ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/HIVRelatedprofessionaleducation/MinorityMedicalStudentElectiveinHIVPsychiatry.aspx. 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/EpiElective.

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/ncal. 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.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 DOWNSATE
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 Zipcar network … from Mini Coopers to Pick-up Trucks, a To BMWs!

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 or internet (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 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.
NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE – all deadlines are February 2, 2010

Ferdinand C. Valentine Medical Student Research Grant in Urology – www.nyam.org/grants/valentine_student.html Stipend $3500 for clinical or basic science research project

Glorney-Raisbeck Student Research Grant in Cardiovascular Research – www.nyam.org/grants/raisbeckstudent.html

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

The AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR AGING RESEARCH (AFAR) announces the 2010 Medical Student Training in Aging Research Program applications are available at www.afar.org/medstu.html This is a 8-12 week structure research, clinical, didactic program in geriatrics. Deadline February 5, 2010.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY announces its Medical Student Research Program in Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases for MS 1 or MS 2 students. Prior research experience is not required. Website http://www.vanderbiltsrtp.org. PDF with additional information in the Student Affairs newsletter section of the website. Application deadline is February 8, 2010.

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/medicalstudentscholarshi p.

MSTAR PROGRAM The 2010 MSTAR Program introduces medical students to research and academic experiences that they might not otherwise have during medical school. Students participate in an eight- to twelve-week structured research, clinical, and didactic program in geriatrics, appropriate to their level of training and interests. Research projects are offered in basic, clinical, or health services research relevant to older people. Most scholars will do their training and research during the summer months. They will receive a travel stipend to present a poster at the Annual Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society in National Harbor, Maryland, May 11 - 14, 2011, and participate in a roundtable discussion with prominent aging and geriatric research scholars. The application deadline is February 5, 2010. For more information, go to http://www.afar.org/medstu.html

ROSWell 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 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, 2010. 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/htmltos.cgi?07909.1.5835190943810842518)

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, 2010. 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.

The 2010 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 26, 2010 Flyer in glass bulletin board.

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE’S David E. Rogers Fellowship Program supports a 10-12 week mentored project initiated during the summer between the first and second year. Up to twelve fellowships of approximately $3,500 will be awarded. The Fellowship is meant to enrich the educational experiences of students through projects that couple medicine and dentistry with the needs of underserved or disadvantaged patients or populations. GO TO http://www.nyam.org/grants/rogers.shtml for more information and application form. Deadline February 2, 2010

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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.
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@nyafp.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 Medical Humanities. The award is $1500. Flyer in glass bulletin board. Deadline is March 1, 2010. (http://www.americanosler.org/awardspage.htm)

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 on the Gold Foundation website. The application deadline is March 1, 2010. (http://humanism-in-medicine.org/cgi-bin/htmllos.cgi/070909.1.5835190943810842518) Application also available in the Office of Student Affairs

RESIDENCY INFORMATION RESOURCES

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

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)

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 mission is March 1, 2010. http://www.medicineinaction.org/scholarships_a.htm

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


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.

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.

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.ubmicrosoftsunny.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-NYC-DOHI 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

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 contact 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

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”

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/apply/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

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 & 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.
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 Dirshchel) 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

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.

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.
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!

**Unite for Sight** has published its international internship opportunities at [www.uniteforsight.org/intl_volunteer](http://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](http://www.cfhi.org). Their application is at [www.cfhi.org/program_intro.php4](http://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](http://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](http://www.map.org)