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Lend a Hand to a Co-Worker

Jennifer Chalupa, a clinic clerk in Operative Dentistry, has exhausted her sick leave and vacation time due to an ongoing health condition and recovery period. Anyone wishing to help Jennifer by contributing vacation time may pick up a catastrophic leave donation form from Mary Yoder (S 229), Becky Todd (S 250), or by going to http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/benefits/forms/contrib.pdf. Once the form is completed, please send it to the Benefits Office, USB. Any contributions of one hour or more on Jennifer’s behalf are welcome and will be truly appreciated.

Karl G. Kohlgraf (D1) Wins Oral Presentation Award

During the 40th Annual Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum that was held February 27-28 in Omaha, Nebraska, Karl G. Kohlgraf (D1) won the 4th Place Award in Oral Presentation. His presentation, “Quantitation of SPLUNC in saliva by an xMAP particle-based immunoassay,” was one of 125 oral and poster presentations.

The Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum is co-sponsored by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Creighton University Medical Center, and the American Medical Association Foundation.

Recent Publications


Dr. Trishul Allareddy Gives CE Course in Mason City

Dr. Trishul Allareddy, Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine, gave a continuing education (CE) presentation on March 16, 2009, at the North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City. His presentation, “Cone Beam CT in Dentistry,” was given in conjunction with a second CE presentation, “3-Dimensional Cone Beam CT Scanning: Case Examples (Simplant, Nobelguide, and Anatomage In-vivo 3rd Party Software),” that was given by Lyell Hogg, DDS, and Todd Juhlin, DDS.

RefWorks Instruction March 31, 2009

RefWorks is a Web-based citation management and bibliography tool. It can help you to efficiently store, organize, and share citations and easily format them for papers and bibliographies.

Jonathan Koffel, Hardin Library, will hold a RefWorks workshop on March 31, 2009, from noon-1pm, in the Oral B classroom.

Everyone is invited to attend. Pizza and pop will be provided.

Power Down for the Planet

The average desktop computer wastes nearly half the power delivered to it. This results in higher energy bills and unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions.

The University of Iowa is asking students, faculty and staff to “Power Down for the Planet” by making simple changes to their personal computers’ power management settings.

Power Down for the Planet is a collaboration between the Climate Savers Computing Initiative (an international non-profit organization committed to reducing IT-related waste by half by 2010) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Energy Star program. The University of Iowa is a founding partner of the initiative, along with Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University, the University of California at San Diego, and the University of Michigan.

Visit the Power Down for the Planet Web site, learn how you can start saving energy today, and take the online pledge before April 17: http://www.powerdownfortheplanet.org/iowa.

The university with the highest percentage of pledges will be announced the winner on Earth Day, April 22. Currently, Iowa is in a very close second place to the University of Michigan with 900 pledges and counting! Support Power Down!
Severe Weather Notice

With the possibility of upcoming severe storms, it seems appropriate to seasonally remind departments of the University’s severe weather policy. Even when severe weather makes travel difficult, the University remains open because of many functions that cannot be halted. Employees should therefore make every reasonable effort to report to work, consistent with safety. Guidelines for handling tardiness or absence due to bad weather are listed in Part II, Division I, Chapter 22.3 of the University Operations Manual.

Time lost due to extreme weather conditions can be made up by arranging the following with the DEO/Manager/Supervisor, as applicable:

- Employees may be authorized to make up the time absent through an alternate work schedule within the same work week to the extent an altered schedule is practical, feasible, and provides appropriate accountability.
- Employees may utilize accrued compensatory time or accrued vacation, if available, to remain in pay status, or be placed on leave without pay.
- Employees may be authorized to perform work at home or an alternate location, to the extent such is available, practical, and feasible, and provides appropriate accountability.

The options outlined above should be available to all employees. Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement should refer to their bargaining agreement for any additional terms or conditions provided therein.

Early Dismissal - During severe weather conditions, employees may be offered early dismissal. Time lost due to early dismissal must be handled consistent with the options outlined above. Only the President of the University has the authority to excuse employees without any provision for make-up of lost time.

Due to the concern for patient care, all clinical departments and units involved in patient care services will coordinate early dismissal of employees through the Associate Dean for Patient Care, Dr. Mike Kanelis, or Director of Clinic, Dr. Ron Elvers. All other departments and units will coordinate similar action through the Dean’s Office, Dr. Jed Hand.

University policy requires that absence reports be completed for all time lost. In cases where the time missed is being charged to leave without pay, the hours missed should be recorded as code 24 (hours of absence without pay) on the employee time and leave record. If you have a question about any of the procedures outlined above, please contact Dental Human Resources.

You Know You’re an Iowan When …

You have worn shorts and a parka on the same day.

You know several people who have hit a deer more than once.

You design your kid’s Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

Going down south means heading to Keokuk or Missouri.

You measure distance in hours and give directions using landmarks.

You install security lights on your house and garage and then leave your garage door open.

A copy of the Filling Station menu can be found at http://www.dentistry.uiowa.edu.