

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS FOR, MS 1, MS 2 & MS 3 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN RESEARCH

Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship for Medical Students – SUNY Downstate students currently in the program will be presenting (Melanie Austin and Ahmed Zihni) on Thursday, December 11 from 5:30-7 pm (with food) and on Friday, December 12 from 12-1 pm (with food). To reserve a place (we need to know how much food to order), please send an email to studentaffairs@downstate.edu by 5 pm Tuesday, December 9, 2008.

SUNY TUITION INCREASE FOR SPRING, 2009

An official announcement will be forthcoming shortly, but SUNY has announced a tuition increase starting with this upcoming Spring, 2009 semester. The Office of Financial Aid will also be sending out information related to this change.

MS 1 TOUR GUIDE COORDINATORS

The Student Admissions Office seeks 2-3 Tour Guide Coordinators who will work together with interested members of the Class of 2011 to arrange tour guides to meet with medical school applicants during the lunch hour. If you are interested in being considered for the position of Tour Guide Coordinator, please state your interest via email to the Interview Coordinator, Ms. Ilana Levine (Ilana.Levine@downstate.edu); or drop a note off to the Admissions Office (Room 133, Basic Science Building – 450 Clarkson Avenue lobby). Your statement should include 3-6 sentences about why you think you would be a good coordinator. The deadline to submit your email or note of intent is Friday, December 12, 2008.

DISCOUNTED SOFTWARE FOR STUDENTS

(Announcement from SUNY Downstate's Information Services)

The full version of Microsoft Office is now available through the New York State Microsoft Select Program at significantly reduced pricing for SUNY students and for work-at-home by faculty and staff. The Student Select program requires no funding or distribution resources by your campus. [Note: We are listed as Brooklyn, Health Science Center on the pull down menu.]

This program is separate from Select programs for institutional acquisitions and is an alternative to the Microsoft Campus Agreement Student Option.

Microsoft Office is available for both PC (Windows) and Apple Macintosh platforms. Windows Vista upgrades are also available through Select. This and other software negotiated for SUNY such as Adobe, SPSS and Quark are available on-line from University at Buffalo UBMicro IT Support Services, the HP designated SUNY distributor for the Microsoft Select Program.

Individuals may order these products from our secure web site at <http://www.ubmicrosuny.com/>.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE NEWS

Financial Woes? If you are experiencing financial problems or if your financial situation has changed since the beginning of the school year, make an individual appointment with a staff member to discuss your situation and see if you have options. Do not suffer in silence!

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. Or, contact her via email or internet (Ilana.Levine@downstate.edu)

ONE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION Health Sciences Student Research Award provides stipend support for a research project of **6-12 months** in duration. Applications are reviewed on a first come, first served basis and are available now on the SUNY Downstate newsletter section of the Student Affairs website

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 10 participating medical schools to receive both didactic and 'hands-on' mentored clinical research training, beginning July 2009.

Fellows will receive stipends plus health insurance to spend a year conducting clinical research and receiving didactic training.

Additional program information including links to each participating school's web site is at www.ddcf.org/mr-crf. Complete an application form electronically. Applications are due by January 15, 2009.

Check your email for an upcoming presentation by 2 SUNY Downstate students currently in the Doris Duke program.

CDC EXPERIENCE APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Eight rising 3rd and 4th year medical students spend 10-12 months at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA where they carry out epidemiologic analyses in areas of public health. Application deadline Friday, December 5, 2008. More information on the student newsletter web page and at www.cdcfoundation.org/thecdcexperience We are fortunate to have a SUNY Downstate student in this program this year.

THE SARNOFF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This program offers medical students who have completed their second or third year of medical school to conduct research for one year. Prior research experience is not a prerequisite. The annual stipend is \$27,500. The fellowship program's website is www.SarnoffFoundation.org. Application deadline is January 7, 2009.

NIH/FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This is a one year mentored clinical research experience at NIH funded research centers in Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, China, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, Peru, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Zambia.

To learn more, go to www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/overseasfellowship/start.htm Application deadline is December 5, 2008. We are pleased that one of our students was selected as a 2008 participant.

The **NIH CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM** is a one-year program at the NIH for medical students who have completed one year of clinical rotations (you spend the year in-

between the third and fourth year at the NIH. 30 students per year are accepted into the program. There is a stipend. Informational brochure in the Office of Student Affairs. Read about the NIH Clinical Research Training Program at: <http://www.training.nih.gov/crtp> Application available in October. MS 4 Priya Mahindra just returned from the CRTP.

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. There is a stipend. Moving expenses and subsidized, on-campus housing is also part of the program.

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, too! There is a stipend.

The NIH YEAR-OFF TRAINING PROGRAM – for more information go to www.training.nih.gov/student/Pre-IRTA/irtamanualinterim.asp

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Albert Schweitzer Lambarene Program is a 3 month program in Gabon from May 1, 2009-July 31, 2009 or August 1, 2009-October 31, 2009. Dates are not flexible. Students must have completed their third year and must be fluent in French. For more information, go to www.schweitzerfellowship.org

The Bristol, England Travel Fellowship is being offered for the first time this year. This is for a MS 4 student to take an 8-week elective in Bristol, England. A stipend is available to offset travel and living expenses. The application is posted in the student newsletter section of the SUNY Downstate website for the Class of 2009. The application deadline is Friday, December 12, 2008.

ALERT! - O.C. HUBERT STUDENT FELLOWSHIP in INTERNATIONAL HEALTH provides a 12-week experience for 3rd or 4th year medical student in an international setting with a field team from the CDC. There is a \$3000 stipend to cover travel costs. Go to www.cdcfoundation.org/fellowships/ochubert to read more about the fellowship and to download the application (available in late January). The application deadline is typically late February. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

MS 3's: Health Care in Developing Countries application is due December 31, 2008. The popular PREV 4540 Healthcare in Developing Countries elective is described on the SUNY Downstate website at www.downstate.edu/publichealth/overseas.html The application is there as well. An email was sent to the MS 3 listserv on October 29.

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SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAMS

RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH or CLINICAL

The Medical Student Clinical Preceptorship (4-8 weeks full time clinical experience) or Medical Student Research Preceptorship (8 week research program) is available with stipends. Applications must be submitted by the physician preceptor at www.rheumatology.org/REF by February 1, 2009.

VANDERBILT University announces a 10-week research opportunity in **Environmental Health Science**. Stipend of \$3981. For information, go to www.toxicology.mc.vanderbilt.edu Flyer in glass bulletin board.

FOUNDATION for ANESTHESIA EDUCATION AND

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (FAER) Interested students may download the student application form beginning January 5, 2009. <http://www.f aer.org/programs/students/index.html> Application deadline February 6, 2009. Questions may be directed to Mary Schrandt at schrandt.mary@mayo.edu

MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING CANCER CENTER announces its 2009 Summer Student Fellowship Program

to encourage interest in the field of oncology. Fellowships of \$5500 are available to medical students in academic good standing, who are in their first two years of study. The 3 start dates are: June 9-July 31; June 16-August 7; or June 23-August 14. Interested students should visit the website starting December 1, 2008 when the on-line application opens. Information flyer in glass bulletin board. Website address is: www.mskcc.org/summerfellowships. Application deadline is January 16, 2009. Questions may be sent to sumstudent@mskcc.org Brochures available in the Office of Student Affairs.

PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY EDUCATION: 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 1, 2009. 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. Additional information in the Office of Student Affairs.

AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR AGING RESEARCH

announces the **2008 Summer Training** on Aging Research Topics – Mental Health (START-MH) Program funded by NIMH. Go to <http://afar.org/medstu.html> for more information. Medical Students receive a \$1731 stipend per month. Application deadline is February 6, 2009.

VASCULAR SURGERY

Harvard Medical School announces its Summer Research Fellowships in Vascular Surgery for 10-12 weeks starting June 1, 2009. (Note: MS 1's would need to negotiate a slightly later starting date, if selected.) Interested applicants should submit a personal statement, CV, and 3 letters of recommendation (one to be from a dean/advisor). \$5000 stipend. Application deadline is January 10, 2009. PDF information posted on the SUNY Downstate Student Affairs section of the website under newsletters. Application available at

http://home.caregroup.org/templatesnew/departments/BID/vonliebig/uploaded_documents/vonliebig.htm

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. Nearly 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 23, 2009. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

INTERESTED IN NEUROSURGERY?

The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) announces the **2009 AANS Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship** (MSSRF). Additional information including the application is posted at www.aans.org/otherresearch. Stipend \$2500. Deadline February 1, 2009. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

The **2009 Campagna Scholarship** in Neurological Surgery at Oregon Health & Science University is a 10 week summer research scholarship. Stipend \$5000. For more information go to www.ohsu.edu/neurosurgery Deadline Friday, February 27, 2009. 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 12, 2008. Information: AMA Foundation, seedgrants@ama-assn.org or go to <http://www.amafoundation.org>. Telephone 312 464-4200. Grants are awarded in: Cardiovascular/Pulmonary Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Leukemia, Neoplastic Diseases, Secondhand Smoke

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS

RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH or CLINICAL

The Medical Student Clinical Preceptorship (4-8 weeks full time clinical experience) or Medical Student Research Preceptorship (8 week research program) is available with stipends. Applications must be submitted by the physician preceptor at www.rheumatology.org/REF by February 1, 2009.

Annenberg Physician Training Program in Addictions is a 4 week program where you have the opportunity to be "admitted" to a substance use disorder treatment program. The program is for students in their first two years of medical school, and there are 24 positions. Sites are available in Iowa, Colorado, Michigan and Florida. Reimbursement for travel is provided and a stipend of \$1000 for the 4 week program. To apply, go to www.annenbergtraining.com. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

William B. Bean Student Research Award in medical history/medical humanism: Stipend of \$1500. For more information go to www.americanosler.org Application deadline March 1, 2009. Notice of award May 15, 2009. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

CONTESTS, PRIZES, AWARDS

6TH ANNUAL MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY MEDICAL STUDENT POETRY AWARD

Cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 are available. The first-prize poem will be submitted to a major medical periodical for consideration for publication. The deadline for submission is December 31, 2008. Information about submission posted in glass bulletin board.

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS POETRY CONTEST

Sponsored by the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine Human Values Program, the deadline for submission is December 31, 2008. Contest rules appear on a poster in the glass bulletin board. Prizes are \$300, \$200 and \$100. Information available at www.neoucom.edu Poster in glass bulletin board

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF LEGAL MEDICINE

Hoffman Bioethics Student Writing Competition. 1st prize \$1000, 2nd prize \$500, 3rd prize \$250. Deadline January 9, 2009. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information, go to www.aclm.org

Student Writing Competition, Schwartz Award. 1st place \$1000. Deadline January 9, 2009. Flyer in glass bulletin board. For more information go to www.aclm.org

OSLER ESSAY CONTEST

A medal is awarded for the best unpublished essay on a medical historical topic and attendance at the annual meeting of the History of Medicine Association. Complete information at www.histmed.org/Awards. Flyer in glass bulletin board. Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2009

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The **US Schweitzer Fellows Programs** provide community service fellowships for a service project addressing unmet health needs in a local community agency or under the supervision of a mentor. For more information go to www.schweitzerfellowship.org and select US Programs.

RESIDENCY INFORMATION RESOURCES

Residency Match List

See the 2008 Residency Match list in the glass bulletin board next to the Office of the Registrar. The residency match lists for the last 13 years is posted on the Student Affairs website.

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 (Anne.Shonbrun@downstate.edu).

Careers in Medicine has released a new tool called **Residency Preference Exercise**. This exercise helps medical students identify criteria important to them in selecting a residency program and, using that information, searching for and rating programs on how well the program fits those criteria.

The Careers in Medicine newsletter, Choices, is now available from the Careers in Medicine website (www.aamc.org/students/cim/choicesnewsletter.pdf) The newsletter provides important information about residency and career choice topics. The October, 2008 newsletter spotlights Neurology. The August, 2008 newsletter spotlighted Otolaryngology (ENT).

A Guide to the Preparation of the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (also known as the Dean's Letter)

http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/residency/index.html

We do not send your academic file to residency programs. You fill out an application form known as ERAS, very similar to the AMCAS application in format. A letter summarizing your academic performance in medical school, MSPE, is also sent to residency programs.

Roadmap to Residency: From Application to the Match and Beyond

http://sfs.downstate.edu/student_affairs/residency/index.html

Charting Outcomes in the Match: Characteristics of Applicants Who Matched to Their Preferred Specialty in the 2007 NRMP Main Residency Match

http://sfs.downstate.edu/student_affairs/residency/index.html

From the AAMC, includes information about Step 1 scores, number of programs on the rank order list, AOA honor society membership, and research accomplishments. This updates the 2005 report with the 2007 cohort. Compare the two and see if the specialties you are interested in have changed.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Association of Women Psychiatrists announces the 2009 Leah J. Dickstein Award** for outstanding women medical students. Information flyer in the glass bulletin board. If you wish to be considered, complete an application (available from the Office of Student Affairs) and return it by February 1, 2009 to the Office of Student Affairs.

The **Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago Academic Scholarship Program** is available for Jewish students who are legal residents of the greater Chicago metropolitan area. To apply, go to www.jvschicago.org. Application deadline February 15, 2009. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

GENERAL INFORMATION

MS 3 NEWS: Epidemiology Elective For Senior Medical Students at the CDC – offered September through early June. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

To take the elective Fall, 2009: All application materials must be postmarked by March 30, 2009 of the applicant's junior year.

To take the elective Spring, 2010: All application materials must be postmarked by May 30, 2009 of the applicant's junior year.

MS 4 NEWS: NIH Clinical Electives Program offers electives (extramural credit) in 21 areas. For the list and more information, go to www.training.nih.gov/student/cep/index.asp.

There is also a clinical elective in Medical Informatics at <http://lhncbc.nlm.nih.gov/training> and click on "Clinical Elective for Medical and Dental Students" Flyer in glass bulletin board.

MS 4 NEWS: US-Mexico Border Health Scholars Program is a 4 week elective offered by the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. Go to [//steer.uthscsa.edu](http://steer.uthscsa.edu) for more information and a downloadable application.

DIGITAL MONITOR AND POSTER GUIDELINES

from the Office of Institutional Advancement

Digital Monitors

As part of Downstate's campus communications efforts, Biomedical Communications has placed digital signage monitors in strategic locations across the campus.

Guidelines and a submission form for submitting digital signage announcements are now available at <http://www.downstate.edu/ia/signage.html>. Requests for posting on the digital monitors can also be included with items submitted to the *Announcements Newsletter*.

We encourage departments and staff to work with Biomedical Communications to develop announcements for the digital signage monitors; its staff of designers can help you create visually interesting posts to draw attention to your message (hourly rates apply; submit a requisition to Biomedical Communications with your copy).

Posters

Please note that posters are no longer allowed in the UHB and Basic Sciences Building lobbies, and will be removed if placed there.

A posting "cube" option is now available in the lobby of the Health Science Education lobby at 395 Lenox Road for departments that want to display hardcopy posters. Submit requisitions and poster information directly to Biomedical Communications. Flyers may not be tacked on the cubes; posters on easels or placed on the floor at this location will be removed.

THE NIH SUPPORTS RESEARCH CAREERS BY REPAYING STUDENT LOAN DEBT

The NIH is now accepting applications for its extramural Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs). The LRPs repay up to \$35,000 of educational loan debt annually for individuals who commit to conducting at least 2 years of qualified biomedical or behavioral research at a nonprofit institution of their choice. You must hold a Ph.D or MD to be eligible to apply. Visit www.lrp.nih.gov for more information.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT COUNSELING

This is a reminder that we have a director of student counseling, Dr. Christine Saunders-Fields. To schedule an appointment, please telephone 718 270-1408 or email her at counseling@downstate.edu. All appointments and sessions are completely confidential. I strongly recommend the relaxation exercises for everyone! The service is free of charge.

EPOCRATES is offering Epocrates Essentials to you. To check if your handheld device is compatible, to www.epocrates.com/products/essentials/requirements.html. You are allowed one download per year up to four years. Email me to receive the URL link. You will be taken to a product demonstration/log in page and then to a product demonstration. After viewing the demonstration, you may download Epocrates Essentials.

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 718 221-6160.

WHERE TO GO FOR...

Curriculum Changes – The Curriculum and Educational Policies Committee of the Faculty of the College of Medicine is co- chaired by Drs. Michael Lucchesi and Keith Williams, 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 Allison) and the president of the MS 4 class (Jessica Wong). The Committee meets once a month.

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

EMERGENCIES (Weather and Other Events) (CANCELLATION OF CLASSES)

While Downstate Medical Center (school and hospital) has not been closed due to a snow emergency, if such a declaration were to be made, you would hear the notification on your local radio or television station, the same as the notification for other school closings. You may also telephone the University Operator at 718 270-1000. Only the President of the Downstate Medical Center is authorized to cancel all classes at Downstate Medical Center,.

However, inclement weather or other events, may cause the cancellation of specific classes by the course instructor or college dean. If a weather emergency or other emergency event should occur, you should check the SUNY Downstate website for information. In addition, you may telephone the general campus telephone number which is 718 270-1000.

When you call 718 270-1000, you will hear, "Welcome to Downstate Medical Center and its University Hospital of Brooklyn. University Hospital and all Colleges remain OPEN today. However, college class instructors have the option of canceling individual classes. Students should Press "2" to hear the status of classes in your individual program. All others, Press "1" to continue to the main menu."

When you press "2," you will hear

For MS1 press 1

For MS2, press 2

For College of Nursing, press 3

For College of Health Related Professions, press 4

For the School of Graduate Studies, press 5

For the Masters in Public Health, press 6

College of Medicine, Years 1 & 2 only

Once you press the appropriate year, your block director will have an announcement, which states the class schedule for all activities for that day, for that block.

College of Medicine, Years 3 & 4

Follow the schedule at your clinical site. Contact your preceptor and your clerkship director if you are unsure about your responsibilities or the clinical schedule.

Unite For Sight's High Impact Volunteer Abroad Volunteer Abroad in Summer, Fall, Winter, or Spring: <http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad> India, Ghana, and Honduras

Unite for Sight has published its international internship opportunities at www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad. This is not a school sponsored program and not eligible for malpractice or other coverage from the school. You participate as a private citizen.

There is also a conference scheduled for April 18-19, 2009 at Yale University

How Do I Apply? The application as well as complete details about Unite For Sight's international opportunities are available at <http://www.uniteforsight.org/volunteer-abroad>

Who Is Eligible To Volunteer Abroad? Volunteers are 18 years and older, and there is no upper age limit. Unite For Sight welcomes volunteers who may not have previous health or eye care experience. Volunteers receive all necessary training from Unite For Sight so that they are able to assist eye doctors with community eye outreach programs. Unite For Sight also welcomes volunteers to participate as photographers and filmmakers.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

We have no information about the quality of the following programs. Enroll in them at your own risk!

Global Service Corps (Worldwide) programs in Tanzania and Thailand address the challenge of healthcare in the developing world. For more information, contact Mayia Holliday at operations@globalservicecorps.org

Child Family Health International. Go to www.cfhi.org. Their application is at www.cfhi.org/program_intro.php4. This is not a school sponsored program and not eligible for malpractice or other coverage from the school. You participate as a private citizen.

MAP International Medical Fellowship in the context of Christian medical missions. For more information, go to www.map.org or email mstevenson@map.org. This is not a school sponsored program and not eligible for malpractice or other coverage from the school. You participate as a private citizen. Application deadline March 1. Go to www.map.org

CROSSING CULTURES SENEGAL 2009

This is not a school sponsored program and not eligible for malpractice or other coverage from the school. You participate as a private citizen.

Crossing Cultures offers a stimulating travel and educational program focused on the French-speaking Republic of Senegal, West Africa. The program dates for the 2009 Crossing Cultures program are June 29 – July 14. It will be ID's 20th program to Senegal.

Led by two former Peace Corps volunteers, this well-established program appeals to people in and out of academia. It works well for those who want to experience family life and community projects in the rural areas of this diverse nation, and for those with special interests in dance and music training, environment, medicine, government, agriculture, language or education and health projects.

The Crossing Cultures group is small, no more than five, allowing the leaders to tailor activities to the participants' interests. Reasonable cost. Extended stays for volunteer work or field study can be facilitated. For more information, contact:

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