MATCH RESULTS

Congratulations to the Class of 2003 on their Match results!! The class results are posted in the glass bulletin board. The Match results for this year and the past six (7) years are also available at the following web address: http://sls.downstate.edu/studentaffairs/match.html. 33 students are staying at Downstate for their residency programs, 112 are staying in New York City (5 boroughs), and a total of 132 have opted to stay in New York State for residency.

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LOOKING FOR SUMMER RESEARCH?

If you are looking for summer research projects and don’t know where to start, look at the faculty listings at the following two sites. Some of the faculty members have links to more information. Contact the faculty member directly to discuss details and your interest. If you have difficulty locating what you are looking for, email Dr. Flax or me.

ROCK SLEYSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The American Medical Association Foundation’s Rock Sleyster Memorial Scholarship is for a rising fourth year student (you must be a MS 4 in 2003-2004) who has decided to specialize in psychiatry. The award is $2500. We are eligible to nominate 2 students. The nominations have to be submitted to the AMA by May 1, 2003 so our local deadline will be Wednesday, April 23, 2003. Application available from the Office of Student Affairs.

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 (ilevine@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.

NEUROSURGERY ADVISEMENT

The Women in Neurosurgery (WINS) have published a booklet called “So, You Want to Be a Neurosurgeon.” it is described as a step by step guide for the mechanical aspects of applying to neurosurgery, and more than that. One copy in the Office of Student Affairs. The entire brochure is supposed to be available shortly in a downloadable format at www.neurosurgery.org.

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.

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.

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 Kikmd@yahoo.com. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

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.

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.

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

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 number on file with the Office of the Registrar.

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.

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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 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 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.)


Montefiore Medical Center is offering an elective in October, 2003 titled, "Research Based Activism and Advocacy." This is a health policy course. Information flyer in the Office of Student Affairs.

The 11th Annual Stanley M. Kaplan Medical Student Essay contest awards a cash prize of $500 and two runner up prizes of $250 each. Flyer in glass bulletin board. Deadline June 13, 2003,

University of Utah – Scholarship assistance to attend the 52nd annual session of the Univ. of Utah’s School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies, Physicians Section June 15-20, 2003. Flyer in glass bulletin board. First come, first serve basis.


Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Summer Externship in family practice in an urban setting for preclinical medical students for 6 weeks between June 2-August 8, 2003 in Baton Rouge, LA. Stipend of $300 per week. Information flyer and application form in the Office of Student Affairs. Application deadline April 18, 2003.

Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba (MEDICC) is sponsoring several courses in Cuba. See their offerings at www.medicc.org.

The New York State Senate is offering one year fellowships in Albany, NY with a stipend of $29,500. For more information go to www.senate.state.ny.us and click “Student Programs” button. Applications are also available in the Office of Student Affairs.

The Scaife Family Foundation offers fellowships to attend the one week School of Alcohol and Drug Studies (June 813, 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.

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. Enrollmnet 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

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 April 15, 2003.

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 (treynol@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.ama-assn.org/sci-pubs/msjama/index.htm.

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, 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.