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 humanity. 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, 2003.

STANDARDIZED PATIENT PROGRAM OF THE
NATIONAL BOARDS
The National Boards is planning the inclusion of a test of clinical skills as part of the USMLE (passing required for licensure), at some point in the future. Perhaps as early as for the Class of 2005. The inclusion of standardized patient experiences in the curriculum of SUNY Downstate is advantageous to acclimate you to what will be part of your required competencies in the future. Make the most of the opportunity! An article on the Standardized Patient Program of the National Boards is posted in the glass bulletin board.

ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
NYU-Hospital for Joint Diseases is offering a one-year research fellowship for medical students interested in pursuing a career in orthopedics. A monthly stipend is given to help offset the cost of NYC housing. For further information please contact Dr. Kenneth J. Koval at Kkjmd@yahoo.com. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

MEDICAL INFORMATICS TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE
The NIH Clinical Elective in Medical Informatics is offered every spring in March-April. Other programs run throughout the year. Poster with details in glass bulletin board. Research participation can range from a few months to 1 or more years. See www.nlm.nih.gov

AOA MEDICAL STUDENT SERVICE PROJECT AWARD
This award is open to any individual medical student or group of students collaborating on a project from a school with an AOA chapter. Students need not be AOA members. The school will be awarded up to $1500 to fund the project. Funding can be extended for a second year up to $1000 and for a third year up to $500. Additional information described on a flyer in the glass bulletin board.

MEDLENNIUM CONTEST
A literary journal published by the University of South Florida College of Medicine will award first, second and third place prizes for creative writing, art, and photography. For more information, visit www.med.usf.edu/medstud/medlennium. Application deadline March 1, 2003. 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 11-12 noon. Or, contact her via email or internet (levine@downstate.edu) Remember, you get a free lunch! We’ve found that many applicants want to know about the clinical years which the MS 1 and MS 2 students cannot describe from personal experience. So we are looking for ways to involve more clinical year students in the admissions process to provide this kind of information.

WHERE TO GET DIFFERENT TYPES OF LETTERS

Attendance: Letters simply certifying that you are in a student in school, or in good academic standing, etc. may be obtained directly from the Registrar’s Office. This also applies to applications for away (extramural) electives.

Scholarship Letters and School Letters of Recommendation for Special Programs: If you are applying for a scholarship, award, or special program (e.g. summer research, summer clinical, Alaska Health Service elective, NIH research year, etc.) and they require a letter of recommendation from the school, or a letter from the dean, or something more than attendance, then this goes through the Office of Student Affairs.

Write out your name, the nature of your request, the complete title and mailing address of where the letter should be sent, any deadline date, any items which must be included in the letter, and any information which you would like included about activities which you have been involved in during medical school.

Faculty Letters of Recommendation: If you are a MS 1 student applying for a summer program or a scholarship which requires a faculty letter of recommendation, remember your preceptors, small group discussion leaders, etc. that you have had in your courses may be able to write you a letter if you don’t feel you know your block director well enough. If you still feel you are having a problem or don’t have enough references, then drop off a copy of what you are applying for to the Office of Student Affairs along with a note describing your problem and I will provide advice on what you should do.

Jury Duty Letters: You can request a letter from the Office of Student Affairs requesting the court to postpone your dates of jury duty. We have no guarantee that the court will do so. The court’s final decision prevails. You may need to serve during your vacation period.

WANT TO SEE YOUR ACADEMIC FILE?
You can see your academic file by going to the Office of the Registrar during regular office hours and showing your Downstate ID card. Remember to always keep your current mailing address and telephone
QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ACADEMIC STATUS?
Make an individual appointment to get your questions answered personally, and in detail

MS 1 and MS 2 – See Dr. Flax or Dr. Terracina
MS 3 – See Ms. Christoforou or Dr. Terracina

ARE YOU CALIFORNIA BOUND?
If you are planning on practicing in California, we recommend that you take the Family Practice track of the Primary Care I Clerkship.

GENERAL RESIDENCY INFORMATION FOR MS 1 & 2
See pages 72-73 of the 2002-03 Student Handbook. For questions, contact Ms. Sophie Christoforou or Dr. Terracina by email. There is a four year time line posted in the glass bulletin board to give you guidance.

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 email 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.


The New England Institute of Jewish Studies announces a Jewish Medical Ethics Summer Program from July 8-July 24, 2003 in New York City. Tuition, lodging, breakfast and lunch for the program costs $2000. The Maimonides Scholars Fellowship will award up to $1200 of the program fee based on merit and/or financial need. Applications must be submitted via email by Monday, March 17, 2003. For an application, contact www.neijs.org or info@neijs.org.

The Scaife Family Foundation offers fellowships to attend the one week School of Alcohol and Drug Studies (June 8-13, 2003) or the one week Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies (July 13-18, 2003) at Rutgers in New Jersey. Fellowships will cover tuition, room and meals ($1095); plus a $400 stipend for travel and miscellaneous expenses. Flyer in glass bulletin board. Information booklet in the Office of Student Affairs. Application deadline May 15, 2003.

New York Academy of Medicine 2003 Summer Grants
(www.nyam.org)

Glorney-Raisbeck Medical Student Grants in Cardiovascular Research provides 3 grants, each with a student stipend of $2500 and an additional $500 in support of the laboratory/department in which the student will work. Application process described in a brochure available from the Office of Student Affairs. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Application deadline is March 3, 2003. Applications available at www.nyam.org/grants/glorneyraisbeck/rasibeckstudent.shtml

Louis L. Seaman Medical Student Grants in Microbiology provides 4 grants, each with a student stipend of $2500 for a 10 week summer research project in the field of Microbiology. Application process described in a brochure available from the Office of Student Affairs. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Application deadline is March 3, 2003. Application at www.nyam.org/grants/seaman/index.shtml

Ferdinand C. Valentine Medical Student Grants in Urology provides 4 grants, each with a student stipend of $2500 for 10 week research projects. Application process described in a brochure available from the Office of Student Affairs. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Application deadline is March 3, 2003. For application information go to www.nyam.org/grants/studentgrants.shtml

Bastyr University announces a four week Complementary and Alternative Medicine program starting July 4, 2003. Apply by March 1, 2003 at www.bastyr.edu/camsummer. We have no information about this university and this notice should not be construed as an endorsement of this organization or its programs.

The New York Academy of Medicine announces the David E. Rogers Fellowship Program for Summer, 2003. Students who have completed the first year of medical school are eligible to apply. The fellowship carries a stipend of $3000. Brochures describing the application process are in the Office of Student Affairs. The application deadline is March 28, 2003.

The Vanderbilt Medical Student Research in Diabetes and Endocrinology for Summer, 2003 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.htm. Application deadline February 21, 2003.


The 14th International Course in Tropical Medicine’s Summer Elective in Costa Rica is a 4 week program (June 30-July 26, 2003) 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, 2003 is recommended. The cost is $900 plus approximately $900 room and board. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, see www.medschool.isumc.edu/micr/COURSES/crcourse.htm

Memorial Sloan-Kettering announces its 2003 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 around January 24, 2003 where they will find application materials and instructions. Information flyer in glass bulletin board. Website address is: www.mskcc.org/summerfellowships. Application deadline is March 1, 2003.

The MD Anderson Cancer Center offers a Summer Research Program for Medical Students in Houston, Texas from June 2-August 1, 2003. The program provides first hand biomedical research experience in basic or clinical sciences. The stipend is $2500 for a 9 week period. Housing is usually available. Application deadline is February 5, 2003. Brochure in the Office of Student Affairs.

The Scaife Family Foundation, in conjunction with the Institute for Research, Education, and Training in Addictions (IRETA), is offering a summer program in Chemical Dependency Treatment. Participants receive a $150 per week stipend and a $200 transportation allowance for a total of $650 for three weeks. room and meals are also provided. IRETA is located in Pittsburgh. Session #1 is from June 9-June 27. Session #2 is July 7-July 25. Application deadline is March 31, 2003. Information brochure and application form in the Office of Student Affairs.

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 75 scholarships will be awarded for one of the following session dates: June 9-13; June 23-27; July 7-11; July 21-25; August 4-8. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, go to www.bettyfordcenter.org. Application deadline March 15, 2003.

The American Psychiatric Association invites ethnic minority medical students to apply for the summer fellowship program. Program details and application form are available at www.psych.org/med_ed/summerfellowship82002.cfm. Application deadline is February 14, 2003.

The Scaife Family Foundation announces the National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to be held June 1-5, 2003 at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. 50 scholarships are awarded to medical students interested in specialized training in alcohol and other drug abuse treatment at the National Institute. There is a scholarship that covers tuition, on-campus room and board, plus a $300 stipend to help defray travel expenses. Flyer in glass bulletin board. Application deadline is April 15, 2003.

The Roswell Park Cancer Institute announces its summer oncology research program from June 2-July 25, 2003. The stipend is $280 per week for the 8 week period. Application deadline is February 14, 2003. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information contact Dean Arthur M. Michalek at arthur.michalek@roswellpark.org.

MAP-Reader's Digest International Fellowship is a fourth year program (application is made in third year), providing exposure in a Christian context to the health, social and cultural characteristics of a developing world community. The length is a minimum of 8 weeks with application by March 1 of the third year. Application available from www.map.org. Information sheet in the Office of Student Affairs.

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 9 weeks, with a stipend of approximately $8 per hour. Application deadline February 28, 2003. 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.


MSJAMA, the medical student section of the Journal of the American Medical Association, is seeking submissions for its upcoming editions.

Theme Issue Articles:
Students interested in preparing a manuscript for one of the theme issues should contact that issue's editor directly. MSJAMA encourages the collaboration of student authors with experts in their chosen topic.

Creative Writing:
Students interested in contributing creative writing fiction, creative non-fiction and poetry to our section entitled "murmur" should email their submissions to Teri Reynolds (treyrol@itsa.ucsf.edu). Creative writing submissions need not relate to the issue themes.

Cover Art:
MSJAMA considers cover art submissions on a rolling basis. To submit work, send one or more items from your portfolio in slide or photograph format to: Amir Zarrinpar, 3353 Lebon Drive #303 San Diego, CA 92122. Cover art need not relate to the issue themes. Please do not submit work that has been submitted or published elsewhere.

For detailed information about how to submit and descriptions of next year's theme issues please visit the MSJAMA web site at http://www.msjama.org.

AMS A Programs

SUNY Downstate does not provide any financial assistance for students to participate in the following programs.

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

**Medical Education Loans** of $2000-$2500 per year. Application deadline April 30, 2003.

**Wilhelm-Frankowski Community Service Scholarship** of $4,000. Application deadline April 30, 2003.

**Janet Glasgow Essay Award** is $1000 and a plaque for the best essay of approximately 1,000 words. Application deadline May 31, 2003.

**Carroll L. Birch Award** is a cash prize of $500 and a plaque for the best original research paper. Application deadline is June 30, 2003.

**AWHS Overseas Assistance Grant** provides assistance with transportation costs (the only program qualifying at SUNY Downstate is the Healthcare in Developing Countries) for up to $1500.