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UC PEOPLE

David Parker '11, Database and Systems Administrator

Q: Tell us a little about yourself and how you came to be in your position at Utica College

A: Utica College has been a big part of my life for quite some time. My father, Bill, was an employee here in what was then the Media Center for about 30 years. I got hired here for an entry-level position in

are also UC grads.

Q: What does your job entail and what does a typical day look like for you?

A: A lot of my job entails setting up, maintaining, and monitoring school servers, such as BannerWeb, the UC website, Engage, and Smarthinking. Maintaining these servers includes both software and hardware work. A typical day consists of verifying that back ups are working, responding to any help desk tickets, and handling administrative aspects of accounts.

Q: How have UC's needs in this area changed over the years?

A: In the IITS area, things have changed substantially. In the past, there was a single central mainframe for students and employees. In the last 15 years, the College has adopted BannerWeb and a cloud system. We also have to deal with a lot of outside systems such as Engage and

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2001 doing printouts. From there I moved to systems and now I'm a database and systems administrator. As an employee, I took classes on campus and graduated in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in computer science. My mother and two brothers

"I enjoy problem solving and going to someone with an answer, not just telling him or her I don't know."

- David Parker



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BACK COVER
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Hundreds and hundreds Walked for Unity last week to celebrate our community, full of uniqueness and diversity. See more pictures from the Unity Walk on page 9.

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HR NOTES

Welcome

Michael Badolato, *Student Success and Completion Navigator, Student Success*

Melanie Blanden, *One-Year Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, School of Arts & Sciences*

Laura Becker, *Library Assistant: Circulation and Information Desk, Library*

Patrick Collea, *Part-Time Sgt., Campus Safety*

Crystal Dabrowski, *Assistant Director of Annual Giving*

Lauren Lojba, *Coordinator of Enrollment Operations, Enrollment Operations*

Andrea Mariani, *Coordinator of Enrollment Operations, Enrollment Operations*

Atahuaipa Pinto, *One-Year Assistant Professor of Chemistry, School of Arts & Sciences*

Tina Oyer Ponce, *Two-Year Assistant Professor of Foreign Language, School of Arts & Sciences*

Tabitha Poplaski, *Administrative Assistant III, Advancement*

Laura Salvaggio, *One-Year Assistant Professor of Theatre*

Kimberly Suriano, *Accounts and Records Administrator, Advancement*

New Title

James Wilson, *Systems Engineer, IITS*

Retiree

Nancy Virgil-Call, *Librarian III: Coordinator of Access Services, Library*

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Kudos Card program monthly drawing winner is...

Joe Ribaudo
Associate Professor of Physics

Congratulations, Joe,
and enjoy your prize!

You can access the following link at any time to recognize a colleague for his/her great work:
utica.edu/kudos

"Thank you for organizing Monday's eclipse-watching gathering! The fact that you shared your telescope and safe-viewing glasses is proof that your love of science is matched by your love of teaching. What a great opportunity for so many of us!"



EMPLOYEE GIVING HITS RECORD HIGH

As we begin a new academic year, we want to thank all of the Utica College employees who supported students financially by giving directly to the College. Overall, contributions made last year increased 17%, as faculty and staff gave \$154,865 to support various programs and initiatives. Contributions made through payroll deduction increased 17% as well, and accounted for more than \$64,000 of the dollars raised. It was a banner year for faculty and staff giving with special recognition to the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Justice Studies, and Academic Affairs for making the largest contributions.

Coinciding with the start of the academic year, we are running a payroll deduction campaign to make it easier to make a difference in the lives of students. Just choose the amount to be deducted from your paycheck each pay period. Over time, those gifts add up to a substantial contribution by the end of the year. What's more, gifts made through payroll deduction can be set up or changed whenever you like at <http://www.utica.edu/employee-giving>.

In appreciation of your support, we have several great upcoming events this academic year that we want to make sure you put on your calendar:

- Nov. 15 is National Philanthropy Day where we will recognize consecutive-year givers
- January 13 is the annual faculty/staff donor reception in the Zeitlin Lounge and ticket for the Men's Hockey game.
- March 21 is the second annual faculty/staff happy hour in the Pioneer Pub.



See more pictures from the Solar Eclipse viewing event on page 8

IN MEMORIAM - MARIJEAN LEVERING

“To say she will be missed is a gross understatement, but her strength reminds us that we have an obligation to keep doing our best work,” said Alexandra Caldas '13, former student of Marijean Levering, associate professor of theatre, who passed away July 27.

“Marijean’s determination, intensity, and incredible dedication to others have always been an inspiration to me. She was not just a mentor, but also a mother to me. I would not be the person I am today without years of guidance, encouragement, and love from her. Theatre is family, and many students who worked closely with her called her mom. In her final days, she said her students are her legacy, and legacies don’t build themselves,” Caldas said.

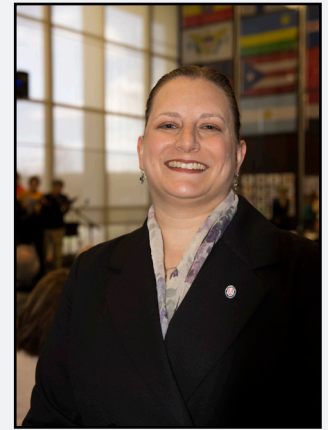
Levering joined the UC family in August 2000 as an assistant professor of theatre. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Loyola University Chicago, her master’s degree from Michigan State University, and her doctoral degree from Wayne State University.

In May 2004, she received the Student Life Award for making a difference in student life through advocacy, mentoring,

and contributions to student organizations. In 2006, she was promoted to associate professor of theatre.

On campus, Levering coordinated “Taste of the Arts” to show how much art there is on campus, in many different forms; it became an annual event. At the 2017 Commencement Ceremony, she received the Dr. Virgil Crisafulli Distinguished Teaching Award, which is given each year to a professor who exemplifies the highest traditions of teaching.

Marijean, who taught, befriended, and mentored thousands of students, passed away in her hometown of Detroit. On **Saturday, Sept. 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Concourse**, the college community will come together to honor and remember her life. Those present will be welcome to share memories of her. For those unable to attend, statements and photos can be sent to provost@utica.edu.



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in general have grown in the last 10 years, which shifted the need for increased technology.

Q: What has been the hardest task you have come across while working here?

A: One big challenge the IITS department faced was transitioning our email to Google. We were given the go-ahead by the president to start the transition. This was challenging because it was actually in the middle of a semester. The project was suspended at one point because we couldn’t work on it during finals week. When the suspension was lifted, we proceeded. We ended up completing the transition with no problems. It was a big accomplishment for our department.

Q: What is the best thing about your job?

A: I definitely can say the people I work with are the best part. Overall, I think UC is a positive place. I actually interact with a lot of faculty and staff outside of IITS. I find it makes my job easier when I have personal interactions with people. On the job side, a huge part of it deals with troubleshooting and problem-solving without warning. This is great because I enjoy problem-solving and going to someone with an answer, not just telling him or her I don’t know. If I don’t know the answer myself, I will find the person who does.

CONVOCATION 2017

At this year’s Convocation ceremony, the Harold T. Clark Jr. Award was presented to Donald Rebovich, professor of criminal justice and executive director of the College’s Center for Identity Management and Information Protection (CIMIP). The Clark Award is limited to faculty who have achieved the rank of Professor or Associate Professor, who have a distinguished record of scholarship and professional accomplishment, and who have the potential for further excellence.



Rebovich and Provost John Johnsen



Very special thanks went out to Tim Roye '81 for traveling across the country to speak at his alma mater. A former member of both The Tangerine and WPNR staffs, Roye is embarking on his 28th year of working NBA play by play, including two trips to the NBA finals!

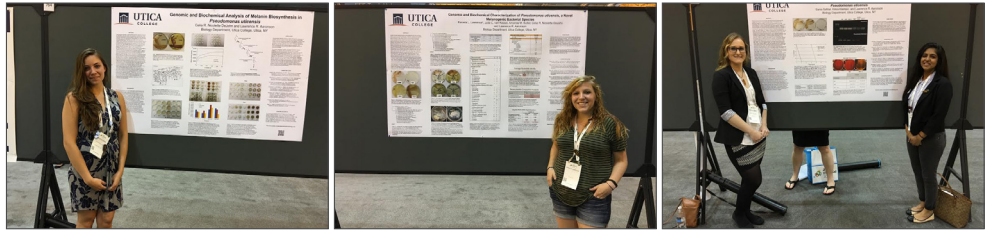
Larry Aaronson, professor of biology, and research students Pamela Lawrence '17, Sania Safdar '19, Emra Klempic '18 and Celia DeJohn '18 presented at the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) - Microbe 2017 conference in New Orleans in June. Lawrence, who has presented professionally five times in three years at UC, spoke on the first information on the genome sequence of *Pseudomonas uticensis*. ASM-Microbe is one of the largest international scientific conferences in the world, and was attended by more than 20,000 research and clinical microbiologists.

Hossein Behforooz, professor of mathematics, attended and presented a lecture and a workshop at the Mathematics Various Entertaining Subjects (Conference on Recreational Mathematics) held at the National Museum of Mathematics, New York City, August 2017.

Kailea Murray, employer relations coordinator in Career Services, has been elected to serve on the Central New York Career Development Association's Executive Board as the Treasurer for the 2017-2019 term.

Luke Perry, professor and chair of the department of government and politics, presented "How Twitter Dominated the 2016 Election and What Future Candidates Should Learn From This" with Paul Joyce '17 at the St. Anselm College's Academic Symposium: Broken: Barriers, Parties, and Convention Wisdom in 2016. The piece is in the process of becoming a book chapter in an edited volume about Donald Trump and Twitter. Since being presented, their work has been referenced by several prominent political scientists.

Donald Rebovich, professor of criminal justice, director of the Economic Crime Investigation program, and executive director of the Center for Identity Management and Information Protection (CIMIP), recently visited Prague to present at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health Conference. His presentation on fraud against the elderly was titled "Predators of the Aging: Failing Cognitive Skills of the Aging and Exploitation by Fraudsters."



A: *Genomic and Biochemical Analysis of Melanin Biosynthesis in Pseudomonas uticensis* - Celia DeJohn '18. **B:** *Genomic and Biochemical Characterization of Pseudomonas uticensis, a Novel Melanogenic Bacterial Species* - Pamela Lawrence '17. **C:** "Differential Expression of Hemolysins as Potential Virulence Factors in *Pseudomonas uticensis*" - Sania Safdar '19 and Emra Klempic '18

Joseph Ribaldo, associate professor of physics, attended the Undergraduate ALFALFA Team Summer Workshop at Green Bank Observatory with UC students **Chelsey McMichael '19** and **Taylor Koivuluoma '20**. They toured the grounds, participated in various radio astronomy activities, and presented the results of their mini-research projects to the entire group at the end of the workshop. The students had a one-of-a-lifetime opportunity to sit in the control room, operate the Green Bank Telescope, and analyze data in real time. This was a one of a kind experience that only a few students are lucky enough to have!

- **Ribaldo** was also recently published in the July edition of *Physics Today*, one of the most influential and closely followed physics magazine in the world. His commentary "How killer black holes saved astronomy," is a description of his use of popular and historic science readings as a complement to traditional textbooks in many of his courses. His piece was well received by the physics community; he has been asked to speak at Syracuse University for the fall meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers.



From left: Chelsey McMichael, Joe Ribaldo and Taylor Koivuluoma at the Green Bank Observatory.

Sandra Shepardson, Student Financial Services counselor, has been elected recording secretary for the Professional Staff Advisory Council (PSAC).

Steven Specht, professor of psychology, had his work displayed in the 3rd Annual "SUM ART" exhibit at the Point of Contact gallery in Syracuse. Point of Contact gallery is affiliated with Syracuse University and the show was designed to highlight local artists from the Syracuse area. The work was on display from July 20 - 29.



One of Specht's pieces on display in the show.

Patricia Swann, professor of public relations and management, is a contributor to a new book "Social Media and Crisis Communication," published by Routledge. This book covers how social media are influencing the practice of crisis communication. Swann's article, entitled "From Bashtags to Geobombing: Modern-Day Digital Guerrilla Tactics." This article describes the latest uses of social media and digital tools to help activists gain power and effectively pressure organizations to change.

Please send information and photos for KUDOS to source@utica.edu.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY 2017



Timothy Abraham joins UC as assistant/associate professor of therapeutic recreation/wellness and adventure education program. He earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree in kinesiology from the University of Illinois. Abraham served as the sports medicine outreach coordinator at Slocum-Dickson Medical Group for the past nine years. His hobbies include beekeeping, fitness, and outdoor sports.



Maxim Gorbachevsky joins UC as professor of practice in cybersecurity. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in law from Kyiv National University of Internal Affairs in Ukraine. He also earned his bachelor's degree in computer science in 2017 and his master's degree in cybersecurity focused on intelligence and forensics in 2013 from Utica College. His past positions include adjunct lecturer at Utica College and cybersecurity research consultant at Par Government.



Melanie Blanden joins UC as a one-year assistant professor of biochemistry. She earned her bachelor's degree in forensic science from Bay Path University and her master's of philosophy and doctorate in chemistry from Syracuse University. Her research interests include post transitional modifications of proteins and their role in diseases. In her free time she likes to exercise, read, and spend time outdoors with her daughter.



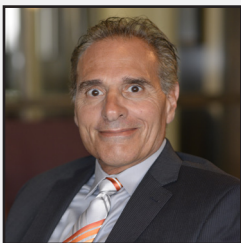
Clem Harris joins UC as assistant professor of history. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in American history from SUNY Albany, his master's degree in American history and his doctorate in American history, Africana studies, metropolitan studies and public affairs from the University of Pennsylvania. His areas of interest and research also include metropolitan studies and public affairs.



Jamie Cuda joins UC as assistant/associate professor of health care administration. Cuda earned her associate's degree in accounting from Mohawk Valley Community College, her bachelor's degree in business public management from SUNY Institute of Technology, her master's degree in education from Oswego State University, and her doctorate of education in executive leadership from St. John Fisher College. Her research interests include program curriculum development and creating a social presence in an online course to decrease student attrition.



Erin Kelly joins UC as internship program director for the nutrition program. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Binghamton State University, her master's degree in exercise physiology from the University of North Carolina-Chapel and her master's degree in nutrition science from Syracuse University. The owner of Positive Path Nutrition LLC, she enjoys running/fitness activities, rescuing dogs and gardening.



Samuel Ferrara joins UC as professor of practice in management and strategy. Ferrara earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Brockport State University, his master's of business administration from Baldwin Wallace College and his doctorate of organizational studies from the University at Albany. He has 20 years of experience in the business world and is interested in corporate governance. His hobbies include biking, kayaking, golfing, and playing the piano.



Jennifer Klimek Yingling joins UC as coordinator for the nurse practitioner program in the master's of science in nursing. Yingling earned her associate's degree in nursing from Mohawk Valley Community College, her bachelor's degree in nursing and master's degree in adult nurse practitioner from SUNY Institute of Technology, and her doctorate in nursing from Rutgers: The State University of New Jersey. For the past 10 years, she was assistant professor with tenure at SUNY Poly. In her free time she likes photography, painting and canning.



Jeffrey Lombardo joins UC as a one-year assistant professor of biology. Lombardo earned his bachelor's degree in environmental and forest biology from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, his master's degree in environmental and plant biology from Ohio University, and is currently completing his dissertation in ecology and evolutionary biology from Dartmouth College. Some research interests include population and community ecology, plant-insect interactions, and forest insect ecology. His hobbies include photography and music.



Atahualpa (Ata) Pinto joins UC as assistant professor of chemistry. Pinto earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry and his doctorate degree in organic chemistry from Syracuse University. Some areas of interest include natural products, organic chemistry and biochemistry. In his free time he enjoys sports and hiking.



Michael McCarthy joins UC as assistant professor of sociology and program director for the master's in data science. McCarthy earned his bachelor's degree in geographic information science with a minor in environmental engineering from the United States Military Academy and his master's and doctorate degree in geography from The University of North Carolina Greensboro. Previously, McCarthy worked as an analyst at the Department of Veteran Affairs as well as commissioned officer at the US Army and pilot. In his free time he likes to travel and go running.



Tina Oyer Ponce G'09 joins UC as a one-year assistant professor of foreign language. Ponce earned her bachelor's degree in music education from SUNY Fredonia and her master's degree in liberal studies from Utica College. Her areas of interest include French and Japanese cultures and traveling. In her free time she likes to play the violin and other instruments.



Laura Salvaggio joins UC as a one-year assistant professor of theatre. Salvaggio earned her bachelor's degree in theatrical production design from SUNY Fredonia and her master's degree in scenic design for theatre from Temple University. In her free time she enjoys theater and being a hockey mom.



James Monahan joins UC as professor of practice in nursing. Monahan earned his associate's degree in nursing from St. Elizabeth College of Nursing and his bachelor's and master's degree in nursing education from SUNY Polytechnic. His area of interest is emergency procedure nursing. In his free time he likes to go hiking, camping, snowshoeing and watching the Boston Red Sox.



Ellen Smith joins UC as assistant professor of nursing. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Saint Olaf College, her master's degree in public health from the University of Minnesota and her doctorate degree in education from Syracuse University. Some areas of interest include baccalaureate nursing student success, community-based learning and research collaborations. In her free time she enjoys canoeing, hiking, skiing and biking.



Emerson Morse '05 joins UC as anatomy and physiology lab coordinator. Morse earned his bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from Utica College of Syracuse University and his master's degree in chemistry from Cornell University. For the past eight years, Morse has been an adjunct professor of biology at Utica College and is also a current family care provider at the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities. His hobbies include listening to podcasts and playing cards and tabletop games.



Elizabeth Threadgill joins UC as assistant professor of English. Threadgill earned her bachelor's degree in English with a minor in anthropology, her master's in creative writing: poetry, minor development and adult education creative and her doctorate in developmental education and literacy all from Texas State University. Some areas of interest include developmental writing, developmental reading, composition, media literacy and emerging literacies. In her free time she enjoys television studies and poetry.



WKTV News Channel 2 reporter Keith Hunt spoke with Scott Nonemaker, executive director for student living and college engagement, about the dining commons major renovation over the summer. 8/15

- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, wrote a column for the *Observer-Dispatch*, "Our democracy continues its complicated development." 7/9
- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, was a guest on "First News with Keeler in the Morning" radio show on WIBX, discussing Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's comments about Assemblyman Brindisi's father. 7/19
- *The Rome Daily Sentinel* ran a story highlighting a state grant of \$450,000 to the **Young Scholars** program for dropout prevention activities. 8/1
- *Inside Higher Ed* reporter Rick Seltzer interviewed **Laura Casamento**, college president, and **Jeffery Gates**, senior vice president for student life and enrollment management, about the College's decision to reset tuition. 8/3
- *The Observer-Dispatch*, *Targeted News Service* and *Rome Daily Sentinel* all ran stories about **Bernard L. Hyman Jr.**, professor of practice in fraud and financial crime investigation, being named the new director of the Economic Crime and Cybersecurity Institute. 8/4
- *Targeted News Service* ran a story about **Joseph Ribaldo**, associate professor of physics, publishing a piece in *Physics Today*, "Commentary: How killer black holes saved astronomy." 8/4
- *The Observer-Dispatch* spoke with **Dave Fontaine**, director of physical education and athletics, about the process of rebuilding the Todd and Jen Hutton Sports and Recreation Center. 8/8
- **Jessica Nelson**, executive director of admissions, was a guest on *WKTV News Channel 2 at Sunrise* to discuss what colleges look for in prospective students with reporter Katrina Smith. 8/10
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Grace Fernandez interviewed **Young Scholars** interns at CABVI, A&P Master Images and City Hall, as well as **Pamela Matt**, executive director of Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program. 8/10
- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, wrote an opinion column for the *Observer-Dispatch*, "A few reflections on 'Coffee with Claudia.'" 8/13
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Julia LeBlanc interviewed **Thomas Armitage '09**, adjunct lecturer of public relations, on Instagram's new comment blocker. 8/14
- *WKTV News Channel 2* ran a story about the **Young Scholars** program finishing its first year of paid internships thanks to Indium Corporation and Maccartney Family Foundation. 8/15
- *Targeted News Service* ran a story highlighting the two major research projects of **Sharon Kanfoush**, professor of geology. 8/15
- *WKTV News Channel 2* reporter Kirk Tupaj spoke with **Joseph Ribaldo**, associate professor of physics, about the solar eclipse and safety measures to take. 8/16
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Grace Fernandez interviewed **Jun Kwon**, assistant professor of government and politics, about his insights on North Korea. 8/17
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Grace Fernandez spoke with **Scott Nonemaker**, executive director for student living and college engagement, about the major renovation of the dining commons over the summer. 8/17
- **Victoria Nackley**, professor of practice in occupational therapy, spoke with Alissa Scott, public information specialist with the Greater Amsterdam School District, for a magazine story on how parents can help their children focus. 8/23
- *WKTV News Channel 2* and *Times Telegram* highlighted Professor Emeritus of Public Relations **Ray Simon's** 102nd birthday celebration on *The Today Show*. 8/24

AROUND CAMPUS



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A: Dining Commons Ribbon Cutting 8/28

B: Young Scholars thank the Indium Corporation and the McCartney Family Foundation for funding summer internships at various Utica-area businesses and organizations. 8/15

C-J: Students, faculty, and the community gather at Professor Joe Ribaldo's solar eclipse viewing event. 8/21



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A-H: Hundreds and hundreds walked for unity last week to celebrate a community full of uniqueness and diversity. See more photos on the UC Facebook page. 8/30

I: Move-In Day / Orientation Mentors prepare for the arrival of new students. 8/25



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UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

Please visit utica.edu/hr/training for updates and to register.

For Health and Wellness events, visit utica.edu/hr/wellness

September

- 09/11/17 H&W Farmers Market & Flu Clinic**
Strebel Student Center, Ellen Knower Clarke Lounge
- 09/18/17 Community Conversation - Diversity 4:00 p.m.,**
Carbone Family Auditorium
- 09/27/17 Town Hall Meeting 2:00 p.m.,** Strebel Student Center, Auditorium

October

- 10/10/17 TIAA Individual Appointments,** Strebel Student Center, Room 105C

Monthly Chair Massages begin again on Friday, September 15, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. by appointment -reserve your favorite time!

Check out HR's new page for training and development: utica.edu/hr/trainingopp.cfm



HEALTH & WELLNESS

UC Health & Wellness 2017 Farmers Market



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

10AM to 2PM

ELLEN KNOWER CLARKE LOUNGE
STREBEL STUDENT CENTER

Flu Shots *by appointment*

Register for your Flu Shot at: utica.edu/hr/wellness

To save time, download and bring your completed screening form.

For UC faculty/staff/employees

Select ONE time slot for your
flu shot appointment & bring your insurance card with you.

Cost is \$25 without an insurance card.

- Bassett Healthcare Network—(non-fasting)
cholesterol screening
- Bite Bakery
- Common Thread Farm
- Cultured Awareness
- So Sweet Candy Café
- Utica Coffee Roasting Co.
- Root Farm
- Mom & Pops Homestyle Popcorn
- Rainforest Spices (flavored honeys, also)
- Tim Carey Photos



Sept 19: Lunch & Learn with Dan DeBlois

How Money Works sign up on H & W page

Sept 27: Lunch & Learn with CoreLife

Chronic Illness and Nutrition

Lunch will be served. Sign Up required on H & W page

CLASS OF 2021

