



August 2018



## CANCER BIOLOGY & PHARMACOLOGY

### PRESENTATIONS

On July 20, 2018, [Dr. Veeravalli](#) delivered an invited talk on “Post-stroke brain damage: Role of MMP-12” at the Department of Neurological Surgery, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

[Dr. Zakharian](#) was honored to present the talk as an invited speaker **at the Gordon Research Conference (GRC) on Ion Channels** held July 8, 2018 - July 13, 2018 at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA, talk entitled: “TRPs in uncharted territory: Interplay with Oxytocin- and Testosterone-induced rapid signaling mechanisms”

### PUBLICATIONS

He L, Gomes AP<sup>1</sup>, Wang X<sup>1</sup>, [Yoon SO<sup>1</sup>](#), Lee G, Nagiec MJ, Cho S, Chavez A, Islam T, Yu Y, Asara JM, Kim BY, Blenis J. (2018) mTORC1 Promotes Metabolic Reprogramming by the Suppression of GSK3-Dependent Foxk1 Phosphorylation. *Mol Cell*, 70, 949-960

<sup>1</sup> Equal contribution

### GRANTS/AWARDS

[Dr. Veeravalli](#) received a two-year research grant from William E. McElroy Charitable Foundation on the project, “Stem cell-derived exosomes: effect of treatment on post-stroke neurological function.”

[Dr. Yoon](#) received the William E. McElroy Research grant, McElroy Charitable foundation.

### EMPLOYEE NEWS

[Dr. Veeravalli](#) was invited for an Adjunct Faculty appointment in the Department of Health Sciences Education, UICOM-Rockford.

## LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES NEWS



The Library of the Health Sciences in Peoria is proud to celebrate Emily's achievements. The Illinois Library Association (ILA) announced Emily Johnson, Regional Health Sciences Librarian & Assistant Professor at the Library of the Health Sciences - Peoria as the 2018 Crosman Memorial Award winner. The Crosman Award is named in memory of Alex Crosman, director of the Peoria Public Library at the time of his death in 1986. The award recognizes the achievements of library workers who are new or relatively new to the field and encourages continued involvement in the profession.

Emily Johnson has been working at LHS-Peoria since 2013. The Crosman Award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, October 9, during the 2018 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference in Peoria.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Please welcome our new civil service employees



Raney Pierce, Office Manager,  
OB/GYN



Brittany Cashdollar, Staff Nurse,  
Pediatrics



Kathy Hauk, Office Manager,  
Pediatrics



Jaymi Belcher, Office Manager,  
Student Affairs



Yvonne Meyer, Staff Nurse, Pediatrics

### INSURANCE ENROLLMENT REMINDER

This is a good time of year to verify your insurance enrollment, especially if you made any changes during open enrollment (changes effective July 1). You can verify your insurance enrollment in the new state vendor website <https://mybenefits.illinois.gov/account/login/MustAuthLogin#/login>.

For questions regarding the login process, please call MyBenefits at 844.251.1777.

University Benefit Resources: <https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/benefits/>

# Civil Service Employee Council News

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## *A Big CSEC Thank You!*

### *CSEC Class of 2018-2019*

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Michelle De Sutter

Shannon Doerr

Diana Farrar

Terry Flynn

Kristi Hasty

Kira Healey

Tammy Livingston

Josefina Martinez

Shelby Miller

Kim Montgomery

Christie Perry

Marti Sokolowski

Meg Tomlins

Debby Tucker

Tina VanYzendoorn

Marcia Vincent

Stacey Webb

Karen Wyman



#### CSEC OFFICERS

President: tba

Vice-President: tba

Treasurer: tba

Secretary: tba

TO GET THE NAME OF YOUR  
CSEC REP, CONTACT

Shelby Miller, [Smille59@uic.edu](mailto:Smille59@uic.edu)

**Thank you** to all who nominated your coworkers for the CSEC Class of 2018-2019. Join us in welcoming newly elected Council members Michelle De Sutter, Shannon Doerr, Tammy Livingston, Josefina Martinez, Kim Montgomery, Marti Sokolowski, Meg Tomlins, Debby Tucker, Tina VanYzendoorn, Marcia Vincent, Stacey Webb, and Karen Wyman. **Many thanks and much appreciation for the hard work, creativity and dedication of our out-going members**, Christina Constantinidou, Dennis Driscoll, Nicolette Lovingood, Joe Newcomb, Cindy Skender and Kathy Slater. Officers will be elected at our next meeting on August 10 and will be listed in the September newsletter.

### *The Thank You's Continue!*

**Thank you** to everyone who bought tamales from the Emily's Tattoo Tamale truck in July and **THANK YOU** to Emily's Tattoo Tamales for supplying tasty tamales for lunch. We look forward to having them again!



**Thank you** to all who completed the CSEC survey. Many great ideas and suggestions for the upcoming year!

### *Check out the CSEC Webpage*

Stop by the Civil Service Employee Council (CSEC) Webpages and see who your CSEC Representatives are for the 2018-19 AY (will be updated after August 10). You can also learn more about CSEC activities at <http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/>

*Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right.*

*- Henry Ford*

## WHO'S WHO in the CSEC

### Meet Kristi Hasty



Hi my name is Kristi Hasty. I work in the department of Pediatrics here at UICOMP. I have been with the University for 2 years. I previously worked for OSF for 16 years. I have 6 grown children and 6 grandchildren. I love Cardinals baseball, fishing, camping and spending my free time with my family. This is my first year on the CSEC committee. I have really enjoyed getting to meet new UICOMP staff and working on the SAW banquet was so amazing. I look forward to serving this next year and meeting more new people!

## Class Act Nominations

I nominate Bruce Broughton, Case Manager, who is a real Class Act at PHS. I work at the front desk in the Case Management Department of Positive Health Solutions and see Bruce in action every day. He is a caring individual and that shines through when he works with our clients. He is always willing to step in and help out, no matter how hectic his schedule is. He helps not only his clients, but will step up and help other case manager's clients as well. He volunteers to serve on committees within PHS and is always ready with a bit of humor when the situation calls for it. Someone with all of his qualities is truly a class act. Thank you for everything Bruce!

**Debbie Haeger Positive Health Solutions**

*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 them on your behalf.*

*Nominate your special co-worker by sending the details about why they are a "Class Act" to Kira Healey at [kira@uic.edu](mailto:kira@uic.edu).*



## Community Chest



The **Community Chest** 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 Kira Healey [kira@uic.edu](mailto:kira@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. We were able to honor two Community Chest requests in July in the total amount of \$460.25.



Contact: Dave Haney, 309.671.8404

Be sure to check out the News Releases on the website: <http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/news>

## August Birthdays



Jodi Frasure  
Jaymi Belcher  
Julie Dawson  
Sara Rusch  
Tom Hjelle  
Lyn Apa

Sindy Hornibrook  
Kelsey Balcer  
Kim Alexander  
Carol Reames-Trotter  
Christinia Lowrance  
Scotti Nieu Kirk

Adam Yerian  
Sandi Blasingim  
Leslie Wise  
Trisha Stetzler  
Juanita Corrales  
Shu Chien Pan

Sara Dominique  
Cathy Huntsman  
Kristy Bushart  
Tracey Vogelsang  
Debby Tucker  
Paula Hartweg

If your birthday is not listed, and you wish to have it added, please contact Shannon at [sdoerr@uic.edu](mailto:sdoerr@uic.edu).

*The deadline for submission of information for the September issue is August 28. Send your submissions to Shannon at [sdoerr@uic.edu](mailto:sdoerr@uic.edu).*



Save the Date: October 6, 2018 Celebrating 25 Years of

Hope

## Breathe the sweetness that hovers in August

Denise Levertov



**Think Green!**  
**Only Print When**  
**Necessary.**

