HAPPY VACATION!
All the members of the Division of Student Affairs (Academic Development, Admissions, Financial Aid, Institutional Research and Evaluation, Registrar and Student Affairs) wish you a lovely winter break. Eat, spend time with your family members, and have fun with your friends!

OFFICE CLOSINGS
The offices in the Division of Student Affairs (Academic Development, Admissions, Financial Aid, Institutional Research, Registrar and Student Affairs) will be closed on the following days:
Monday, December 24, 2001
Tuesday, December 25, 2001
Tuesday, January 1, 2002

REMINDER FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS
As it seems that winter weather has arrived, it's a good time to remind you that only President John LaRosa can declare SUNY Downstate closed due to inclement weather. However, the separate colleges or individual course directors may cancel classes due to inclement weather. To learn about the status of classes, check the SUNY Downstate website, or listen to the school closing announcements on the TV and radio, or contact the general operator for SUNY Downstate.

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. Due on January 15th, 2002

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 Oser Society announces the availability of an award for support for 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.

The CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM AT NIH is designed for students who have completed one year of clinical rotations (after MS 3 year). “At a time when translational research – moving results from bench to bedside – is a priority on the national research agenda, this program translates this goal into action through its emphasis on educating physician-scientists for the coming generation. 15 students are selected each year. Application deadline is January 15, 2002. One information packet in the Office of Student Affairs. The entire application process is conducted online at www.training.nih.gov/crtp.

DORIS DUKE CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
The Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship Program provides one-year fellowships to medical students who have completed at least two or more years of medical school, to spend an extra year in one of 7 medical school to receive both didactic and ‘hands-on’ mentored clinical research training.

Fellows will receive stipends of $20,000 plus health insurance to spend a year conducting clinical research and receiving didactic training.

Medical students interested in applying to begin fellowships on July 2002 must send their applications directly to the participating medical schools. Program information and access to the CRF Foundation Form that must be submitted with all applications can be accessed at (http://ddcf.aibs.org/crf2000/index.asp). Applications are due on January 15th, 2002, and the first fellows will be accepted on March 15th, 2002. However, individual schools may decide to accept applications and award fellowships after these dates.

Additional program information including links to each school's program web site is listed on our web site at http://ddcf.aibs.org.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE (AAHM) 2002 OSLER MEDAL ESSAY CONTEST
SHOSHANAH TRACHTENBERG FRACKMAN ESSAY PROGRAM

$500 cash prize for the best essay devoted to the physician-patient relationship. The essay should not be more than 2500 words, about 10 double-spaced pages. Entries must be received by January 15, 2002. Poster in the glass bulletin board.

JOHN CONLEY MEDICAL ETHICS ESSAY CONTEST

The winning essayists will share a $5000 cash prize and see their work published in MSJAMA, which appears monthly as a part of JAMA. This year's essay topic concerns medical ethics and genetial mutilation. Rules are posted on: www.msjama.org The submission deadline is February 15, 2002.

THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

The NY Academy of Medicine has published their calendar for January-march, 2002 which includes sessions on such topics as: the evolution of the stethoscope, acupuncture and electro-therapeutics, abdominal imaging, bioterrorism, molecular aspects of breast cancer, radiation therapy in the treatment of prostate cancer, palliative care and the elderly, forensic psychiatry in the workplace, the burning of Honolulu's Chinatown, gynecological issues in older women, ultrasound and women's health, West Nile virus, cardiothoracic imaging, cell and tissue engineering, traditional medicine in Africa, brain cancer. View the calendar on-line at www.nyasm.org/events/calendar.shtml. The March 2002 issue of the Journal of Urban Health features the topic "Firearms and Violence" with a special editorial and commentary concerning the events on and following September 11.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE ELECTIVES

The National Library of Medicine offers a “Clinical Elective in Medical Informatics.” Flyer in the glass bulletin board. They also offer training and research programs. Flyer in glass bulletin board or see www.lhncbc.nlm.nih.gov

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.

SENIOR 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.

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.

DID YOU DO SOMETHING NICE IN SUMMER, 2001?

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.

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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 e-mail inquiries to Dr. Lorraine Terracina, Dr. Henry Flax or Ms. Sophie Christoforou. Dr. Flax, Dr. Terracina and Ms. Christoforou are also available for individual appointments. To schedule an individual appointment with Dr. Flax or Dr. Terracina, call 270-2187. To schedule an appointment with Ms. Christoforou, call 270-1107. If you have a question, don’t be afraid to ask!

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.

USP (U.S. Pharmacopeia) Summer Internship program offers medical students who have completed at least one year of medical school the opportunity to spend 12 weeks working on a defined project in one of the following areas: global assistance initiatives, research and development lab, reference standards operations, practitioner & product experience, information and standards development. Internships are from May 20-August 16, 2002. The total stipend is $8,500. Application is available at www.usp.org. More information is available from Fellows/Interns@usp.org. Application deadline is February 1, 2002.

The 2002 Pisacano Scholarship forms are available on line at www.fpleaders.org. The application deadline is March 1, 2002.

The Vanderbilt Medical Student Research in Diabetes and Endocrinology for Summer, 2002 allows medical students to conduct independent research during the summer between the first and second year, or between the second and third year of medical school. Each student receives a stipend and limited travel support for the 10-12 week program. Information flyer in glass bulletin board. For additional information and application, http://medschool.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vdc/html/Train_summer.html Application deadline February 22, 2002.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering announces its 2002 Summer Student Fellowship Program to encourage interest in the field of oncology. 25, $5000 fellowships are available to medical students in their first two years of study. The program is 8 weeks. Interested students should visit the website after February 1, 2002 where they will find application materials and instructions. Information flyer in glass bulletin board. Website address is:www.mskcc.org/medical_professionals/medicalstudents.cfm. Application deadline is March 1, 2002.

Child Family Health International promotes primary care, integrative medicine and Spanish literacy through clinical electives in Ecuador, India and Mexico. They offer a "Medical Student Exchange Program" and more information at their website www.cfi.org. Informational materials in the Office of Student Affairs. Application fees are from $35-$55 and program charges are $850-$1,800. We have no information about this organization and this notice should not be construed as an endorsement of the organization or its programs.
The David E. Rogers Fellowship Program, sponsored by the NY Academy of Medicine, is for first year medical students for the summer in-between the first and second years of medical school. The student’s project should focus on medicine as a social enterprise – to medicine as it serves human needs – particularly the needs of underserved or disadvantaged patients or populations. The Fellowship might include clinical investigation, health policy analysis, activities linking biomedicine, the social infrastructure and human need, or community activities. Half of the fellowships awarded focus on HIV/AIDS prevention or care. The Fellowship carries a stipend of $3000. The application is available from www.nyam.org/grants/rogers/index.shtml “Request for Application.” Questions can be emailed to rogers@nyam.org. The deadline for submission is March 29, 2002.

The Soros Service Program for Community Health (SSPCH) Summer Internship Program provides first and second year medical students with the opportunity to actively pursue an interest in community health through an 8 week program (June 10-August 2, 2002). The program selects 15 students for Baltimore and 10 medical students for New York. The stipend is $2500 and a $500 housing assistance is awarded. Application deadline is May 1, 2002. Information flyer in the Office of Student Affairs. For more information, see www.soros.org/medicine.

The Soros Service Program for Community Health (SSPCH) Clinical Clerkship Program provides third and fourth year medical students with the opportunity to pursue an interest in community health through an intensive 4 week rotation in a community based health center. The program selects up to 3 students per month for rotations in New York or Baltimore. Application deadline is 45 days before your proposed start date. Information sheet in the Office of Student Affairs. More information from www.soros.org/medicine.

The Simon Kramer Society Externship in Radiation Oncology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia is a 6 week experience. A stipend of $1500 plus partial travel expenses is awarded. Information announcement in the glass bulletin board. Application form in the Office of Student Affairs. Application deadline is March 8, 2002.

The Betty Ford Center Summer Institute for Medical Students is a 5 day program at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, CA. A total of 60 scholarships will be awarded for one of the following session dates: June 10-14; June 24-28; July 8-12; July 22-26; August 5-9. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, go to www.bettyfordcenter.org and click on "Professional Education." Application deadline March 15, 2002.

The 13th International Course in Tropical Medicine's Summer Elective in Costa Rica is a 4 week program (June 30-July 27, 2002) for medical students who have completed at least one year of medical school. Instruction is in English. Enrollment is limited to 20 students so early application before May 1, 2002 is recommended. The cost is $900 plus $750 room and board. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, see www.tsunhsc.edu/micr/COURSES/crcourse.htm.

The Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth is looking for medical students for the position of Health Assistant. The Health Assistant is responsible for maintaining medical records of up to 400 children, escorting children to clinics and emergency rooms, helping to administer prescribed medications and basic first aid to students. The session dates are June 17-July 13 and July 10-August 6. For an application see www.jhu.edu/gifted/ctysummer. Flyer in glass bulletin board. The review of applications begins January 28, 2002.

The Medlennium, a student publication of the University of South Florida College of Medicine is accepting submissions for their Spring, 2002 issue. Creative writing, art and photography are eligible and over $1000 in prizes will be awarded to winning entries. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, see www.med.usf.edu/medstud/medlennium. Submission deadline is March 1, 2002.

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 Scaife Family Foundation announces the National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to be held June 2-6, 2002 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. 15 scholarships are awarded to medical students interested in specialized training in alcohol and other drug abuse treatment at the National Institute. There is a $395 scholarship that covers tuition, on-campus room and board, plus a $200 stipend to help defray travel expenses. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Application deadline is May 1, 2002.

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. While there is no specific deadline, successful applicants will have submitted all of their application materials well before February 1, 2002. To identify departments and/or faculty members with whom you would like to work, go to www.stjude.org/poe/. There is an on-line application at that site.

The CORO Fellows Program in Public Affairs is a post-graduate, experience based, leadership training program in public affairs. Participants explore urban issues from the perspective of business, government, labor, politics, non-profits and the media. For more information, see www.coro.org Application deadline is February 1, 2002 for the 9 month program which begins September, 2002.

AFAR (American Federation for Aging Research) Grant Announcements
Flyer in glass bulletin board. Application materials can be obtained from www.afar.org or emailing afarinfo@aol.com Brochures in the rack below the glass bulletin board.

John A. Hartford/AFAR Medical Student Geriatric Scholars Program awards short term scholarships through a national competition. The program provides an opportunity for medical students to train at acclaimed centers of excellence in geriatrics. Each student receives a $4000 stipend. Application deadline February 7, 2002. Four SUNY Downstate students participated in this program last summer.

Glenn Foundation/AFAR Scholarships for Research in the Biology of Aging provides MD students with the opportunity to conduct a 3 month research project. Students will work in an area of biomedical research in aging under the auspices of a mentor. Up to 30 scholarships of $5000 will be awarded. Application deadline February 26, 2002.

Merck/AFAR Research Scholarships in Geriatric Pharmacology
for Medical and Pharmacy Students was created to develop a corps of physicians and pharmacists with an understanding of medication use in the elderly. You will have the opportunity to undertake a 2-3 month full time research project in geriatric pharmacology. Up to nine, $4000 scholarships will be awarded. Application deadline January 22, 2002.

Summer employment opportunities are available with the US Public Health Service through the Junior COSTEP (JRCOSTEP) program. Application deadline for Summer 2002 positions is December 31, 2001. Salary is approximately $2,500 per month. Details on the program, including an application, can be found at http://www.usphs.gov/html/jrcostep.html

Those individuals selected into the program will be assigned to one of the Agencies of the US Public Health Service. Assignment to an agency is based on the applicant's preference and includes the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), US Environmental Protection Agency, and other related federal programs/ agencies. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is within the DHHS and has JRCOSTEP opportunities. NIOSH is the Federal agency responsible for work-related illness and injury research and prevention-related activities. Information on NIOSH can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html. Exploring this site will inform you about the type of work we do at NIOSH and you may find a research/prevention area that you'd like to engage in for the summer. If you apply to the JRCOSTEP program and are interested in a placement at NIOSH, please promptly notify Geoffrey Calvert (jac6@cdc.gov) or Frank Hearl (jh1@cdc.gov).

AMSA Programs
The Community & Public Health Institute (PLI) will be offered April 5-7, 2002. We can nominate one student from our school to attend. The purpose of the institute is to introduce students to the field of public health and the important role it plays in the delivery of healthcare. Application form in the Office of Student Affairs. Contact person is Jason Block, AMSA Community/Public Health Standing Committee Chair at jblock@tulane.edu. Application form and information sheet in the Office of Student Affairs. Expenses for this program must be paid for by the participant.

OTHER AMSA PROGRAMS
Call for Abstracts: The 52nd AMSA Convention (Mar 6-10, 2002 in Houston) will select 50 abstracts for the poster session and awards of $250 each will be given for the best poster in basic research and clinical research. Application deadline January 4, 2002 on an approved form available from www.amsa.org. (Click on Convention). Flyer in 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)