

## Campus Announcements for the week of 08/11/2008

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## **01. Administrative**

### **1. Ride Sharing**

As part of its ongoing effort to address constituency concerns, Stony Brook University wishes to advise the University community about a voluntary on-line ride sharing program. This program is supported by Long Island Transportation Management Inc., and is designed to save money, ease daily commuting and reduce traffic congestion.

NuRide is a ride network where participants can plan trips on-line and get rewarded for riding together. According to the program literature ([www.nuride.com](http://www.nuride.com)), membership is free, there are no usage commitments and participants earn reward points from sponsors for every trip taken, whether the service is used 1 day a month or 5 days a week.

Other options are detailed on Long Island Transportation Management's website, and may be better suited to your individual needs.

Participation in any program of this nature is entirely voluntary. The University makes no representations or warranties about your fellow riders or participant satisfaction

Submitted by: Lynn A. Davis/Admin

### **2. Travel in Proximity of Official Station or Home**

Effective September 1, 2008 the following change has been made to the State Travel reimbursement policy. When an employee is assigned to work at an alternate work location which is less than 35 miles from their home or official station, the employee is not considered to be in travel status, but rather is considered to be traveling in proximity of their official station.

When travel is from an employee's home to an alternate work location or from an alternate work location to home, at a minimum, transportation expenses must be reimbursed at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) mileage rate using the lesser of :

- 1) Mileage between the employee's home and the alternate work location, or
- 2) Mileage between the employee's official station and the alternate work location

Please see the Procurement website for further details.

Submitted by: Rosalie Makarick/Admin

### **3. Employees - Take this opportunity to update your office address and phone number for the 2008-2009 Faculty and Staff Directory.**

Employees should login to the SOLAR System to verify and update your own office phone number and office address. When logged in, click "Office Address" under the Security and Personal Data header. The deadline to make your final entry is Tuesday September 2.

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

Submitted by: Rick Sadetsky/Admin

### **4. U.S. Savings Bonds through payroll deduction**

Jane OMalley from the National Bond & Trust Company will be outside the hospital cafeteria on level 5, August 14, 2008 from 7 am to 4 pm to provide information on U.S. Savings Bonds. If you are unable to stop by her table, you may call the Savings Bond Program at 1-800-426-9314 or visit the web site [www.nbtco.com](http://www.nbtco.com).

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Submitted by: Cassandra Moore/UHMC

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## **03. Workshops/Courses/Training**

### **1. Blackboard Workshops - August 2008**

Teaching, Learning + Technology's Instructional Technology Support Team has announced their Blackboard workshop schedule for August 2008.

Topics covered:

- Basic Blackboard use
- Discussion Board and other tools
- Assignment collection tools
- Blogs and wikis
- Online tests and surveys
- Blackboard's Gradebook

We will also be holding two special Blackboard workshops geared specifically towards Graduate TA's on Blackboard basics and the Gradebook on Monday, September 1. Please share this information with your TA's!

All workshops will be held in the Melville Library, room C1640-B. Attendees MUST be able to log into Blackboard using their NetID and password in order to attend this workshop.

Register now, space is limited! <http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/Ic/Classes>

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us at 631-632-2777 or [blackboard@stonybrook.edu](mailto:blackboard@stonybrook.edu).

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of your summer!

<http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/Ic/Classes>

Submitted by: TLT's Blackboard Support Team

## **2. Hospital Lawson Requisition Training**

Lawson Requisition Training Classes will be held on a weekly basis, to see available dates please click on the calendar link: [http://uhmc-iweb1.uhmc.sunysb.edu/lawsonsupport/index\\_files/Page909.htm](http://uhmc-iweb1.uhmc.sunysb.edu/lawsonsupport/index_files/Page909.htm).

All classes will be held in the Lawson Training Room #797, Level One, right next to the Blue Elevators. To schedule for any of these classes please contact Michele Thomas, Lawson Support Specialist, Ext. 4-7805. There will be 2 parts covered in these classes, the first half will cover ordering from any of the Storerooms in the Hospital and the second half will cover ordering from an outside Vendor. I suggest that all new hospital employees and/or if you are interested in taking a refresher course, please contact us to attend one of these classes.

Submitted by: Michele Thomas/UHMC

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## **07. Culture & Entertainment**

### **1. Music at Southampton - Sustainable Treasures Concert Series Christine Brewer, soprano, and Craig Rutenberg, piano**

Join us Thursday, August 14 for the sixth concert of the series.

Christine Brewer, soprano, and Craig Rutenberg, piano -- Grammy Award-winning American soprano Christine Brewer's appearances are magical. Sarah Bryan Miller of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch wrote, "Brewer has a voice like molten gold, pouring forth from the heart; her technique is flawless, her line incredible."

Concert takes place at 8:00 pm in the Avram Theater at Stony Brook Southampton. For more information visit [stonybrook.edu/treasures](http://stonybrook.edu/treasures) or call 631-632-8000.

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

Submitted by: Karen Keeley/UAff

### **2. Stony Brook Soccer Nights**

Wednesday nights are now officially Stony Brook Soccer Nights. If anyone is interested in playing soccer and would like to play with the SBUMC Soccer Team that played in the Campus

Intramural Soccer league, come on out on Wednesday nights as we want to continue playing just for fun and would like to get as many people from the hospital and main campus as we can get. Please feel free to bring friends, family, and your co-workers. This really is just for fun and exercise so if you don't know how to play or haven't played in years don't worry about it. If you are interested and would like more information please contact David Harris in the Hospital CQI Department at 4-4710 or via Lotus Notes.

Submitted by: David Harris/UHMC

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## **08. For-Pay Workshops/Courses**

### **1. How to Buy and Sell on eBay**

NCE 800 \* 5 sessions \* Fee \$389

This comprehensive class will take the student from the introduction to the eBay marketplace all the way to getting paid. You'll learn how to search for products to buy and sell. How to see what's currently "hot" and what's not. How to bid, how to list items for sale, how to take pictures and upload to eBay. How to collect your money and last, how to ship.

This class will be an actual "live" class. We're not just reading books here! Student will be encouraged to actively follow the class materials.

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

Section A: Tuesdays, 6pm-9pm; October 21 & 28; November 4, 11 & 18, 2008

For registration information visit the SPD Website at

[www.stonybrook.edu/spd/computer/courses](http://www.stonybrook.edu/spd/computer/courses) or call (631) 632-7022

Submitted by: Amy Margolies/Prov

### **2. Weight Watchers at Work Informational Meeting August 12**

Have you ever wondered what Weight Watchers is all about? Come hear about a highly successful weight reduction program with sensible eating habits. An informational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 12 at 1:00 PM conference room 1-748, level 1 blue elevators, turn left. A new 17 week session is now forming, and will begin soon. Questions? Email or call Debbie Hooper, 42678.

Submitted by: Deborah Hooper/UHMC

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## **09. Research**

### **1. Not getting along with your partner?**

Researchers at Stony Brook University are looking for couples to participate in a Relationship

behavior survey.

Eligible couples will attend the research lab together for one session, and complete questionnaires and interviews.

Each person will be paid \$35 for participation (\$70 per couple) AND will receive referrals for therapy.

You may be eligible if you are married or have been living together for at least one year and aren't getting along with your partner or have been arguing frequently.

Call now: (631) 632-7850 (ask for Anita) Or email: stonybrook\_relationshipstudy@yahoo.com (Include your name and phone number)

Submitted by: Anita Jose/GST

## **2. Did you know that most people are infected with Oral Herpes?**

Volunteer Men and Women Needed.

Confidentiality maintained.

If you are a man or a 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 a 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

## **3. Volunteers Wanted For A Research Study Of An Investigational Drug For Genital Warts.**

Do you have Genital Warts?

You may be eligible to join a clinical research study of an investigational drug for genital warts. Convenient, once-a-day ointment application.

Requirements:

Men and women 18-50 years old.

Must not be pregnant or breastfeeding.

Qualified participants will receive study drug, medical exams and laboratory tests related to the study.

All study related visits and study drug are provided at no cost to eligible participant.

For more information, please call Andrea Pressley, LPN,CRC Department of OB/GYN at 444-2758

Submitted by: Andrea Pressley/UHMC

## **4. Seeking Volunteers 18 years or older with the diagnosis of metastatic cancer**

to participate in 5 week study to determine if using propranolol ( beta blocker) and etodolac (Non steroidal anti inflammatory) in combination can decrease muscle loss, weight loss, and loss of appetite associated with metastatic cancer, as well as, improve overall quality of life. Volunteers

will be compensated for time and travel. For More Information, Please Call 631-261-4400 ext 7168 and 5903

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

### **5. BNL (Brookhaven National Laboratory)Volunteers needed for participation in medical imaging research. Fee paid.**

18-55 years old and in good health for participation in medical imaging research. Confidentiality maintained.

"Do you like watching cooking shows on TV? Do commercials for yummy treats make you salivate? Wouldn't it be neat to find out what's going on in your brain? Could these food images be driving you to overeat? Help us find out by volunteering for a completely non-invasive brain imaging study. All you have to do is watch videos and let us watch your brain using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI)! Transportation provided or mileage reimbursed. For more information, contact nurse recruiter Bud Jayne at 1-888-352-7380.

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

### **6. Pediatric Infectious Diseases**

The Pediatric Infectious Disease Division offers a variety of clinical trials consisting of new medications or combinations of medications for the treatment of HIV infected children, adolescents, pregnant women and uninfected HIV children of HIV infected mothers. Confidentiality is maintained. Medication and appointments are free of charge. Subjects are compensated for their time and travel. For information call Dr. Sharon Nachman at (631) 444-7692

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

### **7. Do You Have Heart Failure?**

Adults diagnosed with heart failure are invited to participate in a symptom monitoring study. The study is testing an educational method to help patients monitor their heart failure symptoms. If qualified to participate, questionnaires about your medical history, symptoms, self-care, and quality of life will be completed. Participants are followed for one year by telephone (15-20 minute interviews 1, 3, 6, and 12 months after enrollment). All participants will be given a weight scale to keep and a booklet on heart failure self-care. You will be paid \$20 at both 6 and 12 months if you complete the telephone interviews. For further information or to schedule an appointment, please call: Dr. Corrine Jurgens - 631-444-3236 or Karen Kelleher - 631-444-1299

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

### **8. Do You Have Painful Arthritis At The Base Of The Thumb?**

Seeking volunteers for a research study on an injection therapy to help with painful arthritis at

the base of the thumb. If you are interested in learning more about the study, please call the Department of Orthopaedics, 631 444-2215

Submitted by: Diane Ruenes/UHMC

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## **10. Miscellaneous**

### **1. Camp Academies at Stony Brook 632-4550**

Its not to late to sign up ~ We now offer Camp Academies for children entering Kindergarten though grade 11 in the Fall 2008. Our special Camp Academies are designed to satisfy our campers with an interest in Art, Chess, Chess/Medical, Computers, GBA - Video Game Builders, Athletic/Medical, Acting, Sciences and Reading. These programs will run for one-week intervals during the summer. The camper will receive instructional activities relating to his or her chosen topic. A hot lunch and snack will also be provided. Call for our brochure or visit our website.

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

Submitted by: Janice Maggio/Pres

### **2. Campus Child Care Available**

Stony Brook Child Care is now accepting applications for children 2 months through 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](http://www.sunysb.edu/childcare).

Submitted by: Patricia Birbiglia/Affl

### **3. Math, Physics and Language classes for elementary and middle school students in Stony Brook University.**

SchoolPlus Enrichment Program offers Mathematics for 5-15 years olds (10 levels); Physics for 10-15 y.o. (3 levels); Art for 6-15 y.o., Languages French 4 levels, including the preparation for the Regents exams, Second language Proficiency Exams and AP; - Russian for all levels, including Russian as a foreign language and English Advanced. We also offer the enrichment program for children 3-5 y. o.

Classes held on Sundays at Stony Brook University.

Teachers include the leading specialists from Stony Brook University and Brookhaven National Lab.

The tuition is \$16.50/45 minute class

New session will begin on September 14, 2008

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

Contact information: e-mail: [schoolplus\\_sb@yahoo.com](mailto:schoolplus_sb@yahoo.com),



Phone: (631) 615-4215 (ask Marina Polonskaia - director of the program)

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

Submitted by: Alexandre Abanov/CAS