“White Coat” Ceremony
Welcome new students

CALENDAR

August
12  White Coat Ceremony, 4 p.m., Shryock Auditorium, Carbondale, Student Affairs, 545-2860
16  Ethnic Celebration-Middle East, India and Pakistan, noon, 801 lobby, Patricia Davis, Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-7243
16  Diabetes event, 5:30 p.m., MMC’s Wedenberg Conference Center, Ann Collins, SIU P&S, 545-8065
27  Minority Alumni Reunion, Cathy Dickman, Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-7334
29  Emmett Pearson, M.D., lecture, 6 p.m., South Auditorium, Medical Humanities, 545-4261

September
8   “The Primary Care Physician/Surgeon Partnership,” 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Prairie Heart Conference Center, CME, 545-7711
13  Losing To Win orientation, 5:30 p.m., South Auditorium, 801 N. Rutledge, Amy Olson, Medicine, 545-7985

Go to www.siumed.edu/news/calen.htm to submit public or School events for the on-line Calendar.

FYI

MMC CONFERENCE ROOM: As of Aug. 8, SIU conference rooms D228 and D229 at Memorial Medical Center can be scheduled through Oracle Calendar. For info, call Penny Bandor, Surgery, 545-3836.

CORRECTION: David Steward, M.D., Medicine, was incorrectly identified as medical director of SIU P&S. Richard Embrey, M.D., Surgery, continues to serve in that position. We apologize for the error.

ASSOCIATE DEAN ANNOUNCED: Linda Toth, D.V.M., Ph.D., has been named associate dean for research and faculty affairs, effective August 1. She has served as interim associate dean since November 2004. Toth is responsible for promoting and coordinating the School’s research as well as directing core support offices that include grants and contracts, laboratory animal medicine, research service and statistics and research consulting. She also is a tenured professor in pharmacology and director of laboratory animal medicine. She joined SIU’s faculty in 2000.

WHITE COAT CEREMONY: Seventy-five medical students in the Class of 2009 are participating in a “white coat” ceremony in Carbondale at 4 p.m. Friday, August 12. The keynote speaker is David A. Rogers, M.D., Surgery. The students will be welcomed by J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D., Ph.D., dean and provost, and will receive their first white coat from Erik J. Con stance, M.D., class of 1988 and associate dean for student affairs. The students also will receive a pin with the words “Compassion, Respect and Integrity” from the SIU Foundation. Everyone is invited to attend this moving ceremony.

WELCOMING NEW STUDENTS: Seventy-two sophomore medical students begin their studies in Springfield on Monday, August 8. The School welcomes them with a free, all-School hot dog lunch (including veggie dogs) at 11:30 p.m. in the 801 courtyard, sponsored by the CQI Holidays R Us committee. The Dean’s Office and SIU P&S are providing funds for the event. For info, call Stephanie George, Educational Media, 545-3184.

EMPLOYEE HONORS: Debbie Kemper, Surgery, is the August Employee of the Month. Her nominators say “Debbie has proven to be a strong, loyal and steadfast supporter of the division of otolaryngology head and neck surgery. She is truly a team leader and a tireless worker.” Congratulations, Debbie.

Three people have been Caught in the Act of Excellence. Becky Clinton, Obstetrics/Gynecology, “always goes above and beyond ... and puts the care of patients at the top of her priorities. She treats every patient with respect and compassion.” Nancy Graves, Medicine, “helped a resident learn how to navigate the departmental website and how to access their schedule. By helping each other, we all succeed.” Don Miller, Medicine, “treats people in a compassionate and caring manner. The patients are grateful for his help and encouragement.” Congratulations, all. To find the nomination form click on intranet and go to Finance and Administration/Human Resources and then click on What’s New. Completed forms are sent to Human Resources, MC 9601.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS SET: Brenda Michel, R.N., and Amy Olson, R.D., both Medicine, will conduct a diabetes patient education event Tuesday, August 16, in MMC’s Wedenberg Conference Center, 701 N. First St., Springfield. Exhibits will be open at 5:30 p.m. and speakers will begin at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost for the event, but registration is encouraged. For information or to register, call Ann Collins, SIU P&S, 545-8065.

Gordon Allan, M.D., Surgery, will present “Is Joint Replacement for You” at Lunch with the Doctor, noon Wednesday, August 17, at the Prairie Heart Institute Conference Center, 618 E. Mason St, Springfield. To RSVP, call Carol Thomas, Surgery, 545-7133.

SIU PARKING STICKERS: SIU parking stickers are available for purchase 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the Security Office, 801 N. Rutledge (1st floor). Current stickers expire September 1. For information, call Security, 545-7777.
COMMUNITY CORNER

CMN FUNDRAISER: Illinois State Fair one-day ride tickets, (except giant slide, sky glider or tram) are on sale for $17 per ticket at the Foundation Office, 927 N. Rutledge. Proceeds from sales benefit the Children's Miracle Network. For info, call SIU Foundation, 545-2955.

ENOS UPDATE: Enos School students need a hand. Many of the 250-some students need our help in getting off to a good start in the new school year, which starts August 29. SIU’s Adopt-A-School committee is collecting school supplies because many families can’t provide them – 90% of the students come from economically disadvantaged homes. Deliver your donation or checks (payable to SIU Foundation Acct. 12-02420) by August 22 or look for the Blue Enos bins throughout the School. Items needed are –

- backpack or book bag
- large box of tissues
- scissors (3.45 or 6 inch)
- white glue sticks
- pencil/supply boxes
- crayons (24 ct)
- box of wet wipes
- colored pencils (8 ct)
- 2-pocket folders, no clasp
- 1 dozen #2 pencils
- erasable folder w/14 pockets

For information, call Public Affairs, 545-2155

ON MY OWN TIME: “On My Own Time,” sponsored by the Springfield Area Arts Council, is an in-house workplace display of visual arts produced by employees on their “own time.” Entries are divided into ten categories: painting, drawing/printmaking/etching, fiber/fabric/needlework, pottery/ceramics/porcelain, photography/computer enhanced imagery, sculpture, wood, jewelry/glass/metal and other-basketry, floral arrangements. Cost is $5 per entry, up to 3 entries per person. Entry forms must be submitted by August 8th. Forms may be obtained from Brenda Vilayhong, SIU P&S, 545-8850, or from Cathy Dickman, Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-7334. Actual artwork is due September 12th. The artwork will be exhibited in the SIU lobby, 801 N. Rutledge, from September 14-30. The citywide exhibit is November 2-22 at Bank One, Sixth and Washington Streets, Springfield.

RESEARCH GRANT: Donald Torry, Ph.D., Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology, has been awarded a three-year national grant from the March of Dimes Foundation to study a potential method for decreasing the frequency of preeclampsia. Total budget is $249,909. STATE FAIR EVENTS: The School of Medicine will participate three times during the Illinois State Fair. On Saturday, August 13, Student Affairs will be part of the SIUC college day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Campus Town, formerly Tech Town. On Monday, August 15, faculty and staff from Obstetrics/Gynecology in cooperation with St. John’s Hospital will discuss osteoporosis and offer bone density screenings from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Illinois Building. On Wednesday, August 17, representatives from Medicine, SIU Cancer Institute and ThinkFirst will hand out information and be available to answer questions. Representatives from Medicine and Family/Community Medicine also will provide glucose and blood pressure screenings from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the SIU tent, located across from the Illinois Fire Services Museum and next to the Emmerson Building.

NEWS BRIEFS

HONORS: Karen Fifer, ITEC, was named Woman of the Year by the American Business Women’s Association, Land of Lincoln chapter. She also will serve as president for a one-year term, beginning in August.

Randy Kienstra, M.D., Pediatrics, in the recipient of the Jonas Salk Award for 2005 given by the March of Dimes. The award, presented August 4 at a dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, recognizes a physician who has provided a significant contribution to the community in the field of medicine.

PRESENTATIONS: Terri Cameron, Education/Curriculum, and David Resch, M.D., Medicine, presented “Acceptance of PDA’s by Medical Students: Lessons for Future Physicians” and Cameron presented “Educational Technology: Opportunities and Challenges” at the American Association of Medical College’s Silve of Life Conference for medical multimedia developers and educators in July in Portland.

Gary Myers, Ph.D., Medical Humanities, presented “Stigma of Psychiatry in the United States” and chaired the session on “Quality of Life and Stigmatization of Mental Patients” at the Eighth Congress for Bridging Eastern and Western Psychiatry in June in Moscow, Russia.

Mordwaj Parihar, Ph.D., and Gregory Brewer, Ph.D., both Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology, presented “Age-related Decreases in NADH Cause Redox Declines During Glutamate Treatment of Hippocampal Neurons” at the American Aging Association meeting in June in Oakland.

PUBLICATIONS: Gregory Brewer, Ph.D., and John Torricelli, both Medical Microbiology/Immunology/Cell Biology, co-authored “Age-Related Calcium Changes, Oxydral Damage, Caspase Activation and Nuclear Condensation in Hippocampal Neurons in Response to Glutamate and Beta-Amyloid” in Experimental Gerontology 40:426-37.


STAFF UPDATE: Welcome to Rebecca Brady, medical assistant, Medicine; Carole Gibson, office systems specialist, Medicine; Kimberly Jones, clerical assistant, Medical Records; Suzanne Kimball, coordinator of audiology services, Surgery; Amy Lonergan, nurse, Surgery; Ryan Mahan, ambulatory care aide, Medicine; Robert O’Brien, vocational rehabilitation specialist, Psychiatry; Edward Krstulovich, laboratory animal caretaker, Laboratory Animal Medicine; and Feiya Wang, researcher, Medicine. Farewell to Lisa Atwell, Family/Community Medicine-Quincy; Kimberly Jones, Medical Records, and Margaret Watkins, Medicine.