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## Get Ready to Shop at the Spring Fair

The Health Center [Auxiliary's](#) annual Spring Fair takes place **Friday, April 24**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Main, Keller and Mezzanine Lobbies. The event is a great way to shop for gifts for upcoming special occasions. There are several new vendors this



year featuring items such as soy candles, skin care and make-up products, American Girl doll clothes, homemade chocolates, watercolor note cards, and much more. Vendor favorites featuring jewelry, floral designs, photography, stained glass, leather handbags, wood crafts, bird houses, sea shell crafts will also be on hand. The [Auxiliary](#) will be selling silk flower pins and corsages made by its members. They're a great way to dress up a hat, suit or scarf. The [Creative Child Center](#) will host a bake sale in the Food Court Lobby starting at 8:30 a.m. If you're interested in volunteering at the fair or for more information, contact Nancy Dean at [ndean@nso1.uchc.edu](mailto:ndean@nso1.uchc.edu) or x8884.

## Worried About Your Risk for Breast Cancer?



Do you want to participate in a study to investigate lowering your risk of breast cancer? Women at increased risk for breast cancer may be eligible to participate in a new breast cancer prevention study through the [Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center](#). The ExCel research study is an international effort aimed at discovering whether a certain treatment can help prevent breast cancer. The medication is from a class of drugs, aromatase inhibitors, that suppresses estrogen production. Aromatase inhibitors are already approved to treat advanced breast cancer. Participants will receive either a study drug or placebo and will

be followed for five years. To be eligible, women must be postmenopausal, over 35 years old, and have an increased risk of developing breast cancer. The study is one of many ways experts at the [Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center](#) help women understand – and

potentially lower – their risk of breast cancer. To learn more, call x2100 to schedule an appointment with [Molly Brewer](#), director of [Women's Cancer Prevention Programs](#), to discuss the study.

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### **Clinical Affairs Subcommittee Meeting**

There will be a special meeting of the Clinical Affairs Subcommittee of the Board of Directors to discuss John Dempsey Hospital medical staff appointments and reappointments **Tuesday, April 21**, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Paula McManus Memorial Conference Room (LM070). Meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may have up to three minutes to express their views before the committee and must sign up at least one day in advance. At special meetings, such comments must be directed solely to the stated agenda of the meeting. Please contact John Kennelly at x7544 to request to speak or for further information. Future special meetings to discuss medical staff appointments and reappointments will be held on the third Tuesday of every month.

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### **Wanted: Used Books, DVDs, and CDs**



If you have started your spring cleaning and don't know what to do with your used books, DVDs, and CDs, the [Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center](#) has a solution. Bring them to work. Collection boxes are set up in the Academic lobby, as well as the lobbies of Munson Road and East Hartford and West Hartford

Health Partners. Items will be sold later this spring for \$1, with proceeds going to the [NBC-30 Jim Calhoun Cancer Challenge Ride](#). Books (no textbooks) should be in good condition. Proceeds from the Calhoun Cancer Challenge Ride support the work of the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center and Coaches vs. Cancer, a program of the American Cancer Society.

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### **Loeser, Camel Awards Ceremony**

The 35th annual presentation of the Charles N. Loeser Award and the Golden Camel Award takes place **Monday, May 18**, at 1 p.m. in the Massey Auditorium. Both awards are presented by second-year medical and dental students for excellence in basic medical science teaching. A reception will follow in the Academic Lobby. For further information, contact Stephanie Colangelo, Educational Support Services, x8186.

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### **Join the Connecticut Race in the Park**

Spring is here and that means it's time to sign up for the [Connecticut Race in the Park](#), an annual event to raise funds for the Connecticut Breast Health Initiative. A Mother's Day weekend tradition, the race will be held **Saturday, May 9**, at Walnut Hill Park in New Britain. The event includes 5K races for men and women, fun-runs for kids, and a 1K and 4K walk. [Lori Wilson](#), director of breast surgical oncology, will speak at a special breakfast for breast cancer survivors. Since 2005, the CBHI has made more than 35 individual grants totaling nearly \$1.2 million. The largest grant was for \$300,000 in the form of a three-year partnership with the Health Center to fund a professorship for clinical research dedicated to breast cancer prevention, treatment and research. Make a difference in the fight against breast cancer by joining the race. [Register for the race>](#)



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## 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, April 27**, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Low Learning Center and ITE 360 in Storrs. The seminar will feature Stephen Maguire, founder and general manager of [Orchid Design](#), an orthopedic product development and manufacturing company. Maguire will define the issues and development activities to be considered when launching a new medical product. His talk will cover the timeline of engineering issues associated with design, material selection, proof of concept, validation testing, and intellectual property. Lunch will be provided. To register, contact [john.hanson@uconn.edu](mailto:john.hanson@uconn.edu) or [alexandra.li@uconn.edu](mailto:alexandra.li@uconn.edu). The event is sponsored by [Connecticut Innovations](#).

## People



**Sarita Arteaga**, Department of Reconstructive Sciences, will be honored by the Connecticut Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an International Honorary Dental Fellowship, with its Distinguished Services Award. The presentation will take place Friday, May 8, during the annual PFA/ICD luncheon held at the Mohegan Sun Resort and Casino in conjunction with the 168th annual meeting of the Connecticut State Dental Association. Arteaga is being honored for her contributions to the dental profession and the UConn School of Dental Medicine.

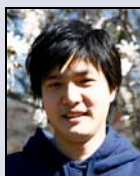


The state of Connecticut is honoring **Robert Greenstein**, Division of Human Genetics, by proclaiming Wednesday, April 29, as "Robert Greenstein Day." Greenstein has contributed enormously to the health and wellbeing of Connecticut residents and to the Health Center by establishing many important programs and services in genetics. A

reception will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the State Capitol, Room 302, Hartford. Congratulations!



**Dina Plapler** recently joined the Health Center and the UConn Foundation's Office of Development and Alumni Relations as associate vice president for development. Plapler is responsible for the management of Health Center fundraising activities and is part of the Foundation's senior management team. She has extensive fundraising management experience, with expertise in major giving, special events and planned giving. Plapler comes to the Health Center from the new Connecticut Science Center where she was responsible for a multi-million dollar major giving program and helped them to achieve their campaign goal of \$160 million. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from New York University, a law degree from Georgetown University and is an adjunct graduate faculty member of Bay Path College.



**Chen-Pang Soong**, a third year M.D./Ph.D. student, has been selected by the Endocrine Society as the winner of a 2009 Summer Research Fellowship. The Society offers summer research fellowships to encourage promising undergraduate students, medical students and first year graduate school students to pursue careers in endocrinology. The Society provides a stipend to the student award recipient to participate in research projects under the guidance of a Society member for 10 to 12 weeks during the summer. Soong's mentor is Andrew Arnold, director of the Center for Molecular Medicine and chief of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism. The focus of his research project is on the molecular basis of endocrine gland tumors.



#### **April PAWS Awards**

Know Better Place is pleased to announce the April PAWS awards. PAWS means being **P**art of a team, having an **A**wesome attitude, **W**onderful work ethic, and providing **S**uperior services. The award recipients are **Anne Bennett**, Medicine; **Lynette Branday**, **Elizabeth Fabbri** and **Pamela Iannucci**, UMG/MFM; **Nancy Hoerup**, Telecommunications; **Cathy Cassineri**, Calhoun Cardiology Center; **Christine Delgrande**, Pulmonary Function Lab; **Sonya Dickens**, CMHC/Manson Youth; **Lynn Grumm**, Core Lab; **William Kilray**, Pharmacy; **Marisol Koniar**, UMG/IMA Module; **Shelly Lombardo** and **Nicole McDermott**, Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center; **Chantel Melendez**, Radiology; **Carolyn Murphy** and **Jennifer Smedberg**, Rehabilitation Services; **Frank Nichols**, Oral Health & Diagnostic Sciences; **Nicholas Noyes**, Clinical Engineering; **Maria Pessoa**, Geropsych/3rd Floor; **Sheila Pettway**, UMG/GI-ID; **Kesia Smith**, Radiology; **Dana Vibert**, Outcome Performance Systems; **Agnes White**, Faculty Practice Plan Clinic; **Abdul Yusoff**, Dermatology. The team award goes to

the IDX web implementation team. Members include **Laurie Heineman, Lori Delvaglio, Diane Hamalian, Paul Consonni, Lori Giblin, Deborah Halle, Linda Clark, Lorraine Boulanger, Elissa Wagner, Kim Bourbeau, Matthew Shannon, and Ingrid Napoletano.** Congratulations to all!

The next edition of Newsline is **Monday, May 4.** See box below for submission information.

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