WELCOME CLASS OF 2009!
187 new first year students entered the College of Medicine this year! The class is 49.7% female and 50.3% male. 87.2% are from New York State. Of that percentage, 48.7% are from the 5 boroughs of New York City. The age range of the class is 20-46, and they come from 72 different colleges. The Diversity Survey for the class will be posted on the glass bulletin board outside of the Office of the Registrar.

MS 3’s and MS 4’s NEEDED
We need MS 3 and MS 4 students to assist with 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 (Ilana.Levine@downstate.edu)

MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
Are you a second year or fourth year medical student, and do you want to help select future students for SUNY Downstate? The time commitment is every Wednesday from 4-6:30 p.m. the months of late-October through May. If you are interested in this position, please submit the following to Ms. Ilana Levine in the Office of Admissions at Box 60 (Room 133, BSB) by Monday, September 19: your name, local mailing address, local telephone number, box number, a brief description of any admissions related work which might qualify you for a position on the Admissions Committee, and a brief statement of why you are interested in this position. Candidates may be asked to come for an interview. There are two MS 2 and two MS 4 positions available.

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 (Terracina). The letter must be from your preceptor/attending, not from you, in order to be included in your academic file.

LATINO HEALTH CONFERENCE IN NYC
NYU School of Medicine and the Centers for Health Disparities Research is sponsoring the 4th annual Latino Health Conference at NYU on October 28-29, 2005. This year the conference theme is “Social Justice and Latino Health.” For more information, go to www.med.nyu.edu/cme/

The conference sponsors are currently seeking abstract submissions from students, which must be submitted by Wednesday, September 15 before midnight. Include purpose of your submission, limit the text to 250 words or less, and indicate presentation format (platform, poster, or roundtable). Email your abstract to martha.laureano@med.nyu.edu. If you have questions, contact Martha Laureano at 212 263-8949.

MS 4 EXTRAMURAL (AWAY) ELECTIVES
The AAMC has a Extramural Electives Compendium at www.aamc.org/stuapps/electives in the "Students and Residents" section of the AAMC website. This lists the contact person, name and mailing address, for away electives at other medical schools.

MS 4 & RESIDENCY PROGRAM INFORMATION
When we receive information from specific residency programs which might have interest for members of the senior class, this information will be mentioned in the monthly newsletter for your information and further investigation

Brigham and Women’s Hospital announces the BWH Residency in Genetic Medicine. This program, jointly approved by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Medical Genetics. This program should be of interest to clinically inclined residents who seek to become expert at the interface between medicine and genetics, and to MD/Ph.D. trainees who seek to investigate the genetic basis of specific diseases. Application is made during the PGY-1 year in the BGH Internal Medicine Residency. For more information about this program, go to http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/genetics/clinical.html.

Case Western Reserve University announces a Physician Scientist Pathway at the MetroHealth Campus to train physician scientists and future leaders in academic medicine. For more information, go to http://www.MetroHealthResearch.org

The Dept. of Emergency Medicine at the University of New Mexico announces the availability of a Disaster Medicine Elective for the months of Oct-Nov

STUDENT ACTIVITIES FAIR – Get Involved!
Learn about our student organizations and how to get involved! The date is Thursday, September 8 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Student Center Tennis Court.

HOW TO HELP IN THE EVENT OF A CITY-WIDE EMERGENCY- Join the Medical Reserve Corps/NYC
The New York City Dept. of Health is seeking health professions students (medical, nursing, health related) to join their Medical Reserve Corps. In addition to free membership, Medical Reserve Corps members will receive training on how to assist New York City in the event of a national health emergency.

The Medical Reserve Corps/NYC has been created to mobilize health professionals who want to partner with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene during a local health emergency that would require the City to open Points of Distribution clinics (PODs). The goal of the MRC is to bring together the knowledge, expertise and skills of many different health professionals to address public health crises. Any licensed or certified health professional, who lives or works in New York City can join the MRC. Please visit www.medicalreserve.org for more information and to register. You may also call 866-NYC-DOH1

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Dean of Students
September, 2005
for more information or to register, and email any questions to
healthmrc@health.nyc.gov.

AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR AGING RESEARCH announces the 2006 Medical Student Summer Research Training in Aging Program will provide medical students, early in their training, with an enriching experience in aging-related research and geriatrics, under the mentorship of top experts in the field. Students participate in an eight- to twelve-week structured research, clinical, and didactic program in geriatrics, appropriate to their level of training and interests. The stipend level is $1,731 per month. The stipend for an eight-week period is $3,462, and for a twelve-week period is $5,193. Students who elect to participate in the scholarship program at a National Training Center must cover their own travel and living expenses. For program information and application procedures go to http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/3983/afar

PFIZER COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT
SUNY Downstate is fortunate to have received an educational grant from Pfizer Pharmaceutical to conduct community health education programs. This is a community education outreach program, and can also be used as a student organization fund-raising opportunity. Each outreach program is envisioned as a 1-2 hour session on a health education topic directed at a target community audience. The audience could be children, teenagers or adults in the borough of Brooklyn. Ideally, the program should be offered in a community location, which is convenient to the target audience, to encourage attendance. Topics or subjects which were funded previously under this grant will not be considered again. For an application form which details more information about the guidelines for submission, please go to http://sls.downstate.edu/studentaffairs/newsletters/index.html

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SURGERY?
You are invited to attend the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. The conference will be Sunday, October 16-Thursday, October 20 in San Francisco. A detailed program of events and registration information is available at www.facs.org. Students are responsible for all travel and lodging expenses. To participate, return the registration form (available from the Dept of Surgery or Student Affairs) by Friday, September 16. For additional information, contact Ms. Emily Burke at eburke@facs.org. Information sheet/flyer in the glass bulletin board.

FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER (FIC)/ELLISON MEDICAL FOUNDATION AWARDS
The NIH's Fogarty International Center is offering a one year clinical research training experience in NIH funded research centers in developing countries. The fellowship period begins in July, 2006. Applications are available starting August 1, 2005 at www.aamc.org/overseasfellowship. Application deadline is December 28, 2005.

AOA CAROLYN KUCKEIN STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
A fellowship is awarded annually to 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year medical students. $4000 is provided 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 before December 15, 2005. 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, 2006. 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. Once you submit the proposal to the national office, you will receive your decision within 60 days. Additional information described on a flyer in the glass bulletin board.

EPOCRATES is offering a student discount code. If you would like the discount code, please email me.

CHILD CARE
The Children's Center at SUNY Downstate provides daycare services for children age 2 months – 5 years and is fully licensed by the NY Dept of Health & Bureau of Day Care Services. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays. Location is 440 Lenox Road. Openings are available. If you would like more information or a tour, contact Beth Scallon, Executive Director (221-6160) or Sheri Myers (221-6163).

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)
The Applied Epidemiology Fellowship at CDC is a one year applied epidemiology and public health experience (starts August 2006) for third and fourth year medical students in different National Centers of the CDC. Application deadline for 2006 fellowships is December 2, 2005. Go to www.cdcfoundation.org/pages.html?page=303. There is also a 6-8 week epidemiology elective (information available at http://www.cdc.gov/eis/appleyis/elective.htm) and a Hubert International student fellowship ($3000 stipend for 4-6 weeks (information available at http://www.cdcfoundation.org/pages.html?page=304

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 $1500 and up to $700 additional may be made available to support travel to the annual meeting. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. More information at www.americanosler.org Submission deadline is March 1, 2006.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (ACPM), Medical Student Section (ACPM-MSS) are seeking members to become part of a network of Preventive Medicine physicians and residents who are changing the way health care impacts on people. For more information, go to http://www.acpm.org/medstudents.htm
WHY ARE ALL OF THOSE DOORS CLOSED?
Have you been wondering why the corridor and office doors are closed? The fire marshal came by and apparently all of the doors have to be closed to fulfill fire regulations. So it’s not to make life difficult (try opening one of the heavy doors with both hands carrying something) or to make the corridors seem unfriendly – we’re complying with fire laws!

NY ACADEMY OF MEDICINE STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE in the HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
Essays should address a topic in the history of public health or medicine as they relate to urban health issues; they may consider social or environmental factors in the health of urban populations, institutional histories, or specific diseases. The winner will receive $500. The deadline is April 4, 2006. For more information, go to www.nyam.org/grants/studentessay.shtml or write to historyessay@nyam.org. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

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. Allow 5 business days for completion.

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.

ARE YOU CALIFORNIA BOUND?
In a letter dated February 4, 2005, the Medical Board of California has confirmed that they will accept a 4 week clinical rotation in any of the following clinical subject areas to fulfill their family practice licensing requirement: ambulatory care, community medicine, family practice, primary care, outpatient care, preventive and social medicine, preventive medicine.

SAFETY REMINDER
University Police has reminds all of us to use good judgement when traveling to and from campus. Avoid walking in the evening hours (6 p.m.-7 a.m.) alone and use the escort service to public transportation, the parking lots or to KCH for a radius of 6 blocks of the campus. University Police prefers we use the Church Avenue station in the evening hours. Call 270-2626 and the van will pick you up from the station.

CAREERS IN MEDICINE WEB SITE
Careers in Medicine, a career development program to assist you in choosing a specialty and plan for residency. To access Careers in Medicine, go to www.aamc.org/careersinmedicine and click on the “Login” button on the left menu bar. If you are new to the site, you will need to register. Click on the “New User” button on the bottom of the page. To obtain an access code, email Ms. Anne Shonbrun in the Office of the Registrar.

MS 1 & MS 2 CARREL COORDINATORS
MS 1 students should report carrel or key problems to Natasha Stepanets in Room 605, HSEB; telephone x7524. She has an email account so you can email her.

MS 2 students should report carrel or key problems to Hugh Pitter in Room 511, HSEB; telephone X7507 and he’s on email too.

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 or Ms. Sophie Christoforou. Dr. Terracina and Ms. Christoforou are also available for individual appointments. To schedule an individual appointment with Dr. Terracina, send her an email (Lorraine.Terracina@downstate.edu). 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.

This should not be considered a school endorsement. We have received a notice about a 2 week Spanish intensive blending language course which includes 35 hours of formal classroom study plus 10 additional hours of lectures and visits to local hospitals, medical and nursing schools and other health providers. The program is called the Medical Spanish Program in Ecuador with the Cneters for Interamerian Studies (CEDEI). Their website is http://www.ceedi.org/cuenca/programs/spanish/medical. This is not a school sponsored program and not eligible for malpractice or other coverage from the school. You participate as a private citizen They charge tuition and we have no information about the quality of the program or its operation.