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Maintenance, repairs at SUNY Upstate enhanced by change in business plan

A new way of conducting business for the Handyman service offered through SUNY Upstate Medical University's Department of Physical Plant has resulted in an enhanced and more efficient maintenance management operation for the university.

"We revisited business decisions that were made long ago for our Handyman service and determined that a few strategic changes would allow us to better serve the university," said Gary Kittell, assistant vice president for Physical Plant Services at SUNY Upstate.

The university's Handyman service provides architectural and utility maintenance and repairs in occupied rooms and areas in the hospital and a number of other buildings such as the Regional Oncology Center, Jacobsen Hall and the C.A.B. These include patient rooms, clinics, laboratories and administrative offices. Handyman services are staff

also assigned responsibility for in-patient units by name so that they have a closer relationship with their nursing customers.

The major change initiated by Kittell and his staff was to apply risk criteria to occupied areas and then match the level of service to each area's risk.

"Prior to the change, our Handyman service conducted three routine preventive maintenance visits per year to all customer areas in the hospital," said Kittell. "However, we realized that service areas, such as patient rooms, were at greater risk than other spaces such as offices. Then, with risk in mind we adjusted the number of routine visits per year to each area in our Handyman system to more accurately reflect their respective need," said Kittell.

According to Kittell, the new business plan has resulted in a decrease in



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Charles Caruso of the Handyman service adjusts a faucet on unit 5B at University Hospital.

the total number of scheduled preventive maintenance visits needed per year, a decrease of more than 3,000 visits

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College of Nursing awarded SUNY grant to meet critical healthcare need

The College of Nursing at SUNY Upstate Medical University has received an award of \$132,000 from the State University of New York through its High Needs Nursing Initiative.

The award will be used to fund two faculty positions—a psychiatric nurse practitioner for the college's newly established nursing practitioner program in family psychiatric mental health and an advanced practice nurse practitioner for its family nurse practitioner program.

"The addition of faculty who are supported by this grant will allow us to admit approximately 10 additional graduate-level nursing students in each of the programs for a total of 20 additional students" said Elvira Szigeti, PhD, RN, dean of the College of Nursing.

While the grant results in increased student enrollment, Dr. Szigeti also says that it ultimately will help to address provider shortages and unmet healthcare needs of rural communities.

"There is a critical shortage of mental healthcare professionals and a limited number of advanced practice nurse practitioners in rural New York counties," said Dr. Szigeti. "Our ability to train more nurse practitioners will help meet this need.

Dr. Szigeti says that the college will recruit students particularly from rural communities with the hope that they will practice in those communities.

Two years ago, SUNY awarded the

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The colleges of Medicine, Health Professions and Nursing will present White Coat ceremonies for students. The College of Medicine (COM) and the Medical Alumni Foundation will hold the COM ceremony Aug. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Oncenter Ballroom, 800 S. State St., Syracuse. The College of Health Professions will host a White Coat ceremony for students and family members Aug. 27, at 5 p.m. in 9295 Weiskotten Hall. The College of Nursing will host its first White Coat ceremony for all nursing students Sept. 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Ninth Floor Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall.

The Eighth Annual Biomedical Sciences Retreat, sponsored by the College of Graduate Studies, will be held Sept. 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Welch Allyn "The Lodge," 4355 State Street Rd, Skaneateles. The keynote speaker is Edward H. Egelman, PhD, of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics at the University of Virginia. The retreat includes breakfast, lunch, a poster session and a social hour. Registration deadline for the retreat is Aug. 25. For more information, contact Sandi Tillotson at 464-7655, tillotss@upstate.edu.

The second annual Lung Cancer Walk, Run and Rally will be held Sept. 20 at Longbranch Park in Liverpool. Registration begins at 9 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. start. Register online at www.lungevity.org/cnywalk. Members of the SUNY Upstate community may register as part of the Upstate team. The registration fee is \$20. For more information, e-mail Lisa Cico at cicol@upstate.edu.

Tickets are on sale through Sept. 11 in the Upstate Medical University Foundation office for the 2008 Turning Stone Resort Championship, to be held Sept. 29 to Oct. 5 at the Turning Stone Resort's Atunyote Golf Club in Vernon. Proceeds will benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital at SUNY

Upstate. Tickets range from \$10 for a Monday through Wednesday package to \$100 for a full-week package. Tickets for Saturday or Sunday—the final two rounds of play—are \$35. To order tickets, visit the Foundation Office at 326 C.A.B., Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or use the order form available on Syracuse.com at www.syracuse.com/gch. For more information, call 464-KIDS (5437).

Visit the SUNY Upstate exhibit located in the Science and Industry/Hall of Health Building at the New York State Fair Aug. 21 through Sept. 1, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Representatives from the following departments will be available for questions: Pediatric Emergency Department/FingerLakes Donor Recovery Network/ Donor Council at University Hospital (Aug. 21); Poison Center/Student Admissions (Aug. 22); Pediatric Emergency Department (Aug. 23); Department of Pediatrics (Aug. 24); Geriatrics/Centers for Vision Care and Vision Research (Aug. 25); Oncology/Geriatrics/Smoking Cessation (Aug. 26); Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation/Health Connections (Aug. 27); Stroke Center/Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation/Smoking Cessation (Aug. 28); Health Sciences Library/Bariatrics (Aug. 29); Cardiovascular Services/Child Developmental Center (Aug. 30); McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Site/Care Program (Aug. 31); New York State Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program (Sept. 1). The Department of Anesthesiology will have an exhibit in the Science and Industry/Hall of Health Building from Aug. 21 to Sept. 1.

On-site registration for Light the Night Walk will be held Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor lobby at University Hospital. More than 250 people are needed to meet SUNY Upstate's goal of raising more than \$20,000 for the event that benefits the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Incentives will be available to participants and team captains, including free gas and Light the Night sweatshirts. The minimum fee to participate is \$30. Registration forms also are available at the Regional Oncology Center information desk, the C.A.B. Snack Bar, Jacobsen Hall security desk, OASIS, UHCC security desk, Joslin Diabetes Center, University Hospital information desk, 550 Harrison security desk and the Weiskotten Hall security desk. Light the Night will be held Sept. 17 in Clinton Square in downtown Syracuse. Check-in begins at 5 p.m.; the SUNY Upstate photo will be taken at 6:10 p.m. and the walk begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail Schirtzl@upstate.edu or call 464-9572. To register for the SUNY Upstate team online, visit <http://teams.lighththenight.org/SUNYUpstateMedicalHospital>.

The Ninth Annual Pat's Pavement Pounder will be held Sept. 28, rain or shine, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Fayetteville-Manlius High School Track, 8201 East Seneca Turnpike Manlius. Proceeds will benefit University Hospital's Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders and the Patrick Cole Courage Award. The entry fee is \$20 per person and \$40 per family. For more information, call 682-6286 or visit www.patspavementpounder.org.

"Domestic and Sexual Violence: What Every Nurse Needs to Know" will be presented at Nursing Grand Rounds Sept. 12, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in 6500 University Hospital. Nursing contact hours are available. Registration is not required. For more information, call Ellen Albanese at 464-9443 or e-mail albaneseE@upstate.edu.

A volunteer from each department on the SUNY Upstate campus, including University Hospital and SUNY

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Upstate's satellite offices, is needed to serve as a staff leader for SUNY Upstate's Clean Up Day to be held Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Staff leaders will be responsible for overseeing and implementing their department's participation in the activity, including the completion of work orders and the provision of supplies from the Department of Environmental Services. Staff leaders will be eligible for prizes. To volunteer as a staff leader or for more information about Clean Up Day, call University Hospital's Department of Environmental Services at 464-6576. Clean Up Day is presented by the Clean Up committee of SUNY Upstate Medical University and University Hospital.

SUNY Upstate will combine its United Way kick-off celebration for department representatives with the United Way of CNY's Kickoff Cookoff Sept. 5, from noon to 1 p.m. at the CNY Regional Market, 2100 Park St., Syracuse. The cookoff includes appetizers, chili, wings, dessert and live music by the CXtec Dinosaurs. Shuttle bus transportation will be available from: Wide Waters, Bldg. 5397 at 11:15 a.m.; UHCC (side entrance) at 11:30 a.m.; the front circle at University Hospital at 11:40 a.m.; and the front entrance of the C.A.B. at 11:45 a.m. The shuttle leaves the Regional Market at 1 p.m. Department representatives may R.S.V.P. by visiting www.upstate.edu/secure/rsvp or by calling 464-4836. The deadline for reservations is Aug. 27.

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since 2007, and an increase in the total number of areas served on campus.

"Because of their high level of use, patient rooms at University Hospital will continue to receive routine preventive maintenance checks three times a year," said Kittell. "At less risk, however, are areas such as clinics and laboratories that will receive routine visits twice a year and administrative offices that will each receive one routine visit per year. Special use areas like the



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main lobby, on-call rooms and auditoriums have unique schedules assigned also based upon their risk. Of course, our Handyman service is always available in any emergency situation," he added.

This same approach has been implemented in the Institute for Human Performance (IHP) to schedule service by the IHP maintenance team as well as the south campus where room maintenance is performed by the Physical Plant South Zone maintenance team.

"The improved Handyman management service is compatible with SUNY Upstate's Engaging Excellence initiative that fosters the philosophy of employee involvement in identifying work enhancements," said Deb Stehle, assistant vice president for strategic planning and management at SUNY Upstate. "We commend Gary and his staff for their efforts in enhancing SUNY Upstate's customer service initiatives."

Dr. Gahtan inducted as Lloyd S. Rogers, MD, Professor of Surgery Sept. 3

Vivian Gahtan, MD, will be inducted as the Lloyd S. Rogers, MD, Professor of Surgery at SUNY Upstate Medical University during Surgical Grand Rounds at University Hospital Sept. 3. Professor Gahtan is chief of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery and medical director of the Vascular Laboratory at University Hospital. She was named to the professorship in 2007, succeeding Patricia Numann, MD, who retired.

“Dr. Gahtan has revitalized the Division of Vascular Surgery under her expert leadership,” said Paul R. Cunningham, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Surgery. “Among other accomplishments, Dr. Gahtan recruited faculty, established a well-received educational program for the surgery residents and implemented several clinical protocols to enhance quality of care. She has maintained an active clinical practice at the Veterans Administration Hospital as well as at SUNY Upstate. In addition, her research laboratory has won extra-

mural grant funding to conduct important work. All of these accomplishments are congruent with the wishes of Dr. Rogers who intended to support the career of an academic surgeon at the professorial level. Dr. Gahtan has clearly enhanced the image of the Department of Surgery—locally and nationally—and we are proud to be able to celebrate all of her accomplishments.”

Dr. Gahtan received her medical degree from George Washington University School of Medicine in 1987 and completed an endovascular fellowship at New York Presbyterian Hospital’s campuses at Cornell University and Columbia University in 2006.

She holds memberships to several professional societies and associations, including the Association of Women Surgeons. She has contributed numerous articles to scientific literature and serves on the editorial boards and as a reviewer for scientific journals,



Vivian Gahtan

including *Annals of Vascular Surgery* and the *American Journal of Surgery*.

The endowed professorship is named for Lloyd S. Rogers, MD, the first full-time faculty member in the Department of Surgery. He was a member of SUNY Upstate’s College of Medicine from 1953 until 1985 when he retired as professor emeritus.

FACULTY ROUNDS

Deborah Bradshaw, MD, and **Anne Jones** have received awards from SUNY



Deborah Bradshaw



Anne Jones

Upstate Medical University’s Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) for their outstanding leadership and effort on behalf of the university’s medical residency programs. Dr. Bradshaw received the Program Director of the Year award for her work in the recruitment, selection, supervision and evaluation of neurology residents. Dr. Bradshaw has been affiliated with SUNY Upstate since 1980 when she earned her medical

degree. She joined the faculty in 1990 and has served as residency program director for the Department of Neurology since 2006. Jones received GME’s Program Coordinator of the Year award for her work in planning and coordinating the academic and operational activities of the radiology residency program. Jones joined SUNY Upstate in 1992 and has served as program coordinator of the radiology resident program since 2001. This year marks the first time that the GME office has presented an award to honor outstanding work by the program director and program coordinator. SUNY Upstate provides residency experiences for more than 470 physicians annually.

Todd Patnode has been appointed as the night shift operations supervisor for Environmental Services. Patnode joins SUNY Upstate with several years of

supervisory experience in the environmental services field in healthcare, having knowledge of Joint Commission, EPA, Department of Health, operating room and floor care requirements.

Howard Simon, MD, professor of surgery, was featured in an article about weight loss surgery in the August issue of the *Post-Standard’s* “Healthy CNY.”

Gary Weinstein, LCSW, wrote an article, titled “Life, Death, Madness: Confronting the Raw Reality of the Emergency Department” that was published in the July/August issue of *The Psychotherapy Networker*, a national magazine devoted to clinical social work and psychotherapy practice.

Yuan Zhou, a cytotechnology student in SUNY Upstate’s College of Health

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Register for workshops at www3.upstate.edu/hr/training, choose category: Management Development.

Aug. 25, Sept. 2, 8, 10, 15, 22, 29. Noon to 1 p.m. Oasis/HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Smoking Cessation Classes. "Quit Smoking for Good and For Free!" (part of a series). Participants will receive a personalized quit plan and learn about nicotine-replacement therapy options, the NYS Smoker's Quitline and maintenance and relapse prevention techniques.

Sept. 17. 10 to 11 a.m. 6703A-6 South, University Hospital.

Workshop. "Computer Skills for Patient Service Leaders (PSLs)" will offer an overview of GroupWise, Microsoft Word, and other Internet skills.

Sept. 4. 1 to 3 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "UUP Performance Management Fundamentals" reviews the purpose, process, and timelines associated with developing UUP performance programs and evaluations.

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

Workshop. "What Every Supervisor Needs To Know About Employee Absences" discusses leaves of absences, the Family and Medical Leave Act and work-related injuries or illnesses.

Sept. 9. 1 to 3 p.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills: Performance Diagnosis and Feedback" will discuss how to assess performance and will present the current ideal model to enhance or reinforce performance.

Sept. 11. 9 to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Fundamentals of PEF and CSEA Performance Evaluations" reviews aspects associated with PEF and CSEA Performance Programs and Performance Evaluations.

Sept. 12. Empire Room, New York State Fairgrounds.

CNY Regional Trauma Conference. Hosted by Trauma Services, this conference is for nurses, pre-hospital care providers and other healthcare professionals. Registration forms can be obtained from the Trauma Services office by calling 464-4773.

Sept. 15. 8 to 10 a.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "On-Line Employment System (new users)," for individuals who are involved in the hiring process for their department, will provide an overview of the features of the new Online Employment System and the submission of selected candidates to Affirmative Action.

Sept. 15. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "Useful Tips in Using On-Line Employment System" will provide a brief overview of the system, highlight time-saving features, and answer questions about the system.

Sept. 16. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Empire Room, New York State Fairgrounds.

Workshop. "Shaken Baby"/Abusive Head Trauma: Diagnosis and Investigation," is for law enforcement and emergency response personnel, social workers, medical professionals, district attorneys, judges and day care providers. CME credits are available. Deadline to register is Sept. 8. For more information, call 315-701-2985 or e-mail jcecile@mcmahon/ryan.org.

Sept. 18. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Coaching, Counseling, and Discipline" will assist supervisors and managers to address the challenges associated with maintaining and improving employee job performance.

Sept. 24. 1 to 3 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Understanding Compliance at University Hospital for managers" will discuss why University Hospital has a compliance program, the program's details and responsibilities associated with compliance.

Sept. 25. 10 to 11:30 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Ergonomics Injury Prevention In Healthcare For Managers" provides an overview of the basics of ergonomics and ergonomic injury prevention in healthcare facilities, including the causes of work-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) in the healthcare environment.

Sept. 26. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oncenter, 800 S. State Street, Syracuse.

Symposium. "Upstate Cancer Symposium: Advances in Care" features presentations by national speakers and local experts from SUNY Upstate Medical University. Topics include women and cancer, trends in head and neck cancer, tomotherapy myths, spine radiosurgery, childhood cancer survivorship, and thyroid cancer. Registration deadline is Sept. 12. Call 1-800-464-8668 to register. CME and nursing contact hours available..

Sept. 29. 1 to 3 p.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills (PSFS): Change" will discuss how supervisory practices operate in an environment of change. Strategies for how change can be introduced and implemented with staff will be provided.

Sept. 29. 1 to 3 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Hiring Great Employees, A Guide to Selecting the Best." Participants will screen a resume, prepare for an interview, identify strategies for developing questions that will elicit screening for emotional intelligence and practice asking the right questions.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

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

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

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

Workshop. "Diversity Management in Healthcare." 2 to 4 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

College of Medicine White Coat Ceremony. 5:30 p.m. Oncenter, 800 S. State. St., Syracuse.

Thursday, Aug. 21

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Pediatric Emergency Department/ FingerLakes Donor Recovery Network/Donor Council at University Hospital."

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location: TBA.

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.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills: Engaging and Motivating Your Employees." 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

WebCAIS for Travel RNs. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance. Call 464-9267 or e-mail bennettb@upstate.edu for more information.

Orientation: President's Welcome Convocation. 2 to 3 p.m. Oncenter, 800 S. State St., Syracuse.

Vascular Conference. "Anticoagulation and Antiplatelet Agents for the Vascular Patient." Kwame Amankwah, MD, Upstate Medical University. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Orientation: University Reception. 6 p.m. Atrium, Institute for Human Performance.

Pilates Class. 5 to 6 p.m. Gymnasium, Institute for Human Performance.

Friday, Aug. 22

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Poison Center/Student Admissions."

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. Location: TBA.

Clinical Hands-on Practice Orientation (CHOP). Noon to 3:30 p.m. Location: TBA.

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

Saturday, Aug. 23

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Pediatric Emergency Department."

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

Sunday, Aug. 24

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

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Pediatric Department."

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

College of Medicine Dinner with a Doctor. 3 p.m. Depart from C.A.B.

College of Graduate Studies Dinner with a Research Scientist. 3 p.m. Depart from C.A.B.

Colleges of Health Professions and Nursing Dinner. 5 p.m. Ninth Floor Dining Hall, Wsk. Hall.

Monday, Aug. 25

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Geriatrics/Centers for Vision Care and Vision Research."

Seminar. "Quit Smoking for Good and For Free." (part of a series). Noon to 1

p.m. Oasis/Healthlink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

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

Yoga Class. 5 to 6:15 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Oncology/Geriatrics/Smoking Cessation."

Management Forum. 10 to noon. 6500 University Hospital.

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

Vocera. 1 to 3 p.m. Classroom C, Institute for Human Performance. Call Derek Hawkins at 464-1400 or e-mail hawkinsd@upstate.edu for more information.

Spiritual Fitness. 3 p.m. 2N, PM & R Dayroom, University Hospital.

Pilates Class. See 8/21 listing.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

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

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

Workshop. "Cultural Competency in Healthcare." 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

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

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation/HealthConnections."

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 8/20 listing.

College of Health Professions White Coat Ceremony. 5 p.m. 9295 Wsk. Hall.

Thursday, Aug. 28

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.

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Stroke Center/Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation/Smoking Cessation."

WebCais. 1 to 3 p.m. Classroom C, Institute for Human Performance. Call Derek Hawkins at 464-1400 or e-mail hawkinsd@upstate.edu for more information.

Vascular Conference. "Interpreting the Evidence: An Analysis of Active Topical Hemostats." Patrick Lee, MD, Tufts University School of Medicine. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Pilates Class. See 8/21 listing.

Friday, Aug. 29

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

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Health Sciences Library/Bariatrics."

• **Mass.** See 8/22 listing.

Saturday, Aug. 30

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "Cardiovascular Services/Child Developmental Center."

• **Mass.** See 8/23 listing.

Sunday, Aug. 31

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Site/CARE Program."

HealthLink on Air. See 8/24 listing.

• **Mass.** See 8/24 listing.

Monday, Sept. 1

SUNY Upstate at the New York State Fair. "New York State Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program."

• **Mass.** See 8/25 listing.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Seminar. "Quit Smoking for Good and For Free." See 8/25 listing.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** See 8/26 listing.

Spiritual Fitness. See 8/26 listing.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

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

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

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

Surgery Grand Rounds. Induction of Dr. Vivian Gahtan as Loyd S. Rogers, MD Professor of Surgery. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

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

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 8/20 listing.

Spiritual Care Grand Rounds. "Sikhism: Beliefs, Practices and Pastoral Care." Ralph Singh Raketien, Gobin Sadam USA., 4 to 5:15 p.m. Medical Alumni Conference Rm., Setnor Academic Bldg.

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

Thursday, Sept. 4

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

Eighth Annual Biomedical Sciences Retreat. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Welch Allyn "The

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Lodge," 4355 State Street Rd., Skaneateles, NY.

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

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

Workshop. "UUP Performance Management Fundamentals." 1 to 3 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

WebCais for Travel RNs. 1:30 to 5:30

p.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

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

Pilates Class. See 8/21 listing.

Friday, Sept. 5

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

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

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

• **Mass.** See 8/22 listing.

United Way Kickoff Celebration for Department Representatives. Noon to 1 p.m. CNY Regional Market, 2100 Park St., Syracuse.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Black River White Water Rafting Trip. Reservations only. Call 464-5618 for more information.

• **Mass.** See 8/23 listing.

Sunday, Sept. 7

HealthLink on Air. See 8/24 listing.

• **Mass.** See 8/24 listing.

20th Annual UUP Clambake. 1 to 6 p.m. Hinderwadels, 5300 Taft Rd., North Syracuse. Call 422-5028 for more information.

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

Program to enhance Central New York workforce

SUNY Upstate Medical University continues to collaborate with area agencies to offer new initiatives to help increase the Central New York workforce.

This summer the university partnered with Mercy Works Inc. to offer leadership training internships to college students who were raised in the city of Syracuse.

The outreach effort was led by Maxine Thompson, director of the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action, to inspire the workforce of tomorrow. Mercy Works designed the seven-week summer internship program. Participating college students worked four days a week at a local business and one day a week at Mercy Works, where they received leadership training and developed a community service project.

At SUNY Upstate, the interns provided office support and were exposed to opportunities in healthcare through job shadowing and informal auditing of first-year classes.

After completion of the program, the interns could shadow staff in the surgery center at University Hospital.

The Mercy Works interns at SUNY Upstate included: Anthony Brown, a student at the Delaware College of Art and Design, who interned in the Department of Marketing and University Communications under the supervision of Susan Keeter; Antonia Cathcart, a student at University at



Photograph by Susan Keeter

Intern Anthony Brown spoke about his summer internship experience at SUNY Upstate during the Mercy Works graduation ceremony Aug. 8.

Buffalo, who interned at the Breast Care Center at University Health Care Center (UHCC) under the supervision of Joann Nosewicz; Janet Hicks, a student at Onondaga Community College, who interned at the Pediatric and Adolescent Center at UHCC under the supervision of Andi Valenta; and D'Artist Vaughn, a student at Onondaga Community College, who interned in Medical Illustration and Graphics under the supervision of Kit Hefner.

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College of Nursing with \$60,000 in high needs funding that was used to support an additional faculty line, resulting in an increase of 20 nursing students in the undergraduate program.

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Professions, received a Geraldine Colby Zeiler Award for Students of Cytotechnology for 2008. The award was presented by the College of American Pathologists Foundation in collaboration with the American Society of Cytopathology Awards Committee. The award of \$1,000, to be used to further his training in cytotechnology, was established in memory of Zeiler, a cytotechnologist who trained at the Mayo Clinic.

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Photograph by William Mueller

A hearty breakfast and then it's off to camp they go

For the fifth year in a row, firefighters from Syracuse Fire Station 1 hosted a breakfast for pediatric patients of University Hospital's Clark Burn Center prior to their departure for the Children's Burn Camp in Painted Post. The children were joined at breakfast by their family members and Clark Burn Center staff. This year marks the 15th year that the Clark Burn Center has sponsored the camp visit for its pediatric

patients. Twenty children boarded the bus on Aug. 7 to join burn survivors from Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital at the camp for four fun-filled days. Burn care nurses, social workers and adult burn survivors serve as volunteer camp counselors. Transportation to and from the camp is provided by local fire stations.



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