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01. Administrative

1. 2008 IRS Mileage Rate

The IRS has announced a new rate for personal car mileage. Beginning January 1, 2008, the standard mileage rate of a car (including vans, pickups or panel trucks) is 50.5 cents per mile for business travel. This standard rate for business miles is based on the costs of operating a vehicle such as maintenance and repairs, tires, gasoline, oil, insurance, license and registration fees and depreciation or (leased payments). The new rate applies to State, Research Foundation and Stony Brook Foundation travel.

Submitted by: Rosalie Makarick/Admin

2. Full Staples Catalog Now Online

The Procurement office in conjunction with Staples Business Advantage is pleased to announce that the full line catalog is now available online. Save trees, have less clutter in your office, just remember that furniture and equipment are NOT part of the office supply contract. If you would like to receive the catalog online exclusively rather than a printed copy please contact Mary.Lacorte@stonybrook.edu or anthony.montanaro@staples.com

<http://www.staplesadvantagecatalogs.com/>

Submitted by: Mary La Corte/Admin

3. Monthly Parking Garage Payment

Monthly Parking Garage Card Holders

Payment for your monthly parking garage permit is due on the first of the month. To avoid being locked out, please ensure we receive your payment within the first three business days of the month. Sign up today for the payroll parking deduction program and avoid the rush to pay!

Forms and information are available at <http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/parking/garages.shtml>

Submitted by: Lynn A. Davis/Admin

03. Workshops/Courses/Training

1. Mastering Performance Reviews

January 16, 2007 - 9:30am 12:30pm

Just as faculty members evaluate students on their performance in courses through papers, tests, classroom discussion, etc., managers evaluate employees on the quality and quantity of their work performance. These evaluations are made every day, every week, every month, depending on how closely the manager works with or observes his/her employees. These informal ratings form the basis for what we now call the more formal "performance appraisal" or "performance review".

This program is designed to:

Clarify the manager's role as a communicator, counselor and mentor.

Guide the manager through the process: from preparing for and conducting the appraisal session, to concluding the appraisal session, with follow-up.

Target Audience: Managers and supervisors responsible for managing the performance of others.

Seating is limited so register today!

Click the below link to register

[http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Admin/HRSForms.nsf/aac30a50eebe3a8185256a6f004b0a84/7c48757ce9aedf9a85256a8d004b4293/\\$FILE/HRSF0007.doc](http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/Admin/HRSForms.nsf/aac30a50eebe3a8185256a6f004b0a84/7c48757ce9aedf9a85256a8d004b4293/$FILE/HRSF0007.doc)

Submitted by: Lillian Valdez/Admin

2. Start the 2008 off right. Register for Lotus Notes training!

Visit our webpage to see what classes are available. Register for one or more!

<http://clientsupport.stonybrook.edu/public/notes/notestraining/index.shtml>

Submitted by: Kim Rant/DoIT

3. Chemical Inventory Training: How to Respond to the EH&S Chemical Security Survey - 1/9 (Chem Bldg) & 1/15 (HSC)

Do you know about the new federal regulation that requires all chemical users to inventory designated chemicals?

Do you know about the database that was developed for departments to report their inventory to EH&S? Do you know how to access the database?

Do you have questions on how to complete the chemical inventory?

Are you sure of what needs to be counted?

Do you realize that all labs and chemical storage areas must complete the survey even though you may not have any of the chemicals on the list?

EH&S will conduct a training session to answer these and other questions that you may have.

Dates: Wed. 1/9/08 in Chemistry Rm 412, 2PM - 2:30PM or Tues. 1/15/08 in HSC Lecture Hall 5, 11:30AM - 12PM

All labs or departments are encouraged to send at least 1 person to either training session.

Email any questions to kim.auletta@stonybrook.edu.

http://www.stonybrook.edu/ehs/lab/dhs_chem_sec.shtml

Submitted by: Kim Auletta/Admin

4. Blackboard Workshops in January

TLT's Blackboard support team will be offering workshops throughout the month of January. Topics include: Posting Content, creating tests, and using Blackboard's Gradebook.

For more information and to register, visit:

<http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/blackboard/workshops.shtml> or call 631-632-2777

<http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/blackboard/workshops.shtml>

Submitted by: Diana Voss/DoIT

5. eInstruction Training /Workshop

A rep from eInstruction will be conducting a training/workshop on Monday Jan. 7th in Javits Lecture Center Room 109 at 3:00pm. He will be demonstrating their latest software Version 5.0 in addition to their 2nd PowerPoint Platform "CPS for PowerPoint" (both available as a free download from their site). Faculty, Staff and Students welcome.

Submitted by: Marla Gorman/DoIT

04. Conferences/Seminars/Lectures

1. Organic Chemistry Faculty Search - Seminar, Thursday, January 10, 2008

Dr. Chandima Abeywickrama, Columbia University, will give a seminar, entitled "Immunological Approach to Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)," on Thursday, January 10, 2008, at 3:00 pm, Chemistry Building, Room 412, Host: Dale Drueckhammer.

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/chemistry/seminars/>

Submitted by: Katherine Hughes/CAS

2. Steps to Success: Starting and Planning for Your Business

Wednesday, January 16, 2008 5:30 - 7:30 pm LI High Tech Incubator Conference Room

This free workshop will give you the basics on starting your own business as well as an overview of the business plan process.

To register, e-mail Lynne Schmidt at lynne.schmidt@sunysb.edu

Submitted by: Lynne Schmidt/CEAS

05. Hosp/HSC Conferences/Seminars/Lectures

1. NetAnatomy Free Trial

The Health Sciences Library is pleased to announce a 90-day trial to NetAnatomy. NetAnatomy is designed to teach human anatomy to students of the health professions, including undergraduate medical, health sciences, and nursing students. It also serves as a place to review anatomy after one's initial exposure to the subject, e.g. students beginning a clinical rotation, USMLE (National Board) preparation, etc. The authors and contributors of NetAnatomy have extensive experience teaching medical and health sciences students, with years of experience refined and adapted to contemporary medical and health sciences curricula. This product is a continuously evolving website, with current development efforts focused on Gross Anatomy. Access this database from the library's list of Databases. We welcome your comments, contact Julitta Jo at 444-3688 or julitta.jo@stonybrook.edu with your evaluation.

<http://apps.hsclib.sunysb.edu/display.php?rid=7460&uid=8163>

Submitted by: Julitta Jo/HSC

06. Charitable

1. SBU Cat Network

Do you feel too safe around your house? Do you miss that edge that comes with not knowing if someone will dart out from under a dresser and attack your toes as you walk by? Then you need a new cat! The SBU Cat Network has cats and kittens for adoption that were rescued on campus and desperately need homes. They're sweet and snuggly and have a better sense of humor than most of the relatives you've been spending the holidays with. For information, contact Rita Reagan-Redko (632-1057; rreaganr@notes.cc.sunysb.edu).

<http://www.sinc.sunysb.edu/clubs/sbucat/index.php>

Submitted by: Nancy Franklin/CAS

07. Culture & Entertainment

1. Movies for Campus & Community at Staller Center - Buy passes online - www.stallercenter.com \$25 for 12 films.

Staller Center's website includes the Spring Semester film schedule (Feb 22, 29; March 14, 28;

April 4, 18) for anyone who wants to buy a film pass now. The Film Schedule for Spring 2008 will soon be distributed to our mailing list. Individual tickets go on sale February 11.

<http://www.stallercenter.com>

Submitted by: Julie Greene/CAS

2. Acclaimed singer-songwriter Ellis Paul at The University Cafe, Sunday, January 20th 2 P.M.

Ellis Paul returns for his third annual appearance at The University Cafe in the Sunday Street Acoustic Series, this time with a new CD (The Dragonfly Races) to add to the thirteen previous albums he has released to wide-spread acclaim. His songs have been used in major motion pictures and he has garnered a passionate national fan base with his exciting live performances. (www.ellispaull.com for artist information)

Advance sale tickets at the reduced rate of \$22.00 at The University Cafe website (www.universitycafe.org). Remaining tickets will be sold at the door (\$25.00 general admission, \$20.00 students/faculty/staff). Inquires by e mail to SundayStreetWUSB@aol.com
Coming soon: John Wesley Harding (February 10th at 2 P.M.)

<http://www.universitycafe.org>

Submitted by: Charles Backfish/CAS

3. Staller Center presents Metropolitan Opera-Live in HD, Verdi's "Macbeth," Saturday, January 12 at 1:30. www.stallercenter.com or (631)632-ARTS.

Live from the Met comes to Staller Center! See Verdi's "Macbeth" on the big screen in Staller Center's Main Stage Theatre, with Dolby sound. The Metropolitan Opera comes to audiences around the world through satellite transmission. Tickets are \$22 general admission; \$20 senior citizens; \$15 students and children. Available online at www.metopera.org and at www.stallercenter.com; by phone at 631-632-ARTS or at the Staller Center Box Office, open 12 noon to 6:00 pm Monday-Saturday. See the Staller Center web site for more information.

<http://www.stallercenter.com>

Submitted by: Julie Greene/CAS

08. For-Pay Workshops/Courses

1. Introduction to Microsoft Excel

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 A: Monday, 1:30pm-4:30pm; January 28; February 4, 11, 25 & March 3, 2008

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

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

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

Submitted by: Amy Margolies/Prov

2. Defensive Driving Program Offered for UUP employees and their immediate family members.

A NYSUT sponsored Defensive Driving program is being offered on Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the Wang Center Room 201, for all UUP employees and their immediate family members.

Cost is \$25 per person. Checks should be made payable to "NYSUT Benefit Trust" and delivered to the UUP office, 104 Old Chemistry, Z=3475. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. Receipt of your check reserves your place in class.

Participants are usually entitled to a 10% discount on their automotive insurance. Check with your provider. The certificate is good for three years of savings!

Contact Corinne Burns at Ext. 26570 or cburns@notes.cc.sunysb.edu for more information.

Submitted by: Corinne Burns/Affl

3. Introduction to Microsoft Word

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 A: Mondays 6pm-9pm; January 28; February 4, 11, 25; & March 3, 2008

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, spouses, and Students. CSEA LEAP Vouchers accepted

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

Submitted by: Amy Margolies/Prov

4. Microsoft Powerpoint

Microsoft PowerPoint: - NCE 318 - 5 sessions - Fee: \$259

Creating Dynamic Presentations with PowerPoint. A must for sales professionals, trainers, teachers and business presenters, this course demonstrates how to create and combine text and graphics for professional-looking business presentations. Learn to create your own slide presentation in a minimum amount of time.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Windows or equivalent experience.

Section A: Tuesdays 6pm-9pm; February 12, 19, 26; March 4 & 11, 2008

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

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

Submitted by: Amy Margolies/Prov

5. Professional of Human Resources (PHR) and Senior Professional of Human Resources (SPHR) Certification Preparation Course

If you've been planning to earn your Professional Human Resource or Senior Professional in Human Resources designation, now is the time to enroll. In partnership with the Society for Human Resource Management, the School of Professional Development now offers the industry recognized PHR/SPHR certification preparation course.

By attending, you will develop new knowledge and skills that will improve your workplace effectiveness immediately. You also get the added benefit of:

- *A structured classroom environment that enhances learning and helps you stay on track

- *An experienced instructor to explain concepts and apply them to your industry

- *Opportunities to network and share real-world experiences with other HR professionals

- *Minimizing travel and maximizing employer tuition assistance

Section A: Tuesdays, 6:30pm-9:30pm; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2008

Visit our website, www.stonybrook.edu/spd/shrm for eligibility, discounts, times and locations.

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

Submitted by: Amy Margolies/Prov

09. Research

1. Seeking Volunteers 50 Years Of Age Or Older, Experience Symptoms Such As Exercise-Induced Pain

If you are 50 years of age or older, experience symptoms such as exercise-induced pain, cramps, fatigue, of the legs (calf, thigh, buttocks) which are relieved by rest you may qualify for this study. For further information contact Eileen Finnin, RN @ 631-444-5454

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

2. Seeking Volunteers with Cystic Fibrosis

18 years of age or older to participate in a 28 week research study to examine the efficacy of IGF-1 treatment to maintain or improve body weight and composition.

This Study is Being Conducted at the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC)

For More Information, Please Call 631 444-6900

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

3. If You Have Colon Cancer You May Qualify to Participate in a Research Study

Simply by Donating a Sample of Blood. We are seeking to identify new cancer markers in blood, tissue, and body fluids. This may allow us to develop laboratory tests which can diagnose cancers earlier and/or identify patients who are at risk for a poor outcome and who may benefit from more aggressive therapy than is normally recommended. CALL: (631) 444-7214 (ask for Tina)

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

4. Seeking Healthy Adults Between 18 And 65 Years Of Age

Looking for Healthy Adults between 18 and 65 years of age, non-smoker or 5 years smoke free to participate in a research study on the safety and tolerability of Poly-MVA (Minerals, Vitamins, Amino acids) over a 9-15 week period.

This study is being conducted at the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC)

For More Information, Please Contact, Susan Fiore at 631-444-9425.

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

5. Seeking Volunteers With A History Of Asthma

18 to 65 years of age, 10 years smoke free taking a steroid inhaler daily for the past 6 months to participate in an 8 week study on the effectiveness of mindfulness meditation on asthma. You will be taught mindfulness meditation techniques such as sitting meditation, body scan meditation, walking meditation. Compensation of up to \$100 will be paid upon your completion of this study

For further information please call: 631-444-1200

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

6. Brookhaven National Laboratory Crack or cocaine problems?

Crack and cocaine users needed, fee paid

Also 18-55 years old in good health for participation in brain imaging medical research.
Confidentiality maintained. Transportation provided.
1-888-352-7380

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

7. Dupuytren's Contracture

The Department of Orthopaedics, State University of New York, Stony Brook is seeking volunteers to take part in a clinical trial in Dupuytren's contracture, a fixed flexion deformity of the fingers. Participants must be at least 18 years of age, of either gender, have a clinical diagnosis of Dupuytren's contracture and be in relatively good health with no known recent history of stroke, bleeding, or other medical condition which would make the person unsuitable for enrollment.

The prospective participant must not have received treatment for this disorder, including surgery, within 90 days of the study.

If you have Dupuytren's contracture in your hand(s) and wish more information, please contact the Department of Orthopaedics @ 631-444-2215.

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

8. Did you know that most people are infected with Oral Herpes? Volunteer Men and Women needed. Confidentiality maintained.

If you are a man or woman over the age of 18, you may be eligible to participate in a Clinical Research Study at Stony Brook Medical Center. If you qualify, you may receive an experimental topical medication for Oral Herpes at no cost to you.

For more information please contact Andrea Pressley, LPN, CRC at 444-2758.
participants are compensated \$25.00 for each visit.

Submitted by: Andrea Pressley/UHMC

9. Seeking Volunteers for Heart Failure Research (The DICE-CHF Study):

If you have heart failure, you may be eligible to volunteer in a study that records your heart function and includes monthly phone calls to follow your health and symptoms. Please call the study nurse practitioner at 444-9799 for further information.

Submitted by: Elizabeth Maas/UHMC

10. Are You Being Treated for Heart Failure? The OPTIMAL Study Offers

A no-cost consultation with a heart failure specialist to review the medical therapy you currently receive for your heart failure and provide a written recommendation for discussion with your regular physician. Please call the study nurse practitioner at 444-9799 for further information about this no-cost study.

Submitted by: Elizabeth Maas/UHMC

10. Miscellaneous

1. Campus Child Care Available

Stony Brook Child Care is now accepting applications for children 2 months to 5 years old. NAEYC accredited Center with caring, professional early childhood teachers, low child-to-teacher ratio, sliding fee scale. Call 632-6930 for more information and to arrange a tour. Visit our website at www.SUNYsb.edu/childcare.

Submitted by: Patricia Birbiglia/Affl

2. Weekend Enrichment Program in math and languages for children 3-15 years old in Stony Brook University.

SchoolPlus Enrichment Program in Stony Brook offers:

Mathematics - ages 5 - 15;

Physics - ages 9 - 15;

Russian language - ages 5 - 15, including Russian as a second language for children and adults;

English Language - ages 9-15, advanced;

French Language - ages 5-15, all levels, including classes for native speakers;

Original Enrichment program for children 3-4 years old - separate classes for Russian and English speaking children;

Art - ages 5 -15;

Registration is open online: <http://www.schoolplusstonybrook.org/>

Contact information: e-mail: schoolplus_sb@yahoo.com, Phone: (631) 615-4215 (ask Marina Polonskaia - director of the program)

<http://www.schoolplusstonybrook.org/>

Submitted by: Alexandre Abanov/CAS

3. Stony Brook Child Care Calendars for Sale

The 2008 Stony Brook Child Care Services calendars are in! You can enjoy seeing children of the center all year round. Purchase calendars filled with children's photos and activities at the child care center Monday-Friday from 8am-6pm for \$12.00 cash or checks made out to SBCCSI. Thank you for supporting our efforts to maintain the highest quality of care here at SBCCSI.

Submitted by: Patricia Birbiglia/Affl

4. Winter Intersession Fitness Class Schedule January 2 - January 24, 2008

All classes will take place in the SAC Lower Level Fitness and Spinning Studios. Undergraduate students can participate for free. Faculty, Staff and graduate students are required to purchase a punch card to participate. All participants are required to show SBU ID. Classes are on a first come, first serve basis. For more information on these classes or general questions please contact Allyson Stein, Wellness Manager-Programs, at 632-7263.

http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/departments/rec/docs/winter_fitness_sched_08.pdf

Submitted by: Allyson Stein/OSA

5. Innovative Technology Development (ITD) Program Applications Due Feb 1, 2008

The Center for Biotechnology's (CfB) ITD Program is designed to help bridge the gap between early-stage technology discovery of the academic community and commercial development interests of the bioscience industry. Multi-year awards (up to 3 years) are now available but will be subject to performance based annual renewal and availability of funds. The CfB provides up to \$50K, match-funded with a minimum \$50K from NYS company partners (years 1 and 2) for a total project award of \$100K/year. A third year of funding requires a minimum \$2:\$1 match. Larger awards are now considered but must be discussed prior to application and are subject to discretion of the ITD Advisory Board. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Anil Dhundale (anil.dhundale@stonybrook.edu, 631-632-8443) prior to application. Instructions/forms can be downloaded from the Center's website below. Deadline for receipt is 4PM, Friday, Feb 1, 2008.

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

Submitted by: Kate Posnanski/CEAS

6. Get the Stony Brook Game Day Wrap Fleece Blanket for 25% off!

A great way to keep warm and support the Stony Brook Seawolves! This cuddly soft fleece blanket can be purchased at www.stonybrook.edu/shopsb! Click on Fashion for Fridays category and then click on accessories! Remember to enter promotional code JANUARY when you checkout. Hurry, offer ends January 13.

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/shopsb>

Submitted by: Angela Agnello/FSA