SUNY DOWNSTATE BRAGGING RIGHTS x 2

1st place in Northeast Medical School Jeopardy!
In addition to the NIH kudos below, the MS 4 class and the College of Medicine proudly announces that the SUNY Downstate team won first place in this year’s Northeast American College of Physicians’ Medical School Jeopardy Tournament! The tournament is sponsored each year by Yale, and was held on September 16. The other medical school teams participating were from NYU, New York Med, Brown, Yale and U Conn. The members of the SUNY Downstate team are: Susan Bard, Katy Burris, David Jang, and Edward Monk. A big round of applause for the team and SUNY Downstate!

Congratulations to members of the Class of 2007 on their selection for the 2006-2007 year
Jeong Choi – NIH Clinical Research Training Program
Karen Ast – NIH Fogerty Ellison Program in India
Christine Rager – NIH Fogerty Ellison Program in Peru

Read about the NIH Clinical Research Training Program at: http://www.training.nih.gov/crtp/index.asp

**DO 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.

**RESIDENCY INTERVIEWING WORKSHOP FOR MS 4’s**
If your department does not offer an interview preparation workshop, make a note to come to a general one on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in Alumni Auditorium with Dr. Michael Lucchesi, Chair of our Dept. of Emergency Medicine and Dr. Jeanne Macrae, Residency Program Director for the Dept. of Medicine. The tips and information will apply to any specialty.

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)

**CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)**
The Applied Epidemiology Fellowship at CDC is a one year applied epidemiology and public health experience (starts August 2007) for third and fourth year medical students in different National Centers of the CDC. Application deadline for 2007 fellowships is December 4, 2006. Go to www.cdcfoundation.org/thecdcexperience

**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. Students may work on basic, translational or applied biomedical research. 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 $25,000. Moving expenses and subsidized, on-campus housing is also part of the program. The application forms are now on-line at www.hhmi.org/cloister/pos. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is January 10, 2007.

**HHMI Research Training Fellowships for Medical Students** (non-cloister)
This permits students to spend one year conducting research at any school or non-profit research institution in the USA except the NIH. We have had students do this program. The stipend is $25,000. For more information, go to www.hhmi.org/medfellowships/pos. Deadline January 11, 2007.

**SAVE THE DATE** – Howard Hughes Medical Institute On Campus Information Session – Tues. Nov. 7 at 3:30 pm. Classrm 1A HSEB

**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.

**INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES**
Dr. Steven Friedman of the Department of Psychiatry serves as the Interim Director of Student Counseling, under the general oversight of Dr. Marcia Gerber, the Director of Student Health. Dr. Steven Friedman is available to provide advice and assistance with problems associated with academically related stress or personal problems that might interfere with your performance in school. Dr. Steven Friedman has access to additional specialized referral resources available that will ensure that we are able to provide the type and volume of services provided by Dr. Duprey. All of these contacts are confidential. Dr. Steven Friedman can be contacted by calling 270-1750 or through the Student Health Service (270-1995).

Students may also speak directly with Dr. Lorraine Terracina , Ms. Sophie Christoforou, Associate Dean or Mr. Jeffrey Putman, Assistant Dean,

**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
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, 2007. Applications are available starting August 1, 2006 at www.aamc.org/overseasfellowship. Application deadline is December 8, 2006. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

PEDIATRICS RESEARCH
The American Pediatrics Society and the Society for Pediatric Research are offering a grant for medical students to participate in research at a medical school other than their own. Over 300 laboratories are available. Visit www.aps-spr.org to download an application packet or to review the on-line directory of laboratory opportunities. Application deadline January 26, 2007. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

The AMA FOUNDATION SEED GRANT RESEARCH Program awards grants of $2500 towards the conduct of small projects in applied and clinical research, led by medical students and residents. Applications must be received by December 1, 2006. Information: AMA Foundation, seedgrants@ama-assn.org or go to http://www.amafoundation.org. Telephone 312 464-4200.

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS (ACP)
The ACP invites you to participate in their annual Medical Student Abstract Competition for 2007, to be held in San Diego from April 19-21. You can submit our abstract electronically via ACP Online at www.acponline.org. Information brochure available from www.acponline.org/abstracts. Abstract submission forms are also available in the Office of Student Affairs. If you have any questions, contact Kelly Ann Lott, Manager, Medical Student Programs at klott@acponline.org. Application deadline November 1, 2006.

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS POETRY CONTEST
Sponsored by the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine Human Values Program, the deadline for submission is December 31, 2006. Contest rules appear on a poster in the glass bulletin board. Prizes are $300, $200 and $100. Information available at www.neoucom.edu

The AMERICAN COLLEGE OF LEGAL MEDICINE announces their Student Writing Competitions for 2007. The Hoffman Bioethics competition offers awards of $1000, $500, and $250. Flyer in glass bulletin board. Submission by email to info@aclm.org. Deadline is January 5, 2007. The Student Writing Competition has 3 categories and $1000 prize is awarded in each category. Flyer in the glass bulletin board. Submission by email to info@aclm.org. Deadline is January 5, 2007. Web address is www.aclm.org

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 ages 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 718 221-6160.

WHERE TO GO FOR...
Curriculum Changes – The Curriculum and Educational Policies Committee of the Faculty of the College of Medicine is chaired by Dr. Margaret Golden from the Dept. of Pediatrics and has 2 student representatives from each medical school class year.

Curriculum Changes, Academic Requirements Changes, Academic Policy Changes – The Dean’s Education Council oversees the curriculum and academic policies for all four medical school years. The Committee is chaired by Stanley Friedman, M.D., Senior Associate Dean for Education. The Committee’s recommendations go directly to the Dean of the College of Medicine, Ian Taylor, M.D., Ph.D. There are two student representatives on the committee – the president of Medical Student Council (Michael Seibert) and the president of the MS 4 class (John Chi). The Committee meets once a month.

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!

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.

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 professional 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 for more information or to register, and email any questions to healthmrc@health.nyc.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. 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.

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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, Associate Dean Ms. Sophie Christoforou, or Assistant Dean Mr. Jeffrey Putman. All are 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. To schedule an appointment with Mr. Putman, call 270-2187. 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.

**Medicine in the Wild** elective (March 27-April 20, 2007) is designed for third or fourth year medical students and residents. The cost is $4000. For more information go to www.nols.edu/wmi/courses/medicineinthewild.shtml

Brochure in the Office of Student Affairs.

AMSA: The Humanistic Elective in Activism, alternative medicine, and Reflective Transformation (HEART) is a fourth year elective (April 2-27, 2007). Cost $950. For more information, go to www.amsa.org/humed/heart/index.cfm