November 2018

CANCER BIOLOGY & PHARMACOLOGY

AWARDS

- Dr. Ken-Ichiro Fukuchi was recognized at the UICOMP Celebration of Excellence on October 30th, 2018, for receiving the UICOMP Outstanding Research Award. This award was presented to Dr. Fukuchi during the UICOMP Research Day in April.
- Dr. Kiran Kumar Velpula received the UICOMP Outstanding Service Award at the UICOMP Celebration of Excellence on October 30th, 2018.
- Dr. Kiran Kumar Velpula also received a recognition at the 2018 UIC Faculty Award Reception at the University of Illinois at Chicago, on October 30th, 2018, for his recently received “Athena Young Professional Award” and his selection as one of the “40 Leaders Under Forty”.
- Dr. Krishna Kumar Veeravalli received the UICOMP Outstanding Teaching Award at the UICOMP Celebration of Excellence on October 30th, 2018.
- Dr. Krishna Kumar Veeravalli also received the College-wide Teaching Recognition Program Award on October 30th, 2018, which was presented to him at the 2018 UIC Faculty Awards Reception at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

INVITED TALKS

- Dr. Eleonora Zakharian was an invited speaker at the Seminar Series help at the Department of Biochemistry Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences University at Buffalo, Buffalo NY. Her talk entitled, “TRP to Uncharted Territory: Interplay of TRP Channels with Rapid Testosterone and Oxytocin Signaling” was presented on October 16th, 2018.
- Dr. Kiran Kumar Velpula was an invited speaker at the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics - University of Illinois at Chicago. His talk entitled “Metabolic regulation of Brain Tumors” was presented on October 24th, 2018.
- Dr. Sang-Oh Yoon was an invited speaker at the Department of Biomedical Science - University of Illinois at Rockford. His talk entitled “Targeting mTOR signaling in cancer” was presented on October 24th, 2018.

APPOINTMENT

- Dr. Kiran Kumar Velpula was recently appointed as an Academic Editor for the journal “PLOS ONE”.

THE LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

Visit the Library
October 15 – November 30
to enjoy a variety of Student Wellness Activities

Oct. 15-21: Be inspired – read and share your favorite inspirational quotes.
Oct. 22-28: We all gotta eat – chocolates & coffee on us plus a Break the Rules day.
Oct. 29-Nov. 4: Laugh a little – read and share favorite jokes.
Nov. 5-11: Colorful & creative – coloring pages, paper, and markers provided.
Nov. 12-18: Puzzle master – we provide the jigsaw puzzle; you provide the skills.
Nov. 16-26: Give a little gratitude – tell us what you are thankful for this year.
Nov. 26-30: It’s time to move it/move it – exercises you can

HUMAN RESOURCES
Please welcome our new employees:

Jenna Harris, Staff Nurse, Peds Subspecialty

Megan Simone, Medical Assistant (certified), Peds Subspecialty

Becky Holthe, is an office support specialist, Pediatrics

THE UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE MAY BE FOUND AT:

https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/holidays/  (click on Chicago Holiday Schedule on right side)

The 2019 Payroll Schedules are available online: http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/hr/  (click the ‘pay’ tab)

Other resources for university payroll: https://www.obfs.uillinois.edu/payroll/schedules/
Mark your calendars and RSVP for the

**2018 Holiday Breakfast**

The College of Medicine cordially invites all Faculty, Staff, Residents & Students to the UICOMP Holiday Breakfast

**Wednesday, December 5**

**7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Please join us for breakfast to celebrate the holiday season

*(Tables will be set-up in the lobby, the UICOMP Cafeteria and near on 2nd floor Food lines set-up in lobby and Room A209)*

**Please RSVP to Human Resources**

Phone 671-8518 or email sdoerr@uic.edu no later than November 30

To better serve everyone, please let us know when you plan to attend:

7:30 – 8:00  ♦  8:00 – 8:30  ♦  8:30 – 9:00

*Docapella sing at approximately 8:00am*

Please also mark your calendars for the UICOMP Unit Parties on December 13 from 11:30am – 1:00 pm; food will be all throughout the building...stop in for good food and holiday cheer.

**HOLIDAY BREAKFAST CENTERPIECES...**

If you would like to donate a centerpiece for the tables at the UICOMP Holiday Breakfast to add to our holiday décor, please contact Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu. Please drop off item in H.R., or send via courier, no later than November 28. As in the past, we will have a drawing for the centerpieces. Thank you in advance for adding more ‘merry’ to the holiday festivities.

Contact: Dave Haney

309-671-8404

UICOMP News Releases available at: http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/news
**November 2018**

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**CSEC Class of 2018-2019**
- Michelle De Sutter
- Shannon Doerr
- Diana Farrar
- Terry Flynn
- Kira Healey
- 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: Kira Healey, kira@uic.edu
- Vice-President: Meg Tomlins, mtomlins@uic.edu
- Treasurer: Marti Sokolowski, martisok@uic.edu
- Secretary: Shelby Miller, smille59@uic.edu

TO GET THE NAME OF YOUR CSEC REP, CONTACT
Shelby Miller, smille59@uic.edu

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**TURKEYGRAMS**

**TurkeyGrams** are a fun way to tell a friend, coworker or family member that you think they are wonderful and to say “I appreciate you.” They’ll receive a cheerful message and a sweet treat. Sales start November 12 and run through November 16. TurkeyGrams will be given out on November 19-20. See your CSEC rep to purchase yours. At $1 each, you can make the day of many special people.

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**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 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.

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**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.

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**WHO’S WHO IN THE CSEC**

**Meet Shannon Doerr**

I enjoy my days in Human Resources; I’ve been with the university for twenty years. My husband Mike and I have two children (Kallie and Kyle), who are both married (Nick and Liz). We became grandparents in March; and we are over the moon for our granddaughter, Etta Jo, and of course, our grandpup, Bane, too.

I have been a St. Jude Runner for over ten years. Although, I don’t run as many miles as in years past; the most important part is raising money for the kids. I enjoy walks on Grandview Drive. Those who know me also know they may frequently catch me at Target. My favorite movie is Elf, and I love decorating for the holidays.

It’s great fun to be a part of the Council... I really enjoyed seeing all the pumpkins and those who dressed up for the Halloween Social. I appreciate all the enthusiasm to make our work days brighter. I’m looking forward to the other CSEC events and activities!
Halloween Social Thank You Notes!

Many thanks to all those home chefs who donated delicious soups – Debby Tucker, Diana Farrar, Marie McWhirter and Meg Tomlins, and to the makers of tasty treats for the Bake Sale – Lynne Keeton, Donna Hazelman, Adam Yerian, Jolene Harris, Meg Tomlins and Cindy Skender. **Thank you to the many volunteers who donated their time:** Debby Tucker, Michelle De Sutter, Lynne Keeton, Adam Yerian, Kris Barr, Wendy Bucklin, Deb Wolf, Meg Tomlins, Marie McWhirter, Shannon Doerr, Kira Healey and Meg Tomlins.

Thanks to the talented pumpkin designers for their very clever submissions and thanks to diners and donors who came to share a meal with us! You all helped to make this year’s CSEC Halloween Social & Pumpkin Decorating Contest a HUGE success and tons of fun!

Thank you to those who dressed in costume and all who brought new towels and wash clothes to donate to our neighbors at the Dream Center!

**Teams Who Dressed Up for Halloween**

The Regulatory Housewives of IRB: Irma (Deb Wolf), Reba (Mindy Reeter), & Bula (Wendy Bucklin)

Pediatric Subspecialty team

Primary Pediatrics team

**OUR PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST WINNER**

“All Hallow’s Eve” by Chris Buck at Easter Seals won! She gets to keep the Traveling Award that she won from last year’s contest. We raised $251.51 for the Community Chest! **Thanks to all** who decorated pumpkins and voted.

**NOTE:** CSEC is making plans for next year’s Staff Appreciation Week. If you have an idea(s) for a theme and/or suggestions you would like to make, please email them to CSEC@uic.edu. We welcome and appreciate your ideas.

**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/
November Birthdays

Eric Dubrowski
Penny Halverson
Kristy Papis
Nancy Caho
Justin Cree
Gary Edwards
Bonny Darrow
Lois Whitby
Samantha Robbins
Lauren Winkler
Michele Paulus
Jennifer Burton
Loni Wenzel
Lisa Staggs
Jenna Regan
Janelle Mounce
Trisha Thurman
Javelyn McGrane
DeeDee Simmons

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 December issue is November 29. Send your submissions to Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Think Green!
Only Print When Necessary.