COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
STUDENT NEWSLETTER
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more information about Radiation Therapy, visit
www.rtanswers.org

MEDICAL STUDENT SENIOR ELECTIVE IN HIV
PSYCHIATRY: The American Psychiatric Association sponsors
this one-month elective at several locations around the country. The
application deadline is March 31, 2010. To apply, go to
http://psych.org/Resources/OfficeofHIVPsychiatry/HIVRelatedprofe-
sioneducation/MinorityMedicalStudentElectiveinHIVPsychiatry.as
px. Additional information may be obtained from Diane Pennessi
(dpennessi@psych.org)

CDC EPIDEMIOLOGY ELECTIVE PROGRAM gives MS 4
student an introduction to public health, preventive medicine, and
the principles of applied epidemiology, all under the mentorship of
experienced CDC epidemiologists. For an elective rotation during
June-Dec of the MS 4 year, apply by April 15 of the MS 3 year. For
an elective rotation during Jan-May of the MS 4 year, apply by May
30 of the MS 3 year. To apply and for more information, go to
www.cdc.gov/EpiElec

GREATEST GIFT, INC is seeking motivated medical students to
head up a nationwide organ and tissue donation awareness campaign
For more information go to the temporary website of
http://sites.google.com/site/greatestgiftinc/ to see what the Greatest
Gift is all about.

KAISER PERMANENTE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA is
offering six $5000 scholarships to MS 3 students (rising MS 4) who
demonstrate commitment to the community/leadership and/or
population based research. To apply go to http://residency.kp.org/nca
Applications accepted until March 1, 2010.

WILDERNESS MEDICINE CONFERENCE March 6-7, 2010 at
the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA. For more
information, go to www.appwildmed.org/student/ or
www.mcg.edu/ems/COM/wildernessmed/ or email
MCGWMIG@gmail.com

Bastyr University’s Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Program for 4 weeks. Go to www.bastyr.edu/camsummer for more
information. Deadline February 15.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN CADAVER PROSECTION
PROGRAM August 3-5 at Indiana University School of Medicine.
Application deadline April 15, 2010.
http://medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=4951&oTopID=225

ZIPCAR: NOW AT DOWNSTATE
Zipcar, offers a convenient and environmentally friendly alternative
to owning an automobile. FSA has partnered with Zipcar to bring
cars-on-demand at Downstate. Two dedicated Zipcars, a Toyota
Prius and a Honda CRV, are located in the State Garage on E34th
Street. Low rates start at $11 per hour or $77 per day includes gas
and insurance (plus tax)! Using your iPhone, Blackberry, or their
simple on-line reservation system you can book Zipcars throughout
the Zipcar network … from Mini Coopers to Pick-up Trucks, Mini
vans to BMWs!

Downstate students are able to sign up for just $25/year! A savings
of 66%. Even more cost effective when you share your rides for
common local road-trips, errands and clinical rotations! Once a
member of Zipcar, you’ll have access to the 2 exclusive SUNY
Downstate Medical Center vehicles that live on campus as well as the
company’s network of more than 6,000 vehicles throughout North
America and the United Kingdom, and the 2000 cars living in New
York alone.

Already a prior Zipcar Member? If you joined Zipcar before the
Downstate program, you can re-register as a Downstate affiliate and
receive the DMC rates (your annual membership will be pro-rated
and any credit due will be added to your Zipcar account. Your use
then gets included in this DMC program. Just log in to your Zipcar
account and search/select the SUNY Downstate affiliate group.

More info - visit the FSA Zipcar website:
http://www.downstate.edu/fsa/zipcar.html
Sign up now - visit Zipcar website at:
http://www.zipcar.com/downstate

CAREERS IN MEDICINE announces the release of a revised
Medical Specialty Preference Inventory, a self-assessment tool that
measures your interests and likelihood of entering each of 16
specialties. For more information about and to take the MSPI-R,
visit www.aamc.org/careersinmedicine and click “Log in.”

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
(Ilana.Levine@downstate.edu)

The SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR SURGERY (SVS) wants you to
know how exciting their field is. Go to their website at
www.VascularWeb.org

ONE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS

(no entries)

RESEARCH INFO & SUMMER RESEARCH

Reminder: For advice and assistance, the Medical Student Research
Advisor is Dr. Frank Barone (Frank.Barone@downstate.edu)

The Summer Student Scholar Program at Baystate Medical Center
(Springfield, MA) offers students the opportunity to participate in
medical research that is part of a larger project but with a research
experience that is designed for a student under the direction and
mentorship of a full time faculty member of Tufts University School
of Medicine or the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Dates are
June 1-August 6. Stipend is $3500 and free housing. Application
available at www.baystatehealth.com/cbr/SummerScholar.html
Application deadline March 19, 2010
The SIMON KRAMER SOCIETY EXTERNSHIP IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY provides a 6-week experience in Radiation Oncology. Stipend $1500. Dates are flexible during June-August. Applicants must be first or second year students. Application form available from the Office of Student Affairs. Application deadline March 8, 2010.

The AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR RADIATION ONCOLOGY (ASTRO) is offering a Minority Summer Fellowship Award to introduce medical students from underrepresented minority groups to the field of radiation oncology. The fellowship grant includes a $2400 stipend for the 8-week training program. Application available from the Office of Student Affairs or go to http://www.astro.org/AboutUs/Awards/ResearchGrants/TrainingAwards/index.asp Application deadline March 1, 2010.

The CENTER FOR INJURY RESEARCH AND POLICY (CIRP) offers an 8 week summer program (June 14-August 6) for student to conduct their own research on an injury topic, conduct a literature review, develop a research hypothesis, conduct analysis of an existing national dataset to evaluate the hypothesis, and interpret and summarize findings in a manuscript. Stipend is $3500. To apply, go to http://injuryresearch.net/summerprogramapplication.aspx The CIRP website is http://www.injurycenter.org. Application deadline February 26, 2010.

CHINESE AMERICAN MEDICAL SOCIETY (CAMS) SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM for medical students may be basic science or clinical in nature but must be completed in a 10 week time frame. Preference to proposals studying problems related to the health problems of the Chinese. Stipend up to $1000 per month. To apply, go to www.camsociety.org/summerprogram.html Deadline April 30, 2010

CUPID is Cancer in the UnderPrivileged, Indigent, or Disadvantaged and is a basic science and clinical program from June 21-August 6 at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. Stipend is $5000. To apply online, go to http://oncweb1-vm.onc.jhmi.edu/cupid_new/?

The NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE has several summer program opportunities. To read about them, go to http://www.cancer.gov/researchandfunding/cancertraining/atnci/summerprograms.

NEUROLOGY MEDICAL STUDENT SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP offers a stipend of $3000 to MS 1 or MS 2 students to conduct a project in either an institutional, clinical, or laboratory setting. Application deadline is February 12, 2010. For more information, go to http://www.aan.com/go/education/students/medicalstudentscholarships

ROSSELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE 20 fellowships will be awarded for clinical research, or basic science research, or both. Stipend is $350 per week. The program dates are June 7-July 30, 2010, but the dates may be changed to accommodate your academic schedule. Housing available. For more information, go to http://www.roswellpark.org/files/1_2_1/Education/2010_PA_Student_Flyer.pdf Application available at http://www.roswellpark.org/files/1_2_1/Education/2010_Medical_Student_Application.pdf Application deadline February 16, 2010.

NIH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM provides the opportunity to spend 8-10 weeks working in the laboratories of the NIH with some of the leading scientists in the world, in biomedical research. In addition to the Bethesda campus, there are NIH laboratories in Rockville, MD; Frederick, MD; Research Triangle, NC; Baltimore, MD; Rocky Mountain Laboratories, MT; Detroit, MI; and Phoenix, AZ. The on-line application opens mid-November at www.training.nih.gov/student/sip/ Application deadline is March 1. This is a competitive program application so do not submit at the last minute.

The ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION is accepting applications for its 2010 STUDENT SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. This awards a $3000 stipend for a 10-week research or service project focused on community health and cultural competency issues. Electronic application available on the Gold Foundation website. The application deadline is March 1, 2010. (http://humanism-in-medicine.org/cgi-bin/htmlos.cgi/07909.1.5835199043810842518)

The 2010 CAMPAIGN 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 26, 2010. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS

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JOAN F. GIAMBALVO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is a $10,000 research scholarship awarded to a medical student, health professional or graduate student to study the issues generated by and affecting women in medicine. (This research project is not limited to just the summer) Application deadline is February 15, 2010. For more information, go to www.amafoundation.org/go/giambalvo

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION offers a Summer Externship Program for a medical student to work alongside a family physician. You should be a member of a family medicine organization to apply. The stipend last year was $2000. If you are interested in applying for this externship please contact: New York State Academy of Family Physicians/Foundation, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville, NY 12211, or email fp@nysafp.org or call (800) 822-0700.


JOBS

Work Study – assistant to update web site information about student research opportunities. Email Dr. Frank Barone for more information (Frank.Barone@downstate.edu)

CONTESTS, PRIZES, AWARDS

LEGIBLE SCRIPT, sponsored by the University of South Florida is a national literary journal for essays, short fiction, poetry, personal statements and art/photography. Entries must be accompanied by a $5 submission fee that is paid only once. Prizes are $300 (first place), $225 (second place), $150 (third place). Deadline April 1, 2010. Email thelegiblescript@gmail.com with any questions

WILLIAM B. BEAN STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD (The American Osler Society) supports research in Medical History and
FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Application also available in the Office of Student Affairs

RESIDENCY INFORMATION RESOURCES

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.

Careers in Medicine has just 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 (http://www.aamc.org/students/cim/) The newsletter provides important information about residency and career choice topics. The January, 2010 newsletter spotlights Nuclear Medicine

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October, 2009 newsletter spotlights Psychiatry
August, 2009 spotlights Pathology
April, 2009 spotlights Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
January, 2009 spotlights Emergency Medicine
October, 2008 spotlights Neurology
August, 2008 spotlights Otolaryngology (ENT)

Charting Outcomes in the Match: Characteristics of Applicants Who Matched to Their Preferred Specialty in the 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. There are now 3 reports that you can use for comparison – 2005, 2007 and 2009

Residency Match List
See the 2009 Residency Match list in the glass bulletin board next to the Office of the Registrar. The residency match lists for the last 14 years is posted on the Student Affairs website.

Roadmap to Residency: From Application to the Match and Beyond
http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/residency/index.html
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.

Step by Step Guide to Applying to a Neurology Residency Program from the American Academy of Neurology
http://www.aan.com/go/education/students/medical/step

SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY

The Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS) offers a scholarship to first, second or third year medical students. To apply, go to www.camsociety.org/scholarshipprogram.html Deadline April 30, 2010

The AMA FOUNDATION also offers several scholarships. A PDF file describing these programs is posted on the student newsletter page. The applications will be available in February, 2010.

Leah J. Dickstein, MD Award is for female medical students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement, creativity and leadership. Deadline February 15, 2010. Application form is in the Office of Financial Aid.

PISACANO SCHOLARSHIP advances family medicine by providing scholarships to outstanding medical students for a four year period. Students who will enter their MS 4 year in Fall, 2010 may apply. The maximum value of the scholarships is $28,000 for 2010-2011. For more information go to www.pisacano.org. The application deadline is March 1, 2010.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The CDC-Hubert Global Health Fellowship is designed to encourage students to think of public health in a global context. The fellowship provides an opportunity for third or fourth year medical students to spend 6-12 weeks in a developing country working on a priority health problem in conjunction with CDC staff. To apply, go to www.cdc.gov/HubertFellowship. Application deadline February 19, 2010

The SUGAR SCHOLARS PROGRAM involves American medical students to join missions in Jamaica. The deadline for applying for the 2010 missions is March 1, 2010. http://www.medicinemagination.org/scholarships_a.htm

AMSA International Health Opportunities List
http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/intllist.cfx

AMSA International Clinical Exchange Program
http://www.amsa.org/AMSA/Homepage/EducationCareerDevelo
ment/InternationalExchanges/ClinicalExchanges.aspx

IFMSA Research Exchange Projects
http://www.ifmsa.net/public/searchredb.php

IFMSA Clinical Exchange Projects
http://www.ifmsa.net/public/escopesselect.php

GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT COUNSELING
Student counseling is staffed by Dr. Christine Saunders-Fields. To schedule an appointment, please telephone 718-270-1408 or email 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**

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

The **University of North Carolina Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery** announces the establishment of a 6 year ACGME approved comprehensive integrated residency in cardiothoracic surgery. For more information [www.med.unc.edu/ct](http://www.med.unc.edu/ct)

**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](http://www.training.nih.gov/student/cep/index.asp).

There is also a clinical elective in Medical Informatics at [http://lnhbc.nlm.nih.gov/training](http://lnhbc.nlm.nih.gov/training) and click on “Clinical Elective for Medical and Dental Students”

The **CDC’s Epidemiology Elective Program** (Epi Elective) is a 6 to 8 week rotation for senior medical students. Participants have an opportunity to learn while working with CDC epidemiologists to solve real-world public health problems. [http://www.cdc.gov/eis/applyeis/elective.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/eis/applyeis/elective.htm)

**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](http://www.NYC.gov/hurricanezones)

**SAFETY REMINDER**
University Police has reminds 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 Viktoriya 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.

**EPOCRATES** is offering Epocrates Essentials to you. If you lost the earlier email and want the files again, email Lorraine.Terracina@downstate.edu

**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 chaired by Dr. Keith Williams from the Dept. of Physiology and Pharmacology, 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 (Maureen Dirschler) and the president of the MS 4 class (Kaite Poeth). The Committee meets once a month.

**WHERE TO GET DIFFERENT TYPES OF LETTERS**
[http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/where_to_get_letters.html](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 Office of the Registrar. 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.

**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/.

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-NYCdOH1 for more information or to register, and email any questions to healthmrc@health.nyc.gov. http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/em/mrc.html

SUNY Downstate Bragging Rights x 4

Congratulations to the College of Medicine – 150 years old and still going strong!

Congratulations to Samar Mehta, MS 3 on his selection for the NIH Fogarty/Ellison one year clinical research program in Uganda!

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

Congratulations to Aldo Rinaldi, MS 3 on his selection for the one year Alumni Research Fellowship - he’s in New Zealand!

Returnees to SUNY Downstate
Noriyuki Murakami, MS 4 from the NIH Fogarty/Ellison one year clinical research program in Thailand!
Lillian Guenther, MS 3 from the NIH Howard Hughes Medical Institute one year research program at the NIH campus (cloister program)
Ahmed Zihni, MS 4 from the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at UNC Chapel Hill
Melanie Wong, MS 4 from the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at the Univ of Iowa
Leslie Marino, MS 3 from 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 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.

AMSA Programs

SUNY Downstate does not provide any financial assistance for students to participate in AMSA programs.

(none this month)

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.
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

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

**CACHAMSI.** A Medical Spanish Institute in Ecuador offers clinical rotations and structured medical Spanish classes in Ecuador (for a fee). For more information, go to www.cachamsi.com

**Unite for Sight** has published its international internship opportunities at www.uniteforsight.org/intl_volunteer. 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

**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