

UHA News



The monthly newsletter for the community and partners of the University Heights Association.

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Neighbors helping neighbors *UHA colleges continue community outreach*

The four University Heights Association institutions continued their active community outreach and volunteer efforts through the holiday season, reaching out to a variety of organizations in the area.

The holiday season marked the 25th year for “Melodies of Christmas” – the WRGB/TV-6-sponsored event held at Proctors Theatre to benefit the Child Cancer Program at Albany Medical Center. The event has raised more than \$4 million since its inception.

More than 100 Albany Medical Center employees “adopted” children through the Department of Family and Community Medicine’s annual toy drive. Toys went to families being cared for through the Albany Medical Center’s AIDS Treatment Center, the Center City Mission on Central Avenue and the Koinonia Clinic in Arbor Hill.

The Schaeffer Library at Albany Medical College also sponsored a “food for fines” drive to benefit the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. For three weeks, the library reduced or eliminated overdue fines in exchange for non-perishable food donations.

Two professional fraternities at ACP volunteered time during December.

The Kappa Epsilon Professional Pharmacy Fraternity conducted its annual fund drive to buy holiday presents for children and teen-agers at Parsons Child and Family Center. After raising money, Kappa Epsilon members purchased and delivered gifts to help brighten the season for our University Heights neighbor.

The College’s Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity



chapter, working with faculty from ACP’s Department of Pharmacy Practice, also produced a public service announcement in support of the Red Dress Campaign, an international effort to raise awareness of the dangers of heart disease and stroke for women.

The PSA began airing in mid-December on WNYT/TV-13 and will continue through February, which is American Heart Month. To learn more about the Red Dress Campaign and American

Heart Month, visit <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter>.

Albany Law School and The Sage Colleges both participated in the Adopt-A-Family program.

Albany Law School faculty, staff and more than 100 students donated holiday gifts and essential items to Albany Law School Clinic’s annual Adopt-A-Family project, making the holidays cheerier for six local families.

The Sage Colleges, in an effort sponsored by the office of Albany County Executive Mike Breslin, adopted a family with three children: a girl, age 7, and two boys, ages 8 and 12. Faculty and staff donated items from the family’s “wish list,” such as clothing, games, books, household items and gift certificates.

The Sage Student Services staff opted to forego its own “Secret Santa” gift exchange and contribute as a group, donating a Price Chopper gift certificate for more than \$100. All donations were collected by Albany County Social Services; they came to Sage with a small car, and had to return with a van!

Sage has participated in the program for more than five years. The effort is coordinated on both campuses by Dorcas McKinney, administrative assistant to the dean of Sage College of Albany.

Upcoming events abound at UHA institutions

The Sage Colleges calendar is full of exciting events, such as:

Criminal Kids: Mad, Bad or Both?

This year’s Hoffman Lecture focuses on the criminalization of mental illness in juvenile justice. Contact Marcy Smith at (518) 244-2245.

Monday, February 28

7:30 p.m., Bush Memorial Russell Sage College, Troy. Free admission.

Foreign Film Series

Shattered Dreams: A film by Iranian-born Mahmood Karimi-Hakak

Thursday, February 24

Immigrant Women in the Capital

District: Leila Zand’s documentary explores the cultural changes thrust upon Iranian women. Thursday, March 24

7 p.m., Schacht Fine Arts Center Russell Sage College, Troy. Free admission.

For more information call (518) 244-2237.

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 ...

the University Heights member institutions boast an impressive total of 5,466 enrolled students?!

Upcoming Events (cont.)

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Eaten Alive

Broadway actress and anorexia survivor Eva Van Dok portrays five women suffering from eating disorders and weight obsession. Contact Lauren DeScherer at (518) 244-2207.

Monday, February 21
7 p.m., Bush Memorial
Russell Sage College,
Troy. Free admission.

Albany College of

Pharmacy presents its first African Film Series in celebration of Black History Month. All films will be held on Tuesdays in February at 7:30 p.m. at ACP, O'Brien 218. Admission is free.

African Film Series

The Great White Man of Lambaréné (Le Grand Blanc de Lambaréné):

Directed by Cameroonian Bassek ba Kobhio, this film begins to rewrite the history of colonialism from the point of view of the colonized.

February 8

Faat Kine: Directed by Ousemane Sembene, widely regarded as the father of African cinema, this film is a penetrating analysis of the interplay of gender, economics and power in today's Africa.

February 15

Life Is Rosy (La Vie Est Belle):

Directed by Ngangura Mweze, this film is an inside look at

the vibrant music scene of Kinshasa, Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo's). The film, starring World Beat music legend Papa Wemba tells the "rags to riches" story of a poor country musician who seeks fame in the city's vibrant music industry.

February 22

Albany Law School

offers many interesting events as well, including:

Anderson Breakfast Seminar Series: The Fifth Anniversary of Charter Schools

February 15, 8 - 9 a.m.
State Capitol - Assembly Parlor

Beyond Diversity: Challenging Racism in the Age of Backlash

featuring writer and activist Tim Wise
February 23, 6 - 8 p.m.
Albany Law School

Journal of Science & Technology Symposium: Identity Theft

March 2
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Albany Law School

Environmental Outlook Journal Symposium on Urban Sprawl

March 9
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Albany Law School

Special Education Workshop

March 11
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Albany Law School



June McQuide, Executive Director

Thoughts from the Executive Director:

The University Heights neighborhood has an extraordinary convergence of academic institutions, hospitals, medical research centers, community facilities, social service providers, residences and commercial establishments. When these are coupled with the high concentration of bright, energetic and caring students, ample opportunities for student/community involvement arise. Each time that a student volunteers in the community, new relationships are born and the quality of life is enhanced, for both volunteers and recipients. Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany Law School, Albany Medical Center and The Sage Colleges have been committed for generations to helping others in our community. I applaud their continued focus on these neighborly, civic-minded activities.

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