Twenty-two individuals and a corporation will receive awards of distinction at the SUNY Upstate Medical University Fall Faculty Convocation, Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium.

A highlight of the Convocation is the “State of Upstate Medical University” address by SUNY Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, that offers an overview of SUNY Upstate’s accomplishments and an acknowledgement of the university’s contributions to the community.

SUNY Upstate award recipients in alphabetical order are David C. Amberg, PhD; Mark Barasz, MD, FACEP; George Blakeslee, CSW-R, ACSW; Oliver M. Brown, PhD; Lynn M. Cleary, MD; Frederick R. Davey, MD; Joseph B. Domachowske, MD; Ivan Fras, MD, FAPA; Carol A. Gavan, EdD, RN; Roy Guharoy, PharmD; Chaitanya Haldipur, MD; Bette Jean Ingui, MSL; Patricia M. Kane, PhD; Jody Kilpatrick, CNS, NP; Stewart N. Loh, PhD; Diane Davis Luft, MLS; Maxwell M. Morell, PhD; Carole L. Novick; Mary Pat Oliker; George L. Paul; Thomas J. VanderMeer, MD, and Susan L. Woods, RRT.

Receiving the President’s Award for Excellence in Philanthropic Service, Corporate Division is Kinney Drugs Inc., a longstanding supporter of SUNY Upstate. Accepting on behalf of the company will be Kinney Drugs President and Chief Executive Officer Craig Painter.

Under the leadership of Craig Painter, Kinney Drugs continues to demonstrate a more than generous heart in efforts to lighten the burden of children with medical needs.

Fall Faculty Convocation recognizes faculty for professional excellence
Convocation is Sept. 8

Respiratory therapy offers distance learning

The Department of Respiratory Therapy at SUNY Upstate’s College of Health Professions is offering its Cardiorespiratory Science (CRS) bachelor’s degree program via distance learning to students who live in and around Albany and Watertown.

Two classes a semester are being telecast to Hudson Valley Community College in Albany and Good Samaritan Hospital in Watertown. Students at all sites are practicing respiratory therapists.

The classes are delivered via live interactive audio and video for real-time discussion with the teachers and their SUNY Upstate classmates. Using web-based instructional support programs called Blackboard, the students can electronically hand in assignments, download materials and take exams. The Hudson Valley students are able to complete all their necessary clinical laboratory requirements at their own campus. However,
Wednesday, Aug. 25
Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.
Orthopedic Grand Rounds. “Preclinical Models of Bone Cancer.” Matthew Allen, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital. Health Sciences Library Tour. Noon. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7193 for details.

Thursday, Aug. 26
SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge. Medical Grand Rounds. Mitchell Brodsky, MD, Community General Hospital. 8:30 a.m. Wk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.
Mindfulness Meditation, Eva Nanno, Upstate Medical University. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. University Hospital Chapel, first floor.

Friday, Aug. 27
SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 8 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge. Workshop. “MEDLINE on the Web.” Noon to 1 p.m. Health Sciences Library, meet at Reference Desk. Call 464-4581 to register.
SUNY Nursing Services Orientation. 1 to 3 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Dr. James Preston Memorial Ceremony. 2 p.m. Wk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Saturday, Aug. 28
Black River White Water Rafting. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. www.upstate.edu/training and click “register for training classes online.”

Monday, Aug. 30
AA Open Meeting. Noon. 4137 University Hospital. Call 464-5011 for more information.
SUNY Nursing Services Orientation. 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Tuesday, Aug. 31
Workshop. “All About Payroll and Employee Time and Attendance.” 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. C.A.B., East Lounge. E-mail “STATERP” to register.
Mindfulness Meditation. Lisa Kauffman, MD, Upstate Medical University. 5:45 to 6 p.m. University Hospital Chapel, first floor.

Wednesday, Sept. 1
Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wk. Hall Auditorium.
Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.
Surgical Grand Rounds. “I. New – and the Department of Surgery.” Paul Cunningham, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wk. Hall.
Workshop. “The Leader Within: Managing Across Generations.” 8 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge. To register, visit www.upstate.edu/training and click “register for training classes online.”

Thursday, Sept. 2
Medical Grand Rounds. "The Role of Endothelial Cell and Tecno-Pathogen, Cancer, and Atherosclerosis: An Update Perspective.” Dileshwar, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. Wk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.
Psychiatry Grand Rounds. “Lab Science to Clinical Practice: Relating Neurochemical Models to Anxioprotective Effects.” Rainu Tandon, MD, University of Michigan Medical Center. 12:30 to 2 p.m. 713 Harrison St. Mindfulness Meditation. See 8/26 Calendar listing.

Friday, Sept. 3
SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.
Fourth Annual Biomedical Sciences Retreat and Keynote address. "Ontogeny of Cortical Interneurons and Functional Consequences of Disrupted Development.” Pat Levitt, PhD, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wkch Alyn Lodge, Skaneateles.
Workshop. “The Fundamentals of PEF and CSEA Performance Management.” 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall. To register, visit www.upstate.edu/training and click “register for training classes online.”

The Rev. Alfred J. Bebel said good-bye to University Hospital after 18 years of providing spiritual comfort and care to patients and staff members alike when he retired Saturday, July 31.
Bebel was appointed to the hospital’s pastoral staff by Frank Harrison, bishop of the Syracuse Diocese, in 1986. “University Hospital has been an extremely gratifying place to work,” said Bebel, who was ordained in 1958. Bebel was appointed to the hospital’s pastoral staff by Frank Harrison, bishop of the Syracuse Diocese, in 1986. “University Hospital has been an extremely gratifying place to work,” said Bebel, who was ordained in 1958. Bebel believes the greatest support he provided patients was his ability to listen. “You can show great compassion toward someone by offering a sympathetic ear,” he said. “You must be able to acknowledge one’s fears, wishes, desires and anger to help the healing process begin and to put someone at peace with their surroundings and situation.”

In addition to counseling patients and staff, Bebel was active in numerous hospital committees, including the Ethics Committee and the Cooperative Campus Ministry Committee, which offers a forum on faith and values annually. Bebel also participated in the hospital's Clergy Day program.
In honor of Bebel, a fund in his name has been established to help support spiritual care services at SUNY Upstate. For more information about the Father Alfred Bebel Spiritual Care Fund, call 464-4416.

SUNY Upstate captures JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge awards

Several of the 63 members of SUNY Upstate’s Corporate Challenge team captured awards at the 2004 JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge, held Aug. 3 at the Onondaga Lake Parkway. Pacing first in Team categories were Cassandra Crane, Anne Dow, Karen Kenmisi and Barbara Tromper-Wells. The top eight finishers from SUNY Upstate were Chad Bostadane, Neurology (21:23); Dave George, IMT (21:26); Karen Kenmisi, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (21:46) - who also captured second place in overall women’s category; Shaun O’Reilly, IMT (22:30); Mark Zeman, IMT (22:46); Barbara Tromper-Wells (Neuroscience/Physiology (24:22); Tim Otonay, Mail Services (24:16) and Cassandra Crane (24:20).

The CNY Children’s Hospital at University Hospital was a recipient of 2004 Corporate Challenge proceeds. SUNY Upstate’s winners of the Women’s Team category will participate in the New York City Corporate Challenge competition to be held this fall.
FALL FACULTY CONVOCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Portions of the following letter from the President’s Committee on Diversity were erroneously omitted from the 8/11 through 8/25 issue of Upstate Update. We reprint the entire text of the letter and offer our apology.

Dr. Eastwood in convening the President’s Sixth Diversity Forum is asking everyone at Upstate Medical University to access how well we are doing in our efforts to achieve a more diverse and inclusive environment. He has given the President’s Committee on Diversity and Affirmative Action this charge. We are moving forward with this project under the direction of Mr. Edgar Johnson, Diversity Recruiter. He is a member of the President’s Committee and agreed to chair the upcoming forum. Our working committee for this event consists of the following members: Maxine Thompson, Director of the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action, Barbara Hamilton, Dean of Multicultural Resources, Susan Stearns, (Cell and Developmental Biology) and George Blakelee, (Psychiatry), Co-Chairs of the President’s Affirmative Action and Diversity Committee, and Jacqui Jackson-Young, Co-Chair Elect of the President’s Committee.

Dr. Eastwood suggested that the plenary speaker for the event be Frank G. Pogue, Ph.D., President of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. During his tenure as Vice Chancellor of SUNY for Student Affairs, Dr. Pogue challenged all SUNY Universities and Colleges to “...ensure that each of its students, each of its graduates,” and all of its faculty and staff members, “...are provided with the opportunity to acquire an appreciation for and an understanding of individual and group differences, and the commonalities among those cultural groups with whom their training will be applied.” Dr. Eastwood in recommending Dr. Pogue is providing us with an opportunity to see how we measure up to his challenge.

Three breakout/discussion groups will augment Dr. Pogue’s presentation. These will be under the leadership of individuals with backgrounds and experience in the area of diversity enhancement. Ms. Melanie Littlejohn, Diversity Consultant for Niagara Mohawk, Susan Behunak, Ph.D., Chair and Professor of Political Science at LeMoyne College, and Ronnie Leavitt, PT, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor at University of Connecticut will be our workshop leaders. Their task will be to help us to come to an understanding of where our institution is in meeting its goal of creating a more diverse and inclusive environment here at Upstate Medical University. They will also help us to delineate/define areas in which further work is necessary and suggest measures we may want to initiate.

Dr. Eastwood has personally encouraged, (see page 5 of June 30-July 14 issue of Upstate Update, Presidents Message on Diversity) all who are able to attend to do so without having to use personal time. He has advised all department heads and supervisors to facilitate schedule changes to allow personnel to participate in the forum. This clearly underscores the high level of importance that he has placed on this event. It is his belief and expectation that the frank and candid discussions encouraged by the forum will help guide us in the development of initiatives to enhance our efforts towards creating a truly diverse and inclusive environment.

Susan B. Stearns, PhD, and George Blakelee, CWS-R, Co-Chairs President’s Diversity and Affirmative Action Committee
### PATIENT SAFETY GOALS #5 & #6

**Building a Safer Patient Care Environment!**

1. Improve the accuracy of patient identification
2. Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers
3. Improve the safety of using high-alert medications
4. Eliminate wrong-site, wrong patient, wrong procedure surgery
5. Improve the safety of using infusion pumps
6. Improve the effectiveness of critical alarms
7. Reduce the risk of health care-acquired infections

**Goal 5:**

How is UH constructing a safer environment related to Infusion Pumps?

- Use pump/set combinations that offer set-based free-flow protection.

**Goal 6:**

What is a critical alarm?

- It’s a critical patient alarm or alarm system designed to protect patients or notify staff that a patient is at increased risk and needs immediate help; these alarms are functional and effective.

Who needs critical alarms?

- Critical alarms are determined by individual patient assessment, physician’s orders, and unit standards. They MUST be:
  - **Audible**
  - **Determined Parameters**
  - **Determined Frequency** of measurement

**Who’s responsible for assuring that critical alarms are functioning?**

- Specialty departments like Clinical Engineering, Physical Plant, Respiratory Therapy, etc. all play a part in assuring initial and routine maintenance and testing of all alarms and alarm systems. All patient care providers have designated roles in checking the alarms and systems.

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**LECTURES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES**

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- **Sept. 14 ( Noon to 1 p.m.) and Sept. 22 (3 to 4 p.m.)** 1541 University Hospital. Workshop. "Computer Skills for PSLs." SUNY Upstate’s Lauren Brady teaches this hands-on class to learn GroupWise, Microsoft Word and Internet skills. Open to any level of ability with computers. PSLs have first consideration, but all are welcome. Evening classes can be arranged by calling 464-6124. To register, visit www.upstate.edu/hr/training and click "register for training classes online."

- **Sept. 14. 9 to 11 a.m.** 1328B University Hospital. Workshop. "A Guide to Obtaining Great Employees." Participants work on reviewing a resume for an open position. Participants will screen the resume, prepare for the actual interview, identify strategies for developing questions that will elicit screening for emotional intelligence, practice asking the right questions and review how to conduct reference checks. To register, visit www.upstate.edu/hr/training and click "register for training classes online."

- **Sept. 15. 1 to 5 p.m.** The Marx Hotel & Conference Center, 701 E. Genesee St. Third Annual Contemporary Issues in Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference sponsored by Department of Emergency Medicine. Kathleen Brown, MD, of the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., will present “Current Concepts in the Management of Lower Respiratory Diseases.” SUNY Upstate faculty presentations include “The Painless Pediatric Emergency Department: Sedation and Analgesia”; “2004 Literature Update in Pediatric Emergency Medicine”; “Selected Case Presentations from the Pediatric Emergency Department”; and “Evidence Based Management of Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury.” For fee information or a brochure, call 464-6197 or e-mail mtorr@upstate.edu.

- **Sept. 16. 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Institute for Human Performance, Classrooms A, B and C. Lecture. "Clinical Studies in Medical Devices Versus Pharmaceuticals: An Overview." Glenda Guest, vice president of Norwich Clinical Research Associates Ltd, will present this lecture as part of the Clinical Trials Office’s “Hot Topics in Research” series. R.S.V.P. to Anita Carroll at 464-5476 by Sept. 9.

- **Sept. 16. 9 a.m. to noon.** C.A.B., East Lounge. Workshop. “How SUNY Upstate’s CSEA and PEFEmployees’ Paychecks are Calculated.” Detailed level course for department managers and/or administrators describing the many methods used to calculate the types of payments made to state employees that are specific to CSEA LPNs and other related positions to nursing areas. Registration deadline to Sept. 10. E-mail “STATEPR” to register.

- **Sept. 17. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** 205 Jacobsen Hall. Workshop. "Understanding Compliance at University Hospital." Focuses on why SUNY Upstate has a compliance program, what the details of the program include and what your responsibilities are to maintain institutional compliance. To register, visit www.upstate.edu/hr/training and click "register for training classes online."

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- **Sept. 23. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center, University Avenue. Fifth Annual Central New York Addiction Psychiatry Conference. Topics include “Imaging the Brain in Addiction;” “Buprenorphine and Office based Treatment of Opiate Dependence;” “Current Trends in Substance Use in Central New York;” “Pain and Addiction;” and “Hepatitis C and Other Current Medical Problems in Addiction.” For a conference brochure or more information, call 464-3104 or e-mail thorpl@upstate.edu.

- **Oct. 5. 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.** The Marx Hotel, 701 E. Genesee St. Write Winning Grants Seminar. Presenter Stephen W. Russell, DVM, PhD, of the University of California-Davis and Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Scripps Research Institute, will discuss the fundamentals of good grant writing; general points on preparation; how to write for reviewers; preparation of the specific aims/executive summary page; preparation of the remaining sections of the application; and submission of the application. Attendance is limited to healthcare professionals. Maximum of 6.75 CME credits. Presented by SUNY Upstate Research Administration and Continuing Medical Education. To register or for more information, call 464-5476 or e-mail durdook@upstate.edu.

- **Oct. 25. 8 a.m. to noon.** Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Bldg., 713 Harrison Street (Grand Rounds Area, second floor). “Women in Medicine Professional Development Day.” Focuses on why SUNY Upstate has a compliance program, what the details of the program include and what your responsibilities are to maintain institutional compliance. To register, contact Sandy Jarvis at jarviss@upstate.edu for more information.

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- **Nov. 1. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** Welch Allyn Lodge, Skaneateles. SUNY Upstate’s emergency radio team, UHEART, is looking for licensed amateur radio operators to join the team. UHEART provides emergency communications for SUNY Upstate during a disaster or crisis and works in conjunction with the Onondaga County Emergency Management office (OCMEO) and the county ARES/RACES organization. Licensed operators must be a local county resident and register with the local ARES/RACES team. For more information, contact Dave Reamsnyder WD2ER at 464-4108.
Shengle Zhang, MD, PhD, has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Pathology. Dr. Zhang received his medical degree in 1998 from the Wannan Medical College in China and completed his residency training at the Sun Yat Sen University. He was a research fellow in immunology at Columbia University and a research associate at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He completed his residency training in pathology at the St. Barnabas Health Care System in New Jersey, followed by a surgical pathology fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. He is a molecular diagnostics fellow at Johns Hopkins University and is board certified in both anatomic and clinical pathology. Dr. Zhang's broad background in immunology and surgical pathology, and his extensive training and experience in molecular diagnostics, will enhance the development of SUNY Upstate's molecular techniques in surgical pathology. Dr. Zhang will also work with faculty in pathology residency training, as well as in the education of medical and College of Health Professions students.

Thomas R. D'Angelo has joined SUNY Upstate as assistant director in the Department of Marketing and University Communications. Prior to SUNY Upstate, D'Angelo served as vice president, customer operations and customer communications, at Excellus BlueCross Blue Shield, Central New York Region, where he was responsible for claims administration, customer service, memberships and corporate communications.Most recently, D’Angelo spent two years in the non-profit sector as director of development for The Salvation Army of the Syracuse Area. A graduate of St. John’s Prep in New York City, D’Angelo received his bachelor’s degree in political science from Niagara University. After receiving a commission through R.O.T.C., D’Angelo served three years as a communications officer in the U.S. Army. In 2001, D’Angelo received his master’s degree in political science from the City College of New York. He is also a graduate of the Post-Graduate School of Broadcast Journalism at St. John’s University.

Kathy St. Onge, RHIT, CTR, has been promoted to the position of director of Tumor Registry. St. Onge has been employed by University Hospital for more than 19 years and is responsible for maintaining the data standards required for accreditation by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. St. Onge is a member of the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group, Tumor Registrars Committee, where she helps shape the direction of prospective clinical trials enrollment through the cancer registry. As a member of this national committee, St. Onge will participate on the Thoracic Core Group.

Frederick Roberts, MD, has received the Pride in Workmanship Award from the DeWitt Rotary Club for his many contributions to pediatrics in the community. A 1942 graduate of SUNY Upstate’s College of Medicine and clinical professor of pediatrics, Dr. Roberts has taken an active role in building support for the CNY Children’s Hospital.

Six Upstate faculty and staff members were among the guest faculty at an international meeting sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta from July 23 - 25 in Atlanta. An international faculty of 40 scientists and clinicians from the United States, Japan, Australia, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Israel, Italy and Sweden were in attendance at the combined 10th Annual Meeting of The Velcro-Carbo Disease Syndrome Educational Foundation Inc. and the fourth International 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome meeting. SUNY Upstate faculty included Anne Marie Higgins, RN, NP; Eileen Marrinan, MPH; Robert Shprintzen, PhD; and Sherard Tatum, III, MD; from the Department of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, and Kevin Antshel, PhD; and Wendy Kates, PhD; from the Department of Psychiatry. All of the SUNY Upstate personnel are team members at The Center for the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Study of Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome, the world’s largest interdisciplinary program devoted to the study of the second most common genetic syndrome in humans. Next year’s meeting will be held in Syracuse from July 29-31.

Barbara Tremper-Weils, PhD, post-doctoral associate in the Department of Neuroscience and Physiology, won the Murachi Award for outstanding student research at the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Summer Research conference, held June 12 through 18 in Tuscon. Tremper-Weils’ presentation was the “Biologic of Calpains in Health and Disease.”

The Post-Standard, WSTM-TV3, and WSYR radio covered SUNY Upstate’s recently announced initiative to prohibit smoking from campus.

Registered Dietician Terry Podolak was quoted in the Post-Standard about low-carb diets.

The July/August issue of Physicians Practice magazine includes a center section devoted to Upstate Medical University and University Hospital. Featured are Charles Lutz, MD, and the daVinci Surgical robot; Leslie Kohman, MD, and photodynamic therapy for lung cancer; and John McCabe, MD, and University Hospital’s Emergency Department.

THANKS

Blood Drive Donors

Thanks to the participation in the spring and summer blood drives, SUNY Upstate and University Hospital exceeded its goal for each two-day drive. On May 24 and 25, 106 donors exceeded the 80 pint goal by five units; on July 26 and 27, 109 donors exceeded the 80 pint goal by eight units. Due to the huge response, each two-day schedule was quickly filled.

Special thanks goes to SUNY Upstate’s Bob and Marie Ratbun who so tirelessly recruited passers-by to donate.

The next blood drive will be held in late October.

CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Hospital Compliance Office invites hospital staff to participate in a contest to guess the correct answer to the question: “What should you do if you have a question about which diagnosis or procedure code to assign?” The answer is found in one in the series of “Compliance Chat” articles that have appeared in Post-Standard. Readers who submit the correct answer will enter in a drawing to win a prize. Entries must be received no later than Sept. 9 and should contain:

• your name, title, department, and location.
• your supervisor’s name and location.

Entries may be sent through interoffice mail to Audrey Sardino, Institutional Compliance Office, Madison Towers Suite 210; e-mailed to sardinoa@upstate.edu; or faxed to 464-4787, attention Audrey Sardino.

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Visit CNY Children’s Hospital and University Hospital at the NYS Fair

University Hospital departments and the CNY Children’s Hospital will have exhibits in the Science & Industry Building during the New York State Fair Aug. 26 through Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. University Hospital’s two exhibit areas, located directly behind the children’s hospital display, will spotlight different departments each day.

The CNY Children’s Hospital display will feature the children’s hospital renderings; prizes and giveaways; informational materials; and the opportunity to have your photo taken next to the children’s hospital logo. In addition, the children’s hospital display will feature two “Ask the Doctor” days in which a pediatrician will be on-site to discuss medical concerns.

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Memorial ceremony for Dr. Preston is Aug. 27

The Department of Neuroscience and Physiology will hold a memorial ceremony in honor of Dr. James Preston Friday, Aug. 27, shortly after 2 p.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Alumni Auditorium. The ceremony will conclude with dedication of the department’s conference room in the name of Dr. Preston. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dr. Preston chaired the Department of Neuroscience and Physiology from 1960 and 1991. He died May 30.

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