

Christine D. Wu, M.S., Ph.D., Professor and Director of Caries Research, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Dentistry

Dr. Christine Wu, Professor and Director of Caries Research, will be honored by the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce as one of three outstanding Illinois Asian American Women in Science and Technology, 2008, at the chamber's Lunar New Year celebration luncheon at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in Chicago February 13.

Dr. Wu has contributed greatly to UIC and the dental research community through her teaching, her efforts in recruiting and assisting minority students, and her leadership and mentoring role in dental research. From 2002 to 2007, Dr. Wu was the College's first Asian American woman appointed as the Associate Dean for Research. She established the Office of Research and Programs, secured federal funding for research infrastructure enhancement, promoted faculty and student research, and boosted the College's NIH research funding ranking to 11th in the country.

Dr. Wu's research focuses on natural agents, functional foods, and nutrition that control oral diseases and benefit oral health. In 1983, upon naturalization as a US citizen, Dr. Wu was awarded "Outstanding New Citizen of the Year" based on her research accomplishments, which have brought her international prominence. Dr. Wu was consultant to the US FDA and grant reviewer for NIH. She has served as President and Vice President of many Chinese American science and technology associations and various other professional societies. She currently is consultant to the American Dental Association Council for Scientific Affairs, President of the American Association for Dental Research Chicago Chapter, and a member of the UIC Chancellor's Committee on Status of Asian Americans.