Dr. King Li, inaugural dean and chief academic officer of the Carle Illinois College of Medicine, was this month’s featured speaker. Dr. Li talked about the vision of the college, updated the group about its incoming class, discussed the college’s unique strengths, and answered a few questions from the group.

OVCR Updates
Nominations are now open for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Awards. The AAAS recognizes scientists and engineers who demonstrate excellence in their contributions to public engagement with science activities. Each year, AAAS selects recipients for these two awards:

- **Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science**
  Nominees for the early-career scientist award must be within seven years of terminal degree in their current field, and have demonstrated excellence in his/her contributions to public engagement with science activities, with a focus on interactive dialogue between the individual and a non-scientific, public audience(s).

- **“Science Popularizer” Award for Public Engagement with Science**
  Nominees for the science popularizer award may include active or retired scientists and engineers from all disciplines who have contributed substantially to the public's engagement with science or technology.

Scientists actively conducting research in any scientific discipline, including the social sciences and medicine are eligible. Public engagement activities must be above and beyond job responsibilities. The nomination deadline is August 1, 2018. Find out more here.

Group Updates
Cancer Center
- The Cancer Center at Illinois recently launched their new website that will help share their groundbreaking research and technological advancements. Make sure to update any links or bookmarks, and view the website here to see their latest happenings.

Carle Illinois College of Medicine
- The Medical Maker Lab is gaining momentum and is doing exciting things. Feel free to reach out to Libby Kacich for more information about the facility and how to help spread the word.

College of Fine and Applied Arts
- The college has a new website in development. A focus on research related to the arts will be a key component to this new site.
Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute

- Please help promote the launch of the new Center for Brain Plasticity, supported by IHSI and the Beckman Institute. Coming on the heels of the Illinois 150 Conference’s Revolutionizing Brain Plasticity Symposium, the Center leverages the campus’ strengths in neuroscience research and seeks to shape the future of brain plasticity discovery at Illinois. Find the launch announcement here, and follow them on Twitter at @IllinoisCBP.

Office of Corporate Relations

- The Inaugural Industry Data Science Summit will take place on May 1-2 at NCSA and will cover topics such as data governance; data security, privacy, and trust; data driven architecture and management; data analytics; and industry-University of Illinois collaborations in data science. Find out more about the event here.

Technology Services

- The Research IT Portal launched recently. Technology Services will be sharing digital signage and posting on social media about the new portal and would appreciate any help amplifying their efforts. Contact Dana Mancuso for more information.