ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back! Happy 2009! This is the updated (January 5) newsletter due to new entries!

MS 2 NEWS: All MS 2 students will have to do a Basic Life Support (BLS) Recertification during Spring, 2009 before starting clerkships in July, 2009. The course you took prior to starting medical school expires this year and you need current certification for your hospital rotations. A conveniently available American Heart Association course at KCH is being offered on several dates for $70 (recertification). The information is in the Mini Course schedule of the Student Center. The dates of the course are available at the following URL (BLS PDF)
http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/misc/misc.html

The ROBERT F. FURCHGOTT SOCIETY announces the Robert F. Furchgott Medical Student Research Award for a 2009 graduating medical student of outstanding research. For more information go to
http://www.downstate.edu/RFFS/award_med_student.html

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS FOR, MS 1
Dr. Stanley Friedman has organized a series of research talks by SUNY Downstate faculty. This will give you an opportunity to meet the faculty.

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/

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)

CONFERENCES

The Summer Institute in Geriatric Medicine is from June 1-5, 2009 in Boston. It will provide medical students entering their third or fourth of medical school by July 2009 with an opportunity to gain exposure to academic geriatrics and research in geriatric medicine.

Full financial support available. Application deadline January 9, 2009.
http://www.americangeriatrics.org/education/geristudents/SummerInstituteGeriatrics/bu_info07.shtml

The Physicians for Human Rights National Student Conference is January 31-February 1 at Brown University. This year’s theme is “Health & Human Rights in 2009: Global Problems, Local Solutions” For more information go to http://conference09.phrblog.org/

ONE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS

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-cr. Complete an application form electronically. Applications are due by January 15, 2009.

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. Application Deadline: January 10, 2009

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.
Application Deadline: January 11, 2009
http://www.hhmi.org/grants/individuals/medfellows.html

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 deadline: January 15, 2009 MS 4 Priya Mahindra just returned from the CRTP.

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

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

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.

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. Housing is provided. 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, January 9, 2009.

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.

SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAMS

NIH DIABETES RESEARCH PROGRAM is an 8-12 program for MS 1, MS 2 or MS 3 students. Prior research experience is not required. Flyer and application form is posted at the student affairs newsletter page. Application deadline is February 1, 2009. There are 17 sites which include New York City, California, Texas, Boston, Seattle, New Haven and Philadelphia.

MOUNT SINAI NYC’s Environmental Health Sciences Research Traineeship is a 8-10 week summer program during June, July, August. A standard NIH stipend is provided. Application deadline is February 27, 2009. A description of the program and the application form is posted as a PDF file on the student newsletter section of the student affairs website. Go to http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/newsletters/newsletters_medicine.html

JOHNS HOPKINS’ Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer is sponsoring a summer fellowship for MS 1 and MS 2 students from June 8, 2009-July 31, 2009 entitled, “Cancer in the Under-Privileged, Indigent or Disadvantaged” (CUPID). The program includes either laboratory or clinical research and formal lectures. Application deadline February 1, 2009. Application materials http://cupid.onc.jhmi.edu

NYC DEPT OF HEALTH Research Training Program (HRTP) – a public health research and practice internship program for Summer, 2009. Application deadline February 16, 2009. Additional information and application materials are posted in the newsletter section of the Student Affairs website (http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/newsletters/newsletters_medicine.html)

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEMATOLOGY
The Minority Medical Student (minority based on ethnicity, gender, or socio-economic circumstances) Award Program is an 8-12 week research experience with a $5000 stipend, research presentation travel monies, and 2 mentors. More information and on line application at www.hematology.org/education/awards/mmsap.cfm Application deadline February 2, 2009 for the matching program, or March 12, 2009.

NEUROSURGERY RESEARCH
The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship (MSSRF) program provides first or second year medical students the opportunity to participate in neurosurgical research in the United States or Canada. The 8-week program has a stipend of $2,500. There are 10 fellowships available. A complete application must be received by NREF by February 1, 2009. For an application, go to www.aans.org/otherresearch/med_student_research.asp Their email address is nref@aans.org

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE (www.nyam.org/grants)

FERDINAND VALENTINE MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT IN UROLOGY
Four grants will each provide a stipend of $3500 for M.D. students pursuing basic science or research projects in urology. The deadline for submission of an application is February 2, 2009. Online: www.nyam.org/grants/valentine/student.shtml

GLORNEY-RAISBECK MEDICAL STUDENT GRANTS IN CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH
Three grants will each provide a stipend of $3500 for M.D. students. The deadline for submission of an application is February 2, 2009. Applications available from the NY Acad of Medicine.

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.

FOUNDBATION for ANESTHESIA EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (FAER) Interested students may download the student application form beginning January 5, 2009. http://www.faer.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 2009 Summer Training on Aging Research Topics – Mental Health (START-MH) Program funded by NIMH. Go to http://www.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.apspr.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/med_student_research.asp


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.

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS

The Betty Ford Center Summer Institute for Medical Students is a 5-day program at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, CA. Application forms in the Office of Student Affairs. For more information, go to http://www.bettyfordcenter.org/training/summerinst//www.bettyfordcenter.org. Application deadline March 20, 2009.

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.


CONTESTS, PRIZES, AWARDS


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 March 28, 2009. For more information, go to www.nyam.org/grants/studentessay.shtml or write to historyessay@nyam.org.

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 or write to 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


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.

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 must 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.

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).

Roadmap to Residency: From Application to the Match and Beyond
http://sls.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://sls.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://lnhcbc.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 for more information and a downloadable application.

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.

Senior Class Notes

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.

WHERE TO GET DIFFERENT TYPES OF LETTERS
http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/where_to_get_letters.html

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. Bring the original copy of your summons to the Office of Student Affairs. The court’s final decision prevails. You may need to serve during your vacation period.

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


DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY? HURRICANE EVACUATION ZONE FINDER

Find out if your address is located in an evacuation zone. Go to www.NYC.gov/hurricanezones

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 day care 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 GET DIFFERENT TYPES OF LETTERS
http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/where_to_get_letters.html

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.

SAFETY REMINDER

University Police has reminded all of us to use good judgment 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.

MS 1 & MS 2 CARREL COORDINATORS

MS 1 students should report carrel or key problems to Viktoryia Nikolenko 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.

SUNY DOWNSTATE BRAGGING RIGHTS x 6

Congratulations to Malini Persad, MS 2 who received first prize for her oral presentation of her paper at the American Public Health Association Conference.

Congratulations to Noriyuki Murakami, MS 3 on his selection for the NIH Fogarty/Ellison one year clinical research program in Thailand!
Congratulations to Lillian Guenther, MS 2 on her selection for the NIH Howard Hughes Medical Institute one year research program at the NIH campus!

Congratulations to Ahmed Zihni, MS 3 on his selection for the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at UNC Chapel Hill!

Congratulations to Melanie Wong, MS 3 on her selection for the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at the Univ of Iowa!

Congratulations to Leslie Marino, MS 2 on her selection for the CDC Experience Applied Epidemiology Fellowship program!

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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 Sophie Christoforou, or Assistant Dean 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 Deans Christoforou or Putman, call 270-2187 or send an email. 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.

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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