GRANTS & AWARDS

**DR. KRISHNA KUMAR VEERAVALLI** received an NIH R01 grant:

- **Start Date:** September 1, 2018
- **Title:** “MMP-12 and post-stroke brain damage.”

**DR. ELEONORA ZAKHARIAN** received an NIH R01 sub-award in collaboration with Rutgers University NJ and Temple University PA.

- **Start Date:** August 15, 2018
- **Title:** “Regulation of sensory TRP channels by phospholipids and G-proteins”

PRESENTATIONS

**DR. ELEONORA ZAKHARIAN** was invited to give talk at the following events:

- **09.01.2018** Invited speaker at the Sensory Biology Symposium held on August 31, 2018 - September 2, 2018, at Grand Teton National Park, WY, the talk entitled: “TRP channels in the interplay with oxytocin and testosterone rapid signaling mechanisms”

- **09.19.2018** Invited speaker at the Senior Scholars Symposium, UICOMP, Peoria IL, the talk entitled: “TRP ion channels in rapid hormonal signaling”

**DR. SANG-OH YOON** was invited to give talk at the following events:

- **09.10.2018** Invited speaker at the Distinguished Scientists Lecture at the University of Montreal, the talk entitled “mTOR targeting in cancer”

- **09.21.2018** Invited speaker at the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Illinois at Chicago, the talk entitled “mTOR signaling and therapeutic opportunities”
DEPARTMENT NEWS

SAVE THE DATES

- Wednesday, December 5, 2018 – UICOMP Holiday Breakfast
- Thursday, December 13, 2018 – UICOMP Unit Parties

DEAN’S OFFICE

REMINDER

ANNUAL ETHICS TRAINING – October 1-31, 2018
This training is an annual requirement, based on the Illinois State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, and the standards set by the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor. All employees will receive an email at their official university account, prompting them to complete their training.

If you have questions, please contact Dennis Driscoll in the Dean's Office.

State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430). Website for University Ethics Office: https://www.ethics.uillinois.edu/

LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES NEWS

Some new books at the Library of the Health Sciences: Between Hope and Fear A history of vaccines and human immunity by Michael Kinch, Beauty in the Broken Places a memoir of love, faith and resilience by Allison Pataki, and Happy Brain where happiness comes from, and why by Dean Burnett and many more. Come and check out our books.

HUMAN RESOURCES

2018 CHARITABLE FUND DRIVE

2018 Campus Charitable Fund Drive (CCFD): Sept. 17– Nov. 19
Each year, UIC employees can donate to a variety of charitable organizations through the annual State and University Employee Combined Appeal (SECA). Throughout the University of Illinois system, this fund drive is known as the Campus Charitable Fund Drive (CCFD). SECA is comprised of twelve Federation Charities, representing over 1,500 charitable agencies.

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”
~Anne Frank
Charitable Fund Drive (Continued)
The fight against global warming, aiding victims of domestic violence, supporting our troops, aiding cancer research, or alleviating hunger in your community are just a sample of the over 1,500 causes seeking assistance through SECA charitable agencies. The United Way is one of the charitable agencies; and they include the option to select a local agency (Alzheimer’s Association, The Center for Prevention of Abuse, Easter Seals and St Francis Community Clinic just to name a few).

There are two ways to donate... 1. Payroll deduction and 2. A one-time donation. The following link below provides detailed information about the charitable agencies and how to complete the pledge form: https://www.hr.uic.edu/paychecksinfo/charitable/

Please send your form and/or donation (check payable to Campus Chest) to Human Resources, to forward to UIC HR for processing.

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2019 PAYROLL SCHEDULES

2019 Payroll Schedules may be found at: https://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/hr/

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FLU SHOTS

Please watch for forthcoming information on flu shot details...

MORE ABOUT INFLUENZA: CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/index.html

Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and in some cases even death. Seemingly healthy people can become very sick from the flu and spread it to others. Cases of influenza have already been reported in the Peoria area. An annual seasonal flu vaccine is one of the best ways to reduce your chances of becoming infected. Vaccinating those in health care settings protects employees, their families and vulnerable patient. To protect our employees and the ability serve our patients, our goal is 100% immunization.

Flu Vaccine Information Statement (VIS): https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/flu.html

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There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October.

-- Nathaniel Hawthorne
2018 PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Contest Guidelines

- CSEC will provide ONE medium-sized pumpkin at no cost for each participant.
- You may purchase additional pumpkins or gourds to include with your submission at your own expense.
- Participants desiring a particular size or shape may purchase their own pumpkin.
- Email your CSEC representative to register for the contest. (See list in the side bar or contact an officer - see next page.)
- Registration must be complete by October 15th.
- Pumpkins will be distributed on October 19th.
- Completed submissions must be dropped off in the UICOMP lobby by October 26th.
- Voting will take place from Oct. 26—31st.
- The winner will be announced November 1st.

Note: To avoid deteriorating designs, please DO NOT carve your pumpkins

CSEC OFFICERS

We welcome your questions, comments and feedback

President: Kira Healey, kira@uic.edu
Vice-President: Meg Tomlins, mtomlins@uic.edu
Treasurer: Marti Sokolowski, martisok@uic.edu
Secretary: Shelby Miller, smille59@uic.edu

Save the Date for Our Annual Halloween Social

Wednesday, October 31
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Student Lounge
Emily’s Tattoo Tamales, hot dogs, soup, chili, baked goods, chips and beverages will be for sale (proceeds will benefit the Community Chest)
IMPRESS US WITH YOUR BAKING SKILLS

To make our Halloween Social lunch completely fantastic, we need your chef’s skills. Bake up your favorite snacks or make your best soup or chili recipe for lunch on the 31st! Contact Shannon Doerr, sdoerr@uic.edu or 671-8518 to sign up.

Class Act Nomination

Mike Bachmann

Mike has been our CIS point person for several months now at the PHS Department. He offers outstanding customer service to everyone in the department and is thorough with his follow-up on difficult issues. Each time Mike visits the office, he stops in with the staff at the front desks, and with staff responsible for triaging tickets to make sure there are no unresolved issues that he could address while visiting. He is courteous and respectful and helps employees find solutions that work best for them. His approachable and light-hearted demeanor are much appreciated! Thank you for being a Class Act Mike!  ~Kira Healey, PHS

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 Shelby Miller at smille59@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 Shelby smille59@uic.edu or Kira Healey 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. The council has already honored three requests since the start of the new fiscal year including one in August – be sure to reach out if you are in need of help!

Check out the CSEC Webpage: Stop by the Civil Service Employee Council (CSEC) Webpages to see who your CSEC Representatives are, and to learn about CSEC activities at http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/
October Birthdays

Chris Buck  Debra Wolf  Marcia Vincent  Jenny Doerr
Kris Barr  Stephanie Johnson  Stacy Boyd  Lisa Roeder
Nick Dennis  Jenny Johannes  Kira Healey  Rhonda Weynand
Meenakshy Aiyer  Misha Bales  Tina VanYzenoorn  Toni Johnson
Gail Davis  Stephanie Mahoney  Brandon Beekman  Donna Simons
Anthony Dwyer  Bob Caughey  Alfonse Masi  Aimee Oliver
Jolene Harris  Amanda Hicks  Nan Hines  Valerie Lynn

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 November issue is October 26. Send your submissions to Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu.

NEWS RELEASES
Contact: Dave Haney, 309.671.8404
Be sure to check out news releases on the website: http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/news

REMINDER
Don’t forget to set your clocks back on November 4.

Think Green!
Only Print When Necessary.