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Hello and welcome back to our monthly **NUNTIUM**

In this issue, we look back on events that took place throughout the spring and look forward as we head into summer!



Welcome Anisah, Our New Department Coordinator

Anisah, a Rochester native, successfully earned her BS in Psychology from RIT, along with a minor in Modern Spanish Language. She is joining the Environmental Medicine Admin team, and works closely with IHHE and EHSC. Anisah enjoys cooking for her family, traveling, and indulging in early 2000s reality TV shows.



Our Recent IHHS Svent

WOW! TAKE A LOOK AT THESE PHOTOS

The Housing, Health and Environmental Justice Research Workshop , held May 1st, was a huge success! We had over 100 attendees including faculty, staff, students, and community partners. The goal of the workshop was to foster new partnerships for research that could inform solutions to health housing problems in our region and beyond.







We absolutely loved this workshop!



New Microplastics Center Awarded \$7.3M

The Lake Ontario Center for Microplastics and Human Health in a Changing

Environment is a collaboration between the University of Rochester (UR) and the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). This center is supported by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) under the Federal Oceans and Human Health program. This new program is co-directed by Katrina Korfmacher, PhD, and includes projects led by IHHE affiliates Lisa DeLouise, PhD, MPD; Alison Elder, PhD; Jacques Robert, PhD; and James McGrath, PhD.

Festival of Trees

April Luehmann, PhD, Co-director of Career Development and Education for IHHE, joined forces with Ellie Faugh and the young minds at Enrico Fermi School 17 for a day of education, bonding, and fun! Together, volunteers and students greened up the area by planting trees around the neighborhood. So cool!



"0.05% OF ALL SCHOLARS WORLDWIDE"

Shoutout

A huge congratulations to Irfan Rahman,

PhD, Professor of Environmental Medicine, Public Health, and Medicine, for being named an inaugural Highly Ranked Scholar recognized by Scholar GPS. What an incredible accomplishment!



IHH& Scholarship Recipients

The Institute for Human Health and the Environment is thrilled to announce the recipients of the **2024 IHHE Exploration Grant**! This exciting grant provides financial and educational support for UR students diving into the world of environmental health studies. Seven bright scholars have snagged this golden chance! Let's introduce a few of them and sneak a peek at their summer goals.



Sarjona is a sophomore majoring in epidemiology & statistics. This summer, she plans to work on a project investigating the impact of historic redlining on smoking and lung cancer disparities in Rochester.



Ahmed is a junior studying environmental health & history. He will spend the summer learning more about environmental health and research.



Navya is a senior majoring in Brain & Cognitive Sciences & minoring in Psychology. Her plans include working on imaging and analyzing mouse hippocampi to determine the effects of PFAS on the microglia, astrocytes, and oligodendrocytes densities in the area.



Jingyao is an undergrad double majoring in Data Science & Economics. She lived in Madrid, Spain before coming to the University of Rochester. She is excited and thankful for the opportunity that IHHE has given her to carry out her research project!

Up next:



PEDIATRIC FOOD ALLERGY SYMPOSIUM: 13, JUNE 2024

Please join the **Pediatric Allergy and Immunology** team for their annual allergy symposium aimed towards providers who care for patients with atopic disorders. Register by June 10th, 2024 to take part in this event!



TOXICOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM ANNUAL RETREAT: 30, MAY 2024

The **Department of Environmental Medicine Toxicology Training Program** is hosting their annual retreat. The retreat is featuring a Keynote Address Speaker, Dana Dolinoy, PhD, MSc, University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Check out this posting:

Postdoc wanted for Environmental Health (EH) Biostatistics with Sally Thurston, PhD, starting summer/fall 2024. Possible projects: air pollution, endocrine disruptors, pesticides, fracking, or mercury. Non-traditional backgrounds (epi, comp bio, EH, etc.) are encouraged to apply.

Want to keep up with us?

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