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Welcome to NEWSLINE

Welcome to electronic Newsline. This format allows us to inform the Health Center community of news and information conveniently and efficiently. Newsline is distributed bi-weekly, and we encourage all faculty, staff, students, and volunteers to submit new items, events, and accomplishments. For those individuals without access to email, the print copy of Newsline is still available at the Main and Food Court Lobbies or by request. Individuals or departments should contact Chris Kaminski, editor, at x4352 or at Newsline@nso.uhc.edu.

Heart Gallery Comes to Health Center

The Heart Gallery is a photo art display featuring children and youth in state care who need an adoptive family. This is the sixth year that the Department of Children and Families has partnered with volunteer professional photographers who capture each child's and youth's personality in a portrait. In addition, personal profiles are written about each of the children. The photos and profiles are assembled into a traveling photo exhibit that moves throughout Connecticut. The exhibit opens at the Health Center with a reception on **Monday, November 17**, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Keller Lobby. The Heart Gallery will remain on exhibit until December 15. To attend the opening reception, rsvp to Paul Gressly at 860-550-6559 by Friday, November 14. For further information about adoptive services at the Health Center, visit the Adoption Assistance Program at <http://aap.uhc.edu>.



Did You Take the Survey?

Know Better Place recently launched engagement08, the Health Center's engagement survey. The confidential survey will establish a benchmark to measure continued progress of Know Better Place initiatives. The survey will also evaluate staff and faculty perceptions, and identify best practices and areas for improvement. There are only a few days left to take the survey; it closes on **November 12**. Access the survey online or visit kiosks located at the Food Court, Academic, Medical Arts and Research Building and Dowling South Lobbies; Library, Human Resources

reception area, and East and West Hartford Health Partners. [Take the survey>](#)

Holiday Bazaar



The annual [Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar](#) takes place **Friday, November 21**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Bazaar will feature 30 vendors in the Hospital, Mezzanine and Keller Lobbies. It's a great way to start your holiday shopping. The bazaar also features a raffle of themed baskets donated by various Health Center departments.

The baskets will be on display in the Hospital Lobby across from the gift shop. The drawing will be held at 3:30 p.m. A bake sale, sponsored by the Creative Child Care Center, also takes place in the Food Court Lobby from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds raised from the Bazaar will benefit various auxiliary programs.

Forum on Multiple Myeloma

The Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center Collaborative Clinical, Basic and Translational Research Forum on Multiple Myeloma takes place **Tuesday, November 11**, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Henry Low Learning Center. The forum will focus on contemporary clinical and investigative approaches to multiple myeloma. It is open to faculty, graduate students, basic science research fellows, clinical attendings, residents, fellows, medical and dental students, and members of the UConn Storrs community. An opportunity to compete for internal grant funding for startup/pilot research projects will be announced and information concerning submission of proposals will be available on-site. A light buffet dinner will be served free of charge beginning at 5:45 p.m. For further information, contact Ellen Eisenberg, x3333.

Technology Commercialization Seminar

The Technology Commercialization Seminar, a program for faculty and students about experiences in commercialization of technology and industry collaboration, takes place **Monday, November 17**, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Henry Low Learning Center and ITE 360 in Storrs. This seminar will feature [Yogesh Mehrotra](#), founder of [Materials Technology Corporation](#), who will speak about his experiences in starting and building MTC, a specialty research, design, and product development company. MTC focuses on optics, infra-red, coatings, instrumentation, and sensors. Lunch will be provided. For further information and to register, contact john.hanson@uconn.edu or alexadra.li@uconn.edu. The event is sponsored by [Connecticut Innovations](#), Connecticut's technology and risk capital organization.

Auriemma Advises Young Female Athletes

Adolescent and teen girls and their guardians recently attended a female sports health program at the Health Center. "Bone Health and Injury Prevention" was presented by the [New England Musculoskeletal Institute](#) and [Celebrate Women](#). The formal speaking portion of the program included presentations by Health Center experts and UConn women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma, followed by interactive sessions including knee injury workshop, agility and vertical jump assessments, and chair massages.



Auriemma encouraged the girls to stay active and try different sports and told them "being a kid and doing kid stuff" is one of the best ways to prepare their bodies for the demands of competitive athletics.

Naughton Dazzles at Imagine Gala

More than 250 individuals recently attended the second annual Imagine Gala, a fundraising event to benefit the [Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center](#). Held at the Bushnell in Hartford, attendees were entertained by a one-man cabaret performed by two-time Tony winner James Naughton. Three individuals were honored for their efforts to raise cancer awareness. This year's honorees were Peter J. Deckers, who recently retired from the Health Center as executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine; Michael Economos, founder of the Hartford nonprofit Lea's Foundation for Leukemia Research; and former UConn men's basketball coach Donald "Dee" Rowe, a longtime university ambassador and cancer survivor. The proceeds from this year's event benefit two Cancer Center programs: the [Lea's Foundation Center for Hematologic Disorders](#) and a new program for cancer survivors. [View photos from the gala](#)

Bowl-a-Thon to Benefit Cancer Center



Love to bowl? Here's an opportunity to improve your game and support a great cause. The inaugural Rogers Memorial Bowl-a-Thon takes place **Saturday, November 15**, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Laurel Lanes, 136 New Britain Ave., Plainville. A \$20 donation entitles you to unlimited bowling, shoes, food, and a raffle. For more information or to

register, contact Steve Rogers at 860-604-7003 or email steve@nomorefatherslost.org. All proceeds will benefit the [Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center](#).

People



Cato T. Laurencin, vice president for health affairs and dean, School of Medicine, has been named among the “100 Chemical Engineers of the Modern Era” by the [American Institute of Chemical Engineers](#). The recognition from the world’s leading organization for chemical engineering professionals acknowledges Laurencin’s work in tissue engineering to develop materials to promote bone repair and wound healing. Specifically, AIChE recognized Laurencin for development of a novel polymer-synthesized, ceramic composite-based system for bone repair and in vitro evaluation.



John Taylor, [Division of Urology](#), has been awarded a grant from the [American Cancer Society](#) to fund his ongoing research on bladder cancer. The grant will promote his research on the role of inflammatory molecules on the development and progression of bladder cancer, with the goal of improving ways to prevent and treat this disease.

Food and Nutrition Welcomes New Dietitians

Chelsea Fowler and **Anita Grinevics** recently joined the Food and Nutrition staff. Fowler graduated from Saint Joseph College in West Hartford. She formerly worked at Woodlake at Tolland Healthcare Center, a skilled nursing home and short-term rehabilitation facility. Her areas of interest include nutritional support, oncology and geriatric nutrition. Grinevics has joined the staff as the manager of clinical nutrition. She is a graduate of Marymount College and New York University where she completed her master’s degree in clinical nutrition. Before coming to the Health Center, Grinevics worked at the Sharon Health Care Center and Sharon Hospital. Her areas of interest include gerontology, oncology, weight management, vegetarianism, food allergies/intolerances, complementary care, diabetes, and cardiovascular health.

Two Earn Certification in Public Health

Morgan Hollenbeck and **Janice Vendetti**, [Department of Community Medicine and Health Care](#), are among 500 individuals who passed the nation’s first credentialing examination for public health practitioners and have earned the designation of Certified in Public Health (CPH). The National Board of Public Health Examiners was established to develop a voluntary credentialing exam for persons who graduate with public health degrees from one of the 42 schools or 66 programs accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). Successful completion of the credentialing exam demonstrates that persons have mastered a fundamental breadth of core and cross-cutting competencies necessary for the effective practice of public health. Hollenbeck and Vendetti are graduates of [the UConn Master of Public Health Program](#).

The next edition of Newsline is **Monday, November 24**. See box below for submission information.

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