WELCOME CLASS OF 2015!
184 new first year students entered the College of Medicine this year. The class is 45% female and 55% male. 79% are from New York State. Other states represented are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. The age range of the class is 21-36, and they come from 67 different colleges. The Diversity Survey for the class is posted on the glass bulletin board outside of the Office of the Registrar.

MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
Are you a second year or fourth year medical student, and do you want to help select future students for SUNY Downstate? The time commitment is every Wednesday from 4-6:30 p.m. the months of November thorough May. If you are interested in this position, please submit the following to Ms. Ilana Levine in the Office of Admissions at Box 60 (Room 133, BSB) by Thursday, September 29: your name, local mailing address, local telephone number, box number, a brief description of any experiences which might qualify you for a position on the Admissions Committee, and a brief statement of why you are interested in this position. Candidates may be asked to come for an interview. There are two MS 2 and two MS 4 positions available.

MS 2’s: DID YOU DO SOMETHING NICE THIS SUMMER?
If you are a second year medical student and you did research or some other educationally related experience this summer, do not forget to have your preceptor/supervisor send a letter describing your experience (what you did) and how you performed, for inclusion in your academic file. The letter should be addressed to: Lorraine Terracina, Ph.D., SUNY Downstate Medical Center, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 85, Brooklyn, NY 11203. The letter may also be send by fax (our fax number is (718) 270-7592) or by email (studentaffairs@downstate.edu). The letter must be from your preceptor/attending, not from you, in order to be included in your academic file. It must be on letterhead and signed.
In order to determine if your letter has been received, go to the Office of the Registrar during office hours, show your ID card and ask to see your academic file. The letter will be there, if it has been received.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES FAIR – Get Involved!
Learn about our student organizations and how to get involved! The date is Thursday, September 8 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Student Center Tennis Court (rain location is the Student Center).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GERIATRICS career information
Local Geriatric Mentoring Program
www.americangeriatrics.org/health_care_professionals/trainees/find_a_mentor/

Geriatrics career information, including profiles of geriatricians
www.americangeriatrics.org/health_care_professionals/trainees/

Information for medical students
www.americangeriatrics.org/health_care_professionals/trainees/studen
t_resident_chapters/list_of_current_student Chapters

American Medical Student (AMSA) Geriatrics Interest Group
www.amsa.org/AMSA/Homepage/About/Committees/Geriatrics.asp

ONE YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS

HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE

HHMI Research Training Fellowships for Medical Students
(Medical Fellows Program - non-cloister)
This permits students to spend one year conducting research at any school or non-profit research institution in the USA except the NIH. We have had students do this program, too! There is a stipend. The application is now available. The application deadline is January 11, 2012. For more information go to www.hhmi.org/medfellowships

The HHMI Cloister Program at the NIH has been discontinued.
http://www.hhmi.org/cloister/apply.html

Janelia Farm
Medical Research Fellows Program at Janelia Farm is in Ashburn, Virginia (Washington, DC area) and is for those with an interest in neuronal networking and/or imaging. For more information, go to www.hhmi.org/medfellowships Prescreening deadline November 1, 2011

NIH/FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The Global Health Program for Fellows and Scholars is replacing the Fogarty Program. http://www.fic.nih.gov/Programs/Pages/scholars-fellows-global-health.aspx

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE DORIS DUKE FOUNDATION
Six schools offer 12 fellowships.
http://www.ddcf.org/MedicalResearch/Program-Strategies/Clinical-
Research/Clinical-Research-Fellowship-for-Medical-
Students/International-Opportunities/

We currently have a student in the UCSF program.

CDC-HUBERT GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOWSHIP
This fellowship provides third- and fourth -year medical and veterinary students with valuable public health experience in an international setting. The main focus of the fellowship is a 6- to 12-week field assignment. Fellows are mentored by experienced CDC staff and learn through hands-on experience while working on a public health project in a developing country.
http://www.cdc.gov/hubertfellowship/

FULBRIGHT-FOGARTY FELLOWSHIPS in PUBLIC HEALTH
http://www.fic.nih.gov/Programs/Pages/fulbright-fellowships.aspx
9 months overseas. Application deadline October 17, 2011

http://us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-fogarty.html

ASPH/CDC ALLAN ROSENFELD GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
For those who earned a MPH from a qualifying Public Health program within the last five years.
https://fellowships.aphs.org/programs/details.cfm?programID=1%260

LUCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The program is unique among American-Asian exchanges in that it is intended for young leaders who have had limited experience of Asia and who might not otherwise have an opportunity in the normal course of their careers to come to know Asia. Those who already have significant experience in Asia or Asian studies are not eligible for the Luce Scholars Program. To apply, you must have graduated from one of 75 of the participating colleges. The deadline at the undergraduate college is generally in early October.
http://www.hluce.org/isnominstitut.aspx

We currently have a medical student in the Luce Program in Asia.

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. Read about the NIH Clinical Research Training Program at:
http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/crtp/crtp.html Application is available October 1. Application deadline is generally early January.

We currently have a student in this program.

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 2012.

Fellows will receive stipends plus health insurance to spend a year conducting clinical research and receiving didactic training. We were pleased to have two students accepted into this program last year, and one is participating this year.

Additional program information including links to each participating school's web site is at http://www.ddcf.org/Medical-Research/Program-Strategies/Clinical-Research/Clinical-Research-Fellowship-for-Medical-Students/ Application available October 1 and the deadline is generally early January.

We currently have a student in this program.

RESEARCH INFO & SUMMER RESEARCH

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

The AMA FOUNDATION SEED GRANT RESEARCH Program awards grants towards the conduct of small projects in applied and clinical research, led by medical students and residents. Applications are available in September and are generally due by early December.


INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY
The Dr. Constantin Cope Medical Student Research Award is open to 2nd, 3rd and 4th year medical students. The deadline for submission of the abstract is November 15, 2011. For more information go to http://www.sirfoundation.org/grants-awards/constantin_award.shtml

The Student Research Grant is designed to foster an interest in research by funding a summer research project conducted by a medical student in an area identified by SIR Foundation as important to the advancement of interventional radiology and patient care. Application Deadline: February 1, 2012
http://www.sirfoundation.org/grants-awards/index.shtml#stufor

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. Go to http://www.aps-spr.org/Student_Research/Info.htm for more information or to review the on-line directory of laboratory opportunities. Application available now. Application deadline January 23, 2012.

NIH SUMMER INTERNSHIPS
Applications accepted mid-November through March.
http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/students/summer_internships.html

NIH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ALLERGY AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES (NIAID) Intramural NIAID Research Opportunities program is for students who are from populations underrepresented in biomedical research. Applications accepted August 15 - October 15, 2011. For more information, go to http://www.niaid.nih.gov/LABSANDRESOURCES/LABS/TRAINING/NG/INRO/Pages/applicationInstructions.aspx

SUMMER (NON-RESEARCH) PROGRAMS

WILLIAM B. BEAN STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD in medical history/medical humanism: Stipend of $1500. For more information go to www.americanosler.org Application deadline March 1, 2012. Flyer in glass bulletin board.

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

WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS POETRY CONTEST
Sponsored by the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine Human Values Program, the deadline for submission is December 31, 2011. Contest rules appear on a poster in the glass bulletin board. Prizes are $300, $200 and $100. Information available at http://www.neoucom.edu/audience/about/departments/BCS/poetry Poster in glass bulletin board.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE ESSAY CONTEST
The William Osler Medal is awarded annually by the American Association for the History of Medicine for the best unpublished essay on a medical historical topic. Complete information at
Beyond programs. Performance in medical school, MSPE, is also sent to residency application in format. A letter summarizing your academic out an application form known as ERAS, very similar to the AMCAS. We do not

Evaluation A Guide to the Preparation of the Medical Student Performance

August, 2008 spotlights Otolaryngology (ENT)

October, 2008 spotlights Neurology

January, 2009 spotlights Emergency Medicine

April, 2009 spotlights Pediatrics

August, 2009 spotlights Pathology

January, 2009 spotlights Emergency Medicine

October, 2008 spotlights Neurology

August, 2008 spotlights Otolaryngology (ENT)

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

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

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

Roadmap to Residency: From Application to the Match and Beyond

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

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 “register” button on the bottom of the page.

Careers in Medicine has a 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 available from the Careers in Medicine website (http://www.aamc.org/students/cim/choicesnewsletter.htm) The newsletter provides important information about residency and career choice topics. The August, 2010 newsletter spotlights General Surgery.

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RESIDENCY INFORMATION RESOURCES

Residency Match List

See the 2011 Residency Match list in the glass bulletin board next to the Office of the Registrar. The residency match lists for the last 16 years is posted on the Student Affairs website. http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/residency/placement.html

SCHOLARSHIPS & MONEY

NIH HELPS ADVANCE RESEARCH CAREERS

Through Student Loan Repayment Programs

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) fosters the careers of thousands of scientific researchers through its extramural Loan Repayment Programs (LRP). The LRP’s two-year award repays up to $35,000 per year of educational loan debt for individuals who commit to conducting two years of qualified biomedical or behavioral research at a nonprofit or government institution. http://www.lrp.nih.gov/about_the_programs/index.aspx


NATIONAL MEDICAL FELLOWSHIPS: Need Based Fellowships http://www.nmfonline.org/programs.html

NATIONAL HISPANIC HEALTH FOUNDATION

Application deadline October 28, 2011. For more information, go to http://www.nhmfoundation.org/scholarshipprogram.html

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

AMSA International Health Opportunities List

http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/ihopps.cfm

IFMSA Research Exchange Projects


IFMSA Clinical Exchange Projects


GENERAL 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.
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.umbmicrosuny.com/.

WHERE TO GO FOR...  
Curriculum Changes – The Curriculum and Educational Policies Committee of the Faculty of the College of Medicine is chaired by Dr. Lee Eisner of the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy. New clinical and basic science faculty members have been recently appointed along with two student representatives from each medical school class. The committee meets once a month and welcomes feedback on current and proposed future curriculum issues, including all future curriculum changes and evaluation.  
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 (Hamerton Jeanty) and the president of the MS 4 class (Rosanna Lee). The Committee meets once a month.

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.

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

SUNY DOWNSTATE BRAGGING RIGHTS  
Congratulations to Dmitry Volkin, MS 3 on his selection for the NIH Clinical Research Training Program  
Congratulations to Rachael Maciasz, MS 3 on her selection for the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh!  
Congratulations to Jessica Bloome, MS 3 on her selection for the Doris Duke International Clinical Research Fellowship at the UCSF!
Congratulations to Rosalyn Plotzker, MS 3 on her selection as a Luce Scholar

Returnees to SUNY Downstate
Simon Fitzgerald, MS 4 from the NIH Fogarty/Ellison one year clinical research program in China!
Rita Abdelmessih, MS 4 from the Doris Duke Clinical Research Fellowship at Columbia University

**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.

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

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