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“Celebrating Dr. Rusch”

Faculty, residents, fellows, students, and staff gathered on Friday, June 26, on the 12th floor of the Jack T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute to celebrate the incredible career and retirement of Nancy Rusch, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

The campus community came together to honor her remarkable legacy and wish her well in her next chapter. Dr. Rusch retired after 20 years of visionary leadership, unwavering dedication, and outstanding service to UAMS and the College. Over the last two decades, her commitment to research excellence, mentorship, and academic growth left an indelible mark on our institution, shaping the careers of countless students, trainees, and faculty members alike.

Attendees enjoyed light refreshments while expressing their deepest gratitude for her immense contributions to our campus community. While the department will dearly miss Dr. Rusch and her profound impact, we also look forward to an exciting new chapter of growth and innovation under the leadership of Dr. Mu. Please join us in thanking Dr. Rusch for her years of service and welcoming Dr. Mu into this new role!

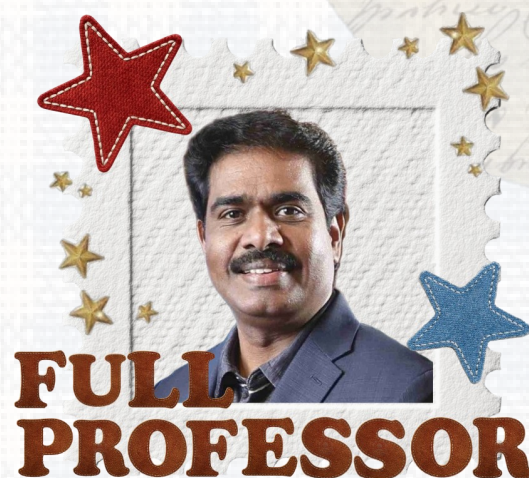
“Faculty Spotlight”

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news from our extended academic community! Please join us in extending our warmest congratulations to Dr. Sankar Devarajan, who has been officially promoted to the rank of Professor in the Department of Human Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB).

The promotion, recently approved by the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, recognizes Dr. Devarajan’s outstanding commitment and dedication to quality teaching, research, and service. It will officially take effect at the start of the 2026–2027 academic year. In sharing this milestone, Dr. Devarajan expressed his deep gratitude to leadership and colleagues for their kind support and guidance.

In tandem with this achievement, we are also pleased to announce the renewal of Dr. Devarajan’s concurrent faculty appointment with our department, effective after June 30. To align with his well-earned advancement at UAPB, his concurrent title here will formally transition from Assistant Professor to reflect his new professional rank.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Dr. Devarajan’s success and look forward to his continued collaboration, research, and leadership across the university system. Congratulations, Professor Devarajan!



“A Historic Weekend Ahead”

Wishing everyone in our department a fantastic, fun, and safe 4th of July weekend as we celebrate this historic 250th year milestone! Whether you are firing up the grill, catching local fireworks, or just enjoying some hard-earned downtime, we hope you have a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

As a reminder, our campus will be closed tomorrow, Friday, July 3rd, in observance of the holiday. Enjoy the extra-long weekend, stay safe, and we will see you back on Monday!

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