JD, Pinson DM, Wang DZ, Vemuganti R, Veeravalli KK. Prevention of the severity of post-ischemic inflammation and brain damage by simultaneous knockdown of toll-like receptors 2 and 4. *Neuroscience* 2018 (PMID: 29337240)

SERVICE

Dr. Nalamolu and Dr. Veeravalli attended the International Stroke Conference-2018 at Los Angeles and presented the below poster.

Nalamolu KR, Chelluboina B, Klopfenstein JD, Pinson DM, Wang DZ, Veeravalli KK. Sex differences after mesenchymal stem cell treatment on post-stroke neurological outcome. *International Stroke Conference*, January 24-26, 2018, Los Angeles, CA.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Miss. Laura C. Jorgenson, Class of 2021 medical student recently joined Dr. Veeravalli's lab and completed all the required trainings to initiate her research work in their lab. Dr. Veeravalli strongly believes that she will be a great asset to their stroke research team. We welcome Laura to our lab.

DEAN'S OFFICE



Please welcome Mr. Eric Dubrowski as the new Director of Fiscal Affairs on February 1. Eric worked as CFO for Peoria County. His excellent financial management experience and knowledge will be an asset to building the college's fiscal health.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Please welcome new employees....



Debbie Haeger, Office Support Associate, PHS



Dave McMillin, Business Manager, Pediatrics

UIC's Protection of Minors

The University of Illinois at Chicago reaffirms its commitment to providing a safe environment for minors who are participating in UIC programs both on and off campus. The University of Illinois Protection of Minors policy outlines requirements members of the university community must take in order to provide a safe environment. This includes requirements for UIC personnel, UIC volunteers, and UIC contractors.

The University developed the Protection of Minors policy and procedures to ensure that safeguards are in place to protect minor children. In order to comply with the provisions of this policy, the campus created the Protection of Minors procedures. Please note that the procedures have been revised. You will be required to submit the names of individuals, including UIC personnel, volunteers and contractors who will be working with minors so that the completion of criminal background checks can be verified. Departments should also keep copies of background check results to serve as evidence that a clearance was received within the past two years.

Individuals working with or responsible for minors are expected to comply with the policy and submit the appropriate documentation in a timely manner.

We encourage everyone to review the policy and procedures, which can be found on the UIC HR website: https://www.hr.uic.edu/protection_of_minors/

If you have any questions, please contact UIC's Protection of Minors Coordinator, Joanna Wolek, uicpom@uic.edu

Michael Ginsburg
Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources

SHARING....GIVING

Reminder: The Shared Pool was established to provide assistance to (eligible) employees who have exhausted all accumulated sick leave and, if applicable, vacation leave with the opportunity to receive additional leave days when a disability claim is pending before the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). Please review the details in NESSIE; if you wish to donate a day(s) you must process in NESSIE: <https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/sharedbenefits/>



Civil Service Employee Council News

February 2018



Staff Appreciation Week

April 23-27

The annual **Staff Appreciation Week** (SAW) dates have been set! This is a week where UICOMP staff are celebrated with a week of gifts **and** a banquet the evening of Thursday, April 26, hosted by council members. Mark your calendars!

Nominations are now being accepted for *The Rose Award*.



Visit <http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/rose-award/> to learn more about the Rose Award and download your nomination form. Deadline for nomination submissions is the end of day March 2, 2018. **CSEC Council members are not eligible to win this award.** Please send your nomination via in house mail or courier **Attention CSEC: Rose Award.**

Check out the CSEC Webpage

The Civil Service Employee Council (CSEC) Webpages have been updated and are ready for visitors. Stop by and see who your CSEC Representatives are for the 2017-19 AY and learn more about CSEC activities at <http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/>

Lucky Charms Are Coming in March



Lucky Charms, like the TurkeyGrams in November, are a fun way to tell your co-workers that you think they are wonderful. For just \$1, you can tell those special people "I appreciate you" and give them a little treat. Your CSEC representative will have details soon.

CSEC Class of 2017-2018

Mike Bachmann
Christina Constantinidou
Dennis Driscoll
Diana Farrar
Terry Flynn
Kristi Hasty
Kira Healey
Nicolette Lovingood
Shelby Miller
Joe Newcomb
Brad Norrell
Christie Perry
Cindy Skender
Kathy Slater



Are you onsite and interested in joining the fun? Contact Kira Healey at kira@uic.edu.

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President: Kira Healey,
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Secretary: Shelby Miller,
Smille59@uic.edu

CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF YOUR CSEC REP? CONTACT Shelby Miller, Smille59@uic.edu

WHO'S WHO in the CSEC

Meet Kathy Slater, Council Vice-President



My name is Kathy Slater. I am an Office Support Specialist in the Department of Surgery and Vice-President of the 2017-18 Civil Service Employee Council. This year on the council has been very interesting. I have had the opportunity to act as President for a couple of the meetings while our CSEC President has been on maternity leave. I hope Kira is back to work soon! I live in Elmwood, IL, and have two daughters. I love movies of any kind, trivia, and doing fun things with friends. I really like being a part of UICOMP, and have met some really great people working here.

Class Act Nominations

Who has gone "above and beyond" to help you with a work project or has done something that made your day? Recognize that special co-worker's contribution with a statement of appreciation published in the newsletter and a certificate that will be sent to him/her on your behalf.

Nominate your special co-worker by sending the details about why s/he is a "Class Act" to Shelby Miller at smille59@uic.edu.



February Popcorn Sales

Wednesday, February 7th

Thursday, February 22nd

For just 50¢ a bag, you have a delicious popcorn treat AND help raise funds for worthy causes! At that incredible price, you can treat your friends, too! A portion of the proceeds in February will go to "causes" such as the South Side Mission or the SGA (Student Government Assn.)

DID YOU KNOW? Proceeds from the popcorn sales also go to fund the **Community Chest**, which is a fund that supports civil service staff members facing any kind of hardship. You may nominate yourself or a co-worker by sending an email request to Shelby smille59@uic.edu or Kathy kjlater@uic.edu. If we can help pay your electric bill or buy the tire that blew because all your money has gone to medical bills, for example, then the fund can assist.

NOMINATIONS

The CSEC Staff Appreciation Banquet will be held on April 26 (watch for details from the Council as time nears).

Nominations for the Distinguished Staff, Dean's Staff and Team Award will be presented at the banquet. **Please take this time to express your gratitude for those who enhance the work day and exemplify excellence in serving the university and the mission; submit award nomination to HR no later than MARCH 20.** Each person who submits a nomination will be put into a drawing to win a \$25 gift card.

Nominators **only need to submit a brief letter** outlining the nominee's particular qualifications for an award based on the following suggested criteria categories: Attitude, Commitment, Leadership, Job Performance, and Team Work. Your nomination letter will be the primary source of information for the committee's consideration.

Nomination instructions and cover sheet are located at:

http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/departments_programs/human_resources/UICOMP_Focus_Newsletter/

Please remember to attach the completed cover sheet to your nomination and do not use the nominee's name, job title, or department in your narrative.

Please note: Recipients of the awards from past two years are not eligible:

2017 Distinguished Award: Beth Clayton

2016 Distinguished Award: Sondra Fox

2017 Dean's Awards: Scotti Nieukirk, Brian Schisler, Jennifer Young

2016 Dean's Awards: Angela Daniels, Jill Egizio, Linda Walter

NEWS RELEASES

Be sure to check out the News Releases on the website:

<http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/news>

Contact: Dave Haney, 309.671.8404



February Birthdays



Sue Gaitros

Rhonda Warden

Josie Martinez

Joby Parrott

Lois Hill

Fae Turner

Dennis Driscoll

Jennifer Young

Wendy Bucklin

Marnie Koeppe

Pam Briggs

Shelby Miller

Steve Lasley

Jana Winkler

Lee Ann Maas

If your birthday is not listed, and you wish to have it added, please contact Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu.

The deadline for submission of information for the March issue is February 27.

Send your submissions to Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu.

Congratulations!



A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer Martin, RN, Pediatric Endocrinology nurse with the Pediatric Subspecialty Clinic on her very impressive recent personal accomplishment. After spending a very intensive three months following a strict diet and going to the gym daily, following a program set by a training coach, Jenn competed in the National Gym Association's National Peoria Championship Bodybuilding Competition at the end of October 2017. In her very first competition, Jenn earned THREE medals! She earned FIRST PLACE in the Novice Division, FIRST PLACE in Debut, and SECOND PLACE in Open Division. She demonstrated to us what true determination and will power look like every day as she prepared for her competition. You are an inspiration to us all! Congrats on your amazing accomplishment and best of luck to you in April!



"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." ~ Marcel Proust



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