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CANCER BIOLOGY & PHARMACOLOGY

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Krishna Kumar Veeravalli’s abstract submitted to the Experimental Biology-2019 conference was selected for ASIP Highlights session. Dr. Veeravalli was also invited to give an oral talk on his research in ASIP Highlights session during the EB conference, which will be held on April 6th – April 9th, 2019.

Dr. Krishna Kumar Veeravalli’s presented a poster at the International Stroke Conference (ISC) in Honolulu Hawaii entitled Prevention of the post-stroke induction of endogenous tPA mitigates brain damage and facilitates neurological recovery. ISC 2019 was held on February 6th – February 8th, 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Eleonora Zakharian and her collaborators published the following article:


Dr. Swapna Asuthkar’s lab published the following article:


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


GRANTS & AWARDS

Dr. Ken-Ichiro Fukuchi received a grant award from the National Institute on Aging at NIH to test whether an immune modulator is effective in treating an animal model of Alzheimer’s disease.

Dr. Krishna Kumar Veeravalli received a grant award from the OSH HealthCare Illinois Neurological Institute for our project entitled, “Targeting MyD88 to attenuate post-ischemic inflammation and improve post-stroke outcome.”
LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES NEWS

Library News: UICOMP Artifacts part of 10 Medical Inventions Exhibition at the Riverfront Museum

Over the last several months, Carmen Howard has been working with curators from the Peoria Riverfront Museum on temporarily lending several items from the Library’s Special Collections to the newly opened 10 Medical Inventions that Changed the World Exhibition. Not only are there artifacts from the Library/UICOMP on display, there are additional contributions from Jump Trading Simulation, OSF, UnityPoint, Illinois State Museum, Mayo Clinic, Colonial Williamsburg, and others. It is fascinating to read about several medical-related “firsts” from here in Peoria. To learn more about the exhibit visit the Museum website https://www.peoriariverfrontmuseum.org. Hope you are able to visit the 10 Medical Inventions exhibit, available through April 28th.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Please welcome our new employees

Chanel Withers, Administrative Aide, Pediatrics

Tristyn Cornish, Phlebotomist, CBP

Introducing the university LLEAP program that provides educational benefits. See the UIC website for details.

LLEAP Purpose

The Lifelong Learning and Education Access Program (LLEAP) is designed to provide Academic Professionals and Open-Range Civil Service employees, release time/flex time, and/or funds for development opportunities focused on enhancing a career at UIC.

LLEAP Benefits

Each eligible employee can utilize one of the following benefits on an annual basis:

- Up to $200 and up to 8 hours of release time for professional development activities
- Up to $200 for coursework not covered under a university tuition waiver
- Continuous flex time of four hours per week while enrolled in or actively pursuing an educational development activity
- Release time of up to 16 hours per year for professional development activities

Complete details regarding LLEAP on the UIC website: https://www.hr.uic.edu/professional_development/lleap/

The University tuition waiver policies available in Employee Self-Service Center:
https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/benefits/tuitionwaivers
The vacation policy is available via link: [https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/vacation](https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/leave/vacation). The link includes the civil service policies and the chart to view the maximum accruals, depending on years of service - for exempt (salary) and non-exempt (hourly).

**Reminder:** Vacation accruals in a pay period are added to an employee's balance first and then hours used are deducted from that balance. Civil service employees must monitor the accruals on their pay stubs closely to avoid loss of accrual as they near maximum accrual.

For example: a non-exempt employee with no more than three years of service earns at rate of .0462 per hour worked (.0462 x 75 hours = 3.47); maximum accruals at this rate of accrual is 180 hours. Beginning BW6 the employee notices 175 vacation hours. This employee will lose hours on BW7 if vacation hours are not used on BW6, because accrual hours will be added first on BW7, before any hours used are deducted. If no vacation time used on BW6: 175 + 3.47 = 178.47; on BW7 178.47 + 1.53 (not eligible for full 3.47) = 180 maximum accrual. To avoid loss of time, this employee should discuss, with supervisor, using vacation time on BW6 so that vacation balance is reduced to receive accrual of 3.47 hours on BW7.

Again, the vacation accrual maximum varies, based on your years of service and if exempt or non-exempt. Refer to the policy to review the vacation charts. Vacation requests are submitted to supervisor for review/approval.

### SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

**3 Years**
- Mike Bachmann
- Chris Buck
- Austin Davies
- Jon Duttlinger
- Terry Flynn
- Kim Hauk
- Kira Healey
- Becky Joiner
- Chad Kee
- Ginger Light
- Nicolette Lovingood
- Stephanie Mahony
- Shelby Miller
- Catherine Moore
- Joe Naidnur
- Kathy Slater
- Trisha Stetzler
- Janice Tamplin
- Marcia Vincent
- Christy Vincent

**7 Years**
- Connie Cranford
- Angela Daniels
- Nick Dennis
- Sondra Fox
- Jamie Hassall
- Cathy Huntsman
- Shauna Larson
- Valerie Lynn
- Aimee Oliver
- Cheryl Perry
- Carol Reames-Trotter
- Marti Sokolowski
- Kristie Taggart
- Rhonda Warden

**9 Years**
- Tammi Miller
- Carole Siefken

**11 Years**
- Judy Martin
- Marie McWhirter
- Stacey Webb

**13 Years**
- Beth Clayton
- Jill Jones
- Tracey Vogelsang
- Debra Wolf

**17 Years**
- Kristin Lenover
- Laureen Perkins

**19 Years**
- Lorraine Deluhery
- Beth LaFollett

**21 Years**
- Bonny Darrow
- Mary Durdel

**23 Years**
- Lisa Staggs

**27 Years**
- Marnie Koeppel

**29 Years**
- Mary Jean Dzurisin
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

5 Years
Justin Cree
Julie Dawson
Sarah Dominique
Jodi Frasure
Jenny Johannes
Lynne Keeton
Tracy McCormick
Mary Jo Montgomery
Carrie Neff
Brian Schisler
Raymond Weitzel
Adam Yerian
Amy Zimmerman

10 Years
Kim Alexander
Nancy Caho
Craig Edwards
Kim Garcia
Lee Ann Maas
Kelli Rude
Deanna Silotto
Kim Williams

15 Years
Janet Dickson
Andrea Grant
Vicki Helton
Dawn Roberts
Kimberly Rodgers

20 Years
Bernie Rubio
Michelle Shearhod
Fae Turner
Carrie Warner
Suzy Witt

25 Years
Lisa Collins
Kim Deets
Gracita Edwards
Chris Johnson
Pam Williams

Janelle Mounce

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARDS

3 Years
Nicole Bohnker
Amy Gregory
Maheedhara Guda

11 Years
Amanda Thomison

Special Recognition Awards

5 Years
Lusine Demirkhanyan
Diana Warnecke

15 Years
Mindy Reeter

These employees will be recognized at the Staff Appreciation Week Banquet on April 4.

March Birthdays

Lesa Armstrong
Tom Ryan
Jennifer Zapf
Judy Martin
Jonathan Fisher

Bonnie Goodwin
Mary Durdel
Beth Wallace
Kristie Taggart

Camilla Pietreniak
Marie Smith
Cheri Mahony
Ashley Johnson

Chris Menke
Christina Constantinidou
Heather Boore
Angela Daniels

If your birthday is not listed, and you wish to have it added, please contact Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu.
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Civil Service Employee Council News

Save the Date!
Staff Appreciation Week April 1-5
Banquet – April 4, at Barrack’s
Social Hour – 5:30 p.m.
Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Each year, UICOMP recognizes the staff of the college with a week-long celebration, filled with fun, small gifts and a banquet Thursday evening—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. Look for your banquet invite to arrive in the beginning of March with the announcement of this year’s theme! All Civil Service Staff, their guests, and Faculty are welcome to attend.

NEW in 2019

In addition to checks, CSEC will accept cash deposits for the SAW Banquet. Deposits are refundable for Civil Service Employees only upon arrival at the banquet (separate deposits for guests of civil service staff and faculty are still required and remain non-refundable).

Get Your Lucky Charms!
March 4-13

Lucky Charms are a fun way to tell your co-workers that you think they are wonderful. For just $1, you can tell those special people “I appreciate you” and give them a little treat. See your CSEC representative to order your Lucky Charms!

Popcorn Sale
March 6, 11:30-1:00 in the lobby at UICOMP.
Offsite orders are welcome!

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 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.
Fresh Food Drive

The fruit and vegetable collection for the Loaves & Fishes food pantry in February was amazing. We collected this →

It was transformed into this ↓

265 guests attended the food pantry—everyone was very grateful, and appreciated the generosity of the UICOMP staff. 353 pounds of food was collected and donated!

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

The March 2019 Fresh Food Drive collection will be at UICOMP on Friday, March 22nd. Thank you, on behalf of CSEC (Civil Service Employee Council), UICOMP Healthy Kids U., and the Good Food Recovery Program.

WHO’S WHO in the CSEC

Meet Josie Martinez

Hello! My name is Josefina “Rosie Josie” Martinez. This is my second year at UICOMP. I am a CMA at the Peds Subspecialty at the Hillcrest Building. This is my first year on the council and I love everything it does and stands for. My husband, Eloy, and I have two girls (Jaquelyn and Johanna). I enjoy spending time with my family and friends doing backyard barbeques and fun Pinterest outdoor silly games.

This ‘N’ That

• 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!
• 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.
Kristin Lenover is a “Class Act!” Before one of PRC’s medical provider’s planned absence, Kristin altered her work schedule to help as many child sexual abuse victims as possible receive PRC’s child-friendly services. In doing so, she made sure patients’ needs were met through seamless care coordination, and she also helped her busy coworkers by taking on additional tasks outside of her typical job schedule/responsibilities!!

**Stephanie Johnson, Executive Director**
Pediatric Resource Center

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**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/](http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/)
Spring Forward!
Daylight Saving Time
Sunday, March 10

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

The deadline for submission of information for the April issue is March 28. Send your submissions to sdoerr@uic.edu.

May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks, may your heart be as light as a song, may each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all the year long.

Think Green!
Only Print When Necessary