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JUNE 11 THROUGH JUNE 25, 2008

SUNY Upstate to participate in energy reduction drill this summer

SUNY Upstate Medical University has agreed to significantly reduce its electricity demand for one hour this summer on a day to be determined as part of its membership in the SUNY Electric Buying Group.

In addition to SUNY Upstate, 25 other SUNY campuses are members of the SUNY Electric Buying Group that enables the universities to purchase electricity at a reduced rate. In order to continue to receive those savings, the group requires all its members to participate in a one-hour energy reduction drill.

Here's how it will work: Campuses will receive 20-hour advance notice of the need to reduce power at a particular hour. Employees will be notified via Incident Command email when the energy reduction drill will occur. They also will receive a list of energy-saving steps to take during the hour. Such steps

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SUNY Upstate general mechanical electricians Ed Bement, left, and Filippo Larosa, adjust a variable frequency drive that helps conserve energy in starting electric motors, such as those used to power air cooling systems.

Technology receives provisional patent from SUNY Research Foundation

Mohammad Haeri, a graduate student in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Eduardo Solessio, PhD, assistant professor in the Center for Vision Research of the Department of Ophthalmology, were members of a team that tied for second place in the Syracuse Panasci Business Plan Competition, held April 18 and 19 at Syracuse University's Whitman Business School. One-hundred teams participated in the competition.

Haeri's and Solessio's team, whose members received a combined \$7,500 to put toward their business concept, designed and developed an innovative and adaptable multicolor, multiconrolled LED-based light source for retinal vision studies.

Their innovative technology is green—saving on energy—and is less expensive than other light sources for retinal studies on the market. It does not have mechanical parts which makes it faster than other light sources

and allows for simultaneous multiple flashes—currently not available to researchers through other light sources.

The light source has received a provisional patent from the SUNY Research Foundation.

The team was advised by SUNY Upstate researchers Robert Barlow, PhD, and Daniel Tso, PhD, and faculty from Whitman School of Business at Syracuse University.

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C A M P U S B R I E F S

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

Onsite Registration for the 4th Annual Paddle for the Cure will be held June 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second floor lobby of University Hospital. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund Inc. and breast cancer research at SUNY Upstate. Preregistration is \$25 per person and \$35 the day of the vent. Passenger cost is \$10. The event will be held June 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Erie Canal Park in Camillus. For more information, contact Janice Sell at 464-6276.

The Upstate Medical University Foundation is selling raffle tickets to benefit pediatric services at University Hospital. First prize is a 2008 Kawasaki Vulcan 900 Custom motorcycle. The second prize is two airline tickets to anywhere in the contiguous United States. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and are available in the pediatric office, fifth floor of University Hospital, the Foundation Office, 326 C.A.B., or at any CNY Kawasaki dealer. The drawing will be held July 31 at the Syracuse Inner Harbor Block Party.

The Consortium for Culture and Medicine (CCM) will offer three courses this Fall. They include: "Representations of the Nurse in Literature, Film and Television," Tuesdays, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 1507 Setnor Building; "Medicine in Literature and Film," Wednesdays, from 4 to 7 p.m. at 1507 Setnor Building; and "Ethics and the Health Professions," Wednesdays, from 4 to 7 p.m. at 1508 Setnor

Building. Courses are open to upper division undergraduates, graduate students and faculty from CCM's cooperating institutions—SUNY Upstate, LeMoyne College or Syracuse University. Registration for students of SUNY Upstate's colleges of Medicine and Health Professions will be accepted at 203 C.A.B. College of Nursing students may register at the third floor of 545 Cedar St. College of Graduate Studies students may register at 1162 Weiskotten Hall. For more information, call 464-5404 or e-mail dorschel@upstate.edu.

The Children's Miracle Golf Open will be held Aug. 1, at Foxfire at Village Green. For registration information, call 464-KIDS (5437).

Winners of the March for Babies incentive program sponsored by President David R. Smith, MD, are—Isabelle Rhoades and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Aubry, \$100 dining gift certificate (walker category); Lisa Gooley, \$50 dining gift certificate (team captain category); and Nakeia Chambers, Diane Conklin, Mary Kirchner, Mindy Mallette, Tracy Minsterman and Robert Ploutz Snyder, \$50 dining gift certificate (walkers category). SUNY Upstate's March for Babies team was comprised of 232 participants who raised \$16,607 for the March of Dimes.

HANYS will offer three Summer Leadership Web conferences at 4507 Setnor Academic Building, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. They include: "High Impact Retention: Strategies for Retaining Your Best and Brightest," will be held June 17; "Managing Performance in Today's Workplace" will be held July 15; and "Managing Negativity in the Workplace" will be held Aug. 19. Registration is required via the web at: <http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training/> - enter in keyword HANYS. For more information, contact Tracie Wildner at 464-6125.

Human Resources (HR) and Campus Web Technology have worked with SUNY Upstate staff to provide enhanced HR Web site resources, including: a searchable forms section, professional development information, health and work/life balance information, and a "Manager's Toolbox." Also available will be a map of the new Web site and tips on how to easily find information. The new Web site will be online June 24 at www.upstate.edu/hr.

An exhibit of acrylic paintings and pencil drawings by Erin Lineman are on display through June in the Health Sciences Library at Weiskotten Hall. Individuals who are interested in displaying their work may contact Lori Lucarelli at lucarell@upstate.edu or 464-2750.

University Cardiology has relocated its offices from 550 Harrison to the fifth floor of University Health Care Center. The move provides the practice with additional space to grow its patient base for the treatment of various heart diseases and conditions, including coronary heart disease, hypertension and congestive heart failure. In-office diagnostic testing includes echocardiograms, electrocardiography, stress testing and other procedures. The office telephone number is 464-9335. The fax number is 464-9338.

Yoga instructor Tony Riposo will offer summer yoga sessions, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. in the East Lounge of C.A.B. The July session will meet July 7, 14, 21 and 28. Registration deadline for this session is July 2. The August session will meet Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Registration deadline for the August session is July 31. The cost for each session is \$34. For more information, visit www.yoga.com with tony.com.

Volunteers, Advocates are recognized for service and achievements

More than 49,000 hours of service to support SUNY Upstate Medical University can be credited to 538 volunteers and Advocates for 2007-08. That's the most-ever hours of service recorded for the university's team of volunteers.

Special honors at the recent Volunteer and Advocates Annual Appreciation Luncheon went to Kathleen Hicks for 34 years of service in Central Distribution and Nancy Cornell for logging in 12,373 hours of service in Volunteer Express as a dispatcher.

The Powerful Partnership Award, which recognizes the impact of excellent staff-volunteer relationships, was created by the Volunteer Advisory Council to be an example to other host departments and a way for volunteers to honor the staff they work with. The award, created in 2005, was presented to the staff of the cardio-pulmonary intensive care unit and step down unit who were nominated by the heart volunteers.

Volunteer Sharon Cross received special recognition from Phillip Schaengold, JD, MBA, chief executive officer for University Hospital and senior vice president for hospital affairs, with the presentation of a certificate to acknowledge her extraordinary efforts. She is a volunteer with the Ambassadors who responded to a complicated situation in the Emergency Department.

A large family dealing with a very difficult medical crisis was calmed and given the assistance they needed by Sharon. Security officers and fellow Ambassadors alerted hospital administration about her "above and beyond" efforts.

"It's rewarding that in this day and age with so many demands for our time, so many individuals still find the time to provide a helping hand to others with no more compensation than knowing your efforts are valued and a great big thank you," said Donna Stoner, SUNY Upstate's director of volunteer initiatives.

Teens, college students, men and women ranging from early 20's well into their 80's provide services to all areas of hospital operations.

Some of the most visible volunteers are those that provide the Express service, doing an average of 90 errands a day that save staff time and move materials and medical supplies around the building in a timely manner. But all play a key role in providing excellent patient care.

"Each day, our volunteers and Advocates bring a level of compassion and care to all their responsibilities and serve the university in hundreds of ways," said Schaengold. "They add value to the organization through their tireless efforts and help support the university's important mission."



Photograph by Deborah Rexine

Phillip Schaengold with Nancy Cornell



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Phillip Schaengold presents Sharon Cross with a certificate of special recognition

For information on becoming a volunteer or joining the Advocates for Upstate Medical University, call Donna Stoner at 464-4498.

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will include shutting off office and hall lighting and other non-essential office machinery, as well as window air conditioning units. Patient care and research areas will participate where possible without compromising research protocols, patient safety and comfort.

Gary Kittell, assistant vice president for physical plant services, said the power reduction drill will demonstrate SUNY Upstate's ability to conserve power in the case of a real emergency. "Over the past few years some dramatic

black outs and brown outs have occurred that have taxed utility systems across the country, and especially here in the Northeast," Kittell said.

"As a large well-organized consumer of electricity and a beneficiary of an advantageous cost structure, we have a responsibility to demonstrate that we can quickly reduce electrical demand on the power grid when such steps are needed during a regional electrical crisis," Kittell said.

The amount of energy conserved

during the hour-long power reduction drill will be monitored at each campus. By achieving a certain reduction during this hour, SUNY Upstate will be able to maintain its membership in the energy-buying group and continue to purchase electricity at a reduced rate.

Kittell says the university has saved more than \$1.2 million on electricity costs since joining the energy-buying group in 2004.

Devadoss named NIH/Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholar

Third-year medical student **Rajitha Devadoss** has been selected as a scholar for the 2008-2009 class of the NIH/Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars Program (FICRS).

Devadoss' fellowship will take place at YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research Education (YRG CARE) in Chennai, India, in partnership with The Miriam Hospital, Brown University.

Devadoss will join 33 U.S. scholars and 33 international scholars in receiving one year of mentored clinical research training at an NIH-funded advanced

research center in a developing country.

The FICRS program is administered through the Support Center at Vanderbilt University's Institute for Global Health, the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the Association of Schools of Public Health.

The opportunities provided by the Scholars Program provide new insights for tomorrow's clinical global health leaders, both in the United States and abroad.



Rajitha Devadoss

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

College of Medicine students **Rosemary Froehlich, Sara Lozyniak, Jennifer Muniak, Brendan O'Connor, Shekar Srinivas, Sarah Wolf, and Yi Zhou** attended the 58th National Convention of the American Medical Student Association, held March 12 through 16 in Houston.

College of Medicine students **Brendan O'Connor** and **Sara Lozyniak** were elected to the National Leadership of the American Medical Student Association for the 2008-2009 academic year. O'Connor will serve as co-director of Region 2. Lozyniak will serve as student life education coordinator. They are among 100 national AMSA leaders who help oversee AMSA's programming and membership activities.

SUNY Upstate medical student **Andrea Shaw**, a member of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), has received SUNY Upstate's first AOA Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship for her project "Non-Typhi Salmonella Bacteremia Studies" at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre and Mawenzi Hospital in Tanzania. Shaw is working with a team of investigators from Duke University through November to study the epidemiology and treatment of acute febrile illness at the Kilimanjaro



Justin Truax, second from right, was named the first recipient of the Keating Scholarship. With Truax are, from left, SUNY Cobleskill

Provost Anne Myers, PhD, Professor Michael Murphy, PhD, and SUNY Upstate Director of Admissions Jennifer Welch.

Truax named Keating Scholarship recipient

SUNY Cobleskill's Justin Truax, who has been accepted at SUNY Upstate Medical University, is the first recipient of the Keating Scholarship, named for the late Gregory Keating, PhD, a former SUNY Upstate dean of students affairs.

Truax gained acceptance to SUNY Upstate through its Early Assurance and Rural Medical Education programs that provide support for students from rural communities who are interested in pursuing a medical career in a rural community.

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John Hoepner, MD, Robert Barlow, PhD, and Barry Knox, PhD, of SUNY Upstate's Department of Ophthalmology provided the team with departmental funding support.

The Panasci Business Plan Competition is designed to spur the entrepreneurial spirit of students in creating growth-oriented business models.

The competition is hosted by the Program in Entrepreneurship and Emerging Enterprises at the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University.



Photograph courtesy of Mohammad Haeri

Mohammad Haeri, seated, and Eduardo Solessio, PhD, right, work on the light source controlling system in Dr. Solessio's laboratory. Joining Haeri and Dr. Solessio is Morteza Haeri, left, a team member and graduate student at Syracuse University.

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Christian Medical Center (KCMC)--Duke University Kilimanjaro AIDS Program in Tanzania. Shaw will work in the laboratory on susceptibility testing, oversee data collection by clinical officers at the site, and analyze data after recruitment is completed.



Ava Star

participate in AWS projects such as the AWS mentorship program, the AWS student poster session and membership expansion.

Second-year medical student **Ava Star** was selected by the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) to serve on its national medical student committee for the 2008-2009 academic year. Shaw will be eligible to



Cytotechnology students who participated in the American Society for Cytotechnology meeting are, from left, Brian West; Nicole

Bailey; Susan Stowell, Cytotechnology Department chair; Jamie Lee Pastor; India Curtis; Yuan Zhou and Svetlana Biggs

Cytotechnology students present at ASC

Cytotechnology students Brian West, Yuan Zhou and Nicole Bailey were among 12 students to present cytology cases at the annual meeting of the American Society for Cytotechnology (ASC) April 4 to 6 in Newport, R.I. Bailey placed third for her case titled, "Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma in an FNA of the Breast." Cytotechnology students

Svetlana Biggs and Jamie Lee Pastor received awards for their presentations, which were shown as part of a computer loop at the conference.

Altogether, seven Upstate cytotechnology students attended the conference along with Susan Stowell, chair of the Department of Cytotechnology in the College of Health Professions at SUNY Upstate.

FACULTY ROUNDS



David Duggan

David Duggan, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Medicine and associate vice president and associate dean for clinical initiatives, was named a new Master of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Duggan will receive his Mastership (MACP) in May at the ACP Annual Session convocation ceremony in Washington, D.C. Mastership is awarded to select ACP Fellows in recognition of significant accomplishments in medicine, holding positions of high honor, and service to the college. Dr. Duggan has served as governor of the Upstate NY Region ACP and president of the New York State ACP.



Irene Sills

Irene Sills, MD, professor of pediatrics, was elected to the executive committee of the Endocrine Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Sills will serve a six-year term through 2014.



James Greenwald

James Greenwald, MD, professor of family medicine, has been elected to a one-year term as vice president of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP). Dr. Greenwald has been a longtime member of the NYSAFP, holding numerous leadership positions, including as chair and treasurer of its board of directors. He was the NYSAFP Educator of the Year in 1998.

Howard Simon, MD, professor of surgery, was elected to the Upstate

Medical University Gamma Chapter of the national Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Each year AOA students elect a limited number of faculty members, alumni and teaching residents in recognition of their achievement, scholarship, and professionalism. The induction dinner was held May 16 at the Craftsman Inn in Fayetteville.

Gail Banach, director of public education at the Upstate New York Poison Center (UNYPC), was invited by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation to present at the Southwest Regional Conference for Poison Center educators April 29 to May 2 in Dallas. The invitation was extended to Banach following her presentation on survey design and development to educators from northeastern states in New York City last year. In addition, Banach addressed New York State 911 directors at their spring conference held in May in Chautaugua.



Dominic A. Carone

Dominic A. Carone, PhD, was elected by his peers as president of the New York State Association of Neuropsychologists, the only state organization devoted solely to the concerns of neuropsychologists. Dr. Carone is neuropsychologist, clinical assistant professor and coordinator of the Neuropsychology Assessment Program in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department.

Rev. Terry Culbertson, spiritual care manager for University Hospital, presented "Spirituality and Medicine" as part of the Westcott Community Center Lecture Series March 30 at the Westcott Community Center in Syracuse.

Carol Braund, RN, PhD, administrative nursing supervisor at University Hospital, was inducted into the Onondaga Community College (OCC)

Alumni Faces gallery during the annual OCC Scholarship Reception, held in May on the OCC campus.

The Regional Perinatal Center of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, published an article titled, "Exploring 3-Dimensional Imaging Techniques in the Prenatal Interrogation of Cebocephaly," in the June issue of the *Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine*. Authors and contributors are **Lisa M. Allen, BS, RDMS, RDCS, RVT**, **Robert K. Silverman, MD**, **John T. Nosovitch, MD**, **Tammy M. Lohnes, RDMS**, and **Kathleen D. Williams, RDMS, RDCS**.

Christopher W. Ryan, MD, of the Binghamton Campus Department of Family Medicine, published an article titled, "Association Between Colonic Symptoms and Inattention/Hyperactivity in British Children" in *Child and Adolescent Mental Health*.



Susan S. Graham

Susan S. Graham, MS, MT (ASCP)SH, presented "RBC: Critical Clues in Morphology" March 13 at the 2008 Baltimore Workshops for Laboratory Professionals in Towson, Md. Graham is associate professor and chair of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science in the College of Health Professions.

Robert L. Sunheimer, MS MT(ASCP)SC, SLS CC-NRCC, associate professor of clinical laboratory science in the College of Health Professions, represented the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) on a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Blue Ribbon Panel on laboratory safety May 16 at the CDC offices in Atlanta. Sunheimer has been a member of the ASCP since 1971.

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Sharon Brangman

Sharon A. Brangman, MD, chief of Geriatrics in the Department of Medicine, joined Syracuse Oasis volunteers **Karen Kolceski** and **Jack Houseworth** in appearing in a national promotional video for Oasis. The Syracuse Oasis was one of four Oasis' cities featured in the video out of the national network of 25 cities. The two-minute promotion, which ran through May, was broadcast in Oasis cities on two cable and satellite networks - CNBC and Family Net. The purpose of the video was to build awareness of OASIS lifelong learning and service opportunities as a part of the organization's 25th anniversary.

Lazaro G. Rosales, MD, associate professor in the Department of Pathology, was reappointed by Gov. David Paterson as a member of the New York State Department of Health Council on Human Blood and Transfusion Services for a two-year term. Dr. Rosales is chair of the Blood Services Committee, one of the committees under the council. The council serves as an advisory body to the governor on state rules and regulations pertaining to human blood collection, testing, storage and transfusion.



Kimberlee Garver

Kimberlee Garver, LMSW, social worker for neurodevelopmental pediatrics for the Continuum of Care Department, will participate in a panel discussion and co-facilitate a workshop titled, "Warmth and Conflict in Sibling Relationships: Tips for Parents" at the Spina Bifida Association's 35th National Conference June 22 to 25 in Tuscan Ariz. Garver will discuss a multi-center longitudinal study of medical and social outcomes among youths with spina bifida. SUNY Upstate's spina bifida clinic at the Center for Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics is a study participant with **Nienke Dosa, MD**, director of the Center, serving as SUNY Upstate's principal investigator on the study. SUNY Upstate contributors include **Kimberlee Garver**, **Judith Hodge**, **Mary MacBlane** and **Gwen Trufant**. Garver also presented a poster titled "The Center for Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics Healthy Lifestyle program" at the state National Association of Social Work conference March 28 in Albany. The program is co-facilitated through CNDP by **Denise Woodall-Ruff, MD**, **Julita Klopocka-Niemiec**, and **Jessica Skrocki**. Subsequent to this poster presentation, this program which is part of the Center for Children's Nutrition and Exercise (CCNE) was renamed Fit Families.

James L. Vossler, MS, MT(ASCP)SM, CLS[NCAMLP], assistant professor in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science in the College of Health Professions, presented "A Review of Antimicrobial Resistance and Methods of Laboratory Detection" at the American Society for Clinical Pathology Workshops for Laboratory Professionals April 16 in San Francisco. In addition, he has been selected by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) for the Review Committee for Accredited Programs (RCAP). His four-year term begins July 2008.

In addition, **Vossler, Donna Vavonese** and **Peter G. Beatty, PhD**, received an award from the Partners in Education and Business for SUNY Upstate's MedQuest program in recognition of workforce preparation of youth in CNY. Dr. Beatty is associate professor of family medicine, senior associate director of predoctoral education for the Department of Family Medicine through which he provides oversight and associate director of the RMED program and director of the Central Region Office of the New York State AHEC System, which collaborates with two community based area health education centers in the 19 county Central Region. Vavonese is associate director of admissions in the Division of Student Affairs.

Employee Satisfaction Survey to be conducted June 23-27

SUNY Upstate Medical University will conduct hospital and campus employee surveys the week of June 23.

Press-Ganey Associates Inc. will facilitate the on-site hospital survey. Absentee employee surveys will be available if requested through the departmental manager.

The campus survey will be

conducted via the Zoomerang on-line service to ensure confidentiality of responses. Paper copies will be available for employees who do not have internet access.

The data gathered by both the hospital and campus surveys will be instrumental in prioritizing areas of improvement and will assist SUNY

Upstate in identifying initiatives to enhance employee morale and job satisfaction.

Participation is encouraged. For more information, contact Jim Legault at 464-4132 or Barb Riggall at 464-4964.



Photograph by Deborah Rexine

Bruce Dearing Writing award winners are, from left, Dominick Maggio, Lisa Oliver, Elsa Capria, Joan Cofrancesco, Katherine Leonard, Susan Shaw, accepting for her daughter, Andrea, and Adam Stern.

Bruce Dearing Writing Award winners are announced

Seven SUNY Upstate Medical University individuals received 2008 Bruce Dearing Writing awards at a ceremony April 23 in the Medical Alumni Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall. The award competition is sponsored by SUNY Upstate's Center for Bioethics and Humanities. Tied for first place for poetry in the student category are Andrea Shaw, MS IV, for her work titled "Not

Ready to Die" and Katherine Leonard of the College of Nursing for her work titled "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Clinical Experience." Tied for first place in fiction in the student category are Adam Stern, MS II, for "Faulty Armo," and Dominick Maggio, MS I, for "The Fitzroy River Turtle." Elsa Capria of the College of Nursing received honorable mention for her short story titled "A Good

Day." Joan Cofrancesco earned first place in the faculty/employee poetry category for her poems, "Goya" and "Object to Be Destroyed." Lisa Oliver won first place in fiction in the faculty/employee category for her story, "When These Things Happen." All selections will appear in the eighth issue of *The Healing Muse* in October 2008.

Automated voice recognition system offers easy access to pager numbers

"Just Say It" is an automated voice recognition system that eliminates the need to call University Hospital's Call Center for a pager number. The system also allows for an automatic dial of the pager number. Users should call 6-2222 to take advantage of the service.

To use the service, pager numbers must be entered in the pager field in Self-Serve found on the SUNY Upstate Web site, www.upstate.edu. The information is uploaded to "Just Say It" weekly. The system is only accessible from an internal SUNY Upstate extension.

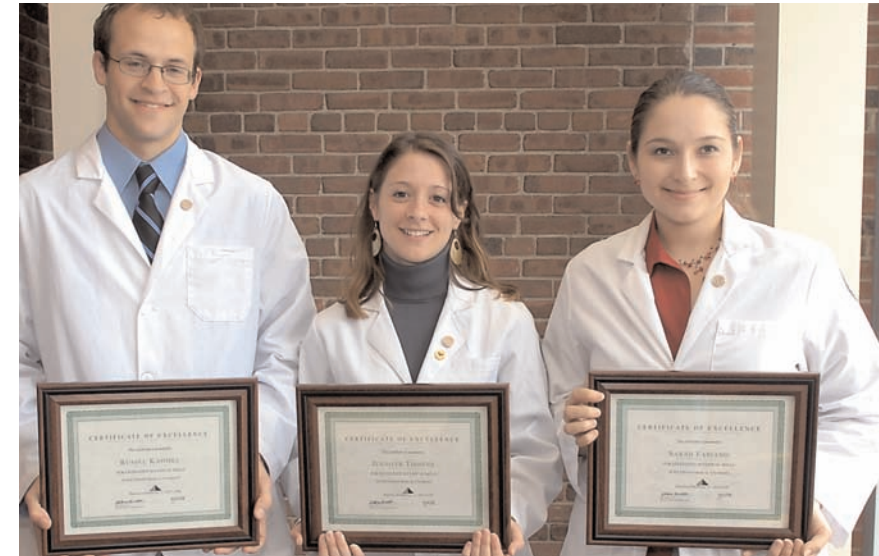
To use the system, enter or update the pager number using SUNY "Self-Serve."

Employees:

- Open Web browser to the SUNY Upstate Web site, www.upstate.edu.
- Click "iPage" and select "SelfServe" under the "All Staff" category.
- Login to Self Serve. Call Help Desk at 464-4115 for login help.
- Under "My Information" select "Employee Details," select "Location & Telephone" and then select "Update Work Location/Contact Information."
- Enter Area Code and pager number and select "Update."

Supervisors:

- Follow the first three steps above.
 - Click "Department Information" and select "My Departments." Select the appropriate department and then select "Department Roster."
 - Select "Employee" and then "Location & Telephone."
 - Select "Update Work Location/Contact Information" and then enter area code and pager number.
 - Select "Update."
- The system is designed only for call back numbers and not text messages. For more information, e-mail: saunderb@upstate.edu



Photograph by William Mueller

Practice made perfect

Second-year medical students, from left, Russel Kahmke, Jennifer Tibbens and Sarah Fabiano received the Practice of Medicine (POM) "Outstanding Clinical Skills" award for their performance in the clinical skills portion

of the POM course. Fabiano was a physical therapist prior to enrolling in medical school. Kahmke was admitted to SUNY Upstate in the early decision program. Tibbens is enrolled in the RMED program.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

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

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

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

Workshop. "Counseling and Discipline Training" will assist supervisors and managers on ways to address the challenges of maintaining and improving employee job performance.

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

HealthLink Seminar. "What is Ergonomics" will discuss the common principles or ergonomics through interactive demonstrations.

June 17. 1 to 3 p.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "A Practical Approach to Practical Skills (PSFS): Communication Influence and Impact" will help participants to understand how to influence and affect others to bring out their best.

June 18. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Sunny Days are Coming—Are You Prepared?" Learn how sun exposure causes changes in skin and ways to stay protected.

June 19. 2 to 4 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "UUP Performance Management Fundamentals" will discuss the dimensions of diversity and how to create an environment of inclusion.

June 24. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "HIV: A Risk at Any Age" will offer an overview of current HIV statistics, risk factors, treatments and outcomes, counseling and discussion of confidentiality issues.

June 26. 2 to 10 to 11:30 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Ergonomics Injury Prevention in Healthcare for Managers" provides an overview of the basics of

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ergonomics and ergonomic injury prevention in healthcare facilities, including the causes of work-related musculoskeletal disorders in the healthcare environment.

June 26. 2 Noon to 1 p.m. www.champprogram.com.

Webinar, sponsored by SUNY Upstate's Champs Program. Margaret Hammerschlag, MD, from SUNY Downstate will present "Medical Legal Implications of STD Testing in Children: Nuts to NAATs with Webcast moderator Jamie Hoffman Rosenfeld, MD. Registration is required to receive one AMA PRA Category 1 Credit Award. Participation is limited to current New York State medical providers. To register, visit www.champprogram.com and click "What's New". The registration may be downloaded or printed. Fax or e-mail the registration form to Sarah Weber, 464-2048, Webers@upstate.edu. Questions? Call 464-2271 and ask for Sarah.

Wednesday, June 11

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

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

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

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

Surgery Grand Rounds. “The Return of Acute Care Surgery.” Moustafa Hassan, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

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

Workshop. “A Practical Approach to Practical Skills: Leadership Panel.” 9 a.m. to noon. 3507 Setnor Bldg.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. “Physicians for a National Health Program, Single Payer System.” Gustavo de la Roza, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds. “The Slippery Slope of DVT, PE, and Anticoagulation: 2008 Update.” Robert L. Levine, MD, University of Texas Medical School. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. Carousel Center, Sixth floor Skydeck.

Creative Writing Workshop. Noon to 1 p.m. Center for Bioethics and Humanities Conference Rm., Crouse Physician's Office Bldg, 725 Irving Ave., Suite 406.

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

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

Thursday, June 12
SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

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

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

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

Workshop. “Counseling and Discipline Training (Employee Relations.) 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Onsite Registration for 4th Annual Paddle for the Cure. 11 a.m. t 1 p.m. Second floor lobby, University Hospital.

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds. “Depression, Psychosis and Agitation in Dementia.” Davangere P. Devanand, MD, Columbia University. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St., Syracuse.

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

Vocera. See 6/11 listing.

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

HealthLink Seminar. “What is Ergonomics?” Valerie Beecher, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

Friday, June 13
SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. 3507 Setnor Academic

Bldg.

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

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

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

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

Saturday, June 14
2008 Infectious Disease Pharmacotherapy Update. 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ninth Floor Auditorium, Wsk. Hall.

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

Sunday, June 15
HealthLink on Air. 9 a.m. WSYR-570AM.

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

Monday, June 16
• **Mass.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

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

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

Tuesday, June 17
Weight Watchers at Work. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

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

HANYS Summer Workforce Leadership Series. “High Impact Retention: Strategies for Retaining Your Best and Brightest.” 10 to 11:30 a.m.

4507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. Downtown YMCA, 340 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

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

Workshop. “A Practical Approach to Practical Skills: Communication Influence and Impact.” 1 to 3 p.m. 1328B University Hospital.

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

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

A Celebration of the Faculty. 4 to 6:30 p.m. Lobby, Institute for Human Performance.

Wednesday, June 18
Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

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

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

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

Surgery Teaching Awards Program. 8 to 8:30 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. “Sudden Death in Sleep: A Preventable Catastrophe.” Antonio Culebras, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds. “New York State Institute

for Health Transition Training for Youth with Developmental Disabilities.” Nienke Dosa, MD, MPH, and Jeffry Tamburo, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. Sixth floor Skydeck, Carousel Center.

• **Rev. Weez’s Storytime.** See 6/11 listing.

Vocera. See 6/17 listing.

HealthLink Seminar. “Sunny Days are Coming—Are You Prepared.” Eleanor Abel, PA, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Thursday, June 19
Nursing Services Orientation (NSO). See 6/12 listing.

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

Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. Downtown YMCA, 340 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Graduation. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St., Syracuse.

Workshop. “UUP Performance Management Fundamentals.” 2 to 4 p .m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Vocera. See 6/17 listing.

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

Friday, June 20
WebCAIS/Groupwise Class (unlicensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

ATLS Student Course. 7:30 a.m. 550 E. Genesee St.

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

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Technology advances at SUNY Upstate Medical University spotlighted

National Health Information Technology (IT) Week, to be celebrated through June 13, offers the opportunity to recognize the technology advances that SUNY Upstate Medical University and University Hospital have made in health information technology and to allow SUNY Upstate to assess areas for continued growth.

In addition to significant ongoing system software and hardware upgrades/ replacements, new IT initiatives recently completed include:

- Wellsoft Patient Tracking in the Emergency Department.
- Implementation of a new Web-based software application to assist with coding of patient records.
- Patient Care Orders are now being sent to the computerized reporting Data Warehouse repository that helps clinicians and other appropriate staff to access ordering trends.
- Patient Care documentation for the Department of Nursing and patient

history and admission assessments were completed housewide. A Shift Assessments project is currently under way.

- Input national identification identification numbers of all medical staff in the SUNY Upstate IT system.
- Web-enabled University Hospital and UMAS budget and other key reports to a more enhanced system.
- Implemented a new software application allowing the Office of Risk Management to automate its workflow and provide Web-enabled occurrence reporting across the hospital.
- Mainframe upgrade.
- Upgraded the operating room information system.
- Converted University Hospital’s general ledger from PeopleSoft to Lawson.
- Near completion of the Vocera inpatient rollout bringing the total number of users to more than 2000. Projects currently under way

include:

- The wireless upgrade throughout University Hospital.
- Procurement process for an electronic document imaging solution.
- Replacement of the nurse time-keeping/staff scheduling product.
- Electronic Remittance expansion billing for fiscal services.
- Replacement of the Department of Radiology Information System.

The IMT Division is directed by Chief Information Officer Terry Wagner. Staff includes Maureen Cummings, director of Hospital Information Systems; Steve DeFazio, director of Administrative Information Systems; Sue Kimball, interim director of Clinical Data Services; Cindy Nappa, director of the Institutional Privacy Office; Joseph C. Smith, director of Educational Communications; and Mark Zeman, associate administrator for integrated materials and mechanical technical support.

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• **Mass.** See 6/13 listing.

6/17 listing.

Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. Sixth floor Skydeck, Carousel Center.

Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. Downtown YMCA, 340 Montgomery St., Syracuse.

Saturday, June 21
• **Mass.** See 6/14 listing.

Sunday, June 22
HealthLink on Air. See 6/15 listing.

• **Mass.** See 6/15 listing.

Monday, June 23
• **Mass.** See 6/16 listing.

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

Tuesday, June 24
Management Forum. 10 to 11:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Weight Watchers at Work. See 6/17 listing.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** See

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

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

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

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

• **Rev. Weez’s Storytime.** See 6/11 listing.

Thursday, June 26
SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

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

Workshop. “Ergonomics Injury Prevention in Healthcare for Managers. 10 to 11:30 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Meeting for Full-time Faculty. Noon to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg. 713 Harrison St., Syracuse.

Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. Sixth floor Skydeck, Carousel Center.

Webinar. “Medical-Legal Implications of STD Testing in Children: Nuts to NAATs.” Margaret Hammerschlag, MD, SUNY Downstate. Noon to 1 p.m. www.champprogram.com

WebCAIS/Vocera Class. See 6/12 listing.

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

Friday, June 27

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

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

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

• **Mass.** See 6/13 listing.

Saturday, June 28
4th Annual Paddle for the Cure. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Erie Canal Park, Camillus.

• **Mass.** See 6/14 listing.

Sunday, June 29
HealthLink on Air. See 6/15 listing.

• **Mass.** See 6/15 listing.

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

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Students from SUNY Upstate Medical University's College of Medicine assembled and donated baskets to the Center for New Americans

Extending beyond the walls to help those in need

Through generous donations from the SUNY Upstate Medical University community and a grant from the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), SUNY Upstate medical students assembled and donated several baskets of hygiene and first aid items to the Center for New Americans in Syracuse, a major destination for

refugees from around the world. The center helps refugees to begin new lives in America by providing classes, living arrangements, and support groups.



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