

Weekly Newsletter November 20-22, 2023

PQHS NEWS

PQHS HAPPENINGS



UMass Chan Medical School's annual employee giving campaign is in full swing! Week 3 currently **\$132,000** has been donated. We are hoping to surpass last year's total of more than \$220,000 and are well on our way! **ONLY 28% of PQHS has donated so far, let's see how close to 100% we can get!!**

Please won't you consider donating, there are only 4 days left to give!

You may donate by payroll deduction, by check, or credit card and direct your donation to a variety of worthy organizations and causes such as those listed below.

Click [here](#) for the Giving Page.



Sign up to have lunch with the Chair & Vice Chair! There are still slots available to pick from. Lunch with the Chair and Vice Chair sign ups are first come first serve for 3 Faculty Members and 3 Staff Members each month to have to have a nice catered meal and to talk about anything, but **NO WORK TALK**. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for the date that works for you. Thank you!

Click [here](#) to sign up!



A few of our department's APHA attendees taking a break to pose for a picture

Pictured from left to right, Olachi Unaka, Sarah Forrester, Clevanne Julce, Natalia Nielsen, and Emmanuella Asiedu



PQHS FAREWELL



Donna Raymond has unfortunately resigned from PQHS. She will be joining the Research Administration Services as an Administrative Coordinator. As you all know Donna gives her 110% to all she does and it will be difficult to replace her. Her last day will be November 22, 2023. Thank you to Donna for your services to PQHS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMass Boston Department of Gerontology & Gerontology Institute Present Proseminar Speaker Series Fall 2023

Monday, November 20, 2023
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

Jaqueline Contrera Avila, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Gerontology,
University of Massachusetts Boston

"Tobacco Use Among Older Adults: Health Impact and Opportunities for Interventions"

Monday, November 27, 2023
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

Debby Dodds, MS

Gerontologist and Head of Caregiver Engagement,
Generation Connect

"From Capstone to Commercialization: A Journey in Gerontology, Dementia, and Tech Innovation"

via Zoom: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/94175483404> Password: Boston

For more information contact Jaqueline Contrera Avila: Jaqueline.Avila@umb.edu



Thursday, December 7, 2023, 11:00-1:00PM

"Thinking about Information Disorder in the Context of Health and Science: How Bad is the Problem and What Can We Do About It?"

Presented by: Ezra Markowitz, PhD, Professor at UMass Amherst

Click [here](#) to Register. Registration is required.



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UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Annual Privacy and Information Security Training

Cybersecurity threats targeted against UMass Chan networks and data have become commonplace and the tactics that criminals employ are increasingly more sophisticated. UMass Chan's annual Privacy and Information Security Training is a proven and effective deterrent against social engineering, phishing schemes and malware such as ransomware. The online training is informative and focuses on important steps that you can take to ensure you are safe from cybercriminals.

This year's training begins Monday, Oct. 16, with an email from UMassChanInformationSecurity@umassmed.edu.

The training consists of six short interactive modules:

- You Are the Shield
- Email and Phishing
- Targeted Attacks
- Data Security
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

You will have 60 days to complete the training, but we strongly recommend that you prioritize this critical tool for protecting your data both at work and at home.



Holiday season is upon us. Here is the [link](#) to the Holiday Calendars for UMass Chan Medical School.

Following Holiday Schedule for the remainder of 2023:

- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 23rd
- Day After Thanksgiving - Friday, November 24th
- Christmas Eve (observed) – Friday, December 22nd
- Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th



UMass Chan Medical School's [Office of Communications](#) is initiating regularly scheduled opportunities where faculty, staff, and students can have a professional headshot taken. Photos are taken every other Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM on the fifth floor of the Sherman Center by the elevators. Each session caps at 50 people. Anyone at UMass Chan can sign up using this document found on the SharePoint site. **See updated link for new options:** [Photo Sign-Ups \(office365.com\)](#)

PQHS Weekly will be sent to all members of PQHS on Monday mornings. The intent is to provide a snapshot of what is going on that week in PQHS and to share our faculty and staff activities with the department. We depend on you to provide the items we need to share. Please send suggestions of events, faculty invited seminars & talks, honors, student thesis presentations, and news – new babies born! – to Kellie (kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.