SUNY DOWNSTATE RULES!
Congratualtions to MS 4 students Spencer Dorn, Geoffrey Neimark, Thomas Ulbrick and Emily Wan who won the Internal Medicine Jeopardy competition, held annually at Yale. After beating Mount Sinai in the first round, the SUNY Downstate team trounced the competition! The final round scores were: Downstate – 1071 points; New York Med – 478; Univ of Connecticut-399; and Yale-199.

SECRETARY’S AWARD FOR INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION
The US Dept of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, in collaboration with the Federation of Associations of Schools of Health Professions announces this year’s competition for student papers that describe innovative health promotion or disease prevention projects.

Both single discipline and interdisciplinary awards will be made. An interdisciplinary project focuses on an approach in which students from two or more disciplines collaborate with the goal of fostering interprofessional interactions that improve the health of the individual patient or community and enhance the practice of each discipline.

Awards for single discipline: 1st place $3,500; 2nd place $2,500; 3rd place $1,500. Interdisciplinary awards: 1st place $7,500; 2nd place $5,000; 3rd place $3,000.

Flyer in glass bulletin board. Application form in the Office of Student Affairs. Deadline for submission back to the Office of Student Affairs by Monday, January 14, 2002 as there is a s campus submission process.

HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE – NIH RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM (Cloister Program)
Most students participate as Research Scholars after their 2nd or 3rd year of medical school. Prior research experience may be advantageous but is not required. You select your preceptor and research project after your acceptance into the program. Students chosen as HHMI-NIH Research Scholars (about 40 are selected each year – we have had students chosen for this program) will work at the NIH for approximately one year, beginning July 15 and August 31. The salary for one year is $17,800. Moving expenses and subsidized, on-campus housing are also part of the program. A limited number of application packets are available from the Office of Student Affairs. Or, you can request one from the web (www.hhmi.org/cloister). The deadline for receipt of completed applications is January 10, 2002.

The NIH is going to send a representative to give a presentation about these programs. If you are interested, watch for the email announcement of the session. Additional information in the Office of Student Affairs.

AMERICAN OSLER SOCIETY WILLIAM B. BEAN STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD
The American Osler Society announces the availability of an award for support of research in the broad areas of medical history and medical humanism. Candidates must be currently matriculated and the successful applicant may be eligible to present a paper at the annual meeting. The stipend will be $1000 and up to $700 additional may be made available to support travel to the annual meeting. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Submission deadline is March 15, 2002.

HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE – NIH RESEARCH TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS (Non-Cloister Program)
The HHMI Research training fellowship is for one year of full-time research to be conducted at an academic or a nonprofit research institution in the United States. The annual stipend is $21,000, plus a $5,500 allowance towards health care, tuition and fees. There is also a $5,500 allowance provided for research costs. Information booklet in the Office of Student Affairs. Additional information available at www.hhmi.org/fellowships. Application deadline November 15, 2001.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE announces the Osler Medical Essay Contest for the best unpublished essay on a medical historical topic written by a medical or osteopathic student. Essay length is a maximum of 10,000 words. Contest form and rules are available from www.histmed.org/Awards.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ALLERGY, ASTHMA AND IMMUNOLOGY
The Academy announces the availability of travel and housing grants to MS 3 and MS 4 students to attend the 2002 Annual Meeting in New York to be held February 28-March 3, 2002. Application form in the Office of Student Affairs. Application deadline is November 16, 2001. Support includes round trip travel expenses, hotel expenses for up to 3 days, meals and ground transportation to attend the program.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY is again offering a program that is directed towards expanding the education and inspiration of medical students by offering a second/third year medical student the opportunity to attend the annual New York Cardiovascular Symposium as a Henry I. Russek Student Fellow. The meeting will be December 14-16 at the New York Hilton and Towers in New York City. Program brochure in the Office of Student Affairs. If you would like to apply to be a Russek Student Fellow, contact Ms.Rebecca Trachtman, Program Coordinator at 800 253-4636 X613 by Friday, November 9.

The 43rd ANNUAL NATIONAL STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM will be held at the Univ. of Texas at Galveston April 25-27, 2002. For a detailed description of awards email NSRF@UTMB.EDU or see website www.utmb.edu/nsrf. The deadline for abstracts was October 1, 2001 but an extension may be requested by emailing nsrf@utmb.edu. If your research project is in the field of Internal Medicine, SUNY Downstate’s Dept. of Medicine will fund your attendance if your research abstract is accepted. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

MS 3’s and MS 4’s NEEDED
We need MS 3 and MS 4 students to do campus tours for medical school applicants. Please contact Ms. Ilana Levine (College of Medicine Interview Coordinator) in the Admissions Office if you are available from 12-1 p.m. Or, contact her via email or internet illevine@downstate.edu. Remember, you get a free lunch, and regular tour guides can list this on their residency CV! We’ve found that many applicants want to know about the clinical years which the
**DID YOU DO SOMETHING NICE THIS SUMMER?**

If you are a second year medical student and you did research or some other educationally related experience this summer, do not forget to have your preceptor/supervisor send a letter describing your experience (what you did) and how you performed to the Student Affairs Office (Box 85) for inclusion in your academic file. The letter should be addressed to me. This can be included in your Dean’s Letter for residency application at a later date. The letter must be from your preceptor/attending, not from you, in order to be included in your Dean’s Letter.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COORDINATOR**

Michael Harrell recently joined SUNY Downstate as Public Service Coordinator. In this capacity, he will support students, in groups and as individuals, in their community service projects. His goal is to encourage more students to become involved in the community by informing them of volunteer opportunities, identify faculty members as mentors, and serve as liaison to community groups. You can reach him in the Office of Institutional Advancement, BSB 1-101 or by calling X1490.

**OPHTHALMOLOGY AWARDS PROGRAM**

The 3rd annual Ophthalmology Awards Program for medical students and residents is sponsored by the Ophthalmology Section of the National Medical Association. 6 award recipients will be chosen for structured abstracts. A 10 minute presentation will be made at the 107th annual convention in August, 2002 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Transportation, meals and 3 nights accommodations for awardees to attend the meeting will be paid for by the Association. The best of the 6 presentations will also receive a cash prize. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Deadline date is December 1, 2001.

**PREVENTIVE MEDICINE WRITING COMPETITION**

First prize is $1000 and will be published. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Submission deadline is October 30, 2001.

List of preventive medicine residency training programs and more information about the specialty of preventive medicine may be found at [www.atpm.org](http://www.atpm.org) and [www.acpm.org](http://www.acpm.org).

**MEDICAL STUDENT ABSTRACT COMPETITION**

The American College of Physicians – American Society of Internal Medicine are sponsoring a student abstract competition. The annual meeting will be in Philadelphia April 11-14, 2002. You can submit your research electronically via ACP-ASIM online at [www.acponline.org](http://www.acponline.org). Poster in glass bulletin board. Submission deadline November 1, 2001.

**AOA STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

40 fellowships are awarded annually to 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year medical students. Each will provide $3000 to the student for support of the proposed research. Each school may nominate only one student. Submit your proposal to Dr. Arthur Wolintz, Dept. of Ophthalmology, AOA Chapter Councillor no later than December 15, 2001. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

**AOA HELEN H. GLASER STUDENT ESSAY AWARD**

The AOA Student Essay Award is to encourage medical students to address general topics in medicine. Cash prizes of $2000, $750, $500 and $250 are awarded. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2002. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

**ARE YOU CALIFORNIA BOUND?**

*The Practice of Medicine in California: A Profile of the Physician Workforce* is a profile of the physician workforce in California in the year 2000. The report includes information about aggregate supply, specialty and geographic distribution, sex, age; plus some analysis of practice setting, physician organization, managed care involvement, financial incentives, earnings and physician experience. One copy was placed on reserve in the Library. You can also download the report in PDF format from [http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/publications/index.html](http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/publications/index.html).

**4TH YEAR STUDENT ELECTIVES**

Memorial Sloan Kettering announces the opportunity to join the Pain and Palliative Care Service in the Dept. of Neurology for the one month elective, "Analgesics, Pain Management, and Palliative Medicine. The elective website is [www.mskcc.org/medical_professionals/medicalstudents.cfm](http://www.mskcc.org/medical_professionals/medicalstudents.cfm).

The Univ. of Utah is offering an elective in backcountry medicine. The Advanced Wilderness Life Support certification is awarded to the students. The four week course is taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from April 2-18, 2002. The purpose is to decrease the number of injuries and deaths that occur in the backcountry by certifying physicians and medical students in the prevention, treatment and evacuation techniques for common injuries and illnesses that occur in the back country. The practical skills session may be taken in Salt Lake or in Moab on the Colorado River. For questions, go to [www.wmutah.org](http://www.wmutah.org).

**PAUL & DAISY SOROS FELLOWSHIPS FOR NEW AMERICANS**

Supports 30 students for up to two years of graduate study. The Fellowship provides annually $20,000 maintenance and half tuition. Candidates must be either permanent residents, naturalized citizens, or children of two naturalized citizen parents. Application deadline is November 30, 2001. For details and an application, see [www.pdsoros.org](http://www.pdsoros.org).

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?**

If you have a question and don’t know where to go for an answer, or have a concern, please remember that you can send ccMail inquiries calling X1490.

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**Glass Bulletin Board Items**

(First floor, next to Room 111, Basic Science Bldg.)

**Note:** Sometimes, various programs send their notices of programs and opportunities too late to appear in that month’s newsletter. If the deadline for the program is before the next newsletter will be published, the information will still be posted in the glass bulletin board. Therefore, periodically check the bulletin board for such late announcements.

The Human Values in Medicine Program at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine is sponsoring the 20th annual William Carlos Williams poetry writing competition for medical students. Poster in glass bulletin board. Three cash prizes are awarded. Submission deadline is December 31, 2001.

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee provides short-term training experiences in either clinical research or laboratory research for a minimum of two months in late spring or...
Summer Research Fellowships in Vascular Surgery
At Harvard Medical School Available June 1st, 2002. Four student research fellowships are available for 10-12 weeks of summer research training in molecular and cellular biology, biomechanics, coagulation and thrombosis, and angiogenesis, with a focus on clinically relevant problems such as atherogenesis, intimal hyperplasia, prosthetic/host interactions and thrombosis. Trainees will pursue a program of intense research activity. This training program, Harvard-Longwood Research Training in Vascular Surgery, is designed to provide medical students with an initial exposure to vascular surgery research.

Students will carry out their research projects under the guidance of faculty advisor, selected form renowned vascular researchers based at four Harvard Medical School hospitals: the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Brigham and Women's, Children's Hospital (Boston), and the Joslin Diabetes Institute, as well as The Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Selection of trainees is based on candidates' demonstrated ability. Applicants should be medical students who have completed at least one year of study at an LCME accredited school.

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit a letter of interest, together with a curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation.

A $4500 stipend for the summer; appointment at Harvard Medical School as a Research Fellow in Surgery. Application deadline is December 1, 2001. Contact: Vaishali Patel, Vascular Surgery Research, Harvard Institutes of Medicine 4 Blackfan Circle, Rm. 130, Boston, MA 02115 Email: vpatel1@caregroup.harvard.edu

Memorial Sloan-Kettering is advertising the Louis and Rachel Rudin Scholar awards available for 1-2 months full or part-time work over the school year in the Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Services. Tutorial experience is given in 4 areas. Flyer in the glass bulletin board.

The American Medical Women's Association sponsors a number of programs for women medical students. Flyers in the glass bulletin board.


Wilhelm-Frankowski Community Service Scholarship of $4,000. Application deadline April 30, 2002.

Janet Glasgow Essay Award is $1000 and a plaque for the best essay of approximately 1,000 words. Application deadline May 31, 2001.

Carroll L. Birch Award is a cash prize of $500 and a plaque for the best original research paper. Application deadline is June 30, 2001.

Bed and Breakfast program (see glass bulletin board)