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CALENDAR

To submit an item to the School calendar, click here: www.siumed.edu/news/calen.htm

JULY
7.30
Lunch with the Doctor, noon - 1 pm, Dove Conference Center, Prairie Heart Institute, 619 E. Mason. Find out "Who Needs Thyroid Surgery?" from **K. Thomas Robbins, M.D.** BYOL; snacks and beverages provided. Contact **Annette Bottrell**, 545-7133 or register online at siumed.edu/surgery/lunch.

AUGUST
8.10
6th Annual Natalie Goebel Memorial Ride, begins at The Other Bar in Morrisonville, 10 am - noon. Fundraiser for Camp COCO includes food, silent auction, live music. All vehicles welcome.

COCO beach party

During the second week of July, 162 area children with cancer and blood disorders attended SIU Pediatrics's Camp COCO at Lake Bloomington's Timber Pointe Outdoor Conference Center. The campers, ages 6-17, came from 63 different Illinois hometowns to enjoy a "Beach Party," including games, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, dancing, singing and just being kids. Care and assistance was provided by staff from SIU, St. John's Children's Hospital, St. Jude's Midwest Affiliate in Peoria and community volunteers from Springfield. More here, on Zenfolio and in Media Coverage.)

Med students working with researchers

A dozen medical students are "grabbing some bench" in research laboratories this summer as part of SIU's Mentored Professional Enrichment Experiences. The MPEE is an eight-week elective between the first and second years of medical school that gives students an opportunity to work with physicians or researchers at SIU or other medical campuses.

The students are studying a variety of research topics in basic and clinical medicine, including cataract surgery,

8.12
Hot dog lunch welcoming second year students, 11:30 - 1 pm, 801 Courtyard. Beach wear optional, but no bikinis or Speedos please. Contact **Suzann Welch**, 545-1955.

8.14
Family Fun Health Fair, 3 - 6 pm, SIU Family Medicine Health Center, corner of 4th and Carpenter. See article for details.

8.16
White Coat Ceremony, 4 pm, McLeod Theater, SIU Carbondale. Student Affairs, 545-2860.

8.27
Lunch with the Doctor, noon - 1 pm, Dove Conference Center, Prairie Heart Institute, 619 E. Mason. Gayle Woodson, M.D., discusses "Treating Sinus Infections in Children."

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ENOS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Enos Elementary starts the new school year in a brand new school building. Let's give the students even more new reasons to cheer! The Enos Committee is collecting classroom supplies to show our adopted school support. If you can help, please drop off a donation or check payable to SIU Enos Acct. 10-6751 by August 30 or look for the **blue Enos bins** around the SIU campus.

School supplies needed:

backpack or book bag; scissors (4, 5 or 6-inch); white glue sticks;

ovarian cancer, pediatric knee arthroplasty and metastatic melanoma cell lines. They will give formal presentations about their experiences to the medical school community this autumn.

Participating students and their mentors:

- **Kathryn Blanquart**, with David Vollman, M.D., VA St. Louis Health Care System in St. Louis
- **Adam Cross**, with **Mary McAsey, Ph.D.**, Ob/Gyn, SIU
- **Scott Geiger**, with **Karen Hales, Ph.D.**, Physiology SIU-C
- **Tyler Griebel**, with Dr. Michael Tarantino, Illinois Bleeding and Clotting Disorders Institute in Peoria
- **Anna Grindy**, with **Khaled Saleh**, **M.D.**, Surgery-Orthopaedics, SIU
- **Samantha Nguyen**, with Saleh, SIU
- **Ashley Norton**, with Kenneth Watkin, Ph.D., Beckman Institute, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- **Justine Nuguid**, with Hoang Nguyen, Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas
- **Kate Swaggerty**, with Saleh, SIU
- **Brian Tillis**, with **Jonathan dela Cruz**, **M.D.**, Surgery-Emergency Medicine, SIU
- **Lacey Wood**, with Christopher Bell, Ph.D., Colorado State University in Fort Collins
- **Tian Zhang**, with **Donald Torry, Ph.D.**, MMICB, SIU

(more)

Be a part of Family Fun Health Fair

The SIU Center for Family Medicine, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), is organizing a Family Fun Health Fair to be held in its parking area at 520 North 4th on Wednesday, August 14, from 3 - 6 pm. Your department/ division is invited to participate. The event will help celebrate National Community Health Center Week, August 11 - 17. It will include educational stations, health screenings, face painting, games, fun exercises, door prizes (gift baskets and a grand prize), and light food and snacks -- sandwiches, water and ice cream.

Divisions and School groups are encouraged to participate in support of our FQHC and to help the community get to know SIU. **Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, July 31**. There is no cost to participate. Get more information and sign up here, or contact **Chris Smith** at 545-8065.

FELLOWSHIPS

New andrology fellowship

The School of Medicine has started a one-year, accredited fellowship in andrology, the study of the modern management of male reproductive and sexual health. This year's fellow is **Charles Welliver, M.D.**, a 2013 graduate of the Urological Surgery Residency Program at Albany Medical College in New York. The fellowship

white glue (Elmer's pref.); pencil case/supply box; crayons (24 ct); colored pencils (8 ct); handheld pencil sharpener; pink erasers; wide-ruled notebook paper; washable markers (8 ct); #2 pencils (12 ct); 2-pocket folders, no clasp; wide-ruled spiral notebooks; 14-pocket expandable folder, large box of tissues; box of wet wipes; and slide-lock plastic bags (pt/gal).

For more information, call **Anne Barnett**, Education/ Curriculum; **Judy Harbison**, Continuing Education; **Julie Robbs**, Alumni Affairs; **Jan Meyers**, Student Affairs; **Susan Ryherd**, Research Affairs; **Susan Helm**, Surgery; **Tracey Smith**, Family/ Community Medicine; or **Rebecca Budde**, Public Affairs.

PERSONNEL

Welcome to:

Dena Knoles, Clinic Nurse, Family & Community Medicine Springfield
Andrea Cason, Library Clerk, Medical Library, Neurology
Sandeep Sheth, Researcher II, Pharmacology
Candace Vortman, Medical Assistant, Surgery Clinic - General Surgery
R. Charles Welliver, M.D., Fellow, Surgery - Urology

Farewell to:

Anne Corbin, Anatomy - Carbondale
Kisha Cappa-Smith, Family & Community Medicine Quincy
Kristine Harding, **Patricia Hopkins-Price, Ph.D.** (retirement), **Michelle Mays,** all Internal Medicine
Shelby Weishaar, Pediatrics
Angela Richards, Surgery

QUICK LINKS

SIU Healthy Dose @ SJ-R.com

Here's what we're blogging about:

***Healthy Dose trivia time**

***Postpartum depression**

includes education in both surgical and non-surgical clinical services.

Student gets national research fellowship

Kevin Simon, MSIV, has been awarded the 2013-14 NIMH Medical Student Fellowship in Mental Health Research, administered by the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Simon is the first student at SIU to receive the award, which was given to only seven medical students in the US this year. He will begin the year-long fellowship in September. Simon will study how children with behavior disorders benefit from receiving mental health services from a primary care provider. He also will work in underserved communities to educate families about an anger-management intervention. Simon, from Brooklyn, N.Y., is a graduate of Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md. (2008).

Police Academy graduates

SIU School of Medicine police officers (from left) **Phillip Meyer**, **Chad Rankin** and **Kevin Doyle** are recent graduates of the Illinois State Police Academy 480-hour basic training course for local law enforcement officers. Officer Meyer also received the Peace Officer Wellness Physical Fitness Award.

Parking stickers

The current SIU parking stickers for the Springfield campus expired on June 30, but will remain valid until August 31. Get your 2014 parking permit at the Security Office, 801, N. Rutledge. Save time by registering online. Registration requires your student / employee ID number, email and mailing addresses, vehicle make, model and color, license plate number and registered owner information. Once enrolled, you can pay and pick up the permit sticker at the Security Office.

***Raise a glass of water to your health**

***Rethink your drink**

Do you have a medical topic that's blog-worthy?

Would you like to share news about an event on Facebook but don't have a page?

Contact Public Affairs and we can help!

Examiner back issues

Other School of Medicine newsletters (intranet)

NEW NEWS RELEASES

from the Office of Public Affairs

Med student receives national research fellowship

Enrollment opens for drug study

New andrology fellowship announced

Med students working with local physicians

NEWS RELEASE ARCHIVE

SIU FUN FACT

SIU clinics were visited over **388,000** times in FY2013. More than **102,000** unduplicated patients were served.

Do you have some interesting

Fall CPR renewal courses

CPR renewal courses will be offered September 11 - 13. Staff can take the class online and then take a skills validation check-off course. (Residents should contact the hospital for their CPR testing.) Skills validation will take a half-hour or less. Call **Kim Sherman** at 545-4069 to sign up for the skills validation. Once enrolled, you will receive an email with a sign-in code and directions. Participants must complete the online course and print a certificate in order to do the skills validation. Available time slots are:

Wednesday, Sept. 11: 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 12: 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 am, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 13: 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30 am

Softball tourney recap

The healthy competition between St. John's Hospital, Memorial Medical Center, Kindred Hospital and SIU School of Medicine played out on the diamond at Lanphier Park on July 13 to benefit the United Way. The scrappy SIU Harbingers placed second in the first-ever HealthCare United softball tournament.

Thanks to all the players and volunteers who participated, and a special thank you to those who attended to cheer on the athletes. Patrons also had a family carnival and dunk tank to enjoy between innings. The tournament is likely to become a summer tradition.

The 2013 SIU Harbingers, *front row*: Anna Watson-Weder, Steve Jones, Tina Ashenfelter, Greg Bellaver
middle row: Gabby Broccardo, Leslie Heinen, Sarah Vollintine, Michael Zoelzer, Jennifer Bliesner, Dave Pence, Ryan Schmucker, Brian Derby
back row: Patricia Klos, Krissa Yocum, Josh Warren, Andrew Curtis, Dave Thomas, Darryl Putzer

HONORS & AWARDS

The following awards were presented to staff within the Department of Psychiatry earlier this summer.

2013 Chi-Squared Awards: **Lokesh Shahani, M.D.**,

trivia about your department or staff? Share it with us for the Fun Fact file!

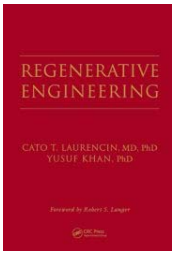
Quick Facts about SIU-SM

Resident Award, and **Pamela Campbell, M.D.**, Faculty Award
2013 Catherine Speedie Memorial Award: **Sheila Thomas, M.D.**, PGY-3
2013 Trainee of the Year: **Kamna Handa, M.D.**, PGY-4
2013 Psychotherapy Achievement Award: **Richard Chung, M.D.**, PGY-3
2013 Psychotherapy Mentor Award: **Trisha Malott**
2013 Faculty of the Year Award: **Ron Kanwischer**
2013 Volunteer Faculty of the Year Award: **Terry Killian, M.D.**

RESEARCH

Publications

Ashim Gupta, Mia D. Woods, Kenneth David Illingworth, Ryan Niemeier, Isaac Schafer, Craig Cady, Peter Filip, **Saadiq F. El-Amin**. Single walled carbon nanotubes composites for bone tissue engineering. *J Orthop Res* 2013, 31(9): 1374-81.



Saadiq F. El-Amin, Joylene W.L. Thomas, Ugonna N. Hekweazu, **Mia D. Woods, Ashim Gupta**. Regenerative Engineering: The Future of Medicine. In *Regenerative Engineering* 2013, CRC Press: Boca Raton, Fl.

NEW FACULTY

Teri Abrams, Ph.D., has joined the faculty as a research assistant professor in the Division of Plastic Surgery. Abrams previously worked as a teaching assistant for courses on social work and health education at SIU Carbondale (2010-13). She has extensive experience as a licensed clinical social worker at Southern Illinois Behavioral Service in DuQuoin and Carbondale (1999-2003), as a senior clinician and adult outpatient therapist for Franklin-Williamson Human Services in West Frankfort (1997-98), and as a medical social worker for Quality of Life Services in Carbondale (1995-96). Abrams earned her Ph.D. in health education from SIU Carbondale in May 2013. She completed both her master's and bachelor's degrees in social work at SIUC (1995, 1993).

Shaheen Alanee, M.D., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of urology at the Simmons Cancer Institute. Alanee recently completed a two-year fellowship in urologic oncology at the Memorial Sloan-

Kettering Cancer Center in New York (2013). He completed his urologic surgery residency at the University of Minnesota (2011) and earned a master's of public health degree in epidemiology and global health at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. (2006).

Amber Avila, M.D. , has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of family and community medicine and will provide care at SIU's clinic in Springfield. Avila completed her residency in family medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. (2013). She earned her medical degree from SIU School of Medicine (2010) and her bachelor's degree in biology at SIU (2006).

Neil Patel, M.D., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor and hospitalist in pediatrics. He will provide medical care at SIU's affiliated hospitals in Springfield. Patel completed his residency in pediatrics at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky. (2013). He earned his medical degree from University of Toledo College of Medicine in Toledo, Ohio (2010), completed the medical certificate program at Medical University of Ohio in Toledo (2006), and earned his bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Toledo (2004).

Assaad Semaan, M.D., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of gynecologic oncology and will provide care at Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU. Semaan completed a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. (2013). He completed residencies in obstetrics and gynecology at George Washington University in Washington D.C. (2009) and anesthesiology at the American University of Beirut, in Lebanon (2005). He received his medical degree and bachelor's degree in biology from the American University of Beirut (2003, 1999).

Media coverage 7.12.13 - 7.25.13

■ **Tom Ala, M.D.**, Neurology, was interviewed about his Alzheimer's Disease clinical trial by WAND-TV 7.25.13.
■ **Ramzi Nicolas, M.D.,** and **Ramzi Souki, M.D.**, Pediatrics, were interviewed about high blood pressure increasing in children by WISC-TV20 on 7.18.13, and

WFMB 1450 on 7.21.13, respectively.
■ **Joe Kim, M.D.**, FCM-Quincy, was interviewed about heat exhaustion and heat stroke by WGEM-TV, 7.17.13.

Camp COCO Coverage -
● Bethany Beeson, Camp COCO camper, was quoted in an article about Camp COCO in the Taylorville Breeze Courier 7.20.13.
● Elizabeth Talley, Camp COCO camper, was quoted in an article about camp in the *Hancock County Journal-Pilot* 7.17.13.
● Tim Stuckey, father of a Camp COCO camper, was quoted in an article about camp in the *Lincoln Courier* 7.15.13.
● Zoe Pramuk and Tatum Shanahan, Camp COCO campers, were interviewed about camp by WMBD-TV Peoria, 7.10.13.

■ The Health Care United Softball Tournament was featured on a news broadcast by WICS-TV, 7.15.13.
■ **Robert Mocharnuk, M.D.**, Internal Medicine and SCI, and a patient were interviewed about preventative mastectomies by WICS 7.14.13.
■ **Karen Carlson**, Public Affairs, was quoted in *The State Journal-Register* about a protocol in ER residency training 7.12.13.

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