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SUNY Upstate Medical University to award 322 degrees at Commencement

SUNY Upstate Medical University President David R. Smith, MD, will award 322 degrees to graduates of SUNY Upstate's Colleges of Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine, and Nursing at Commencement May 18 at 1 p.m. in the Crouse Hinds Theatre of the John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 421 Montgomery St., Syracuse. A reception in the Institute for Human Performance will immediately follow the ceremony.

David Satcher, MD, PhD, and Jules R. Setnor, MD, will receive Doctor of Science Degrees from the State University of New York (SUNY) during Commencement.

The College of Medicine will confer 141 degrees; the College of Health Professions will award 99 degrees,

including 67 bachelor of science degrees, seven master's of science degrees; and 23 doctoral degrees in physical therapy, and two bachelor of professional studies degrees.

The College of Graduate Studies will award 31 degrees, including 10 master's degrees, 18 doctoral degrees and three MD/PhD degrees; and the College of Nursing will award 51 degrees, including 27 bachelor degrees and 24 master's degrees.

Commencement weekend includes awards ceremonies and social events for SUNY Upstate graduates, their family members and friends and for SUNY Upstate faculty and staff.

Awards ceremonies are scheduled May 17. The College of Health Professions

ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. in the Carrier Theatre of the John Mulroy Civic Center; the College of Nursing ceremony will be held 12:30 p.m. in the Medical Alumni Auditorium of Weiskotten Hall; and the ceremony for the colleges of Medicine and Graduate Studies will be held in the Carrier Theatre of the John H. Mulroy Civic Center at 3 p.m.

A picnic will be held May 16, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Campus Activities Building. A Parents' and Family Reception will be held May 17, from 8:30 p.m. until midnight at the Convention Center at the Renaissance Syracuse Hotel, 701 E. Genesee St., Syracuse. A brunch will be held May 18, at 10 a.m. in the lobby of the Institute for

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Chancellor honors Benjamin Bert and Nicole Flaherty for student excellence

SUNY Upstate Medical University students Benjamin Bert and Nicole Flaherty have been honored as winners of the 2008 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. Bert and Flaherty are among 275 college students from SUNY campuses to receive the award, presented annually to students who earn a grade point average of 3.78 or higher and who make significant contributions to their campus or local community. The award consists of a framed certificate and a medallion that is traditionally worn at commencement.

"This year's recipients of the

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SUNY Upstate Medical University President David R. Smith, MD, center, with Benjamin Bert and Nicole Flaherty.

For SUNY Upstate Medical University news, visit <http://www.upstate.edu/news>. For health information, physician referral and SUNY Upstate services, call **Health Connections at 464-8668**.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

The Weiskotten Garden Society is sponsoring a design contest for the three planter boxes adjacent to the front door of Weiskotten Hall. The deadline for submissions is May 2. For more information about joining the the society or about the contest, visit <http://www.upstate.edu/excellence/news.php> or call 464-7929.

In recognition of National Nurses Week, May 6 to 12, SUNY Upstate and University Hospital invite its registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to enjoy food and beverages and to participate in free prize drawings May 7, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the small cafeteria at University Hospital and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at UHCC. Each nurse will receive a free gift. Scrub jackets will be available for sale.

"Sickle Cell Disease: Perspectives on Enhancing the Patient's Quality of Life" is the topic of Nursing Grand Rounds May 9, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in 6500 University Hospital. Topics include recognizing stressors patients deal with and how these stressors impact quality-of-life outcomes and involving the patient in identifying and adopting effective coping strategies. Everyone is welcome. Registration is not required.

SUNY Upstate President David R. Smith, MD, will be honored at the 2008 Carol Baldwin Cancer Research Gala, "A Night To Remember," May 10, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino, 5218 Patrick Rd., Verona. The event, with proceeds to benefit SUNY Upstate's breast cancer research program, includes dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions and entertainment by the Billionaires. Tickets are \$175 per person. To purchase a ticket or for more information, call 464-6276 or e-mail sellj@upstate.edu.

May 11 to 17 is National Hospital Week, a time to celebrate University Hospital and

medical staffs for their commitment to excellence. Look for Hospital Week activities in SUNY Upstate's electronic newsletter, *Upstate Announcements*.

The SUNY Upstate community is invited to a retirement reception for Mary Ann Merklein, director of Medical Staff Services, May 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Cafe 750. Merklein retires after serving SUNY Upstate for 20 years.

Free vascular disease screenings for people over 60 will be held May 13, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall in DeWitt. Vascular disease can cause stroke, aneurysm rupture and poor circulation. People with diabetes are especially at risk.

The SUNY Upstate community is invited to a retirement reception for Rudolf (Ruedi) Lienhard May 14, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Setnor Academic Building. Lienhard joined SUNY Upstate in 1970 and has served as director of Administrative Information Systems in the Department of Information, Technology and Management (IMT), since 1994.

Julie R. White, PhD, dean of Student Affairs, invites the SUNY Upstate community to a reception to celebrate the new offices of Multicultural Affairs and Community Outreach and Global Health Education May 14, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Setnor Academic Building. The Office of Multicultural Affairs, staffed by Margaret Tandoh, MD, assistant dean and Nakeia Chambers, MEd, director, assists students in their educational and personal transition and development at SUNY Upstate, coordinates diversity and cultural sensitivity training. The Office of Community Outreach and Global Health Education, staffed by Assistant Dean Susan Stearns, PhD, organizes and facilitates volunteer and educational

opportunities with local agencies, schools and clinics as well as in under-developed countries and introduces students to cultural, social and political factors as well as ethical concerns that accompany delivering effective and sustainable health care initiatives in third world countries.

Annual meetings of the Faculty Organization and the Medical College Assembly will be held May 14 in the Medical Alumni Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall. The Faculty Organization will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. followed by the meeting of the Medical College Assembly, from 5 to 6 p.m. The SUNY Upstate community is welcome to attend both meetings.

The Upstate Medical University Foundation is selling raffle tickets to benefit pediatric services at University Hospital. First prize is a 2008 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 Custom motorcycle. The second prize is two airline tickets to anywhere in the contiguous United States. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and are available in the pediatric office, fifth floor of University Hospital, the Foundation Office, 326 C.A.B., or at any CNY Kawasaki dealer.

Race for the Cure, to be held May 17 at the New York State Fairgrounds, includes a Survivor Recognition and Pink Parade at 8:30 a.m., Kids for the Cure and 1-mile Family Walk at 9:15 a.m., 5K Competitive Run at 10:15 a.m. followed by the 5K Fun Run/Walk. To register as part of SUNY Upstate's team, visit www.komenyny.org, select: Click Here to Register; Join an "Existing Team;" Team List Page; and Upstate Medical University. For information, e-mail sellj@upstate.edu or call 464-6276.

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SUNY Upstate researchers awarded \$20,000 from Connelly Endowment

A team of SUNY Upstate Medical University researchers has been awarded the first grant from the Michael E. Connolly Lung Cancer Research Endowment. The \$20,000 award will fund a study to examine whether early stage lung cancer patients may benefit from additional drug treatments.

The endowment, created in 2006, memorializes Michael Connolly, a non-smoker who died of lung cancer in 2002 at age 39 after a 22-month battle with lung cancer. Michael Connolly's widow, Penny and son, Ryan, established the endowment at SUNY Upstate to fund research that would lead to new treatments and improve survival rates for others diagnosed with lung cancer.

"Ryan and I are thrilled and honored to award the first grant from the Michael E. Connolly Lung Cancer Research Endowment," said Penny Connolly. "Thanks to the generous support of all those who have contributed to the fund, we are able to move forward on providing new hope for lung cancer patients."

Michael Connolly's physician, Leslie Kohman, M.D., professor of surgery at SUNY Upstate and director of the Thoracic Oncology Program at University Hospital, called the grant award a "major milestone in lung cancer research at SUNY Upstate."

"The research funded by the

Connelly Endowment holds the promise of providing great benefit to our lung cancer patients," Kohman said.

In the study funded by the Connolly Endowment, Drs. Ajeet Gajra, Chirag Shah and Sanjay Mukhopadhyay will review tumor biopsies of early stage lung cancer patients in hopes of finding prognostic markers that may react well to drug therapies similar to those used in patients with advanced lung cancer to inhibit metastatic cancer.

Research funding at SUNY Upstate earmarked for cancer currently exceeds \$11 million, but much of it supports research into cancers other than lung, which is why the Connolly endowment is so vital to the research enterprise, Kohman said.

"Lung cancer kills more people than any other cancer, yet it gets less funding than other types of cancer research," she said.

Michael Connolly's long battle with lung cancer was nearly won thanks in part to ongoing research into novel treatments. Michael Connolly responded to a powerful drug he was receiving as part of a clinical trial. But as in nearly all cases of advanced lung cancer, the disease prevailed. He died Aug. 24, 2002.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths for both men and women. An estimated 173,770 new cases of lung cancer and an estimated



Photograph by William Mueller

Leslie Kohman, MD, (left), and Penny Connolly display the first donation from the Michael E. Connolly Lung Cancer Research Endowment.

160,440 deaths from lung cancer will occur in the United States this year.

The Connolly Endowment, totaling more than \$500,000 has received contributions from more than 225 donors, including individuals and corporations, from all across Central New York and the Southern Tier. It is expected to award grants for lung cancer research annually.

For more information on the Michael E. Connolly Endowment for Lung Cancer Research, call the Upstate Medical University Foundation at 315-464-4416.

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Motorcyclists are invited to participate in the 14th Annual Miracle Ride to benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital May 18, at 11:30 a.m., beginning at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant, 7384 Thompson Road in North Syracuse. Riders will enjoy a new route this year that takes them from the restaurant through Onondaga and Madison counties. Registration is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To register or for more information call 464-KIDS.

The SUNY Upstate community is invited to a celebration of SUNY Upstate faculty June 17, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Institute for Human Performance. The celebration will welcome new faculty, recognize faculty members who have been promoted, and honor faculty members who demonstrate a true passion for their work.

Oil paintings by Laura Roth will be displayed throughout May in SUNY Upstate's Art Gallery, located in the Health Sciences Library in Weiskotten Hall. SUNY Upstate individuals who are interested in displaying artwork should contact Lori Lucarelli at lucarell@upstate.edu or 464-2750.



Photograph by Susan Keeter

Giving so that others may live Marrow donor drives set for May 8 and 16

Medical student Tesha English was the first person to become a registered marrow donor at SUNY Upstate's marrow donor drive, held at Weiskotten Hall April 15. English collects tissue samples by swabbing her mouth with a cotton swab, a key component to registering as a marrow donor. Additional marrow donor drives will be held May 8, from 1 to 4 p.m., and May 16, from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the University Hospital small cafeteria on the hospital's second floor.

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Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence are among the most gifted and talented students in the entire SUNY system and I congratulate them, their families and the campuses for all their achievements," said interim SUNY Chancellor Dr. John B. Clark.

Bert, who will receive a Doctor of Medicine degree at Commencement May 18, is a member of the SUNY Upstate admissions committee, the admissions task force, a President's student ambassador and president of the Campus Activities Board. He was inducted to the Gold Humanism Honor Society and received the Medical Alumni Citizen Award.

"Ben is not only an upstanding pillar of the community, but also the foundation that many of his friends rely

on," said Bert's classmate Jonathan Brugger, who nominated Bert for the award. "His warm, direct and cheerful approach to leadership makes everyone motivated to accomplish the task."

At Commencement May 18, Flaherty will receive a bachelor of science degree in medical biotechnology from the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences in SUNY Upstate's College of Health Professions.

Flaherty's academic excellence has consistently earned her the Dean's honor roll as well as the SUNY Upstate Department of Pathology Scholarship. She is class treasurer, an admissions ambassador, Campus Activities Board member and a member of the marshal arts club.

Flaherty served as an intern in the academic research laboratory of Rosemary Rochford, PhD, chair of SUNY Upstate's Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

"Dr. Rochford was so impressed with the outcome of Nicole's work regarding African Burkitt's lymphoma that she has since included Nicole's data in a current grant application," said Susan S. Graham, associate professor and chair of SUNY Upstate's Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences. In addition to this research, Flaherty also interned in the New York State Biodefense Laboratory of the state Health Department's Wadsworth Center, where she worked on the development of an assay for the detection of a biotoxin.

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Human Performance, 505 Irving Ave., Syracuse.

Honorary degree recipient David Satcher, MD, PhD, is the 16th surgeon general of the United States, former assistant secretary for health, and currently director of the Center of Excellence on Health Disparities in the National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta. Prior to his appointment as surgeon general, Dr. Satcher served as director of the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention and administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. He is a former Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and a Macy Faculty Fellow. He has been recognized for his major contributions to medicine and public health with numerous awards.

Jules R. Setnor, MD, is a successful physician and philanthropist who with his wife, Rose, and her brother, Stanford, gave a \$3 million naming gift to SUNY Upstate to build the Rose,

Jules R. and Stanford S. Setnor Academic Building. Officially opened in August 2007, the building provides state of the art educational facilities for medical, graduate, health professions and nursing students.

Dr. Setnor is being recognized by SUNY for his dedication as a practicing physician for inspiring future graduates of SUNY Upstate and for his stature as a role model for the educational programs at SUNY Upstate.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

To register for workshops, visit www.upstate.edu/hr/training/form.shtml.

Call HealthConnections at 464-8668 or register via www.upstate.edu/healthLink for free HealthLink seminars.

May 1 to 3. Craftsman Inn, 7300 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville.

Course. "Introductory Pediatric Hypnosis" for healthcare practitioners who work with pediatric patients will provide an introduction to hypnosis, offer basic skills, and discuss methods of integrating hypnosis into practice. For more information, call 464-7568 or e-mail szkotakr@upstate.edu.

May 1 and 2. 3430 University Hospital.

Visiting Professor in Radiology Alexis Nees, MD, of the Division of Women's Imaging at the University of Michigan Hospital and Health Center in Ann Arbor, Mich., will present "Imaging Evaluation of the Post-Surgical Breast" May 1, at 12:15 p.m.; "Axillary Ultrasound: Pre-Operative Staging of Breast Cancer" May 1 at 5:15 p.m.; and "Sonographic Evaluation of the Breast and Axilla: How and Why" May 2 at 12:15 p.m.

May 4. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weiskotten Hall and Atrium, Setnor Academic Building.

Conference. "The Academic Anesthesiology Committee of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists Second Annual NYSSA Conference for Anesthesiology Residents and Fellows" offers simultaneous video conferencing in Mount Sinai School of Medicine Goldwurm Auditorium. Download complete conference details and registration at <http://www.upstate.edu/anes-thesia/conf.php>. A conference dinner will be held May 3, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel, 801 University Ave., Syracuse. For more information, call 464-4879.

May 5, 12, 19, 21, 27, June 2, 9. Noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

"Quit Smoking for Good...and For

Free!" Participants receive a personalized quit plan and will learn about nicotine-replacement therapy options, the New York State Smokers' Quitline and maintenance and relapse prevention techniques.

May 6. 6 to 7 p.m. YMCA, 340 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

HealthLink Seminar. "Up-On Health Program: Understanding Menopause: The Basics" will discuss the symptoms and how lifestyle changes, diet, exercise and medications can help.

May 8. 9 to 11 a.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "E-Compass System: Press Ganey" will discuss the Press Ganey Web-based performance analysis and improvement tool—eCompass—comprised of integrated applications that provide flexible and ready access to patient satisfaction performance data.

May 9. 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "Customer Service: If Disney Ran Your Hospital" will offer insight into an engaging culture and discuss ways to identify and create perceptions for clients.

May 14. 1 to 3 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Understanding Compliance at University Hospital" for managers will focus on why the hospital has a compliance program, program details and methods of maintaining institutional compliance.

May 15. Noon to 1pm.

Webinar. "Medical Legal Implications of STD Testing in Children: Nuts to NAATs" hosted by the CHAMP program. Presented by Margaret Hammerschlag, MD, of SUNY Downstate. Registration is required to receive one AMA PRA Category 1 Credit Award. Participation is limited to current New York State medical providers. To register, visit www.CHAMPprogram.com, click

"What's New" for a downloadable registration form (fax to Sarah Weber, at 464-2048 or e-mail the form to Webers@upstate.edu. Call 464-2271 with questions.

May 16. 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills (PSFS): Introduction to Emotional Intelligence." Emotional intelligence is important in effective supervision. This session will provide a brief overview of emotional intelligence.

May 19. 9 a.m. to noon. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "Crucial Confrontations: Tools for Resolving Broken Promises, Violated Expectations, and Bad Behavior" will discuss ways to rapidly improve results and relationships.

May 22. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

HealthLink Seminar. "Sharing Your Wishes: Advanced Care Planning/Advanced Health Directives" will teach participants: how to start a conversation with your significant other/family about exploring and clarifying values, beliefs and goals; to choose a spokesperson (health care proxy) to speak on your behalf should you lose the ability to speak for yourself; document wishes, periodically reviewing the wishes and expectations with your loved ones; complete a health care proxy; and discuss when to refer to physicians, attorneys and spiritual advisors.

May 28. 9 to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Press-Ganey Patient Satisfaction Measurement Overview" will provide an overview of how SUNY Upstate measures patient satisfaction and an online tool that allows end-users to review, analyze and create patient satisfaction reports.

Wednesday, April 30

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Morbidity/ Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Surgery Grand Rounds. "Curing Barrett's Esophagus." 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Inherited Disorders of the Immune System." 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** Noon. Chapel, University Hospital.

Thursday, May 1

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

Medical Grand Rounds. 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

WebCAIS/Vocera Class. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Visiting Professor in Radiology. "Imaging Evaluation of the Post-Surgical Breast." 12:15 p.m. 3430 University Hospital.

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds. "Hyperprolactinemia and Depression: A Case Report and Clinical Implications." "Double-blind Randomized Clinical Trial with Armodafanil to Alleviate Fatigue in Fibromyalgia." 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St., Syracuse.

Introductory Pediatric Hypnosis Course. "Introduction." 3:30 to 8 p.m. Craftsman Inn, 7300 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Visiting Professor in Radiology. "Axillary Ultrasound: Pre-Operative Staging of Breast Cancer." 5:15 p.m. 3430 University Hospital.

Film. "Red Like the Sky." 7 p.m. Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St., Syracuse.

Friday, May 2

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Introductory Pediatric Hypnosis Course. "Basic Skills." 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Craftsman Inn, 7300 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville.

Clinical Hands-on Practice Orientation (CHOP). Noon to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

• **Mass.** Noon. Chapel, University Hospital.

Visiting Professor in Radiology. "Sonographic Evaluation of the Breast and Axilla: How and Why." 12:15 p.m. 3430 University Hospital.

Saturday, May 3

Introductory Pediatric Hypnosis Course. "Integrating Hypnosis Into Practice." 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Craftsman Inn, 7300 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville.

• **Mass.** 4 p.m. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Sunday, May 4

Conference. "The Academic Anesthesiology Committee of the NYS Society of Anesthesiologists Second Annual NYSSA Conference." 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wsk. Hall and Setnor Academic Bldg.

HealthLink on Air. 9 a.m. WSYR-570 AM.

• **Mass.** Noon. Chapel, University Hospital.

Monday, May 5

• **Mass.** Noon. Chapel, University Hospital.

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking for Good...and For Free." (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, DeWitt ShoppingTown Mall.

Yoga Class. 5 to 6:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Tuesday, May 6

Weight Watchers at Work. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Vocera. 1 to 3 p.m. Classroom C, Institute for Human Performance.

Spiritual Fitness. 3 p.m. 2N, University Hospital.

Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physician's Office Building, Irving Avenue, Syracuse.

HealthLink Seminar. "Understanding Menopause: The Basics." 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Wednesday, May 7

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Nursing Recognition Activity for University Hospital RNs and LPNs. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Small Cafeteria, University Hospital; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 5th Floor Conference Rm., UHCC.

WebCAIS/Groupwise Class (licensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Morbidity/ Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds.

8 a.m. Marley Educ. Ctr.

Surgery Grand Rounds. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 4/30 listing.

Vocera. See 5/6 listing.

Spiritual Care Grand Rounds. 4 to 5:15 p.m. Med. Alumni Board Rm., Setnor Academic Bldg.

Burn Survivors Support Group. 5 to 7 p.m. 6551 University Hospital.

Thursday, May 8

Nursing Services Orientation (NSO). 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (PSC, monitor techs, psych therapy techs); 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (RN, LPN, GN, GPN, CT, UST). 1328B University Hospital.

Medical Grand Rounds. 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "E-Compass System-Press Ganey." 9 to 11 a.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Bone Marrow Drive. 1 to 4 p.m. Small Cafeteria, University Hospital.

Vocera. See 5/6 listing.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Friday, May 9

WebCAIS/Groupwise Class (unlicensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Workshop. "Customer Service: If Disney Ran Your Hospital." 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

• **Mass.** See 5/2 listing.

Vision Seminar. "Toxicity and Clearance of the Visual

Pigment Chromophore." Noon to 1 p.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Nursing Grand Rounds. "Sickle Cell Disease: Perspectives on Enhancing the Patient's Quality of Life." 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Saturday, May 10

• **Mass.** See 5/3 listing.

A Night to Remember fundraiser. 6 to 11 p.m. Turning Stone Resort and Casino, 5218 Patrick Rd., Verona.

Sunday, May 11

HealthLink on Air. See 5/4 listing.

• **Mass.** See 5/4 listing.

Monday, May 12

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking." See 5/5 listing.

• **Mass.** See 5/5 listing.

Yoga Class. See 5/5 listing.

Tuesday, May 13

Free Screening for Vascular Disease. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Weight Watchers at Work. See 5/6 listing.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** See 5/6 listing.

Spiritual Fitness. See 5/6 listing.

Retirement Reception for Mary Ann Merklein. 3 to 5 p.m. Café 750, University Hospital.

Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physician's Office Building, Irving Avenue.

Wednesday, May 14

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

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Photograph by William Mueller

A celebration of diversity

Students from the Harrington School of Irish Step Dance performed at SUNY Upstate Medical University's International Festival April 11 at Weiskotten Hall as part of the university's International Month celebration. Other performances included Korean drumming and Latin American songs performed by Syracuse University students. More than 170 people attended the performances that also included the sharing of cultural information, artifacts, and the sampling of international foods. International Month at SUNY Upstate concludes May 4 with the Fifth Annual Syracuse International Film Festival. For a listing of screenings and film activities, visit www.syrfilm.com or call 464-5234. Students and employees receive discounted rates to screenings with SUNY Upstate ID.

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Surgery Morbidity/ Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. Marley Educ. Ctr.

Surgery Grand Rounds. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Creative Writing Workshop. Noon to 1 p.m. Center for Bioethics and Humanities, Crouse Physician's Office Bldg., 725 Irving Ave.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 4/30 listing.

Workshop. "Understanding Compliance at University Hospital." 1 to 3 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Rudolf (Ruedi) Lienhard Retirement Reception. 2:30

to 4:30 p.m. Atrium, Setnor Academic Bldg.

Reception for Multicultural Affairs and Community Outreach and Global Health Education Offices. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Atrium, Setnor Academic Bldg.

Annual Meeting of the Faculty Organization. 4 to 5 p.m. Med. Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Annual Meeting of the Medical College Assembly. 5 to 6 p.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Thursday, May 15

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

60-Day Retention Program. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. and 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

Medical Grand Rounds. 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds. "Clinical Applications of

Virtual Reality Technology." 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St., Syracuse.

WebCAIS/Vocera Class. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Friday, May 16

Bone Marrow Drive. 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Small Cafeteria, University Hospital.

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. 3507 Setnor Aca. Bldg.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills: Introduction to Emotional Intelligence." 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Commencement Picnic. Noon to 3 p.m. C.A.B.

• **Mass.** See 5/2 listing.

Clinical Hands-on Practice Orientation (CHOP). Noon to 3:30 p.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

Saturday, May 17

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. 9 a.m. New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse.

College of Health Professions Awards Ceremony. 10 a.m. Carrier Theater, John Mulroy Civic Center, 421 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

College of Nursing Awards Ceremony. 12:30 p.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

College of Medicine and College of Graduate Studies Awards Ceremony. 3 p.m. Carrier Theater, John Mulroy Civic Center, 421 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

• **Mass.** See 5/3 listing.

Commencement Parents and Family Reception. 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Renaissance Syracuse Hotel, 701 E. Genesee St., Syracuse.

Sunday, May 18

14th Annual Miracle Ride. Registration: 10 to 11:30 p.m. Ride: 11:30 a.m. Spinning Wheel Restaurant, 7384 Thompson Rd., North Syracuse.

Commencement Brunch. 10 a.m. Lobby, Institute for Human Performance.

HealthLink on Air. See 5/4 listing.

• **Mass.** See 5/4 listing.

2008 SUNY Upstate Medical University Commencement. 1 p.m. John H. Mulroy Civic Center Crouse Hinds Theater, 411 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

• Broadcast live from the Chapel on in-house Channel 40.

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First-year medical student Iyabo Muse performs a blood pressure check on University Hospital patient Susan Rowe

Patient care experiences for first- and second-year medical students

SUNY Upstate Medical University's College of Medicine in conjunction with University Hospital Nursing Administration launched an elective for first- and second-year medical students in January. The elective—"Partners in Care"—provides hands-on patient care experiences for medical students who are assigned to one of several units at University Hospital for 10 weekly four-hour shifts. Medical students learn basic patient care skills, such as feeding and bathing a patient, reading a medical chart, performing

and charting vital signs, drawing blood, inserting intravenous lines, and performing dressing changes. The elective was hosted on 14 University Hospital inpatient units and was offered to 32 first- and second-year medical students. A student reception was held April 23 to celebrate the conclusion of the elective.



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