DEPARTMENT NEWS

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

The College of Medicine cordially invites all Faculty, Staff, Residents and Students to the UICOMP Holiday Breakfast on Thursday, December 5, 7:30-9:00 a.m. Please join us for breakfast to celebrate the holiday season (tables set up in the lobby, the UICOMP Cafeteria and nearby in the hallway on the 2nd floor). RSVP to Human Resources - phone 671-8518 or email sdoerr@uic.edu no later than November 26. Docapella plan to sing at approximately 7:30 a.m. 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

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

THE LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

Congratulations!

- The Library of the Health Sciences would like to congratulate Chris Wadle and Emily Johnson on their amazing achievements.
- Chris recently celebrated her 25th year at LHS-Peoria. UIC will be recognizing her for her years of serve in Chicago this coming November.
- Emily has been promoted to Associate Professor and Regional Health Sciences Librarian with tenure.

Congratulations on your marvelous accomplishments!

I am thankful for... Coffee. Sleep. Family. Stop by the library and share with us who or what you are grateful for this time of year. Our Thankful Wall will be up throughout the month of November so you have plenty of time to come in and participate.
CANCER BIOLOGY & PHARMACOLOGY

PUBLICATIONS

- Dr. Sang-Oh Yoon’s lab published the following article:

EMPLOYEE NEWS

- Dr. Krishna Veravalli Laboratory welcomes a new employee, Dr. Casimir A. Fornal.

SERVICE

- Dr. Krishna Veravalli served on the American Heart Association’s Fellowship Brain Stroke-Basic Science-1 Grant Review Committee on October 21, 2019.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Please welcome our new employees:

Charlotte Bess, Office Support Associate, Neuro Divisions
No photo: Emily Rotherham, Accountant III, Administrative Affairs
No photo: Patricia Williams, Medical Office Associate, Positive Health Solutions

THE UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE MAY BE FOUND AT:

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

The 2020 Payroll Schedules are available online: [http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/hr/](http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/hr/) (click the ‘pay’ tab)

Other resources for university payroll: [https://www.obfs.uillinois.edu/payroll/schedules/](https://www.obfs.uillinois.edu/payroll/schedules/)

Reminder: Please verify your correct mailing address is on university records to receive important university communications (benefits/tax documents). Review the announcement with instructions to make address changes: [https://blogs.uofi.uillinois.edu/view/1418/802829](https://blogs.uofi.uillinois.edu/view/1418/802829)
WHY CSEC EXISTS

Your Civil Service Employees Council (CSEC) exists to encourage you in your work as a university employee, to put a smile on your face as you participate in fundraisers that benefit community groups, share a meal with coworkers, or even read a book together.

The CSEC works hard on your behalf, putting together numerous events throughout the year to help others and ourselves and have a good time while we do it. Popcorn sales, bake sales, bowling, chili cook-offs, Moms Who Care, new sock & underwear and school supplies collections are only a few examples of how we utilize our talents for good. The council encourages employee involvement in our quest to bring coworkers and community together for support. We have a program to help our own employees who have experienced a hardship or disaster, called “Community Chest” (see the articles on the next pages).

The Council hosts Staff Appreciation Week events in April, which are highlights of the year, culminating in a banquet where employee awards are, well, awarded, good food is served, gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing are won... among other lively events. We serve simple hors d’oeuvres, plan fun and challenging games, and provide other entertainment. It’s a great night out that you don’t want to miss!

The CSEC also hosts events to personally enrich YOU. For instance, we organized two book clubs starting in November; one meets at the lunch hour and one right after work in a local eatery. The books are selected by participants each month. The selections for this month were Killers of the Flower Moon and Just Mercy. If you would like to join either club, please contact Michelle De Sutter at desutter@uic.edu.

Whether it would be a karate class or learning to knit, we want our employees to enjoy themselves while learning something new with fellow employees. We offer all these activities to encourage and support you, and so we can get to better know and support each other.

Your ideas for fun events, and other suggestions and recommendations are welcome. Feel free to contact your Civil Service Representative with questions or ideas. If you’ve forgotten their name, please email Stephanie Hull, CSEC secretary for contact information.

See you at the next event!
WHO’S WHO IN THE CSEC
Meet Kathy Hauk

My name is Kathy Hauk. I am lifelong Peoria resident. I grew up in the Bartonville area and currently resident in Peoria. I am a graduate of Western Illinois University several years ago with a Bachelor of Business. I have worked in the Pediatric Department since July of 2018. Before joining UICOMP, I worked at a local commercial and residential glass company.

When I am not working, I love working backstage with the Peoria area community theatres, hanging out with my furbaby (a dog named Nigel), and cherishing time with my niece, two nephews and family and friends.

This is my first year on the CSEC council and my role is the Graphics Manager. I love to use my creative side in this role. I am excited to see the things that CSEC has planned for the upcoming year.

Halloween Social! Thank You Notes!

Many thanks to all those who made and donated tasty treats for the Bake Sale – Donna Hazelman, Diana Farrar, Carole Siefken, and Angela O’Bryant. Thank you to the many volunteers who donated their time: Tina Van Yzendoorn, Kathy Hauk, Carole Siefken, Misha Bales, Kris Barr, Jennifer Zapf, Adam Yerian, Shannon Doerr, Diana Farrar and those who helped behind-the-scenes, as in our wonderful Physical Plant staff who set up and took down tables and janitorial staff who cleaned up after us.

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!

Who Won the Pumpkin Decorating Contest?

“Maleficient” by Miranda Lingenfelter of Peds Primary Clinic won our annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Miranda was awarded the Traveling Award for the next year. Even better, we raised $187.66 for the Center for the Prevention Abuse in honor of October being National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Who Dressed Up?

Pam Williams on Left
Kim Williams in Middle
Vicki Helton on Right
Hillcrest Building
Peds Subspecialty

Thanks to all who decorated pumpkins and voted!
Class Act Nominations

I would like to send a big thank you to Jessica Kilper. She has offered to help me with moving patients for a doctor that is going to be out for an extended period of time. She also offered to help scan my referrals so I wouldn’t get really behind. I appreciate her offering to help even though she has her own work to get done. Thank you so much!!
-- Stephanie Hornbuckle

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 Stephanie Hull at shull@uic.edu.

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 11 and run through November 15. TurkeyGrams will be given out on November 18-19. See your CSEC rep to purchase yours. At $1 each, you can make the day of many special people.

Coffee Truck Coming!

The Spot Coffee Truck will be on campus on Nov 21 from 7:30am -9:30am. Great way to start the morning... hot coffee/cocoa on cold mornings!

Website: https://www.thespotcoffee.com/

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 Stephanie shull@uic.edu. We can help pay your electric bill or buy the tire that blew because all your money has gone to medical bills, for example.

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/
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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

November Birthdays

Eric Dubrowski
Penny Halverson
Kristy Papis
Nancy Cahso
Lauren Winkler

Gary Edwards
Bonny Darrow
Lois Whitby
Samantha Robbins
Jenna Regan

Michele Paulus
Jennifer Burton
Loni Wenzel
DeeDee Simmons

Janelle Mounce
Trisha Thurman
Javelyn McGrane
Justin Cree

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 26. 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.