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Summer fun - with a purpose

Each summer, parents look for educational programs and camps for children of all ages. The University Heights Association member institutions offer a variety of summer programs to meet a wide range of interests and goals.

Albany College of Pharmacy is sponsoring its Summer High School Enrichment Program for the seventh year, providing opportunities for Albany High School seniors-to-be to gain insight into the possibilities available to them in the fields of science, medicine and research. Approximately 50 local high school students have participated in the six-week program since its inception.

Students spend three days participating in research with an ACP faculty member, one day in the library or a classroom, and one day on pharmaceutical sciences-related field experiences.

ACP and UHA also provide court space for the annual Ned McGraw Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 8-15. It is named for the longtime Christian Brothers Academy educator, coach and administrator and is operated by his son, Packy McGraw. This year approximately 150 youths enrolled in the camp's two sessions (July 11-15 and Aug. 1-5).

"We try to teach them the basics of basketball and do it in a fun way so they enjoy it and continue working at it," said Packy McGraw, who also serves as ACP's director of student affairs.

Sage's Summer Art and Design program, in its 20th year, is an intensive studio art program allowing high school students to take college art courses for credit

Todd of Columbia High School. "Now, I'm pretty definite that's what I want to do."

Sage also offers the Summer College for Kids for students in



At Law Quest, area middle school students learn about trial law firsthand by playing the jury in a mock trial.

or explore art interests. Students build their portfolios and prepare for the culminating Art Show and Awards Presentation, where a Sage College of Albany scholarship is presented to one student.

In July, Sage Career Quest offers teens in grades 7-10 the opportunity to explore future careers. Classes are taught by college professors and feature hands-on labs, guest speakers, special projects and field trips. This year, sessions were offered on the health sciences, law, business and liberal arts.

"Before, I only knew what I saw on TV, and I was waffling on whether or not to become a lawyer," said participant Kevin

grades 4-8 to explore and get hands-on experience in art, music, computer science, language arts, theatre arts, architecture and more.

In addition, Albany Law School offers a unique Summer in Government Program, attracting law students from across the country for opportunities to explore legal issues in government in-depth.

At Albany Medical Center, more than 100 high school students are enrolled in the summer volunteer program. Students commit to at least 40 hours of volunteerism throughout the medical center, including working side-by-side with faculty mentors conducting research.

Albany Riverfront Jazz Festival

Mayor Jerry Jennings has announced that the Fourth Annual Albany Riverfront Jazz Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 from noon-6:30 p.m. in Albany Riverfront Park. This event is free to the public.

The schedule of performers includes The Brian Patneau

Quintet, The J Street Jumpers, David "Fathead" Newman, Kurt Elling and Dee Dee Bridgewater.

Food and beverages will be available, featuring Panera Bread specialties. Children's activities will include facepainting, a balloon artist and a hands-on craft activity.

Access to the Amphitheatre at Albany Riverfront Park is via the Hudson River Way pedestrian bridge. Parking is available in downtown Albany at various garages and on the street. The rain site for the event is the Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street.

University Heights Association was established in 1995 to create an academic/medical consortium of international stature. The four member institutions - Albany Law School, Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany Medical College and The Sage Colleges - are a unique collaboration promoting quality education, premium health care, public discourse of important issues, cutting-edge research and technology, vibrant neighborhoods and progressive private and public partnerships. UHA continues to build upon a network of shared resources to enrich academic connections for the benefit of students, faculty, staff and the surrounding neighborhoods.

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DID YOU KNOW ...

Albany College of Pharmacy alumnus Rudolph H.

Blythe '31 invented time-release capsules?!?

Medical Center announces expansion



AMC President James Barba with Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings.

Work is underway this summer at Albany Medical Center on a \$15 million, 45,000-square-foot addition to the A Building on the west side of its New Scotland Avenue campus due to increased demand for the medical center's services.

"This important project will enable us to move a number of programs and services from our hospital buildings to the new area, freeing up space for the opening of beds," said James J. Barba, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer.

Current plans call for the expanded space to house the Heart

Institute, the Vascular Institute and the Neurosciences Institute, as well as the departments of nuclear medicine and gastroenterology.

The addition will consist of a basement and four floors, with renovations being done to the existing A Building space. The project is expected to be completed by next spring. The architect is Hyman/Hayes and the general contractor for the project is AOW Associates Inc.

The Medical Center currently operates 550 beds and this project will increase its capacity to 575 beds.

Local Life - Upcoming Events

The Delaware Avenue Neighborhood Association (DANA) hosts a Farmer's Market each

Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at the St. James Church parking lot on Delaware Avenue

Thoughts from the Executive Director:

Traditionally we think of summer as a time of relaxation, with a somewhat slower pace than we experience during the academic year. I believe no one would find that to be the case here on the UHA campus.

While our activities are different than during the school year, they are many and varied. In the office, we are doing much of the planning for events that will occur throughout the fall; our grounds folks attempt to get ahead of the work that keeps the campus looking terrific; the armory bustles with young athletes honing their basketball skills; construction continues at Albany Medical Center and the Albany College of Pharmacy new Student Center; and walkers chalk up miles for the America on the Move initiative.

It's a great place to be and an invigorating environment!



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