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SUNY Upstate Medical University Announces Nappi Longevity Institute CNY-CAN Partner to Be Director and Chair of New Geriatrics Department

At the annual Upstate Foundation Gala Nov. 17 the University announced plans to begin construction of an eight-story 360,000-square-foot comprehensive care facility devoted to brain health and overall wellness. A gift of \$8 million from Sam and Carol Nappi announced at the gala helped make the project possible. Construction on the building to be called the Nappi Longevity Institute is to begin in the spring of 2018 at East Adams and Almond Street across from the Upstate Cancer Center.



Artist's rendering of Nappi Longevity Institute.



Dr. Sharon Brangman.

CNY-CAN Founding Partner Dr. Sharon Brangman has been chosen to be the institute's Director and Chair of a newly established Geriatrics Department at SUNY Upstate. Congratulations go out to Dr. Brangman and SUNY Upstate, and thanks to the Nappis.

SUNY Upstate received a \$70.5 million grant to begin work as part of the state's Capital Restructuring Financing Program and Essential Health Care Provider Support Program. The new facility is designed to help maintain good health by providing access to comprehensive health care services and preventing the need for hospitalization.

Upstate Foundation Gala Proceeds Benefit Brain Health and Neurodegenerative Diseases

This year the annual Upstate Foundation benefit focused on research into Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.

CNY-CAN Founding Partner Dr. Sharon Brangman, her husband Charlie E. Lester, and Sam and Carol Nappi were the honorary co-chairs for this year's Gala at the Oncenter. You can read more about it and contribute to the effort online at www.upstatefoundation.org/galaevent.



Gala honorary co-chairs Charlie Lester, Sharon Brangman, Carol Nappi and Samuel Nappi.

Dr. Brangman is Director of the Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's Disease at SUNY Upstate Medical University, a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, and Chief of Geriatrics, soon to be department Chair. Charlie E. Lester is Assistant Director of Physical Plant Services.

Samuel G. Nappi is founder and Chairman of Alliance Energy Group LLC. Carol Nappi is a former psychiatric therapist at Community General Hospital, now part of Upstate, and a member of the Upstate Medical University College of Nursing Advisory Board. She was awarded the Jefferson Award in 2000. That national award recognizes community and public volunteerism.

The Nappis have supported many research initiatives at Syracuse University and SUNY Upstate, including an annual collaborative research competition for Syracuse University and SUNY Upstate Medical University in biomedical engineering and healthcare.

CNY-CAN Representatives Bring Back News On the Future of Patient Centered Research

Jim Keib, Executive Director of CNY-CAN founding partner FOCUS Greater Syracuse, and Telisa Stewart, MPH, DrPH, Assistant Professor of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Assistant Professor of Urology, and Assistant Director of the CNYMPH Program at SUNY Upstate Medical University, were the CNY-CAN representatives to the annual Pipeline to Proposals awardee conference October 11-13 in Chicago.



FOCUS Executive Director Jim Keib.

They brought back news of current research objectives from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute and insight into the community engagement efforts and research strategies of fellow awardees from around the nation.

CNY-CAN Researchers and Caregivers Meet To Consider Research Proposals for Funders

In one of several CNY-CAN research efforts underway, a group of patient caregivers met with researchers October 24 at the University Geriatricians facility to discuss the merits and means of implementing guides to aid decision-making with patients who have been diagnosed with dementia.

Information gathered in that meeting has been used to help shape a letter of intent to funders. This step in the proposal process helps researchers refine the focus for the proposal. If the funders see promise in the research outlined in the letter of intent they will ask for a full proposal, an effort that requires identifying not only the specific questions being considered, but also the methods to be used, the researchers, patients and caregivers likely to be working on the project, and the costs expected with the effort. If the letter of intent is approved, CNY-CAN's research partners would need to submit a full proposal in February .