

# update

JULY 22 THROUGH AUGUST 5, 2009

## Upstate, ESF break ground on \$22M CNY Biotechnology Research Center

The transformation of the former Kennedy Square property into the Central New York Biotechnology Research Center began July 14 when officials broke ground on the 14-acre site in Syracuse.

Leading the ground breakers was SUNY's new chancellor, Nancy L. Zimpher, PhD, who was on her first trip to Syracuse, visiting SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Dr. Zimpher's support of the project is key as the Central New York Biotechnology Research Center is a collaborative effort between Upstate and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

SUNY Upstate will use approximately four acres of the site to build the Biotechnology Research Center, a \$22 million, 60,000 square foot public/private alliance created to stimulate economic activity and create jobs in New York using biotechnology as a

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*The Central New York Biotechnology Research Center is a collaborative effort between SUNY Upstate and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Among community leaders who participated in the July 14 center's ground-*

*breaking ceremony are, from left, state Senator David Valesky, state Assemblyman Al Stirpe, MedTech President Heather Erickson, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, PhD, and SUNY Trustee Chair Carl Hayden.*

## Upstate reaccredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

Upstate Medical University has been reaccredited for 10 years by The Middle States Commission on Higher Education, effective June 25.

The commission is the unit of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools that accredits degree-granting colleges and universities in the Middle States region, including Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York,

Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and several locations internationally.

The commission particularly commended Upstate for the quality of its self-study process and self-study report and offered the university no requirements or recommendations for improvement.

"Accreditation is an expression of the confidence that the commission has

in an institution's mission and goals, its performance and its resources," said Paul Grover, PhD, associate vice president for academic affairs and associate dean for Continuing Medical Education at Upstate. Dr. Grover coordinated the university's self-study process that was chaired by Upstate President David R. Smith, MD.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

**A representative from the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan, will be on campus July 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside University Hospital's Café 750, to meet with New York state employees who have questions or are interested in learning more about this retirement savings plan. The New York State Deferred Compensation Plan (457b) is a voluntary retirement savings program that allows state employees to defer their compensation by making bi-weekly contributions on a pre-taxed basis. Eligible employees may contribute savings of between \$16,500 to \$22,000 per year. There are no employer contributions and employees select the investment provider(s) they wish to invest with. Call 464-4946 for more information.**

**The Upstate community is invited to a retirement reception for Barbara Goettel, RN, July 28, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the small dining room adjacent to the University Hospital cafeteria.**

**Representatives from the New York State Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the United States Social Security Administration will discuss retirement benefits Aug. 5, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in 9295 Weiskotten Hall. The deadline to register for either session is July 27. To register, contact Carol Travers at traversc@upstate.edu or call 464-4946. For more information, call John Farruggio at 464-4942.**

**Volunteers are needed for Mary Nelson's Eighth Annual Youth Day Barbecue, to be held Aug. 15, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the corner of S. Salina Street and Wood Avenue in Syracuse. Volunteers can help by donating new or gently used backpacks, school supplies and books for children pre-K through college or by volunteering at the barbecue. School supplies may be dropped off through Aug. 10 at: University Radiology, 550 Harrison St., Suite 105 (attn: Mary, 403-0220); the Jacobsen Hall lobby; 1401 University Hospital; the Weiskotten Hall Information Desk; or**

**Mary Nelson's Youth Center, 2849 S. Salina St. Volunteers are needed the day of the event from 8 a.m. to noon for set-up or from 1 to 5 p.m. to help with backpack distribution.**

**The Ninth Annual Biomedical Sciences Retreat will be held Sept. 10, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Welch Allyn Lodge, 4355 State Street Road in Skaneateles.**

**The retreat includes a poster session; breakfast, lunch, and late afternoon social hour; and a keynote address by Anne Messer, PhD, of the Wadsworth Center of the NYS Dept. of Health and professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Albany. The retreat is sponsored by the College of Graduate Studies.**

# SAVE THE DATES

<b>July 31</b>	<b>Children's Miracle Open</b> Golf outing to benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital Foxfire at Village Green, Baldwinsville For more information: 464-5437
<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>Community Giving Campaign begins</b> Fill out your pledge card and support Upstate's campaign for the community!
<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>Light the Night Walk</b> 1.8-mile sunset walk to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Clinton Square, Syracuse For more information: 464-9572
<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>Walk to Cure Diabetes</b> 5K walk/run to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Long Branch Park, Knoll Pavilion, Liverpool For more information: 464-7555, 464-2528, 464-6335
<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>Pat's Pavement Pounder</b> Walk to benefit childhood cancer research Fayetteville-Manlius High School Track, Manlius For more information: 464-5437
<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>Making Strides Against Breast Cancer</b> 3-mile walk to benefit the American Cancer Society Clinton Square, Syracuse For more information: 464-5925
<b>Oct. 17</b>	<b>Step-Out-Walk to Fight Diabetes</b> Walk to benefit the American Diabetes Association Green Lakes State Park, Fayetteville, NY For more information: 464-2528

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## University Hospital earns high praise, commendation for its cancer care

University Hospital has been granted a three-year (2009 to 2012) approval award with commendation by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons in recognition of the quality and caliber of the its cancer program.

University is the only hospital in Syracuse with a cancer program accredited by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). This is the third consecutive three-year commendation the hospital has received by the ACS.

The Commission on Cancer reserved its highest marks—compliance with commendation—for University Hospital in many areas, including cancer prevention and early detection programs, clinical improvements and community outreach.

In addition, the commission report called the hospital's cancer clinical trial enrollment "phenomenal." More than 700 patients have been enrolled in up to 100 cancer-related clinical trials over the past four years.

"We're grateful for the continued recognition of the Commission on Cancer," said Leslie J. Kohman, MD, professor of surgery and cancer liaison physician to the Commission on Cancer. "It acknowledges the quality of our cancer care and our commitment to the well-being of our patients and their families."

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## CANCER CENTER

Oncologist Sheila Lemke, MD, who chairs the hospital's cancer committee, said the commendation speaks to the quality of care offered to patients with cancer. "This recognition speaks to the quality and breadth of our cancer program, whether its patient education, research or clinical care."

The commendation ensures that all patients receiving cancer care at University Hospital have access to comprehensive care, including state-of-the-art services and equipment; a multidisciplinary team approach to treatment; information on clinical trials and new treatment options; cancer-related information; support and education; and a cancer registry that collects data on cancers, treatment and offers lifelong patient follow-up.

The commendation designation follows a rigorous review of the cancer program's operations and care standards.

Among its many functions, the Commission on Cancer sets standards of quality for patient care and surveys facilities to evaluate compliance with 36 standards set by the commission. Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the Commission on Cancer is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival rates and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting prevention, research, education and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care. Its membership includes fellows of the American College of Surgeons and 40 national organizations that reflect the full spectrum of cancer care.

University Hospital offers comprehensive cancer treatments for a broad range of cancers, including thoracic, breast, brain, spine, blood, bone, gynecologic and genitourinary.

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Chancellor Zimpher stressed the importance of SUNY campuses investing in their communities during the groundbreaking ceremonies for the CNY Biotechnology Research Center July 14.



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Chancellor Zimpher, PhD, center, and Upstate President David R. Smith, MD, standing, meet with Upstate faculty members, from left, Mark Schmitt, PhD, Patricia Kane, PhD, Richard Cross, PhD, and Tom Duncan, PhD, during the chancellor's visit to the Upstate campus July 14. Dr. Zimpher also met with Upstate students and discussed with deans and faculty the relevancy of Upstate's degree offerings and the University's plans for growth and strategic planning.



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State Assemblywoman Joan Christensen, left, speaks to Chancellor Zimpher moments before the groundbreaking ceremony for the CNY Biotechnology Research Center.

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driving force. The center will create and support biotechnology, educational and research programs with its major partners, SUNY Upstate and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

The center will seek corporate tenants interested in small medical

device development and other medical research, as well as serve as incubator space for start-up biotechnology companies.

Development ideas are being sought for the remaining 10 acres. Early discussions have suggested that the land be used for residential, educational and commercial use.

A request for proposals will be issued in the near future to seek development options.

Kennedy Square is a 14-acre parcel located north of campus, bordered by E. Fayette Street on the south, Forman Avenue on the west, E. Water Street to the north and S. Crouse Ave. to the east.

## APPOINTMENTS &amp; RECOGNITIONS



Neal Seidberg

**Neal Seidberg, MD**, associate professor of medicine and pediatrics, has been named medical director for Clinical Informatics for University Hospital. In this position, Dr. Seidberg will have a key role in shaping and supporting

information technology plans and initiatives that support patient care, with emphasis on physician systems. He will continue his medical practice as a pediatric intensivist. Dr. Seidberg has served for several years as the physician leader of Upstate Medical University's CPOE project and has provided medical direction for a number of other clinical systems initiatives. He also serves as chair of the Medical Records Committee and as co-chair of the Information Systems Planning Committee.

**Maria C. Lumbrazo, BSN, RN**, clinical quality investigator and Emergency Department liaison in the Department of Risk Management, was elected vice president of the Omicron Alpha Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing: Region 11, Chapter # 359 for a two-year term. In June, she joined the voluntary clinical faculty at Upstate's College of Nursing where she is currently conducting research regarding end-of-life pain management in the hospitalized terminally ill patient. Lumbrazo joined Upstate in 1982 and has served as a President's Student Ambassador.

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of Upstate in meeting the requirements of each category of Middle States' 14 standards of excellence in higher education, including: mission and goals; planning, resource allocation and institutional renewal; institutional resources; leadership and governance; administration; integrity; institutional assessment; admissions and retention; student support systems; faculty; educational offerings; general education; related educational offerings, such as experiential learning; and assessment of student learning.

Middle States' evaluators particularly commended Upstate for "providing exceptional medical and health-related education and services to the vast rural communities that define the upstate region" and for its "strong support for faculty development made evident through the number of initiatives that promote education and scholarship of the faculty."

It also commended the university for its comprehensive strategic planning process that "was exemplary in its scope and breadth with input from faculty, staff and students"; for its new Upstate Pledge which promotes a culture of professionalism and high ethical standards; and for Dr. Smith's

Engaging Excellence initiative that challenges and encourages employees to create the best workplace possible.

"With its findings, the evaluators have endorsed and thereby strengthened our key initiatives in strategic planning, increased enrollment, capital growth, a unified practice plan and an expanded regional mission," said Dr. Smith.

The process for reaccreditation is rigorous. It involves the completion of a Periodic Review Report that is submitted to Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools at the midpoint of the accreditation cycle to offer evidence of continued compliance. A self-study process; site visits by Middle States' evaluation teams; and a self-study report are also necessary for reaccreditation.

Upstate's self-study process began in the fall of 2007 and ended this past January. The process involved members of Dr. Smith's senior administrative staff who served as committee members. Upstate faculty members and students were engaged in subcommittees that addressed each of Middle States' standards of excellence.

The self-study process culminated in a report that was submitted in February to an evaluation team representing

Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools is a voluntary, peer-based, non-profit association dedicated to educational excellence and improvement through peer evaluation and accreditation.

The association is one of six regional accrediting organizations for higher education institutions recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. Middle States accreditation is valid for 10 years.

Upstate will begin its next self-study evaluation in 2018. The Periodic Review Report will be completed June 1, 2014.

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## LECTURES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND FORUMS

Register for workshops and Webcasts at [www3.upstate.edu/hr/training,click](http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training,click) Management Development. HealthLink Seminars are free, unless otherwise noted, and are open to all. Call HealthConnections at 464-8668 or visit [upstate.edu/healthlink](http://upstate.edu/healthlink) to register.

**July 29. Noon to 1 p.m. 1507 Setnor Academic Bldg.**

Webcast. "Leaders Make the Future: Leadership Skills for an Uncertain World" discusses the skills leader need to maneuver their organizations through the next decade.

**Aug. 4 and Sept. 16. 10 to 11 a.m. 6703A University Hospital.**

Workshop. "Computer Skills for PSLs" is open to individuals with any level of computer ability. PSLs have first consideration, but all are welcome.

**Aug. 5 and Sept. 15, 2 to 3 p.m., 205 Jacobsen Hall; Aug. 21, 10 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.; Sept. 3 and 30, 10 to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.**

Workshop. "Upstate Stars Recognition Program" will discuss the benefits of recognition, innovative ways to recognize employees and recognition tools.

**Aug. 5. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.**

HealthLink Seminar. "Hypnosis for Medical Care: Myths and Truths" will review the myths about hypnosis as well as how it can help in the treatment of pain, anxiety, migraine headaches, irritable bowel syndrome, asthma and more.

**Aug. 6. 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ninth Floor Auditorium, Weiskotten Hall.**

First Forensic Psychiatry Conference: "Virginia Tech to Binghamton: An Analysis of Mass Murder." A panel of experts will cover the phenomenon of mass murder, focusing on the 'pseudo-commando' type of mass murderer, using two recent examples. Continuing education credits available to physicians and to social workers. Open to the public. To

register or for more information, contact Linette Thorpe at 464-3104, e-mail [thorl@upstate.edu](mailto:thorl@upstate.edu).

**Aug. 12, 9 to 11 a.m. Room D, Institute for Human Performance.**

Workshop. "Press Ganey E-Compass System." Participants will learn about Press Ganey's internet-based performance analysis and improvement tool called eCompass.

**Aug. 12. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.**

HealthLink Seminar. "Using Social Networking Sites to Find Credible Health Information" will discuss Internet sites like Twitter and Facebook as resources for medical information and review ways to find the right resources and how to confirm that the information shared is accurate.

**Aug. 13, noon to 8 p.m. 3509 Setnor Academic Bldg.; Sept. 11, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.**

Workshop. "Workplace Violence: CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention" will teach how to respond effectively to the warning signs that someone is beginning to lose control and address how staff can deal with their own stress, anxieties and emotions when confronted with challenging situations.

**Aug. 13. 2 to 4 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.**

Workshop. "Diversity Management in Healthcare" will discuss the legal, moral and business cases for valuing diversity in a healthcare environment. Administrators and nursing managers/leaders are required to attend one session.

**Aug. 14. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dunbar Center, 1453 S. State St., Syracuse.**

HealthLink Seminar. "Making Healthy Food Choices" will discuss how to make healthy food choices at the New York State Fair and at home; how to keep the flavor while cutting the calories without adding to the cost. A free healthy lunch will be offered. Space is limited. Registration required.

**Aug. 18 and Sept. 4 8 to 11 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.; Aug. 27 and Sept. 24, 1 to 4 p.m. 3509 Setnor Academic Bldg.**

Workshop. "Workplace Violence: CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention: Refresher Course" serves as the annual certification refresher session for anyone who has completed the full CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention course.

**Aug. 18. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.**

HealthLink Seminar. "Perflexion™-Upstate's New Gamma Knife"... Pinpoint Precision With No Incision" will discuss radiosurgery for the brain and high spinal areas with Upstate's latest Gamma Knife- Perflexion™.

**Aug. 26. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.**

HealthLink Seminar. "Jump Off the Diet Treadmill" will discuss a non-diet meditation based approach to weight management.

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

Workshop. "Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction Measurement Overview" will offer participants an overview of an on-line tool that allows end-users to review, analyze, and create patient satisfaction reports.

**Sept. 10. 9 to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.**

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

**Sept. 18. 9 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.**

Workshop. "What Every Supervisor Needs To Know About Employee Absences" will address contractual and legal constraints, as well as time and attendance counseling/discipline.

**Wednesday, July 22**

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

**Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference.** "Univ Gen Surg/Ad Lap." 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

**Workshop.** "Workplace Violence: CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention: Refresher Course." 8 to 11 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

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

**Webcast.** "Who's Got Your Back: Building the Deep, Trusting Relationships That Create Success." Noon to 1 p.m. 1507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

**Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department Research Report.** "The Goal of Personalized Medicine for Sickle Cell Disease: Basic and Translational Research Approaches." 4 to 5 p.m. 9299 Wsk. Hall.

**HealthLink Seminar.** "Developing a Happier, Healthier Mindset." Richard O'Neill, PhD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7:30 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

**Thursday, July 23**

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

**Medicine Grand Rounds.** "Observation Status—Does My Patient Qualify? Four Case Presentations." 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

**Educational Program.** "Caring for Pandemic Flu Patients: When Ventilator Demand Exceeds Supply." 3 to 4:30 p.m. or 5 to 6:30 p.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

**WebCAIS for Travel RNs.** 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance. Contact Barb Bennett 464-9267 or e-mail bennettb@upstate.edu with questions.

**Friday, July 24**

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

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

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

**Frederick Rose, MD, Retirement Reception.** 2 to 5 p.m. Atrium, Setnor Academic Bldg.

**Saturday, July 25**

**Boston Weekend Trip.** Reservations only. Sponsored by Campus Activities Governing Board.

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

**Sunday, July 26**

**Boston Weekend Trip.** See 7/25 listing.

**Healthlink on Air.** 9 to 10 a.m. WSYR-570AM.

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

**Monday, July 27**

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

**Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series).** 6 to 7 p.m. Green Hills Market, 5933 S. Salina St., Syracuse.

**Yoga with Tony Riposo.** 5 to 6:15 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

**Tuesday, July 28**

**Management Forum.** Sign-in: 9:45 a.m. Meeting: 10 a.m. to noon. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

**New York State Deferred Compensation Plan Information Table.** 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. Outside Cafe 750, University Hospital.

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

**Vocera.** 1 to 3 p.m. Institute for Human Performance, Classroom C. Contact Derek Hawkins at 464-1400 or at hawkinsd@upstate.edu with questions.

**Barbara Goettel, RN, Retirement Reception.** 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Small Dining Room, University Hospital.

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

**Wednesday, July 29**

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

**Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference.** "Vascular/Transplant/Pediatrics." 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

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

**Webcast.** "Leaders Make the Future: Leadership Skills for an Uncertain World." Noon to 1 p.m. 1507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 7/22 listing.

**Vocera.** See 7/28 listing.

**Thursday, July 30**

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

**Medicine Grand Rounds.** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

**Vocera.** See 7/28 listing.

**Friday, July 31**

**Children's Miracle Open.** Start Times: 7:30 a.m. and

12:30 p.m. Foxfire at Village Green. One Village Blvd., Baldwinsville

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

• **Mass.** See 7/24 listing.

**Saturday, Aug. 1**

• **Mass.** See 7/25 listing.

**Sunday, Aug. 2**

**Healthlink on Air.** See 7/26 listing.

• **Mass.** See 7/26 listing.

**Monday, Aug. 3**

**Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Department of Medicine Joint Seminar.**

"Acute Regulation of Pancreatic Beta Cell Function: Using FRET Microscopy to Understand Post-translational Glucokinase Activation." Mark A. Rizzo, PhD, University of Maryland. Noon. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

• **Mass.** See 7/27 listing.

**Tuesday, Aug. 4**

**Workshop.** "Computer Skills for PSLs." 10 to 11 a.m. 6703A University Hospital.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** See 7/28 listing.

**Spiritual Fitness.** See 7/28 listing.

**Wednesday, Aug. 5**

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

**Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference.** "Trauma/Burns/SICU." 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

**Orthopedic Grand Rounds.** 8 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

**New York State Employees' Retirement System and Social Security Administration Information Sessions.** 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. 9295 Wsk. Hall.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 7/22 listing.

**Workshop.** "Upstate Stars Recognition Program." 2 to 3 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

**Burn Survivors Support Group.** 5 to 7 p.m. 6551 Wsk. Hall.

**HealthLink Seminar.** "Hypnosis for Medical Care: Myths and Truths." Ran Anbar, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

**Thursday, Aug. 6**

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

**Medicine Grand Rounds.** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

**First Forensic Psychiatry Conference.** "Virginia Tech to Binghamton: An Analysis of Mass Murder." 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ninth Floor Aud., Wsk. Hall.

**Friday, Aug. 7**

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

**Clinical Hands-on Practice Orientation (CHOP).** See 7/24 listing.

• **Mass.** See 7/24 listing.

**WebCAIS for Travel RNs.** See 7/23 listing.

**Saturday, Aug. 8**

• **Mass.** See 7/25 listing.

**Sunday, Aug. 9**

**Healthlink on Air.** See 7/26 listing.

• **Mass.** See 7/26 listing.

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

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## Team Upstate raises \$30,000 for the American Heart Association

2009 Heart Walk team leaders display awards that Upstate Medical University received for its participation in the Heart Walk, held April 18 at Long Branch Park in Liverpool. Team Upstate raised \$30,000 for the American Heart Association and received the Top Overall Fundraising Team and Top Team Healthcare Division awards at the event. Several team members received Upstate incentive awards for participating in the event. Team captains Jennifer Albert and Danielle Sliter each received a \$25 gas card for registering 10 team members on-line. Albert was captain of the College of Health Professions' Physical Therapy Students Team. Sliter was captain of the Graduate Students team. Richard Veenstra

received a \$50 gas card as team captain of the 14-member Cardio-Vascular Research Team to raise the most money—\$2,470. Upstate Medical University President David R. Smith, MD, was recognized as the walker who raised the most money—\$1,380. He deferred his prize of a Blues and Barbeque Package to Linda Mahan, of the IMT Clinical Data Services Team, who placed second, raising \$662. Lisa Kosma of the UHCC Pediatrics Team received a \$100 dining gift card in a drawing of walkers who raised more than \$150. Darlene Black of the Psychiatry team and Sara Davis of the Cardio Pulmonary ICU team, each received three-month memberships to Gold's Gym in a drawing for all walkers. Photographed above are team

leaders from left, front: Tree Carter, Roxanne Sutton, Ofelia Bell, Kathy Ascioti, Linda Mahan, and Becky Cerio. Second row, from left: Rod Murad, Chris Sanders, Sharon Klaiber, Raena Uzonoff, Maria Pembrook, Zanette Howe and Nancy Prott. Third row, from left: Richard Veenstra, Susan Kiehl; David Smith, MD, president of Upstate Medical University; Maureen Kendall and Anne McNulty.



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