In the Calendar

Mystery and Merlot. 1/22.
Beginning 5:30 p.m. Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center. See Update Calendar inside.

Take Note

Commencement 2004 is May 16 at Civic Center

SUNY Upstate Medical University’s Commencement 2004 will be held May 16 at 1 p.m. in the John H. Mulroy Civic Center.

Faculty are encouraged to attend. Invitations will be mailed to full-time faculty this month.

Faculty who do not receive an invitation, but who wish to attend should contact the Office of Student Affairs at 464-8816.

Faculty must wear academic attire to participate in the ceremony. To order attire, contact Student Affairs by March 1.

CMN Broadcast to air four times a year; First program to air Jan. 20

To celebrate its 20th anniversary in Central New York, the Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) Broadcast will change its format from a one-day broadcast to four, 30 minute programs scheduled throughout the year. The first program will air Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. on WIXT NewsChannel 9.

The national broadcast will continue to air on WIXT the first weekend in June featuring a telephone number for local call-in pledges.

“We have enjoyed success with past broadcasts,” said CMN Director Toni Gary. “However, we felt that the broadcast should better reflect CMN as a year-long campaign, rather than as a one-day event. “By presenting programming throughout the year, we hope to increase our viewing audience and to generate greater visibility for our effort, our sponsors and the CNY Children’s Hospital.”

According to Gary, the fundraising programs will maintain many of the qualities that have made past broadcasts successful.

“Spotlights on the unique pediatric services offered at University and Crouse hospitals and on our “Miracle Moment” children will continue to be featured during each program,” said Gary.

“The programs will also emphasize the importance of having a children’s hospital in Central New York.” University Hospital will open its CNY Children’s Hospital in 2007. Proceeds from the 2004 CMN campaign will benefit the children’s hospital and pediatric services at University and Crouse hospitals.

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Nominations sought for President’s Awards

Nominations for SUNY Upstate Medical University’s 2004 President’s Awards are being accepted through April 1. Honors may carry one or more of the following: a monetary award, plaque, medallion and/or certificate.

Nominations may be submitted for the following categories:

President’s Award for Advancement of Affirmative Action recognizes and rewards outstanding performance by faculty/staff in attaining affirmative action goals and promoting diversity at SUNY Upstate.

President’s Award for Excellence in Library Science recognizes, rewards and reinforces outstanding librarians and promotes excellence in their profession at SUNY Upstate.

President’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship recognizes, rewards and reinforces outstanding librarians and promotes excellence in their profession at SUNY Upstate.

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Wednesday, Jan. 14

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds.
Doug Colson, M.D. 7 to 8 p.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds.
“In Vivo Knee Therapy for Intervertebral Disk Degeneration.” Dr. Nikola Nenadovich. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgical Grand Rounds.
“Current Management and Treatment of Thyroid Cancer.” Kara Kort, M.D., Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds.
“Medical Error and Patient Safety in Emergency Medicine.” R.J. Fairbanks, M.D., Strong Memorial Hospital. 11 a.m. to noon. 318 Health Sciences Library.

Health Sciences Library Tour.
Noon. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7193 for more information.

NIH Wednesday Afternoon Lecture.
Noel G. Copeland, PhD and Nancy A. Jenkins, PhD, National Cancer Institute. 3 p.m. 318 Wsk. Hall. Call 464-5476 for more information.

Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds.
“N eurosurgery.” 4 p.m. 6500 University Hospital.

2004 Children’s Miracle Network Phonathon (Pediatrics Night). Dinner and training: 6 to 6:30 p.m. Calling: 6:30 p.m. C.A.B., third floor.

Thursday, Jan. 15

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Medical Grand Rounds.
Dana Savici, M.D., Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Urology Grand Rounds.
“Overactive Bladder: Current M edical & Surgical Management.” Daniel Katz, M.D., Vassar Brothers Hospital. 9 to 10 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Research Lecture.
“Everything You Wanted to Know About M onitoring and Maintaining Your Grants.” Research Post-Award. Lunch: 11:45 a.m. Lecture: Noon to 1:30 p.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds.
12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

Seminar.
“End of Life Care: Critical Issues.” Patricia Knox, R.N., Upstate Medical University. 6 to 8 p.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Friday, Jan. 16

Workshop.
“Getting the Red Out: Powerful Listening, Fearless Speaking.” 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. HealthLink.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds.
“Medical M alpractice.” James D. Lanter, J.D., Smith, Sovik, Kendrick & Sugnet, PC. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation.
8 a.m. to Noon. C.A.B., East Lounge.

SUNY Nursing Services Orientation.
1 to 3 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Film.

Saturday, Jan. 17


Film.
See 1/16 Calendar listing.

Sunday, Jan. 18

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Monday, Jan. 19

AA Open Meeting.
Noon. 4137 University Hospital. Call 463-5011 for more information.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

SUNY Nursing Services Orientation.
12:45 to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference.
4 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

Children’s Miracle Network Broadcast.
7 p.m. WIXT NewsChannel 9.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds.
Burke Chegar, M.D. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds.
“What’s New in Pediatric Orthopedics.” Dr. Danielle Katz. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgical Grand Rounds.
“Lung Cancer Screening: The Central New York Experience.” Leslie Kohman, M.D., Upstate Medical University.

Film.
See 1/16 Calendar listing.

Workshop.
“The FISH Philosophy: Catch the Energy and Release the Potential.” 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Pediatric Grand Rounds.
“Genetics of Arrythmia and Pediatric O nset.” Ramon Brugada, M.D., M asonic Medical Research Laboratory. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Health Sciences Library Tour.
See 1/14 Calendar listing.

Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds.
Neurology. Smita Kittur, M.D., Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Film.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Workshop.
“Getting the Red Out.” See 1/16 Calendar listing.

Medical Grand Rounds.
“Expanding Our Lost Horizons: A Shared Educational Experience Between SUNY-UMU and KUM S.” David Lehmann, PharmD, M.D., Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Urology Grand Rounds.
“Update on Erectile Dysfunction.” Jed Kaminetsky, M.D., New York University. 9 to 10 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds.
12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.
Mystery and Merlot. Beginning 5:30 p.m. Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center.

Saturday, Jan. 24
2004 Children's Miracle Network Phonathon. Training: 10 a.m. Calling will end at 1 p.m. Lunch will be provided. C.A.B., third floor.

SUNY Upstate 18th Annual Winter Semi Formal. 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Oncenter. Call C.A.B. At 464-8829.

Monday, Jan. 26
AA Open Meeting. See 1/19 Calendar listing.

Tuesday, Jan. 27
Faculty Development Seminar. “Professionalism at Upstate: How to Assess It and How to Improve It.” Gregory L. Eastwood, M.D., Upstate Medical University. Noon. 3111 Weiskotten Hall.

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

Free Nursing Forum. “Kidney/Pancreas Transplantation.” Ann Roman, RN, Ellen Havene, BSN, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 8 p.m. HealthLink.

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Upstate Pathway to Wellness Health Fair. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. Jonathan Baskin, M.D. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. “Knee Dislocations.” Dr. Robyn Ratcliff. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgical Grand Rounds. “Amputations: An Historical Perspective.” Frank S. Smalc, M.D., Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. “GERD and the Lung.” Robert Kasolovsky, M.D., Albany Medical College. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.


Health Sciences Library Tour. See 1/14 Calendar listing.

NIH Wednesday Afternoon Lecture. Lena Pletonen, M.D., Ph.D., National Public Health Institute of Finland. 3 p.m. 318 Wsk. Hall. Call 464-5476 for more information.

Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds. Nurology. Tarakad Ramachandran, M.D., Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. 6500 University Hospital.


Thursday, Jan. 29

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Friday, Jan. 30
Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. “Prevention and Repair of Abdominal Hernias.” William Marx, M.D., Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center, Sulzle Auditorium.

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 8 a.m. to Noon. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Workshop. “MEDLINE on the Web.” 11 a.m. to noon. Health Sciences Library, meet at Reference Desk.

SUNY Nursing Services Orientation. 1 to 3 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.
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President’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service recognizes, rewards and reinforces outstanding contributions made by professional associates of SUNY Upstate. This award may be a precursor to the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

President’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service recognizes, rewards and reinforces outstanding contributions made by faculty of SUNY Upstate. This award may be a precursor to the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

President’s Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research recognizes, rewards and reinforces outstanding investigators and promotes excellence in research at SUNY Upstate. This award may be a precursor to the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

President’s Award for Excellence in Basic Research by a Young Investigator recognizes, rewards and reinforces young investigators who have had exceptional success in initiating their research careers. This award may be a precursor to the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

President’s Award for Excellence in Clinical Research by a Young Investigator recognizes, rewards and reinforces young medically prepared investigators who have had exceptional success in initiating their research careers while meeting their responsibilities as clinicians. This award may be a precursor to the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

President’s Awards for Excellence in Teaching recognizes outstanding teachers and rewards them for their excellence in teaching at Upstate Medical University. This award may be a precursor to the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

President’s Awards for Outstanding Voluntary Faculty identifies, recognizes, rewards and reaffirms our commitment to our outstanding voluntary faculty and promotes their continued involvement at SUNY Upstate. Clinical/voluntary faculty are eligible to receive this recognition. Selection criteria for this award are based on recommendation by the appropriate department chair, approval by the dean of the college and service to Upstate Medical University.

Nomination forms are available from the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs (464-4520). Submit completed nominations to President’s Awards, c/o Office of the Vice Provost, 3120 Weiskotten Hall.

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Crouse hospitals.

The programs will also feature appearances by WIXT personalities and by CMN sponsors.

“Our CMN campaign is successful because of our sponsors. A focus of each program will be to recognize their efforts in ensuring that our children are offered excellent medical care,” said Gary.

First of four Children’s Miracle Network broadcasts to air Jan 20

The CNY Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) and WIXT NewsChannel 9 will telecast the first in a series of four 30 minute fundraising programs Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on WIXT-NewsChannel 9. The programs replace the local production of the CMN Children’s Miracle Network Broadcast, telecast on WIXT the first weekend in June. The national portion of the CMN broadcast will continue to air in June, featuring a telephone number for local call-in pledges.

The Jan. 20 program will offer Central New Yorkers an overview of how pediatric medical care is provided at University and Crouse hospitals. The importance of building a children’s hospital in Central New York will be a focus of all four programs. University Hospital will open its CNY Children’s Hospital in 2007.

Featuring a telephone number for call-in pledges, the Jan. 20 broadcast will be hosted by WIXT personalities. It will recognize CMN sponsors and feature interviews with pediatric patients and their families and with the pediatricians, nurses and other health care professionals at University Hospital.

The Children’s Miracle Network is part of a national effort to raise funds to benefit hospitalized children worldwide. It is presented locally by Upstate Medical University Foundation and WIXT. This year, the CMN celebrates its 20th anniversary in Central New York.

All money raised locally through the broadcast and other Children’s Miracle Network fundraising events remains in Central New York to benefit pediatric services at University and Crouse hospitals and the CNY Children’s Hospital.

For more information about the Children’s Miracle Network or the Broadcast, call the Toni Gary at 464-4264.
More than $30 million worth of construction projects will begin in 2004 at SUNY Upstate. Below are summaries of each project.

Parking Garage
$18.5 million
Timetable: First quarter 2004 to first quarter 2005
To be built on C-Lot (located between Elizabeth Blackwell and Sarah Loguen streets), the new parking garage will stand five stories and accommodate 1,250 cars, which is roughly four times the amount of spaces currently available in C Lot.
C-Lot closed as of Jan. 10. All patients and visitors are directed to park in the existing E. Adams Street parking garage. To make room in the garage for the increase in patients and visitors, parking for about 300 employees has been redirected to new parking lots nearby.

University Hospital lobby and main entrance
$3.9 million
Timetable: Second quarter 2004 to third quarter 2005
The new lobby will be two stories with open airy environment to accommodate more seating. Revolving doors and an expanded entrance overhang will also be featured. The highlight of the lobby will be the glass enclosed footbridge over E. Adams Street to take patients and from the hospital lobby to the parking garage. Patients will enter on the second floor and ascend staircase (elevator) to lobby and patient information.
The lobby and main entrance are projected to close in late summer for approximately eight to 12 months. During this time, patients, visitors and employees will enter through the outpatient entrance, located to the right of the main entrance near the Gamma Knife facility.
Admitting, patient information and the gift shop will all be relocated to serve the public entering through the outpatient entrance. A temporary awning/overhang will be erected to protect people from the weather.

Pharmacy, Sterile Processing Service
$6.9 million
Timetable: First quarter 2004 to second quarter 2005
The pharmacy will be updated to meet the current standards of care. The new facility will improve all areas of pharmacy operations from drug storage to drug preparation, as well as create more efficient use of space. In addition new heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems will be installed.
The new pharmacy will be located in between the north wing and the east wing of University Hospital in the notch on the third floor. It will be built above the hospital's rehab center and extend over the handicapped parking area off Adams Street.
This project represents the first major renovation of the pharmacy since the hospital opened in 1965.
The Sterile Processing Service renovation project, which calls for the redesign of the current facility, will centralize and modernize the hospital’s decontamination and sterilization functions and provide adequate and efficiently designed space for decontamination, assembly and sterilization of sterile goods and equipment. The renovation of the current sterile process service is also expected to improve efficiency and lower costs.
Highlights of the project include the purchase of an additional washer disinfector and an increase in the amount of sterile storage space. It will also relocate the large capacity sterilizers, now located in the hospital's basement to the central sterilization unit.

Academic Building
$6 million
Timetable: Third quarter 2004 to first quarter 2006
This four-story building will be dedicated to SUNY Upstate's academic mission and feature 24,000 square feet of space for classrooms, conference areas, and administrative space for the Office Student Affairs. The building will be located north of Weiskotten Hall along Irving Avenue.
Join Ted and Amy of 93Q for an evening of wine and cheese sampling, dinner, mystery and live and silent auctions featuring more than 100 wonderful items for bid, including a Florida vacation and a basketball signed by the 2003 Men’s NCAA National Champions.

When? Thursday, January 22
Wine & Cheese Sampling: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm
Live and Silent Auctions: 5:30 to 7:15 pm

Where? Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center
801 University Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13210
(Free parking is available in the hotel garage.)

Tickets: $40

Featuring: Ted Long and Amy Robbins of 93Q

For reservations or more information, call 464-5610
Call for entries, nominations and proposals

- SUNY Upstate's Center for Bioethics and Humanities is accepting entries through March 12 for the 18th Bruce Dearing Writing Awards competition, open to matriculated students and faculty/employees of SUNY Upstate. Entries may be fiction, prose or poetry. There is a 10 page (double-spaced, typed) limit per entry, and one entry per writer. Sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Humanities. Awards are presented April 19. For more information, visit www.upstate.edu/cbh or call 464-8463.

- Nominations are being accepted for the W. Scott Carter Award, presented each year to a SUNY Upstate pediatric hematology/oncology nurse who demonstrates compassion, dedication, knowledge and commitment to pediatric hematology and oncology nursing. Deadline to nominate is March 4. Winner will receive recognition at the Little Gifts for Life Auction and Celebration March 26 at the Oncenter. For a nomination form or for more information, contact Sharon Bauer at 464-3666 or e-mail Bauers@upstate.edu.

- The Allocations Committee of the Central New York Children's Miracle Network (CMN) is accepting applications for funding from the 2003 Campaign year for projects that enhance health and medical care for children at University and/or Crouse Hospitals. Funding for new and innovative programs will be given a priority. All applications must be completed and signed by the chairs of the appropriate academic departments. Deadline for research proposals to the CMN office is Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. Deadline for general proposals to the CMN office is Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. Funds will be distributed in March. For general application and other allocation information, contact Toni Gary at 464-4264 or e-mail garyt@upstate.edu; application submission support/information, contact Doreen D'Icco at 464-4284 or e-mail dimiccod@upstate.edu; Research Application information, contact: Barb Humphrey at 464-4322.

- SUNY Upstate's “On My Own Time” art show will be held in the Health Sciences Library Monday, April 5, through Friday, April 30. “On My Own Time” is a community arts program that makes visible the creative and artistic skills of persons employed in local business and industry. All SUNY Upstate employees, students, volunteers and retirees are welcome to participate. Registration forms are available from Brenda Bolliver, show coordinator, at 464-6548 or e-mail BOLLIVEB@upstate.edu. Registration deadline is Friday, March 26.

Volunteers needed for phonathon

Each year the Medical Alumni Association conducts an annual phonathon to help raise funds for medical student scholarships. According to Medical Alumni Director Carole Novick, recent tuition increases for medical students have made scholarship dollars even more important. Students, faculty, and staff are all invited to help with this fund drive. Volunteers are needed to make calls to in February and March. Contact Lori Murphy in the Medical Alumni Office at 464-4361 for more information and to volunteer.

Pediatric gastroenterology and surgery offices support CNY Children’s hospital

Marilyn Mathers (right) and Nikki Amidon (left) present a check to Michael Ratner, MD, on behalf of the Upstate Medical University Foundation at Syracuse.

Staff members at SUNY Upstate’s pediatric gastroenterology and surgery offices pooled their resources to purchase a wagon, fill it with toys and raffle it to benefit the CNY Children’s Hospital. The raffle resulted in $1,400 raised in just two weeks. Congratulations to the following prize winners: Ed Sabbagh, visitor (wagon filled with toys); Palma Sheer, Hospital Purchasing (Koda Bear and four tickets to Disney on Ice).
Conferences, workshops, events for January, February

Jan. 15 and Feb. 12, 6 to 8 p.m. 1328B University Hospital; Feb. 10, 1 to 3 p.m., 9299 Weiskotten Hall

“End-of-Life Care: Critical Issues.” Patricia Knox, RN, Palliative Care Services, University Hospital. Addresses aspects of end-of-life care and the myriad of needs facing individuals at this time of life. Call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu for more information or to register.

Jan. 15, Noon to 1:30 p.m., 2231 Weiskotten Hall.

“Everything You Wanted to Know About Monitoring and Maintaining Your Grants.” Sponsored by Clinical Trials Office. Call 464-5476 for more information and to R.S.V.P. Lunch served at 11:45 a.m.

Jan. 16, 22 and 29, Feb. 5 and 12, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. HealthLink; Feb. 4 and 11, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., HealthLink.

“Getting the Red Out: Powerful Listening, Fearless Speaking.” Tips on how to stay focused on whose turn it is to speak. Call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu for more information or to register.

Jan. 21, Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. C.A.B.; East Lounge

“The FISH Philosophy: Catch the Energy and Release the Potential.” Train the-trainer program for supervisors, managers, directors and administrators; offers tips on creative breakthroughs that make work more fun and profitable. Call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu for more information or to register.

Jan. 27, Noon, 3111 Weiskotten Hall

SUNY Upstate Faculty Development Seminar: “Professionalism at Upstate: How to Assess It and How to Improve It.” Gregory L. Eastwood, M.D., president, SUNY Upstate. Sponsored by SUNY Upstate’s Educational Policies Committee’s (EPC) Faculty Development Subcommittee. R.S.V.P. Via e-mail to smithm@upstate.edu.

Jan. 27, 6 to 8 p.m., HealthLink


Jan. 28, Noon to 1 p.m. 406 Crouse Physician’s Office Building.

Jan. 28, Noon to 1 p.m. Crouse Hospital, Physician’s Office Bldg., Suite 406

“Residents’ Schedules: Exploitative Folly or Essential for Training?” James Holsapple, M.D., Neurosurgery, Upstate Medical University. Sponsored by Center for Bioethics and Humanities. R.S.V.P. to Jan Chamberlin at 464-8464 or e-mail chamberj@upstate.edu.

Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall

“Upstate Stars Recognition Techniques.” Covers techniques to energize and motivate, reviews benefits of recognition and SUNY Upstate’s survey result on recognition. For more information or to register, call 464-5476 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu.

Feb. 3, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., C.A.B., East Lounge.

Payroll Services training program for department managers and administrators, “All About Payroll and Employee Time and Attendance.” Describes time-reporting regulations; provides overview of SUNY Upstate’s Payroll services and information regarding pay periods and deadlines, how and when employees are paid, accruals, among others. Deadline to register is Jan. 30. To register, e-mail to address “STATEPR” or call 464-4840 for more information.

Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2 to 4 p.m. 6408 University Hospital

“Getting Started with Medical Terminology Part I.” Learn the four basic components of medical terms, basic anatomy and physiology of selected body systems, how to use these components to construct a medical term and ways of changing the meaning of one medical term to construct a new term. Intended for anyone required to read, write and understand basic medical terminology. Call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu for more information or to register.

Feb. 8, 3 p.m., Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Avenue

“Defending Unpopular Causes: Why It’s Lawyers Who Protect You From the Knock on the Door at Midnight” by Syracuse criminal litigation attorney Ed Menken. Menken shares his observations on growing prosecutorial powers and the personal challenges the defender meets with the advent of the Patriot Act and a public which sees the solution to crime as punishment. Tickets: $10 per person. The presentation is part of the University Neighbors Lecture series. For more information, call 478-8634.
Feb. 10, Noon to 1:30 p.m., 2231 Weiskotten Hall.
“Overview of Clinical Trial Agreements.” Christopher Hanifin, Research Foundation of SUNY Albany. Sponsored by Clinical Trials Office. Call 464-5476 for more information and to R.S.V.P. Lunch served at 11:45 a.m.

Feb. 10, Social: Noon, Luncheon and Program: 12:30 p.m. Craftsman Inn
Advocates for SUNY Upstate Medical University Membership Luncheon. Steve Allen, Jr., M.D., Upstate Medical University. Cost: $17 per person. Call 464-5610 for ticket information.

Feb. 10, 6 to 8 p.m., HealthLink

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1 to 4 p.m. Institute for Human Performance, Computer D.
“Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN).” Training includes an overview of the ABN policy, customer service tips relating to the ABN signature process, how to use the encoder software program, ABN process within CAIS. To register, call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu.

Feb. 13, 8 a.m. to noon, 3113 Weiskotten Hall; Feb. 25, 8 a.m. to noon, UHCC, fourth floor Community Room.
“LEAD (Leadership Education and Development): Commit to Extraordinary.” Offers competencies, resources and mentoring to enhance leadership qualities in all employees. Workshop is a prerequisite to beginning the LEAD initiative. To register, call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu.

Feb. 18, Noon, Weiskotten Hall Auditorium
Elizabeth Blackwell Day.
The 19th annual celebration, planned by Upstate students, features a lecture in Weiskotten Auditorium at noon, followed by a reception at 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Guest speaker is Dr. Mindy Fullilove, author of “The House of Joshua.”

Feb. 18, 9 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge
“How SUNY Upstate’s CSEA and PEF Employees’ Paychecks are Calculated.” A detailed level course for department managers and/or administrators. Offers description of methods used to calculate types of payments made to state employees that are specific to positions in nursing areas. Feb. 13 is deadline to register. Call 464-4840 or e-mail STATEPR.

Feb. 21, Song Mountain
Song Mountain Ski Trip. Tickets are $20 per person for SUNY Upstate students and C.A.B. members and $30 per person at general rate. Price includes round-trip motorcoach transportation and either lift ticket, lesson and rental equipment for beginner skiers or lift ticket for the experienced skier. Call 464-8829 for more information. Registration required.

Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Institute for Human Performance, Classroom D.
“Tracker Training Class.” Acquire a working knowledge of the Tracker educational Oracle database. Intended for tracker users. To register, call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu.

Feb. 24, 6 to 8 p.m., HealthLink

More than 70 faculty members attended SUNY Upstate’s Teaching Day for Teachers, held Oct. 28 at the Institute for Human Performance. Keynote speaker was Molly Cooke, MD, of the University of California at San Francisco. The event was sponsored by SUNY Upstate’s Educational Policies Committee’s Faculty Development Subcommittee.
Celebration of Spiritual Diversity

The Orthodox Church is a fellowship of independent churches each governed by a senior bishop, called Patriarch or Metropolitan, and linked to each other by a common faith, similar principles and a common liturgical tradition. The Orthodox Church recognizes the authority of the seven ecumenical councils at which East and West were represented together—the Councils of Nicea I (325), Constantinople I (381), Ephesus (431), Chalcedon (451), Constantinople II (553), Constantinople III (680), and Nicea II (787).

The Ecumenical Councils defined the basic Christian doctrines on the Trinity, on the unique Person and the two natures of Christ, expressing fully the authenticity and fullness of his divinity and his humanity. These doctrines are expressed in all Orthodox statements of faith and in liturgical hymns. The Virgin Mary is venerated as Mother of God and her intercession invoked because she was closer to the Savior than anyone else and is, therefore, the representative of fallen humanity and the most prominent and holiest member of the church.

A primacy of honor belongs to the Patriarch of Constantinople (modern Istanbul). He does not possess administrative powers beyond his own Patriarchate; however, the other churches recognize his role in convening pan-Orthodox consultations and councils.

The Orthodox Church follows the Julian calendar, used by the Roman empire at the time of Christ and at the time of the First Nicon Council to schedule feasts and fasts. In the fourteenth century, Pope Gregory XIII introduced a revised calendar, known as the Gregorian calendar. A discrepancy of several days was created with the Julian calendar—a discrepancy that would constantly increase over the centuries, and which to this date has accumulated to 13 days. Because the Orthodox Church would not accept this revised calendar due to a number of reasons, it retained the Julian calendar. Thus, all of the fixed feasts would be 13 days later that the western observances. Hence, eastern Christmas is 13 days after the western Christmas, Jan. 7 by the Gregorian calendar.


Upstate Pathway To Wellness

Information on cardiovascular disease, cancer prevention, good nutrition, emotional health, worker safety and health maintenance will be offered at the “Upstate Pathway to Wellness Health Fair: “Are You On The Right Path” Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in 1328B University Hospital (near the parking office.)

The fair will feature healthy food; prizes and free give-aways; massage demonstrations; raffles for gifts including a C.A.B membership and gift certificates to Crossroads, Oasis Express, the University Hospital Gift shop, Wellness Kneads and the C.A.B. Bookstore. Free cholesterol, triglycerides and glucose screenings will be offered. These screenings require a minimum of 10 to 12 hour fasting before the screening. An additional time for testing will also be offered the following day. For those who wish, the values can be used to assess cardiac risk using a computer based program that takes into account all risk factors.

Participating departments include Cardiology, Oncology, Breast Care Center, Medical Associates, Joslin Diabetes Center, Clinical Pathology, Food and Nutritional Services, Employee Assistance Program, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Poison Control, Respiratory Care, Spiritual Care/Volunteer Initiatives and Wellness Kneads.

The fair is sponsored by SUNY Upstate’s Employee/Student Health. For more information, call 464-4260.
IN THE NEWS

The SUNY Upstate Office of Public and Media Relations arranges interviews among Upstate staff and members of the local and national media. Here are a few examples:

Denise Woodall-Ruff, MD, and nutritionist Mary Ann Russo, Pediatrics, were quoted in Post-Standard articles about University Hospital’s new Healthy Lifestyle Program.

Syracuse pediatrician Frederick Roberts’ new book, “Children Courageous and Their Families” was featured in the Post-Standard’s Stars Magazine. Roberts is donating the proceeds from the sale of his book to the Central New York Children’s Hospital campaign.

The annual holiday visit by area firefighters to deliver gifts to Clark Burn Center patients was covered by WSTM and WTVH.

SUNY Upstate’s Gala was covered by the Post-Standard, WTVH, WIXT and WSYR radio and featured interviews with SUNY Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, and Sue Navagh, head of the University Hospital Parents Advisory Council.

Andrew Bragdon, MD, Neurology, and his work with VNS therapy in the treatment of patients with epilepsy was spotlighted on a WIXT-TV9’s Healthcast.

Frederick Rose, MD, Medicine, was interviewed by the Post-Standard, WSTM and WIXT about the flu.

Jannie Woo, PhD, professor of pathology, presented “The Web-based Approach to Teaching Hematopathology and Diagnostic Cytology Using a Virtual Microscope” as invited keynote speaker at the First Asian-Pacific Conference in Medical Education in Singapore Dec. 1 through 4. Dr. Woo also attended a seminar on integrating technology into medical education at the University of Philippines, Manila Dec. 8 and 9 where she made presentations and conducted workshops on database driven web site as a teaching/learning resource in medical education and developing web-based teaching tools in hematopathology and diagnostic cytology using a virtual microscope.

Nine papers were presented by SUNY Upstate individuals at the national clinical meeting of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists in New Orleans in December. The meeting was attended by more than 20,000 pharmacy practitioners in the institution and academic settings. Presenting papers were SUNY Upstate’s Donald Blair, MD, Travis Boevin, PharmD, William Darko, PharmD, Roy Guharoy, PharmD, Sarah Krasniak, David Lehmann, PharmD, MD, Barbara Lyness, Joseph Medicis, PharmD, Luke Probst, PharmD, Frederick Rose, MD, Adrienne Smith, PharmD, Amy Wagner, James Zahra.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Carlene Maxey, President’s Office, is the recipient of the African American, Latino and Hispanic Honors in Academic Achievement and Professional Growth scholarship from SUNY Empire State College. The scholarship carries a $1,000 award which Maxey will use towards her final semester of studies.

Carole Novick has been elected to serve a one-year term as the vice chair of alumni and development for the GIA Section (Group on Institutional Advancement) for the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC). The election was held Nov. 1 at the National Meeting of the AAMC in Washington, D.C. Novick, executive director of SUNY Upstate’s Syracuse Medical Alumni Association, is responsible for the annual awards program of the section for 2004. The program typically attracts 130 entries. SUNY Upstate will host the judging of the awards.

FACULTY ROUNDS

James Callahan, MD, Emergency Medicine, was interviewed about the increase in flu cases by WIXT.

Patricia Mondore, Pediatrics, and her husband, Bob, were profiled in a Post-Standard article about their efforts through their company to produce inspirational songs and videos as well as a historical video of the Thousand Island region’s Singer Castle.
Sixty-eight blankets for Refugee Resettlement Program

SUNY Upstate’s Cooperative Campus Ministries committee thanks everyone who supported the blanket drive for the Refugee Resettlement Program of the Interreligious Council of Central New York. Sixty-eight blankets were collected, including several gently-used blankets donated by the Environmental Services staff.

6B staff make special contribution to Children’s Hospital

University Hospital’s 6B staff raised $1,242 last month to benefit the CNY Children’s Hospital. The fundraisers were coordinated by 6B Community Giving Campaign representative Carmella Viserto and Nancy Markowski with support from Elaine Lawrence and Margaret Lee. The money was raised through the raffle of donations such as gift certificates from area businesses, including The Brewster Inn, Price Chopper, P & C, Wegmans, and McDonalds Restaurant. Other raffle items included a large box filled with toys (courtesy of the 6B staff) and a 37 pound turkey donated by Nancy Markowski.

Save the Dates:
• Saturday, April 3 is the 20th Annual American Heart Walk/Run at Long Branch Park in Liverpool, featuring a 3-mile walk, 5-mile run and a 1/4 mile Kids’ Fun Run. To become a team contact, contact Becky Cerio, cerior@upstate.edu or 464-4845 or Zanette Howe, howez@upstate.edu or 464-4263.
• The Fourth Annual Career Expo is Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Institute for Human Performance, M ain Lobby.

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