



Invitation to Salute Harborview Gala

The 15th annual Salute Harborview Gala will take place **Saturday, March 17**, at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers in downtown Seattle. Join us in celebrating Harborview's mission and raising vitally needed funds for charity care.

The program includes a limited live auction, cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and entertainment by Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

Tickets cost \$350 each. Black tie is optional. For more information, or to print an invitation, visit www.harborview.org. You may also contact Lisa Groeschell at (206) 543-8595 or lgroesch@u.washington.edu.

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Rave reviews for nursing research conference

The Seattle Nursing Research Consortium hosted its second annual research conference at Harborview on **Jan. 30** to high praise from the more than 100 nurses in attendance. Co-sponsored with Sigma Theta Tau, the honor society of nursing, the conference provided a forum for nurses involved with clinical research, quality improvement projects or creative solutions to share ideas and collaborate with peers.

Bernadette Melnyk, dean and distinguished foundation professor in nursing at Arizona State University, gave the keynote address "Igniting Evidence-Based Practice in Clinical Settings." Her words inspired the audience to consider how evidence could be applied in a variety of clinical situations.

In conjunction with the conference, a research workshop took place on **Jan. 31** with 65 participants. Congratulations to Nancy Unger for chairing the conference steering committee and to committee members Chris Cottingham, Paula Minton-Foltz, Pam Mitchell, Tricia Nora and Joie Whitney.

Barbara Gregg named a Hero for Kids

The Pediatric Committee is sponsoring an awards program to recognize staff whose outlook and actions demonstrate the many ways in which "Harborview Cares for Kids." This month's Hero for Kids is Barbara Gregg, a surgical services liaison in the surgery waiting area.

Gregg was honored for her efforts to make the surgical waiting area a friendly place for kids and families. She used her own money to purchase toys, books and puzzles, and she makes special efforts to accommodate families with young children during the stressful period of waiting for a loved one in the operating room.

Patricia Colescott, nurse manager of the post-anesthesia care unit said, "Barbara is a great example of the spirit of caring for kids that we see throughout our hospital community."

Nomination cards to recognize an employee as a Hero for Kids are located in the Emergency Department, 8E, 9E, Children's Clinic and Patient Relations. You can also e-mail nominations to hmcpeds@u.washington.edu. Award winners receive recognition and a gift card for use at the University Bookstore.

Free online courses offered for professional development

Did you know that Harborview employees have access to more than 1,000 online courses through the SkillSoft e-Learning training program?

The program is available to staff and faculty free-of-charge, thanks to the sponsorship of the UW Leadership, Community and Values Initiative. In addition to taking individual courses, employees can earn certificates in these areas: customer service, project management, enhanced productivity, high performance teams and administrative support.

Sign up at <http://traindev.skillport.com/skillportfe/login/registration.cfm>. If you have an inactive account, contact pod@u.washington.edu to renew your registration.

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Special event at the Majestic Bay Theatre

The UW Medicine Alumni Association is sponsoring a free screening of *Murderball*, an award-winning documentary about a group of highly competitive quadriplegic rugby players, **Saturday, March 3**, at the Majestic Bay Theatre, 2044 N.W. Market St., Seattle.

Following the film, Dr. Charles Bombardier and Dr. Philip Horner, two of UW Medicine's experts in spinal injury and research, will lead a discussion about the latest medical advances in the field.

Doors open at 8 a.m. for breakfast refreshments and seating. The film begins at 8:45 a.m. *Murderball* is R-rated and is not suitable for young children.

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To attend, contact the UW Medicine Alumni Office by **Friday, Feb. 23**, at (206) 685-1875 or medalum@u.washington.edu.

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Upcoming Good Job! Brown Bag workshops

Discover ways to develop your career and manage stress at two informal lunch workshops offered by Organizational Development & Training from noon to 1 p.m.

- **Career Development** will take place **Thursday, Feb. 22**, in 1EH-149. Learn innovative ways to grow and develop in Harborview's ever-changing atmosphere.
- **Stress Management** will take place **Thursday, March 1**, in the Patricia Steel Building, room 3015. Identify signs and causes of stress; discuss strategies to manage stress; and explore ways to bring balance to your life and work.

Both workshops are open to all staff. Registration is not required. Just bring your lunch and start taking your career to the next level.

Gift shop introduces plastic gift cards

Gifts at Harborview is implementing a new plastic gift card system that will replace the existing paper certificates. With the new cards, customers will no longer have to spend the entire gift amount at one time. They will also be able to check the card's balance at the register. Gift cards should be treated like cash. If lost or stolen, they cannot be replaced.

Starting **Tuesday, Feb. 20**, all paper gift certificates will be valid for one year from the date issued. Be sure to check your lockers, bags and desk drawers for any unused gift certificates so that you can redeem them before the expiration date.

For more information, please call Raegan Fisher, (206) 731-4035.

UW Mini-Medical School presents lecture on limb loss

The UW Mini-Medical School continues **Tuesday, Feb. 27**, with a lecture by Dr. Douglas Smith, UW associate professor of orthopaedics and sports medicine at Harborview, and Dr. Joseph Czerniecki, UW professor of rehabilitation medicine, on the topic of "Preserving Limbs and Surviving Limb Loss: Resuming an Active & Productive Life."

Smith and Czerniecki will talk about advances in preserving limbs, prosthetics, rehabilitation and patient care. The audience will also hear about limb loss from a panel of patients, including Chandler Balkman, a 16-year-old Harborview patient, who will share the story of his remarkable recovery after losing a leg in a boating accident.

The UW Mini-Medical School is a six-part series of lectures and demonstrations involving many Harborview-based physicians. Intended for the general public, the series offers insights into medical science, patient care and cutting-edge research.

The lecture takes place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Health Sciences Center, Hogness Auditorium. For more information, call (206) 685-9420 or go to www.uwmedicine.org/Global/NewsAndEvents/minimed/index.htm.

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