

THE ADVOCATE

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Sharon Putney

Amidst the Coronavirus concern, our thoughts are for the well-being of our members and their loved ones. We thank the Upstate family and all who work to provide for the health and safety of our patients, staff and community during this pandemic.

Due to Coronavirus, we have moved Mystery, Malt and Merlot to Thursday, Sept. 17. We are working with Upstate personnel to create a safe environment for the event.

Our Annual Meeting and Luncheon, originally scheduled for May, is cancelled. The annual

report will be emailed to members and mailed to those without email.

For the latest Coronavirus information, visit:

- Advocates website (www.upstate.edu/advocates), scroll to "Quick Links" and click "Upstate News."
- Upstate's website (www.upstate.edu), click the red headline "Emergency Management website."
- HealthLink on Air podcasts (www.upstate.edu/hloa).



Tracy Ryder

Mystery, Malt & Merlot moves to Sept. 17

While Mystery, Malt and Merlot has moved to Thursday Sept. 17 due to COVID-19, we have exciting news about the event.

An exquisite diamond pendant, donated by Egon Ehrlinspiel Jewelers, will be given to the lucky winner of our jewelry raffle.

More experiences for our auction have been secured, including a weeklong Cayuga Lake cottage getaway, lodging in North Carolina near Biltmore Estate, and an encore of the popular Porsche Experience.

Entertainment by magician Tasha Van Dayne and a dining experience with vegetarian and gluten-free options complete the evening.

The event remains at the historic Syracuse Downtown Marriott, 100 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Presenting sponsor is Summerwood Pediatrics.

"We're trying something new by holding our event other than a Friday," said Advocate Co-president Tracy Ryder. "It frees up the weekend for our guests, pro-

vides a fun break during the work week and everyone is home early."

Save the date cards will be emailed closer to the event.

For more information, visit upstate.edu/advocates or call 315-464-5610.



**MYSTERY,
MALT & MERLOT**

Update on our vendors

As part of ongoing efforts to combat the spread of Coronavirus, and in conjunction with Gov. Andrew Cuomo's order to close businesses not deemed essential, the following vendors located on the Upstate are temporarily closed:

- Lori's Gifts
- Bee Loved
- PerkUp (vending machines available for hot and cold beverages).
- Café Kubal (vending machines available for food and coffee, provided by American Food and Vending Company).
- Upstate Bistro (vending machine available for coffee).
- NOTE: TeleHealth continues to provide television service.

Our vendors extend their wishes for the health and safety of everyone and we extend our best wishes for our vendors and for all their employees being impacted.

Advocates grant helps keep children safe

An Advocates grant has helped realize a program to protect children from drug poisonings.

The program was created by the Upstate New York Poison Center and Upstate University Hospital's Department of Pharmacy.

It offers free medication lock boxes to certain adult patients and children being discharged from Upstate University Hospital, including those treated for drug overdose or poisoning at the Pediatric Emergency Room; adult patients discharged with a prescription for a narcotic drug who have children younger than 18 years old at home; patients at Emergency Opioid Bridge Clinic who have children younger than 18 years old at home; and Meds to Beds patients.

The program started as an Advocates-funded pilot program with 100 boxes distributed at Upstate University Hospital. It then expanded to include



nearly 1,000 medication lock boxes provided through an Upstate Foundation grant.

(Taken from Upstate Online. For the complete article, visit UpstateOnline.info, scroll to "Select an Issue" and select Feb. 27-March 5)

Meet The Advocate- Samantha Grossmann

The Advocates were happy to welcome Samantha Cirillo Grossman to our board in 2019.

Samantha grew up in Clay, NY where she attended CNS High School, and later SUNY Cortland.

Following her graduation from the SU College of Law in 2018, Samantha joined the Bond, Schoenck and King Law firm where she practices in the areas of trusts and estates.



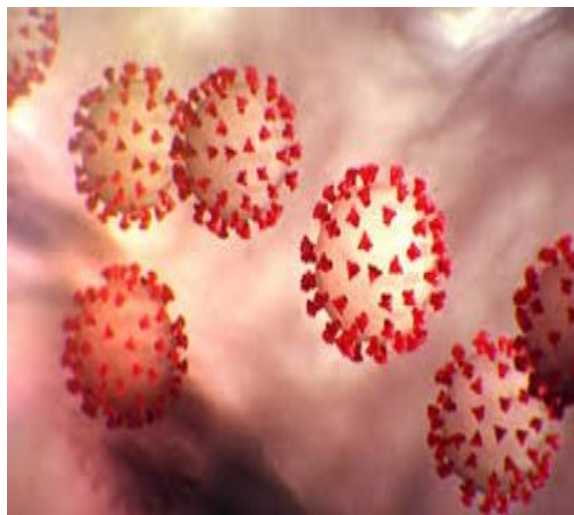
Being an Advocate has allowed Samantha the opportunity to give back to the Syracuse community. Upon joining The Advocates Board, it quickly became apparent to her how much the Board members care about the Upstate community. Being part of a group that cares so much about the overall success of Upstate has been a truly rewarding experience for Samantha.

We look forward to Samantha's continued involvement in and support of The Advocates.

Samantha and her husband Nick enjoy attending SU events and spending time with family, friends and their yellow lab, Bentley.

Nominations for Board of Directors sought

The Advocates is encouraging and accepting nominations for our Board of Directors. Please consider yourself as a candidate or nominate someone who is interested in joining our team, helping to lead us in our work and shape our policies. Look for the link to the nomination form on our website at upstate.edu/advocates or contact Jonathan Adler, adlerj@upstate.edu or 315-464-5610 for more information. Please send your nominations by April 30.



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Meet Our 2020 Youth Scholars



Sara Mack



Kelsey Moorhead



Camron Ruckman



Emma Tucker

Advocates for Upstate has awarded a combined \$6,000 to four area high school students through its Youth Volunteer Scholarships program. Each scholarship carries a \$1,500 award and is given to a graduating high school student who has accumulated a minimum of 175 hours of volunteer service at Upstate while meeting academic standards.

Congratulations to our 2019-2020 recipients:

- Sara Mack, a student at Marcellus High School, will attend either LeMoyne College or St. Joseph College of Nursing in the fall.
- Kelsey Moorhead, a student at Paul V. Moore High School in Central Square, will attend Binghamton University in the fall.
- Camron Ruckman, a student at Henninger High School, will attend SUNY Cortland or Onondaga Community College in the fall.
- Emma Tucker, a student at Nottingham High School, will attend Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall.

Since 2000, Advocates for Upstate has awarded more than \$100,000 to high school students through this program.

Save the Date

Blood Drive- Upstate University Hospital (Setnor Hall Atrium)

Thursday, April 2: 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

Friday, April 3: 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Blood Drive- Upstate Community Hospital (Main Cafeteria)

April drive cancelled at Upstate Community Hospital

The April Upstate drive will be for badged employees only. Red Cross reports an extremely critical need for blood and that donating and receiving blood is safe. To find a drive near you go to redcross.org