



February 2020

**DEAN'S OFFICE
STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
April 13-17, 2020**

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| 4/13/20 | Staff Appreciation Kick-Off/Onsite, 10:30 AM, A100-1 |
| 4/14/20 | Staff Appreciation Kick-Off/Offsite, 10:00 AM, Branch-OSF |
| 4/14/20 | Civil Service Banquet, 5:30 PM |



**Happy Birthday, UICOMP!
Celebrating our 50th in 2020**

SHARE YOUR STORY...

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, we want to hear your story. Go online and share your UICOMP story...

- Your favorite class? Or faculty member?
- A special memory, experience or recollection?
- The story of a mentor or attending who influenced you?
- Ways UICOMP impacted your practice of medicine?

go.uic.edu/uicomp50

Share this link with others in the UICOMP family and invite them to share their story too!

LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES NEWS

If the hustle and bustle of your workday has you a bit frazzled, stop by the library and try one of the mini puzzles. We may not have the answers to all of life's questions, but we do have the answers to these puzzles. While you are here stop by the New Book Shelves or check out one of the other Wellness kits the library has to offer.



HUMAN RESOURCES

We welcome new employees....



Kelly Stecher, Account Tech II,
Medical Billing

Tammy Donath, Staff Nurse,
Pediatrics



Mailene Bennett, Office Manager,
Medical Billing

SHARING....GIVING



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/>

NOMINATIONS

The CSEC Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 14 (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 6.** 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: peoria.medicine.uic.edu/awardnominationform

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:

- **2019 Distinguished Award:** Tracey Vogelsang
- **2018 Distinguished Award:** Cathy Huntsman
- **2019 Dean's Awards:** Lynne Keeton, Carol Reames-Trotter, Kathy Slater
- **2018 Dean's Awards:** Loni Wenzel, Shari Wynn



February Birthdays



Sue Gaitros	Angela O'Bryant	Wendy Bucklin	Susan Grebner
Rhonda Warden	Marnie Koepfel	Jana Winkler	Josie Martinez
Dennis Driscoll	Pam Briggs	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.



*"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy,
they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."*

~ Marcel Proust

Civil Service Employee Council News

February 2020



Staff Appreciation Week April 13-17

CSEC Class of 2019-2020

Michelle De Sutter

Shannon Doerr

Mary Durdel

Diana Farrar

Kathy Hauk

Stephanie Hull

Josefina Martinez

Javelyn McGrane

Marti Sokolowski

Tina VanYzendoorn

Stacey Webb

Karen Wyman



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TO GET THE NAME OF YOUR CSEC REP, CONTACT

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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)**. This year is special as we also celebrate UICOMP's 50th anniversary. We all have an opportunity to share our appreciation for one another (in the SAW Program); nominate special employees for recognition!

The 2020 **Staff Appreciation Week** has been set for April 13-17. Please hold the date of Tuesday evening, April 14 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 2, 2020**, either via email at CSEC@uic.edu or dfarrar@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/>

Thank You!

A big CSEC THANK YOU to everyone who made the Chili Cook-Off a success by helping with set up, clean up, contributing crockpots of delicious chili or baked goods and those who came to share lunch with us. Special thanks go to Wendy Bucklin, Angela Davis, Michelle De Sutter, Shannon Doerr, Dennis Driscoll, Mary Durdel, Gary Edwards, Susan Grebner, Angela O'Bryant, Peggy Ono, Stephanie Sampson, Debby Tucker, Lois Whitby, Bonnie Willis, Deb Wolf, Karen Wyman, Adam Yerian and Jennifer Zapf. **THE WINNER OF THE CHILI COOK-OFF AND WINNER OF A JASON'S DELI \$25 GIFT CARD IS: STEPHANIE SAMPSON!!!**

February Book Club Meetings

You are invited to join fellow book lovers in one of two CSEC-sponsored book clubs.



- **Evening Chapter meeting** (dfarrar@uic.edu)
 - Tuesday, February 11, 5:30 p.m.
 - The Broken Tree, 700 W. Main Street
 - Discussing *The Dinner List* by Rebecca Serle
- **Afternoon Chapter meeting** (desutter@uic.edu)
 - Wednesday, March 4, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
 - UICOMP Room A109
 - Discussing *Sick in the Head: Conversations about Life and Comedy* by Judd Apatow

To sign up, please use the following link:

https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bNneLowwhTzirXv

Contact Michelle, desutter@uic.edu, with questions or book recommendations.



Bowling Commencing

The **CSEC-sponsored league** is bowling at Landmark Lanes, 3225 N. Dries Lane in Peoria at 5:30 from Feb. 5-Mar. 25. Cost is \$10/week or \$80 total, and that includes bowling ball and shoe rental. Just show up at the lanes with your team of 3+ friends for spirited fun and friendly team competition. All are welcome – family members, friends, students, residents, you name it! In March, we'll celebrate with a pizza party!

Questions? Contact Joe Newcomb, josephln@uic.edu.



This 'N' That



Lucky Charms are coming in March!

The Community Chest is a fund that supports civil service staff members facing a financial hardship. Email Stephanie shull@uic.edu to nominate yourself or a coworker.

“Class Act”: Recognize a coworker who has gone above and beyond to help you with a work project or has done something to make your day. Your note of appreciation will be published in this newsletter and they will receive a certificate. Send the details of why they are a “Class Act” to Stephanie shull@uic.edu.

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!



AND DID YOU KNOW... You can donate clothing and canned food any time to the Southside Mission by bringing them to the bin near the loading ramp of the building? The Mission has reached out to our city for 95 years, serving people in one of the poorest areas in America in loving ways that provide opportunity for positive change. Donations provide shelter for the homeless, food for the hungry, tutoring and camps for at-risk children. UICOMP has partnered with the Mission for over 15 years. Questions? Email Diana, dfarrar@uic.edu.

Items especially needed at this time: Socks, hats and gloves.

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/>



Think Green!
Only Print When
Necessary.

