Employees Receive University and School Honors

CALENDAR

May

4-24  Sangamon County art exhibit, lobby, 801 N. Rutledge, Cathy Dickman, Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-7334

4-5  SIU Foundation Board meeting, Pearson Museum, Lisa McKenney, Foundation, 545-9402

8  Cookie Lee Jewelry fundraiser for CMN, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., lobby, 801 N. Rutledge, Alison Storm, Foundation, 545-1179

10  Reproductive Freedom educational forum, 6 p.m., West Auditorium, 801 N. Rutledge, sponsored by medical students for choice, Tabatha Wells, 773-988-3103

15  Ethnic Heritage-Asian, noon, lobby, 801 N. Rutledge, Patricia Davis, Diversity/Minority Affairs, 545-7243

FYI

PUBLIC EVENT: Erica Nelson, M.D., Obstetrics/Gynecology, will present “Minimally Invasive Hysterectomies Using Robotics” at Lunch with the Doctor at noon Monday, May 14, at the James T. Dove, M.D., Conference Center at Prairie Heart Institute, 619 E. Mason, Springfield. For information, call Carol Thomas, Surgery, 545-7133.

LECTURES & SYMPOSIA: Leslie Smith, M.D., Surgery, will present “The Lump is on the Floor…Now What? Teaching Decision-Making without a Right Answer” at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, 913 N. Rutledge, Room 1252, and teleconferenced to Lindegren Hall, Room 303, Carbondale. This talk is sponsored by the Academy for Scholarship in Education. For info, call Donna Peterson, Medical Education, 545-2103.

OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY CHAIR NAMED: J. Ricardo Loret de Mola, M.D., has been named associate professor and chair of obstetrics and gynecology. He comes to SIU from MacDonald Women’s Hospital of Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) in Cleveland, where he served as chief of the reproductive endocrinology and infertility (2000-07). He also directed MacDonald’s fertility and in vitro fertilization center and laboratory. He succeeds William H. Schultz, M.D., professor of obstetrics and gynecology, who has been serving as interim chair.

Previously, Loret de Mola was on the faculty of the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (UPSM). He completed a two-year fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at UPSM (1996) and his residency at CWRU (1994). He earned medical and bachelor’s degrees at the Monterey Institute of Technology (1988, 1983). Loret de Mola also completed a two-year fellowship at the Association of American Medical College (2002) and a two-year research fellowship in pharmacology at CWRU as a scholar of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Foundation (1998). He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES: The Schools’ 33rd commencement will be held at noon Saturday, May 19. Sixty-nine physicians and two graduate students will graduate during the ceremony at Sangamon Auditorium at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The commencement speaker is William P. Magee Jr., D.D.S., M.D., co-founder of Operation Smile. Catherine Gaffigan, senior class president, will deliver remarks for the graduates. (Other honors will be listed in the next Newsletter.)

UNIVERSITY HONORS: Three from the School of Medicine have received University-Level Awards during the Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program in Carbondale. Shirley McGlinn, MED-PREP, (left in photo) received the outstanding term faculty teaching award. Abhijit Shukla, a doctoral student in biochemistry/molecular biology, (far right) received the outstanding graduate student research award. Maureen Doran, Anatomy, (center right) received the outstanding civil service teaching support award. Also honored with one of nine College-Level Teaching Award was Linda Toth, Ph.D., Research Affairs (left of Dr. Dorsey).

EMPLOYEE HONORS: Tim Shelabarger, Information Resources, is the May employee of the month. His nominator said “Tim is dedicated and willing to go above and beyond his daily responsibilities to make sure that his clients are always online. He arrives early and stays late to achieve his goal of quality service.” Civil Service employees were honored during employee recognition week. Todd Hammond, Dean’s Office, (left in photo with Dr. Dorsey) was named 2006 Employee of the Year. His nominators said “he is able to accomplish difficult tasks while making them seem easy and even fun. He truly is a great resource and asset to the School.” Celeste Keenan, Medical Records, (right) is the 2006 Supervisor of the Year. Her nominators said “her attention to detail and patience in training new employees make her a great team leader. She goes the extra mile and her efforts are much appreciated.”
COMMUNITY CORNER

ENOS UPDATE: The Enos committee is collecting children's books for distribution to Enos students at the end of the school year. New or gently-used books are needed for kindergarten through fifth grade. Send them to Public Affairs, MC 9621, or look for the blue Enos bins. Monetary contributions are accepted. Make checks payable to SIU Foundation, Acct. 12-02420, and send to Public Affairs, MC 9621. For more info, contact Tracy Smith, 545-2230, or Anne Barnett, 545-0795, both Education/Curriculum.

CAMP COCO FUNDRAISER: The Decatur Breakfast Optimist Club is sponsoring a fundraiser 6-10 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Decatur Club, 158 W. Prairie, Decatur. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 drawing and a band, Rock-of-Ages. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit Camp COCO. For info, call SIU Foundation, 545-6447.

APRIL COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS: Glen Aylward, Ph.D., Pediatrics, spoke about ADD/ADHD to a group from Addus Healthcare. Therese Boley, Surgery, spoke about surgery options for emphysema to the Better Brothers Club in Springfield. Stephen Solty, M.D., Psychiatry, spoke about general psychiatry to a psychology class at Lincoln Land Community College.

CQI FIT AND HEALTHY: Fit 'N' Healthy team will hold their spring walk event in Springfield 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 23. The walk begins at the grassy area northeast of SIU Center for Family Medicine, at the corner of Carpenter and Fifth St. (Rain date will be Thursday, May 24.) There will be prizes, a 50/50 drawing, health screenings and patient education materials. For info, call Sandy Dennis,External/Health Affairs, 545-5770 or go to www.intranet.siumed.edu/gf/.

HONORS: Gina Paul, Ph.D., MEDPREP, received a travel grant from the Central Association of Advisors for Health Professions. As part of the grant, she presented “Triangulation and Passage Analysis Worksheets to Analyze Verbal Reasoning Mistakes” and “The Use of Deep Breathing Meditation to Reduce Test Anxiety” at the April meeting in Omaha.

Nancy Calvert, Student Affairs, received the Central Group on Student Affairs (CGSA) Outstanding Service Award at their annual meeting in Omaha in April. The award is given to those who have demonstrated service to the CGSA and have an outstanding record of accomplishment, resourcefulness and dedication to its mission.

Therese Boley, Surgery, received the 2007 Ruby Award from the Illinois Women in Leadership at its meeting in April in Springfield. The award goes to a woman who “stands in the forefront with great influence in a chosen endeavor.”

Fifty-six employees were recognized for their five years of service during the annual service awards luncheon April 26 in Springfield with a total of 280 years of service. Also recognized were 11 Civil Service Employees of the Month and four A/P Employees of the Quarter.

TV PROGRAM: The American Cancer Society TV program Informing You airs monthly at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays on Springfield cable channel, Access 4. Lisa Wichterman, M.D., community physician, will discuss breast cancer on May 8 and Elizabeth Peralta, M.D., Surgery, pancreatic cancer on May 15. Series producer is Ruth Slottag, Public Affairs.

STROKE CARE PROGRAM: Memorial Medical Center will host “Focus on Health: Stroke Care,” a free community education program at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, in MMC’s Wedeberg Conference Center. Joni Clark, M.D., Surgery, is co-presenter of the program. For information, call MMC Stroke Center, 217-788-3893.

NEWS BRIEFS

PRESENTATIONS: Kathleen Campbell, Ph.D., Surgery, made three presentations in March – “Current Perspectives in Ototoxicity and Otoprotective Agents” at the Kentucky Speech Language Hearing Association annual convention in Lexington; and “New Frontiers in Otoprotective Agents” and “D-Methionine as a Protective Agent for Drug and Noise Induced Hearing Loss and Radiation Induced Oral Mucositis,” both at Rush Medical School in Chicago.

Shailesh Nandish, M.D., Medicine, presented “Glucose Suppresses Endothelial Cell Proliferation by Inhibiting Adenosine-stimulated Erk 1/2 Activation” at the American College of Cardiology annual meeting in New Orleans in March.

Medicine faculty presented at the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine conference in San Diego in April. Christine Todd, M.D., Medicine, presented “FIT Week: Focused Inpatient Training for Internal Medicine Residents” and Todd and Andrew Varney, M.D., presented “A New Dawn for Morning Report: A Springboard for a Curriculum.”


Struble, McAsey, Seema Afridi, senior medical student; Shari Randall, Alzheimer Center; and Maio Li, Obstetrics/Gynecology, co-authored “Neocortical and Hippocampal Glial Fibrillary Acidic Protein Immunoreactivity Shows Region Specific Variation during the Mouse Estrous Cycle” in Neuroendocrinology, Vol. 83 (5-6), 2006, pp. 325-35.

STAFF UPDATE: Welcome to Sandra Andrighetti, account technician, Patient Business Services; Jennifer Hammonds, social worker, Family/Community Medicine-Carbondale; Donna Hillyer, office systems specialist, Surgery; Jane Homolka, nurse, Medicine/Psychiatry; Charles Kauffman, researcher, Cancer Institute; Donna Reels, customer service representative, Call Center; and Andrea Williams, ambulatory care aide, Surgery.

Farewell to Ashanti Beier, Family/Community Medicine-Springfield; Doris Collins, SIU P&S; Rebecca Dombrowski and Kathy Simpson, both Pediatrics; Georgetta Euler, Medicine; Karen Fifer, Cancer Institute; Karen Haigwood, Surgery; Carol Nordstrom, Surgery; and Jean Rovey, Medicine.