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*Faith in every heart,
joy to every home,
and peace for all the
world.*



Congratulations to Our Best Dentists

Congratulations to all the Health Center dentists who were recently honored by their peers through the inaugural 'topDentists' list published in the December edition of Hartford Magazine. The dentists were chosen by fellow dentists and specialists who were asked to take into consideration years of experience, continuing education, manner with patients, and use of new techniques and technologies.



Three of Hartford Magazine's "topDentists"
From left: Thomas Taylor, David Shafer, and Alan Lurie

The honorees are **Kamran Safavi**, Endodontics; **Michael Goupil**, Alan Lurie, and **David Shafer**, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; **Jonathan Feldman**, Orthodontics; **Richard Skinner**, Pediatric Dentistry; **John Dean**, Periodontics, and **Thomas Taylor**, Prosthodontics. Congratulations to all!

Pilot Program Provides Colonoscopies



From left: Charles Hungtington, Kim Kingland, Joseph Anderson, and Judy Conway

An estimated 600 uninsured or underinsured Connecticut residents will be screened for colorectal cancer over the next year as part of a pilot program in which the Health Center is a primary partner. "The colonoscopy is a major prevention tool, but not everyone has access," says [Joseph Anderson](#), clinical director of the [Colon Cancer Prevention Program](#). "The more people we can screen, the more people we can help. Polyps in the colon will

become cancerous whether you have insurance or not. People who can't afford a colonoscopy also can't afford to not get screened." Anderson is serving as medical director of the Connecticut Colorectal Cancer Screening Demonstration Project and is among the physicians providing the colonoscopies. Eight community health centers throughout the state

Season's Greetings from Newsline

are participating in the project. Patient data will be collected and appropriate follow-up referrals will be provided. Funding for the Department of Public Health grant was available through the Connecticut Cancer Partnership, a coalition working toward the goals of reducing the burden of cancer and improving the quality of life of those with cancer. In addition to providing colonoscopies, the pilot project aims to educate the public and provide outreach and training to the participating community health centers. "Dr. Anderson has led the effort to bring this crucial program to Connecticut," says Carolyn Runowicz, director of the [Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center](#). "He is a top expert in colon cancer prevention, and prevention is what this is all about. We could almost eradicate colon cancer if only more people were screened."

Equal Employment Opportunity Basics

As a manager the decisions you make regarding employees that report to you should be guided by the principles of non-discrimination and equal opportunity. But do you know what a fair and equal employment opportunity process is? Is it important to the Health Center and do you know how to apply it? The Office of Diversity and Equity is available to help. It is offering tools for managers to better understand these concepts and to apply them to employment related decisions. The information is conveniently located on the [Diversity and Equity website](#). [Read more>](#)

Shoes and Foot Care Provided to Homeless

During the week of Thanksgiving, shoes and foot care were provided to individuals in need. **Michael Aronow**, an orthopedic foot surgeon, medical assistant **Lori Engengro**, and cast technician **Kathleen York**, all from the [New England Musculoskeletal Institute](#), volunteered at the Salvation Army on Franklin Square in New Britain. Approximately 30 local men were fit with a new pair of shoes, sneakers, boots or clogs. The annual program is sponsored by Our Hearts to Your Soles, a nonprofit organization with a mission of providing medical care and shoes to people in need worldwide, and Soles4Souls, a nonprofit that facilitates the donation of footwear.



Lori Engengro Looking for a Shoe Size

Newsline Wants to Hear from You

Does your department have any news, stories or announcements it would like to share with the Health Center community? Newsline would like to hear about it. The new electronic format of Newsline is a great way to showcase new initiatives, achievements and accolades received by Health Center faculty, staff, students, volunteers, and departments. Newsline is published biweekly by the Office of Communications. [Submit news items and photos>](#)

Last Call for Holiday Shopping



For last minute shoppers, the [Connucopia Gift Shop](#) has several vendors to help with all your shopping needs. **Camellia's Natural Products** will be offering its unique line of lotions, candles, salt lamps and more **Monday, December 15**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Food Court Lobby.

Garden Grove Pottery returns **Tuesday, December 16**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Food Court Lobby. They offer handmade and hand painted pottery. An eclectic assortment of gifts is offered by **Patricia's Presents Wednesday, December 17**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Academic Lobby. **Designs by Diana** returns **Thursday, December 18**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Food Court Lobby. Stop by and see her collection of jewelry. For all who have been waiting, Esther, the **Apple Lady**, is back with her gourmet apples **Friday, December 19**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Food Court Lobby. These apples make for yummy gifts that will keep well until the holidays! The last vendor of the season, **Dees Jewelers** is here **Monday, December 22**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Food Court Lobby.

UHP Offering Scholarships

University Health Professionals is accepting applications for the Bonnie Bordwell Beattie Member and Dependent Scholarships and the Thomas R. Alsgaard Scholarship. The goal of the Bonnie Bordwell Beattie Memorial Scholarship award is to promote further education for UHP members and their dependents. The Thomas R. Alsgaard Memorial Scholarship is open to UHP members and promotes further education in the healthcare field. [For further information and to download the scholarship applications>](#)

People



John M. Biancamano has joined the Health Center as chief financial officer. Biancamano comes to UConn after 18 years with Hartford Healthcare, where he served as vice president of finance and administration, treasurer, and chief financial officer. Hartford Healthcare is the parent organization of Hartford Hospital. He also has served as vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of Mount Sinai Hospital in Hartford and as a senior health care audit manager at Ernst & Young. Biancamano earned both his bachelor's degree in accounting, and MBA from the University of Connecticut.



Mary P. Guerrero, Department of Family Medicine, was recently awarded two Weil Foundation grants; one for faculty development in integrative medicine in the Family Medicine Residency Program, and the second for development of a national program to support medical student education and leadership in integrative medicine. Guerrero was also recently elected to the executive committee of the Connecticut

of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine, where she currently serves on the education and steering committees.



Lisa Francini has been appointed interim student affairs officer in the Student Services Center. Francini will be responsible for developing a comprehensive student affairs program for the Health Center School of Medicine, School of Dental Medicine, and Graduate School. She will design and organize university-wide events involving two or more of our schools and serve as the Health Center's student advocate.

December PAWS Awards

Know Better Place is pleased to announce the PAWS awards for December. An award reception takes place **Tuesday, December 23**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Food Court. PAWS means being Part of a team, having an Awesome attitude, Wonderful work ethic, and providing Superior services. The award recipients are **Wanda Aponte, Erin LiDonni, SueAnn Holt, Erin Guthrie**, and **Shawn Brown**, Dermatology; **Melissa Arsenault, Wendy Thibodeau, Jennifer Stapell, Carmel Natelli**, and **Kristi Dubey**, Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center; **Amadu Fall**, Materials Management; **John Gawel** and **Heidi Whiteley**, CMHC/MacDougall, **Christine Guarda**, REI/IVF Module; **Denise Harris**, Oncology 6; **Christopher James**, Radiation Oncology; **Heather Lavoie**, Dental Financial Services; **Cynthia Phoenix**, Reconstructive Sciences; **Thomas Pizzoferrato**, Pharmacy; **Kathryn Ireland**, NNICU; **William Road**, Materials Management; **Gladman Tarahike**, Clinical Engineering; **Justin Zabik**, CMHC/Willard. The Husky Hero award goes to **Rick Furey**, CMHC. The team award goes to the nursing transportation team. The team members are **Jessica Agnesi, Neringa Boucher, Michael Nohilly, Daisy Rivera, Richard Coughlin, Bernadetta Serafin, Howard Fairley, Jehad Smith, Alicia Jablonski, Edgar Tapia, Aneta Kondracki, Oksana Voronchak, Lance Leon, Gwendolyn Williams**, and **Sara-Jayne Nocera**. Congratulations to all!

Newsline Breaks for the Holidays

Newsline will take a holiday break. The next edition of Newsline will be published **Monday, January 12**. News items must be submitted by noon on Wednesday, January 7. See box below for submission information.

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