The CSEC Banquet will be held on April 4 (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 4. 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: https://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/hr/newsletters/

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
- 2018 Distinguished Award: Cathy Huntsman
- 2017 Dean’s Awards: Scotti Nieukirk, Brian Schisler, Jennifer Young
- 2018 Dean’s Awards: Loni Wenzel, Shari Wynn

We welcome our new employee....

Mary Sierra, Office Support Specialist, Pediatrics (Neonatal Division)

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 via this link for details and/or to donate leave time: https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/sharedbenefits/
Chris Wadle Earns Copyright Leadership Certificate

Chris Wadle, as the Library’s copyright expert, continues to seek ways to stay informed of the latest copyright issues and legal decisions. During the fall, Chris completed a 12-week Copyright Leadership Certificate course to enhance her knowledge of copyright and further her expertise. The course covered U.S. Copyright Law, ownership and duration of rights, legally using copyright-protected materials, and much more. She is available to assist with any copyright or fair use questions, anything from ‘can we use this’ to determining ownership of an image. Please contact Chris (cmw@uic.edu) with any questions you might have, even if you are unsure if your question falls under copyright or not.

February Birthdays

Sue Gaitros  Lois Hill  Angela O’Bryant  Wendy Bucklin  
Steve Lasley  Rhonda Warden  Fae Turner  David Dominguese  
Marnie Koeppel  Jana Winkler  Josie Martinez  Dennis Driscoll  
Dave Grant  Pam Briggs  Lee Ann Maas  Joby Parrott  
David McPheeters  Jennifer Young  Shelby Miller

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.

Run (or Walk) to Fight Child Abuse!

Gather your co-workers, make a team and sign up today for the Kick Abuse at Kickapoo 5K Trail Run and 1 mile Walk
April 20th 2018, 8:30am start
go.uic.edu/KickAbuse5K
Click on the UICOMP Teams button on the left side of the registration page
Team with the most participants WINS (bragging rights)
100% of proceeds benefit the PRC, providing child-friendly, specialized medical exams to abused & neglected children in central Illinois

USE CODE UICOMP19 to Save $5

Contact Amanda Franklin at PRC with questions: 624-9595 or aerwin@uic.edu
Staff Appreciation Week April 1-5

Each year, UICOMP recognizes the staff of the college with a week-long celebration, filled with fun, small gifts and banquet—The Staff Appreciation Week (SAW). Everyone will have an opportunity to share their appreciation for one another (in the SAW Program), and nominate special employees for recognition.

The 2019 Staff Appreciation Week has been set for April 1-5. Please hold the date of Thursday evening, April 4 for the SAW Banquet. Each staff member (and spouse/significant other) is invited to attend. The SAW week events are sponsored by the CSEC (Civil Service Employee Council), and many staff have a hand in the events. Mark your calendars!

Nominations are now being accepted for The Rose Award.

This Rose Award, given at the SAW Banquet, is a special award given in the name of Rose Bacon, a former employee at UICOMP who embodied kindness and warmth, every day. (To read more about Rose, click on the website link below.) Employees nominated for this award should have a positive attitude, courage in the midst of adversity, humility, friendliness, selflessness, and work to spread cheer and warmth throughout every workday. To nominate an employee who you believe embodies these qualities, follow the instructions on the Rose instructions on the award nomination form here and submit to the Civil Service Employees Council by the end of the day on March 1, 2019, either via email at CSEC@uic.edu or in-house mail to CSEC, Attn: Rose Award.

Remember: The letter describing your nominee will be the only source of information with which the council will vote. You may not include the nominee’s name, department, or title in the body of the letter, so be sure to take your time to communicate the nominee’s unique qualities.

To learn more about the Rose Award, visit http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/rose-award/

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 smile59@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.
Thanks to everyone involved in the donations to the *Fresh Food Drive* in January! **We collected 50.1kg of fruit/veggies**, all of which were offered immediately the following weekend at *Loaves & Fishes* food pantry.

*Loaves & Fishes* was very grateful, and said that the end of the month is the greatest time of need for the people of the community. They were very thankful for the freshness and variety of the donated fruits and veggies.

**The Feb 2019 Fresh Food Drive collection will be in the North Building on Friday, February 22nd.**

- Thank you, on behalf of CSEC (Civil Service Employee Council), UICOMP Healthy Kids U., and the Good Food Recovery Program

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**WHO’S WHO in the CSEC**

**Meet Karen Wyman**

Hello! My name is Karen Wyman. I am in my second year at UICOMP, working in Academic Affairs as a Medical Education Program Specialist and as the coordinator for the Caterpillar Faculty Scholars Fellowship. This is my first year on the council. I love reading, scrapbooking, watching movies and spending time with family and friends. I also enjoy working with Habitat for Humanity. I have been an adult literacy volunteer with the YWCA in Pekin for three years and am always looking for new volunteer opportunities.

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**This ‘N’ That**

- **DID YOU KNOW?** When you buy a bag of popcorn from the CSEC, for just 50¢ a bag, you have a delicious popcorn treat AND help raise funds for a good cause!
- **February 6, 11:30-1:00** is our next popcorn sale. Advance orders accepted!
- **Donate to our Fresh Food Drive** to help local residents have healthy food options.
- **Volunteer opportunities** will be announced in these pages throughout the year.
"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

~ Marcel Proust
TRUTHRIGHT THEATRE PRESENTS

A NIGHT TO DIE FOR

SADDLE NIGHT CLUB
PEORIA, IL

A Murder Mystery

February 9, 2019, 6-9pm
Open Bar ~ Appetizers
$100 per person
$20 of each ticket benefits Pediatric Resource Center
https://go.uic.edu/MurderMysterySaddleUpPRC

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Only Print When Necessary.