



August 2017

CANCER BIOLOGY & PHARMACOLOGY

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Velpula was invited for a guest of honor lecture titled ***“Reversing Warburg Effect in glioblastoma through EGFR-PDK1 interplay”*** at VIFA 2017 conference, Chennai, India on July 8, 2017.

Dr. Velpula was invited to give an oral presentation at Yogi Vemana University India on July 17, 2017, talk entitled ***“Delineating the metabolic signature of glioblastoma”***.

[Dr. Bharath Chelluboina](#) gave an invited research talk at the Department of Neurosurgery, University of Wisconsin, Madison on July 24. Title of talk ***“Stroke Pathogenesis in Renal Dysfunction: Tenascin-C mediated Cerebrorenal Mechanisms”***.

GRANTS/AWARDS

[Dr. Velpula](#) received the ***“International Outstanding Faculty Award”*** at VIFA 2017 conference at Chennai, India on July 8, 2017.

EMPLOYEES NEWS

Dr. Velpula joined **Quest Pharma**, Hyderabad, India as a **Scientific Advisor**. He will collaborate on the synthesis and chemical validation of novel compounds. Quest Pharma is the one of the most valued companies located in Hyderabad, India that develop and manufacture bulk drugs for research and commercial purposes.



LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES



What is RSPP? The Rural Student Physician Program is an extended, rural community-centered preceptorship for University of Illinois College of Medicine – Peoria students that integrates Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Ob/Gyn Psychiatry and General Surgery training in a 28-week longitudinal clerkship during the third year of medical school. UICOMP is celebrating 20 years of RSPP student participation.

According to national statistics, 20% of the US population live in rural areas, but only 9% of the nation’s doctors practice in rural communities. In 2015, RSPP and the Library of the Health Sciences at Peoria collaborated to start supplying RSPP students with iPad minis for use during their rotation.



Check out the Library’s display and learn more about RSPP and the iPad mini lending program.

LIBRARY LEARNING LAB: FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

The goal of Library Information Technology is to keep the Library Learning Lab in optimal working condition and provide an environment that is conducive to learning.

To prevent damage to equipment and maintain a clean work/study environment for everyone, no food, or drinks without lids, are allowed in the Library Learning Lab.

Uncovered beverages are a risk to equipment. Food can cause keyboards, mice, and computers to stop working properly.

We ask that all students, faculty, and staff, refrain from bringing food or uncovered drinks in the Lab.

The **Food and Drink Policy** is designed to support an environment where all users can enjoy their experience in the Library Learning Lab.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Please welcome new civil service employees...



Michael Koperksi, Medical Office Associate, Positive Health Solutions



Michelle De Sutter, office support specialist, GME



Stacy Boyd, medical assistant (certified), Pediatrics

Reminder: 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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CSEC Class of 2017-2018

The election results are in!

The recently elected members who will be serving a two-year term are Christina Constantinidou, Diana Farrar, Kristi Hasty, Nicolette Lovingood and Christie Perry. Many thanks and much appreciation for the hard work, creativity and dedication of our out-going members, Kristeen Barr, Courtney Gehrig, Lois Hill, Cheri Mahony, Shari Wynn, and Adam Yerian.

CSEC Class of 2017-2018

Mike Bachmann
Christina Constantinidou
Dennis Driscoll
Diana Farrar
Terry Flynn
Kristi Hasty
Nicolette Lovingood
Shelby Miller
Joe Newcomb
Brad Norrell
Christie Perry
Kira Healey Simeone
Cindy Skender
Kathy Slater
Janice Tamplin
Tiara Thomas

Officers

President: Kira Healey (Simeone)
Vice-President: Kathy Slater
Treasurer: Christina Constantinidou
Secretary: Shelby Miller

Chairs

Community Outreach: Cindy Skender
Elections: Kathy Slater
Personal Enrichment: Christina Constantinidou
Constitution: Dennis Driscoll

Managers

Focus: Diana Farrar
Webpage: Tiara Thomas
Graphics: Kira Healey (Simeone)
Welcome: Terry Flynn (off-site), Dennis Driscoll (on-site)
Pegboard: Janice Tamplin
Photo: Kristi Hasty

JOIN THE FUN!

Are you onsite and interested in serving on the council? Please contact Kira Simeone at kira@uic.edu.

DID YOU KNOW? Proceeds from the popcorn sales go to fund the **Community Chest**, which is a fund that supports civil service staff members facing any kind of hardship. You may nominate yourself or a co-worker by filling out and submitting the application on the UICOMP website on the Human Resources page. 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. **A CSEC Popcorn Sale AND OTHER EVENTS will be held in August, dates TBA.**



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 him/her on your behalf.

Nominate your special co-worker by sending the details about why s/he is a “Class Act” to Shelby Miller at smille59@uic.edu.

“I’d like to recognize Carla Stokes for doing a great job as a Class Act. Carla worked quickly when a student’s rotation was potentially thwarted due to miscommunication from a visiting school. We were determined to fix the issue so the student’s schedule would not be interrupted, and after working all week to make that happen, we had success today! Carla was empathetic to the situation, immediately took action, and was able to work with Chicago on a resolution. There was great teamwork involved, which also included Ron Schaeffer and Patricia Menguito. I most definitely appreciate Carla’s dedication to getting the job done! And the student is extremely grateful, too.” ☺

Loni Wenzel, Peoria Campus Registrar

Thank You!

Thank you to the volunteers who worked together to make our June 2017 “Chill ‘n’ Grill” a huge success. Every big and little thing you did made the event go smoothly. Thanks (in no particular order) to Shari Wynn, Kathy Slater, Shelby Miller, Joellyn Doty, Karen Wyman, Kristi Bushart, Barb Staggs, Janice Tamplin, Angela Daniels, Stephanie Sampson, Lois Hill, Dennis Driscoll, Kris Barr, Shelby Miller, Brad Norrell, Adam Yerian, and Jennifer Young. **We especially want to thank our cooks** Tom Ryan, Jon Duttlinger, and Craig Edwards. **Well done, everyone!**



Special thanks to all who took the time to respond to the CSEC Survey sent out in May. Your feedback is important to us. We want to hear from you!

More CSEC Fun



WHO: You!
WHAT: Happy Hour
WHY: Do we need a reason?
WHEN: Thursday, August 3 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Holiday Inn & Suites Peoria at Grand Prairie,
 7601 N. Orange Prairie Road, Peoria, 61615

See You There!

Coming in September

Kick Off the Season with CSEC Fall Grill ‘n Chill!”

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

August Birthdays



Jodi Frasure
Sindy Hornibrook
Adam Yerian
Sarah Allen
Kelsey Balcer
Sandi Blasingim
Cathy Huntsman
Mary Ann Wilson
Kim Alexander
Kristy Bushart
Sara Rusch

Trisha Stetzler
Tracey Vogelsang
Tom Hjelle
Christine Lowrance
Juanita Corrales
Lyn Apa
Scotti Nieu Kirk
Paula Hartweg
Julie Dawson
Carol Reames-Trotter
Jennifer Kelsey



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 September issue is August 28. Send your submissions to Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu.



Think green!
Only print when necessary

