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01. Administrative (dept moves/closes, employee info, Admin announcements)

1. Optional Retirement for Research Foundation Employees

The IRS limits for tax deferral are increasing in 2006 to \$15,000. If you are 50 or older, you may defer up to \$20,000. If you wish to change you current deduction, you must complete a new Salary Reduction Agreement from which can be located on the HR website.

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/hr/benefits>

Submitted by: Cori Ribauda/Admin

2. Procurement Office Closing Early on Wednesday, December 21, 2005

The Procurement Office which includes Purchasing, Accounts Payable and the Travel Office will be closing at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 21, 2005. Please plan your needs accordingly.

Submitted by: Christine Wilson/Admin

03. Workshops/Courses/Training (work related; HR, EAP, DoIT, etc...)

1. Lawson Training

Lawson Training Class to be held on 12/20/05 at 10am in the IT Training Room, (HSC-Library - Computer Classroom - Room 3-133A), "For All Employees", to attend this class Please contact Michele Thomas, Lawson Support Specialist, ext. 4-7805. There will be 2 parts covered in this class, the first half is for ordering from the Storerooms in the Hospital and the second half will

cover ordering from an outside Vendor. I suggest that all employees who are either new to Stony Brook or just would like a refresher course, please attend this class.

Submitted by: Michele Thomas/UHMC

2. Grant Writing Workshop

The Office of the Vice President for Research will present a Grant-writing workshop on Wednesday, January 18 at the Student Activities Center, from Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Led by Dr. Martin Schoonen, Associate Vice President for Research and Professor of Geosciences, and by Mr. Peter Saal of the Research Resources Center, the program will explore a variety of topics, including:

- where to find grant information
- the new Grants.gov portal for all federal grant applications
- developing and writing of a compelling grant application
- construction of a budget

Seating is limited, and a light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to either Peter Saal at ext. 2-9033, or Cathy LaGrega at ext. 2-7006.

Submitted by: Peter Saal/Res

04. Conferences/Seminars/Lectures

1. Oceans and Atmosphere Colloquium, December 16, 2005

Dr. Duncan Fitzgerald from Boston University, will present a seminar entitled, "Sea level controls on sedimentary regimes: Runaway transgression in North America and strand plain development in South America" at 12 noon on December 16, 2005. The seminar will take place at Marine Sciences Research Center, in the Endeavour Hall 120. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 631-632-8781.

<http://www.msrc.sunysb.edu/news.oac.html>

Submitted by: Katerina Panagiotakopoulou/MSRC

2. Medicare Part D - Prescription Drug Benefit Lecture - Presented By New York StateWide Senior Action Council

Are you confused by all the Medicare Part D drug benefit information being sent to your home? Not sure if you should enroll, or which plan to choose? If so, then you need to attend the New York StateWide Senior Action Council Medicare Part D Lecture at the Long Island State Veterans Home on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 3:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. The lecture will be useful for all Medicare beneficiaries, family members, caregivers, and other interested in the new drug law. A great opportunity to learn from experts in the field and get your

questions answered, join us on December 13, 2005 at 3:00 PM at the Long Island State Veterans Home. For more information, contact Jonathan Spier, Director of Community Relations, at the Long Island State Veterans Home (444-8615)

Submitted by: Jonathan Spier/LISVH

3. 11th Annual Perinatal & Pediatric Bereavement Conference

Mark your calendars: Friday January 20, 2006 for the 11th Annual Perinatal & Pediatric Bereavement Conference. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Kenneth Doka, will speak on disenfranchised grief- recognizing hidden sorrow. For more information, please call (631) 444-3783

Submitted by: Kathleen Southerton/UHMC

4. Biomedical Engineering Seminar Series Lecture

"Atherosclerotic Plaque Targeting using Noninvasive Imaging with MRI: Towards Molecular Imaging"

Zahi Fayad, Ph.D., Director of Cardiovascular Imaging Research, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York, New York

Wednesday, December 14, 2005, Atkins Learning Center, Health Sciences Center, Level 4, 4:00 PM

Submitted by: Anne Marie Dusatko/UHMC

5. Doctoral Defenses This Week.

Please click on the URL below to see this week's Doctoral Defenses.

<http://www.grad.sunysb.edu/ddd/weekly.shtml>

Submitted by: Fernando Cuenca/GST

05. Hosp/HSC Conferences/Seminars/Lectures

1. Graduate Program In Public Health: Public Health Grand Round Lecture Series

Dr. George T. Tortora, Professor Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Stony Brook University, will lecture on "Unusual Isolates Encountered in the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory"

DATE: December 13, 2005, TIME: 5:30 - 6:30 PM, LOCATION: Health Sciences Center, Level 3, RM 067 - Prev. Med.

Submitted by: Patricia Villa/UHMC

06. Charitable (Habitat, Blood drives, Cats, etc...)

1. Holiday Gift Program

For the last 15 years, the Holiday Gift Program has provided gifts to the economically challenged families right here in Suffolk County. You may help by purchasing a new toy(s) for children in the 1 to 12 year old range. You can drop the toys off at the following locations (on the specified dates and times): Stony Brook Union Main Lobby: 10 AM - 2 PM (12/1, 12/6); Student Activities Center Main Lobby: 10 AM - 2 PM (12/7); Social Behavioral Science Building Main Lobby 9 AM - 2 PM (12/8,12/12); ADMIN BLDG (Betty Fanning, Human Resources) December 5th through December 9th; University Hospital Vendor Sales Area outside Deli:10 AM - 3 PM (12/5, 12/9, 12/13); Outside #31 Research Way (Tech Park) 8:30 AM-9:30 AM (12/14) and Noon - 1 PM (12/15). THANK YOU!

Submitted by: Maryann Bell/CAS

07. Entertainment (Sports, Movies, Events, etc...)

1. "C.S.E.A. Local 614 Holiday Events"

C.S.E.A. Local 614 holiday schedule is as follows:

Location: UH Hospital Dining Room (University Hospital & H.S.C. Employees)

December 12th, 11:30am -1:30pm - Dayshift Employees

December 12th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Nightshift Employees

December 13th- 1:00am - 2:30am - Hospital Overnight Employees

Location: Ambulatory Surgery Center Break Room

December 12th, 11:30am - 1:30pm - A.S.C. Employees

Location: Long Island State Vets Home

December 12th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm -Evening Shift Employees (Area: 2nd Floor Conference Room)

December 14th, 6:30am - 8:30am -Overnight Shift Employees (Area: 2nd Floor Conference Room)

December 14th, 11:00am -1:30pm Day Shift Employees (Area: East Pavilion)

Location: Tech Park (31 Research Way, Cafeteria)

December 13th, 11:30am - 1:30pm - Tech Park State Employees

Location: Student Activities Center (SAC) Ballroom A

December 15th, 11:30am - 2:30pm West Campus Employees

Location: Coram Health Center

December 15th, 11:30am - 2:30pm Coram Health Center Employees

Food, Beverages, Giveaways, Gifts and Holiday Raffle

Submitted by: Louise Melious/Admin

2. Last Chance to View Faculty Exhibition at University Art Gallery

Recent paintings, sculptures, mixed media electronic installations, and works on paper by 16 faculty members in Stony Brook's Department of Art will be exhibited at the University Art Gallery in the Staller Center through Wednesday, December 14. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4pm, and Saturday, 7 to 9pm. Admission is free. For further information, please call 2-7240.

Submitted by: Rhonda Cooper/CAS

3. Stony Brook Chorale to appear on the News 12 Christmas show

The Stony Brook Chorale can be seen all day Christmas on News 12's Christmas show, including the Tree Lighting at Reckson (formerly EAB) Plaza in Uniondale

<http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/CAS/music.nsf/pages/chorale>

Submitted by: Timothy Mount/CAS

4. Sunday Acoustic Concert Series announces schedule for Spring Semester at The University Cafe

The Sunday Acoustic Concert Series announces its schedule of concerts for the spring semester at The University Cafe. The following performers will appear:

Sunday, January 15th: Rod MacDonald with Rich Deans opening

Sunday, January 29th: Pat Wictor and Red Molly

Sunday, February 12th: Lisa Moscatiello (with Fred Lieder on cello)/James O'Malley opens

Sunday, March 5th: Jack Hardy

Sunday, March 19th: Rod Picott

Sunday, April 2nd: David Olney

Sunday, April 23rd: Tom Russell and Andrew Hardin

Sunday, June 11th: Special 6 P.M. Show: Fairport Convention

Ticket information/reservations: 632-6027 or via e mail: gpaliaia@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

Submitted by: Charles Backfish/CAS

08. For-Pay Workshops/Courses (SPD, etc...)

1. Information Technology (IT) Certification

The 2006 schedules for the following IT courses have been posted on our website; ICND, A+, Netplus and Comptia Security Plus.

The website contains course descriptions, schedules and fees and a complete list of current

offerings. You can reach our website at www.stonybrook.edu/spd/computer. Questions regarding registration or course content, contact Marlene Brennan at the Stony Brook Information Technology Center 632-7068.

10% discount for University employees and students, CSEA LEAP Vouchers accepted.

Submitted by: Frank Esposito/Prov

2. Introduction to Microsoft Word: - NCE 316 - 5 sessions - Fee: \$259

This course provides an introduction to the most popular word processing program. Streamline workflow by learning shortcuts. Topics include: creating, saving, editing and printing a document, spell check, thesaurus, search and replace, and moving text.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent experience.

Section G: Wed., 6:00-9:00 pm, Jan. 18,25; Feb.1,8,15,2006

Section H: Mon., 1:00-4:00 pm, Jan. 23,30; Feb.,6,13,20,2006

For a full description of this class, and to register go to SPD Website at

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/spd/computer>

For questions call 632-7071

10% discount for University employees and Students. CSEA LEAP Vouchers accepted

Submitted by: Frank Esposito/Prov

3. QuarkXPress: - NCE 320 - 8 Sessions - Fee: \$429

QuarkXPress is the foundation application for layout of printed material. This comprehensive, hands-on course will guide students through the stages of document production. Topics include: document construction, word processing basics, importing text and pictures, page layout and design, typography, style sheets, libraries, working with pictures, creating colors and printing. Required Text: QuarkXPress 6 for Windows & Macintosh Visual Quickstart Guide by Elaine Weinmann. This textbook and accompanying CD address both Macintosh and Windows users. Cost of the textbook is not included in the course fee. Students must bring textbook to the first class meeting. Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent experience.

Section D: Tues., 6:00-9:00pm, Jan.,24,31;Feb.,7,14; Mar.,7,14,21,28,2006

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To register go to SPD Website Registration Form at

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/spd/career/registration.html>

For questions call 632-7071

Submitted by: Frank Esposito/Prov

4. Weight Watchers @ Work - NEW 10 Week Program

NEW 10 week Weight Watchers @ Work Program is scheduled to begin Tuesday, January 10, 2006. Meetings are 12:30 - 1:30 PM in the School of Heath Management & Technology HSC level 2 Room 2-408. This is considered a lunch meeting, so you can bring your lunch to eat during the lecture. Payment for the 10 week program is \$99.00 if paid by December 20, 2005.

After December 20 the WW program fee will be \$109.00 There must be 15 paid attendees to schedule this program. Questions, call or email Debbie Hooper.

Submitted by: Deborah Hooper/UHMC

5. Introduction to Microsoft Excel: - NCE 314 - 5 sessions - Fee: \$259

This introductory course demonstrates the power and ease that makes Microsoft Excel the most-widely used spreadsheet application for office and home financial planning.

Accountants, office managers, budget managers, even the family financial planner, will benefit from learning the basics of Excel. Topics include: basics of spreadsheet design, entering data, editing, formatting and printing worksheets, and implementing formulae and functions. The course emphasizes hands-on exercises to reinforce lessons.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent experience.

Section J: Thurs., 6:00-9:00pm, Jan., 19,26;Feb.,2,9,16,2006.

Section K: Mon., 1:30-4:30pm, Jan., 23,30;Feb.,6,13,20,2006.

For a full description of this class, and to register go to SPD Website at

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/spd/computer>

For questions call 632-7071

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Submitted by: Frank Esposito/Prov

09. Research (Studies, Testing, etc...)

1. Long Island Database Project - Volunteers Needed

The Long Island Cancer Center is creating a database of blood samples and clinical information to help researchers better understand why some individuals develop breast and prostate cancer while others do not.

Women and men are eligible to participate if they were diagnosed with breast or prostate cancer OR have never been diagnosed with cancer, are 18 years of age or older, are a current Long Island resident and have lived on Long Island for at least 5 years.

For more information about the study, please call Pat Gramer at 444-7995 or 1-800-566-9667.

Submitted by: Erin O'Leary/UHMC

2. 2006 Innovative Technology Development Program - Call for Applications

The Center for Biotechnology announces the "2006 Call for Applications" to the Innovative Technology Development (ITD) Program. The ITD Program supports commercially promising, translational research in all areas of medical biotechnology, including research products, diagnostics, or therapeutics. Funding is available to faculty at SBU for translational research on the academic campus. Applications must provide matched funding from a New York State

company, evidence for commercialization potential, and be consistent with the Centers' mission of economic development in NYS. We encourage projects in collaboration with the Center's Applied Bioscience Laboratories (ABL) or Custom Microarray Facility (CMF). Faculty or companies with interest or considering application, are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Anil Dhundale, Director, Scientific Affairs(anil.dhundale@sunysb.edu, or 631-632-8443), prior to writing a full proposal. Application forms can be downloaded from the Center's web site at www.biotech.sunysb.edu/techDev/ITD/index.html.The deadline for receipt of proposals is 5PM, Friday, February 10, 2006.

<http://www.biotech.sunysb.edu/techDev/ITD/index.html>

Submitted by: Kate Posnanski/CEAS

3. Are you an overweight healthy non-smoker?

Are you an overweight healthy non-smoker?

We invite you to participate in a study of how your lungs work.

This study involves pulmonary function testing, followed by 2 days (about 4 hours on the first day and 2 hours on the second day) of chest imaging. We will be studying whether your weight is affecting the way your lungs clear things that you breathe in.

If you are interested and you are:

Overweight

Never smoked

Do not have a cough

Are not pregnant

Are over the age of 18

Please Call: 631-444-1776 and ask to speak to Dr. Daroowalla at Pulmonary division, about the lung study. You will be paid \$25 for each day that you complete.* Please use the following chart to check whether you are eligible.

Submitted by: Mario Solomita/UHMC

4. Do you Have Psoriasis?

Do you have psoriasis?

If so, you may qualify to participate in a psoriasis research study. Free experimental topical medication & office visits. Subjects will be paid a nominal fee for each visit.

If interested, call: Stony Brook Dermatology at: 631-444-4274.

Submitted by: Jennifer Intravaia/UHMC

5. Do You Have Cellulite On The Thighs?

Volunteers are being recruited for an investigation of a new injection therapy which may dissolve cellulite of the thigh area.

If you are an adult (at least 18 years of age), in general good health and are interested in learning

more about this clinical study, please call 631 444 2215.

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

6. Healthy Volunteers needed for a study that investigates Sleep and Metabolism in Women with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)

If you are woman in good health, We Would Like to Invite You To Participate in a Research Project.

In association with the Northport Veterans Administration and the Stony Brook General Clinical Research Center, researchers are conducting a study that investigates sleep and metabolism in women with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) compared to healthy women.

Healthy volunteers are needed to serve as the comparison group for IBS patients.

Participation involves a blood draw and two over-night sleep studies.

Every aspect of your participation in this study will be kept confidential.

And, as a courtesy for spending time and assisting the completion of this research, you will be compensated financially.

Please call our research office at Stony Brook University Medical Center to learn more about this study 632-3050.

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

7. Seeking Volunteers Men And Women 18 Years Of Age And Older With A Diagnosis Of HIV+ And/Or AIDS

We are researching insulin sensitivity in HIV (leading to diabetes) and possibly body fat distribution (HIV Lipodystrophy)

Compensation up to \$2,450.00 plus transportation expenses

Contact: Rose Masone @ (631) 444-9362, General Clinical Research Center, Stony Brook University Hospital

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

8. Seeking Healthy Individuals Ages 18-40 to participate in a research study on the Absorption of Levothyroxine

Seeking Healthy Individuals Ages 18-40 to participate in a research study on the Absorption of Levothyroxine (thyroid hormone) when co-administered with other medications.

Compensation will be provided.

Please contact The General Clinical Research Center at (631) 444-6900 weekdays between 9:00am and 4:00pm

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

9. Seeking Volunteers Children Eight to Seventeen Years of Age With a Diagnosis of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)

The Purpose of this Study is to Determine if a Drinkable Aloe Vera Gel will Decrease Symptoms of IBS in Children.

It is Important to Explore Simple, Relatively Non-Toxic Therapeutic Options for this Condition Which can be Difficult to Treat.

For further information, please contact Alycia Leiby, MD at (631) 444-8115

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

10. Recruiting healthy, right-handed boys, ages 6-11 years, who are not on medication, to take part in a neuroimaging study.

The Cody Center, in collaboration with Brookhaven National Laboratory and the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) at Stony Brook University, is currently recruiting healthy, right-handed boys, ages 6-11 years, who are not on medication, to take part in a neuroimaging study.

The purpose of the study is to increase our understanding of how language is processed by the brain in the presence of Autism Spectrum Disorder by using an MRI technique called functional MRI (fMRI).

Compensation: \$40.00 Gift Certificate to BORDERS Per Visit

The procedure does not involve any injections, use contrast material or radiation. MRI is considered a safe procedure in children.

If you are interested in participating or wish to learn more about the study please contact: Jonathan Bentwich, Ph.D. Voice: (631) 344-2572 Email: jbentwic@bnl.gov

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

11. Research Volunteers Wanted At The General Clinical Research Center, Stony Brook University Hospital.

Seniors 60 and over in reasonably good health and young adults 20-35 years of age to participate in a research study.

Eligible volunteers will be compensated up to \$1600 for their participation.

For more information please contact Jeanne Kidd at (631) 444-3740.

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

12. Take Part In Clinical Research Studies

Inquire about Clinical Research Studies. Call Albert Ruenes at (631) 499-8697 or email at aruenes@notes.cc.sunysb.edu.

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

13. Are You Overweight?

We are Seeking Individuals, Both Men and Women, 25 to 45 Years of Age to Participate in a Research Study Looking at "Markers of Pre-Diabetes" in Overweight People
This Study is Being Conducted at the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) at Stony Brook University Hospital.

Participants Will be Compensated up to \$500.00

For More Information, Please Contact Jeanne Kidd @ 631-444 3740

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

14. Alzheimer's Disease Trial At SUNY Stony Brook

A Trial of Zocor (an anti-cholesterol medication) to slow the Progression of Alzheimer's Disease. All eligible participants with mild-moderate AD would remain on their current AD treatments, while participating in this trial.

If you would like to participate, or if you are a health care professional who would like to refer a patient, please contact Candice Perkins, MD, Marlene Baumister, RN or Dawn Madigan, RN at (631) 444-1610 or (631) 444-8121

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

15. How Do You Manage Your Stress During Pregnancy?

If you are in the first or second trimester of pregnancy, you may be eligible for a research study that is looking at different ways to manage stress and cope during pregnancy.

Through this study you may learn relaxation techniques, coping skills and stress reduction techniques. These skills may be useful to you during and after your pregnancy.

There is no cost to you.

If you are interested please call 631-444-6900 and leave your name and number where we can contact you.

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

16. Volunteers Needed To Determine if Prenatal Obstetric Anesthesia Consults In Third Trimester Improves Maternal Birth Outcomes.

Volunteers Needed For A Study To Determine If Prenatal Obstetric Anesthesia Consults In The Third Trimester Improves Maternal And Infant Birth Outcomes

Compensation \$50.00

For Further Information Call (631) 444-6900

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

17. 1 Out Of 4 Women Has Genital Herpes And 90% Of Those Who Have It, Don't Know That They Do!

If you are a woman between 18 and 30 and would like information on free testing for genital

herpes please call 631-444-2758 at stony brook hospital

Participants are paid \$25.00 per visit

If you test negative, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical trial at the university hospital of stony brook to test a new vaccine that may prevent genital herpes in women. All testing and screening is confidential and free.

Submitted by: Adnan Rangwala/UHMC

10. Miscellaneous

1. * YOU GOT INKJETS? Old Cell Phones and PDAs? *

Recycle your empty Ink Jet cartridge, cell phone, and PDA.

Look for the "Got Inkjet" Free postage-paid envelope displays located throughout campus to easily recycle the above items.

Please contact Maria Maloney at 632-1287 and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have, or address your service needs, or provide you with new displays or envelopes.

DID YOU KNOW?

* According to a recent study, people living in the U.S. will soon be getting rid of about 130 million mobile phones every year.

* Every year, over 400 million cartridges, with a combined weight of 200 million pounds, are discarded into our nation's landfills.

* If every used cartridge was recovered for remanufacturing, we could conserve more than 283 million gallons of oil.

This message brought to you by the Department of Recycling/Resource Management.

Thank you.

Submitted by: Michael Youdelman/Admin

2. Child Care Openings Available

Openings for children 2 months - 5 years old at the Campus Child Care Center. Caring, professional early childhood teachers, low child-to-teacher ratio, sliding fee scale. Call 632-6930 for more information or to visit the Center.

Submitted by: Nancy Walker/Affl